

TOBC's Weekly Schedule



Sunday

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

Wednesday

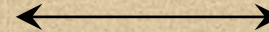
- 6:45 pm Coffee House Refuel
- 7:00 pm Road Warriors
- 7:00 pm Mid-week "Refuel" Service

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

*Nursery provided for all
Sunday & Wednesday Activities.*

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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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

"SO IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE, YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED" JOHN 8:36

Welcome to the TOBC flock

Jeremy & Jessica
Barta

A Word from the Pastor

Church Family,

This is the final month on the series of Elders. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Scriptures, studying every passage pertaining to Elders, and I hope you have been doing the same.

Additionally, in studying our current church by-laws, I was pleased to find that my conclusions of elders does not differ much from what is currently in place. Article II, Section 2 says,

"The office of Elder is clearly set out in Scripture. Scripture further indicates that there should normally be a plurality of Elders in the local church. These Elders are given to the church, "for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:12.

Folks, I am in complete agreement with this statement. It is encouraging to know the body of TOBC has already voted to incorporate two very important truths: *Elders are clearly set in Scripture, and there should be a plurality.*

The only issue left is, "How much responsibility should the Elders be given?" Should they only *minister and build up the body* (as stated in our current by-laws), or should they also *direct/rule the affairs of the church?* (as stated in 1 Timothy 5:17).

Some may ask: What is our current church polity? Who directs and rules the affairs of the church now? In Article III, Section 3, our church by-laws state,

"Texas Oaks Baptist Church is a congregationally led church and shall operate with a democratic polity. Every member of the church is entitled to vote at all elections and on all questions submitted to the church in meetings."

Under our current by-laws, every member has an equal vote on the direction of the church. And this is true regardless of the following:

Attendance (even if a member has not been at TOBC for months or years, he/she is *entitled* to all votes.)

Biblical maturity (even if a member knows little to nothing about Scripture, he/she is *entitled* to all votes)

Lack of spiritual fruit (even if a member is not exhibiting any fruits of the Spirit to indicate God at work in his/her life, he/she is *entitled* to all votes.)

Age (even children, that are members, are *entitled* to all votes, regardless of maturity)

Brothers & Sisters, I truly believe this polity is wrong, both practically and Biblically. However, changing the church polity is not mine to do.

On July 27th, after the morning service, each member will vote on whether TOBC should

- 1) Remain congregational or
- 2) Change to an Elder-led model, in principle.

If the church chooses to be led by Elders, nothing changes immediately. It simply means we start moving toward that model by rewriting the parts of our by-laws that deal with Elders and congregationalism. The final vote, to accept a new polity, will, once again, be brought before the church for a vote. The whole process can take as long as a year.

If the church chooses not to change, I will absolutely respect that decision.

Asking you to join me in continuing to pray fervently for the body of Christ at TOBC, Pastor James

"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4

TOBC Corner

Upcoming sermons, Q&A and vote.

All messages on Elders are online if you missed any of the previous topics:
History, Necessity, Equivalency, Authority, Qualifications, Protection & Removal

- Sunday, July 6th (am)** Plurality & Selection of Elders
- Sunday, July 6th (pm)** Elder Q&A
Case for Congregationalism (by anyone in congregation)
- Sunday, July 13th (am)** Purpose & Responsibility of Elders
- Sunday, July 20th (am)** Congregationalism
(common passages used to support this polity)
- Sunday, July 20th (pm)** Elder Q&A
Case for Congregationalism (by anyone in congregation)
- Sunday, July 27th (am)** Special called business meeting after service



are changing!

We will be moving from justification to sanctification, Christian living.

It all begins with our "coffee house" at 6:45pm! Sign up to bring a dessert, and see you there!

If you can help with the children **once a month**, please contact Cathy Torrey. We could use a few more volunteers Sunday mornings (during the sermon) and Wednesday nights.



Texas Oaks Baptist Church

presents a
9 week camp for children ages 5-12!

There will be a focus on **strengthening character** and **strengthening self defense** skills!

Each week, children will be challenged to improve their character while learning to protect their bodies.

A new self defense technique will be taught each week by Mr. Frank Maddox, a Master 6th degree TKD black belt.

Registration begins Wednesday, July 2nd @ 6:30pm.



A little about the instructor

Mr. Maddox is a Senior 6th Degree Black Belt, ITA Certified Instructor and owner of Tiger-Rock Martial Arts International in Oak Hill.

Mr. Maddox has studied TaeKwonDo and other martial arts for over 20 years and has been ranked as an internationally recognized Top Ten Competitor since 1996.

He and his family are members of Texas Oaks Baptist Church.

Hope to see you soon!

Camp will meet **every** Wednesday through July & August
7:00pm - 8:00pm

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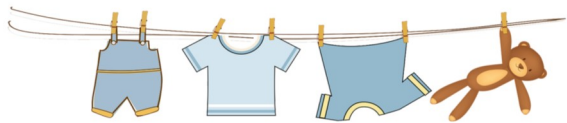
Summer Fan Drive

It is time, once again, to collect fans to be distributed to those in need this summer. Texas Oaks has participated in **Family Eldercare's Summer Fan Drive** for a number of years. **Family Eldercare** is a reputable organization in Austin that serves seniors and adults with disabilities. Please pick up a fan (or two, or three), and bring it/them in to the church. We will collect them throughout the month of July and take them to the drop-off location at the Austin Fire Department for you. Your donation should be a NEW 20" box fan or a NEW 12" oscillating fan. You may also make a financial contribution made payable to TOBC and designated Summer Fan Drive.

Thank you for your help! In Christ,
Denise San Luis

Deacon and Elder Meeting

July 13th
5:00pm
Fellowship at
the Torrey's House



It's A Baby Shower for Jessica Barta

Ladies, You are invited to a diaper shower
on July 20th
12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
to help welcome baby "MICHAEL JAMES"



FORMAL!!

Saturday, July 12th
12:30pm - 9:30pm

Enjoy paddle boating.
Then dress up for a dinner
out. Drop off & pick up
at the Torreys.

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THANK YOU to all
who helped the youth
earn money for their
fund during our Fiesta
Fundraiser. We had a
blast, and the youth
earned
some money





Sunshine Fellowship

(A fellowship for all senior adults 60 yrs. old or older)

Monday, July 14th
2:30pm – 4:30pm

Come Join us for "A Glimpse of Hawaii."

Andrea Northcutt from
Woodlawn Baptist Church will do a
Christian Hula and give her testimony.

Menu

Waikiki chicken, Hawaiian rolls, rice, slaw,
Pina Colada punch and dessert.

There is no charge however, donations are accepted.

Road Warriors

Plans are underway to make this years Fall Festival, "Reformation Celebration", an event for the whole church! All silent auction donations will be displayed that night, with all proceeds going to the Christmas Mission Offering. You have plenty of time to think of how you would like to be involved. Talk to Kristen Vannoy or Charlotte Melder for more information. Lots of great info coming soon!!

Pool Party!

Kids in grades K-6, mark **July 13th** on your calendar. We'll head to the Torrey's house after church service for fun in the sun, hot dogs and much more!! See Kristen Vannoy or Dave Grizzle for more information.

Happy Birthday JULY!

7/2 Carolyn McCarty	7/11 Pauline Gamble	7/19 Pastor James
7/2 Corban Melder	7/12 Pepper Shirley	7/21 Eric Fisher
7/9 Charlotte Melder	7/16 Elijah Howard	7/21 Eva Rios
7/10 Caleb Crowley	7/16 Ryan Pessoa	7/22 Hannah Grizzle
7/10 Johnnie Johnson	7/18 Jacob Tyson	7/22 Harper Fisher

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6 6:00pm Elder Q&A 7:00pm Dutch-treat Dinner	7 9:00am Sr Men's Breakfast & Wives' Coffee	8 	9 6:45pm Coffee House 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Summer Camp 2014	10 	11	12 12:30pm Youth Formal
13 1:00pm RW Swim Party 5:00pm Deacon/Elder Meeting	14 2:30 pm Sonshine Fellowship	15	16 6:45pm Coffee House 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Summer Camp 2014	17	18 	19 Happy Anniversary!! Ramon & Denise San Luis
20 12:30pm Barta Baby Shower 6:00pm Elder Q&A	21 Happy Anniversary!! Bob and Pam Newman	22	23 6:45pm Coffee House 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Summer Camp 2014	24 6:30pm Power of a Praying Wife	25 10:30am Power of a Praying Wife	26
27 Special Call Business Meeting Happy Anniversary!! Jeremy & Jacki Scroggins	28	29 	30 6:45pm Coffee House 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Summer Camp 2014			



Sunday					
	Preschool Helper	Nursery Workers	Power Point	Tellers	Visitor's Center
6th	Julie Howard	Kristen Vannoy	Matthew Vannoy	Bertha Esparza Debbie Shirley	Tyson Class
13th	Ruby Franco	Wanda White	Chris Walsh	Bob Newman John Loyd	Youth Class
20th	Ashley Fisher	Shary Evans	Ryan Askew	Ramon San Luis Jim Vannoy	Joy Class
27th	Sylvia Reyes	Sydney Loyd	Caleb Torrey	Kristen Vannoy Denise San Luis	Askew/Vannoy Class
Wednesday					
Preschool Helper					
	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
	Cathy Torrey	Mary Wild	Cathy Torrey	Denise San Luis	Angelica Tyson