

Texas Oaks Baptist Church

We Exist to
Know Christ
Intimately
and to
Share Christ
Passionately



**We are here to
serve you.**

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Welcome...
to our church family

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Sunday

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| 8:30 am | Praise Team Practice |
| 9:00 am | Prayer with Pastor (in Room 11) |
| | Library Opens |
| 9:30 am | Bible Study for All Ages |
| 10:45 am | Worship Service |

Wednesday

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| 6:30 pm | Coffee House Refuel |
| 6:45 pm | Road Warriors |
| 7:00pm | Mid-Week Service |

Look inside for a calendar of this month's full list of events!

*Nursery provided for all
Sunday & Wednesday Activities.*



March is here! And I'm excited about all that's coming up. During Spring Break, Cathy & I, along with Joshua, Alaina, Kenzie & Judah, will be heading to Florida for our annual Ligonier conference. It is always encouraging to sit under some of the most wonderful "giants" of the faith. It can also be very challenging, physically & spiritually. Please pray for all of us during that time.

March also begins the official countdown to Easter. With that comes Lent (not a popular word in Baptist circles, but a great way to prepare your heart and mind for the Easter season) and our Trail of Life.

Even though as a church we have never emphasized Lent, I want to challenge each family to try something different this year that will prepare our hearts and our homes for the event that changed the course of history – the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As with many other Christian holidays, it is easy to get wrapped up with everything other than Jesus. The candy, baskets, egg hunts, new clothes, etc, often consume much of our energy and squeeze out the true meaning of the season. This year, I'm encouraging families to implement a family devotion time during Lent, which also happens to be the 40 days leading to our Easter Trail of Life (Wednesday, March 5th- April 17th). I have chosen some material from the Gospel Coalition (thank you, Son, for your help). It will have a daily study that can be used personally, as a couple or as a family; there is a devotion for each day. On Sundays, new packets will be in the foyer for the upcoming week; feel free to pick up as many as you & your family will use. This is the first time Cathy & I attempt Lenten devotions, and I encourage you to join us.

The next countdown that also begins next month is for our Easter Trail of Life. I don't know about you, but after not getting the chance to share the visual, living message of the gospel during Christmas, I am beyond excited for the upcoming opportunity.

This year, we will only have presentations on one night, Good Friday, April 18th, rather than two nights. We will need actors for the Garden of Gethsemane & the Crucifixion. We will also need folks to help with props at the Last Supper scene, lightning at each scene, and greeting our guests as they arrive. Begin asking God where He wants to use you; then ask Him to help you be faithful.

In the past, members have been personally contacted about volunteering; this year, I want to make sure no one responds to a pastor but rather to the Lord, Himself. So, we're doing things a little differently. There will be no personal emails sent requesting help; instead, I have asked Debi to simply put signup sheets in the foyer and Sunday School classes. If, after prayer, the Lord leads you to volunteer, then sign up by March 16th.

Blessed to be walking along you all during this new season of the year! May we strive to bring God glory as we faithfully walk in the path He' established for us, our homes and our church family.

Pastor James




Drivers wanted!
 Many of our members can not drive in the dark, so family nights and Wednesday night Refuels are not options for them. Would you be willing to pick someone up/take them home so they can participate in those church events?
 If so, contact the church office!

Lord's Supper & Potluck Breakfast
 March 30th
 Make plans now and join us.

Spring Break Week
 March 10th - 14th
 There will be no evening activities this during this week.

preschool Helper
 Are you available to help on Sunday or Wednesdays?
 Call Cathy or the church office.

Journey to the Cross Readings and Devotions for Lent Begins March 5th
 Look for your reading material (that pastor spoke of in his letter) located in the foyer.



Deacon Nominations will be held this March.
 March 16th—30th
 Get ready to place your vote for your candidate.



Sonshine Fellowship

March 10th, 2014
 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
 (for Senior adults 55 and over)

Shhh...we will be having a **"SURPRISE"** Birthday party for Marie Giordano's 95th birthday. Sonshine Fellowship will be giving her a gift card and we will have a basket available if you would like to bring a birthday card. We will be showing a video of Marie's life. Please Join us for this special celebration



Menu:
 Pizza Casserole Salad
 Garlic bread
 Birthday Cake

EASTER Trail of Life

Friday, April 18th

Are you ready for this year's Easter production? There is a sign up sheet in the foyer to place your name. Be sure and also indicate if a character role, scenery, or lighting and sound sparks an interest.



Let's start planning!

YOUTH Spring Break

March 14th - 16th

Plan on an event-filled, youth weekend complete with camping and tons of fun at Pedernales Falls! For more details, see Jacki or Jeremy!



Road Warriors

March is an exciting month for our girl Road Warriors. We will be looking at the country of Columbia and the persecuted church there. We will also be assembling mini parachutes that the missionaries in Columbia will use to attach Bibles and supplies to and drop in hostile areas via airplane.



Date Night

Friday
March 21st
Time: TBD

(as soon as the movie times are released)

Are you ready for your date night to see the movie "God's Not Dead"?

Meet at Regal Gateway 16, located on 9700 Stonelake Blvd to watch the movie and enjoy your favorite movie munchies.

After the movie, caravan to a nearby coffee house for more fellowship.

Contact
Angelica Tyson or Debi Walsh .



A very warm and heartfelt
THANK YOU!!



to
Richard and Ruby Franco
for their many years of service as
Deacon Chairman. You both
have true servant
hearts.



and join together to
WELCOME

Bob and Bertha Esparza
as our new Deacon Chairman.
TOBC is blessed to have you
serving in this role.

Visitor's Center

*Sunday School classes, thank
you for your willingness to serve
in this ministry.*

*The Visitor's Center provides each
of us an opportunity to meet our
visitors and welcome them to our
"family". Your service
honors our Lord and blesses our
visitors.*



In Our Nursery



God created Grass and Trees! I hope you have been singing along with your Nursery baby the past two months - this month it's the same song, different creation and day. As Genesis 1:11 declares, "God said, 'Let there be earth and trees.'" We are celebrating flowers, plants, fruits, and veggies this month; thanking the Creator God for His creativity! Perhaps you can spend a Sunday afternoon following service pointing out the trees or flowers in your yard or a nearby park to your baby. We love praising our God with your little ones, thank you for the privilege.

T O B C C Library

Have you had an opportunity to stop by our library? There is a large variety of books and DVDs available to you and your children. Next time you are at church stop by browse through.

March Birthdays



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|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 3/1 Casey Vannoy | 3/3 Chris Walsh | 3/6 Rene Franco |
| 3/7 Skyler Melder | 3/10 Perriane Askew | 3/10 Jacki Scroggins |
| 3/12 Richard Franco | 3/13 Lisa Vannoy | 3/14 Raul Reyes |
| 3/20 Angelica Tyson | This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24 | |

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hello MARCH



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| 2 4:30pm Business Meeting 6:00pm Family Night Fellowship Potluck | 3 9:00am Sr Men's Breakfast & Wives' Coffee 6:30 Hermeneutics | 4  | 5 Lent Begins | 6 7:00pm Rec Night | 7 | 8  |
| 9 6:00pm Church History Daylight Savings Begins | 10 2:30 pm Sonshine Fellowship 6:30 Hermeneutics | 11 SPRING BREAK | 12 No Evening Services | 13 No Rec night | 14 YOUTH PEDERNALES | 15 |
| 16 6:00pm Church History TRIP | 17 6:30 Hermeneutics St. Patrick's Day | 18 9:30am Soup Kitchen | 19 SPRING | 20 7:00pm Rec Night | 21 TBD Movie Date Night | 22 |
| 23 6:00pm Church History | 24 6:30 Hermeneutics | 25  | 26 | 27 7:00pm Rec Night | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Lord's Supper & Potluck Breakfast 6:00pm Church History | 31 6:30 Hermeneutics | REMEMBER TO <i>spring forward</i> | | | | |

March volunteers



Sunday

| | Preschool Helper | Nursery Workers | Power Point | Tellers | Visitor's Center |
|------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2nd | Chris Walsh | Kristen Vannoy & Sydney Loyd | Caleb Torrey | Margaret Burrows & Bertha Esparza | McCarty Class |
| 9th | Kay Maddox | Wanda White | Matthey Vannoy | Denise San Luis & Debbie Shirley | Joy Class |
| 16th | Debi Walsh | Donna Vannoy | Chris Walsh | Bob Newman & John Loyd | Askew/Vannoy Class |
| 23rd | Cathy Torrey | Joanna Vannoy | Ryan Askew | Kristen Vannoy Bertha Esparza | Youth Class |
| 30th | No Preschool | Julie Fisher | Caleb Crowley | Ramon San Luis & Jim Vannoy | Tyson Class |

Wednesday

| Preschool Helper | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 5th | 12th | 19th | 26th |
| Julie Howard | Denise San Luis | Julie Howard | Ashley Fisher |