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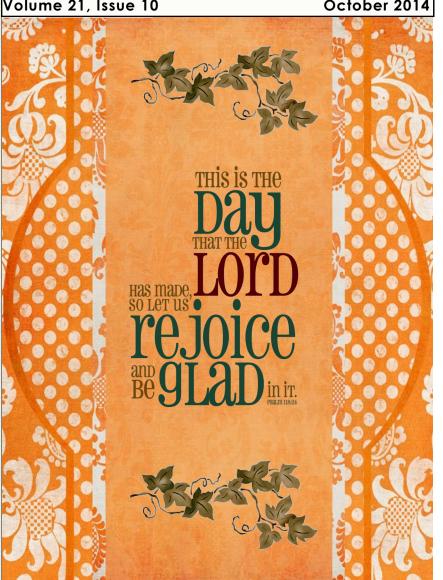


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COBC's Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:30 am Praise Team Practice

9:00 am Prayer with Pastor (in Room 18)

9:30 am Bible Study for All Ages

10:45 am Worship Service

Wednesday

6:15 pm Healthy Living Group

6:45 pm Coffee House

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.



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Church family, I cannot adequately express how encouraging the last couple of months have been.

The beauty of "spring" at TOBC -newness of life, relationships & excitement -- is beyond anything I could have asked or imagined a

few months ago. Thank you to all who prayed according to Ephesians 3:20; God has been faithful.

As we go into the final months of 2014, we will find ourselves being pulled in many different directions. School (& all its busyness) is in high gear. Holiday decorations are in every store prompting us to think of everything we need to do for the upcoming holidays. It truly is the season of distractions.

Now, I'm not saying all distractions are bad, but let us not forget, "this world is not our permanent home; we are [should be] looking forward to a home yet to come." Heb 13:14, NLT.

When Jesus was on the earth, He said, "For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of Him who sent me." In another passage He says, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to accomplish His work."

Brothers & Sisters, these statements leave us with the choice we have to make all year long, but more so during the upcoming holidays. Are we going to allow the busyness of life to distract us from His will, His people or His joy? Or are we going to let His desires trump ours? Do we desire them more than food? Yes, even all the great food that's coming up in the next few months.

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While that is ce<mark>rtainly a challenge to the church, it's a challenge that begins with each individual. And specifically, husbands & fathers. Permit me to share a startling statistic I read recently,</mark>

If a father does not go to church, no matter how faithful his wife's devotions, only **one child in 50** will become a regular worshipper.

Only one in 50, men. That should cause us to fall to our knees before God and plead for mercy.

I share this because it **is not** our wife's responsibility to move the distractions aside and focus our family on the will of our Father; **it is ours**. Men are called to lead. We must be the clearest example of what a believer's life looks like when he is consumed by the will & wants of his Savior and Lord.

While church participation is an important factor, I hope you know that is just the tip of the iceberg. Our commitment to do the will of the Father should extend into every single thing we do. When it doesn't, our family will know, our church will know, and most importantly, our God will know.

As we approach months that are guaranteed to be full of distractions, church, I want to encourage us to live as covenant community of people who know the will of the Father & do it.

And may it start with every father, husband & head of household.

Privileged to be walking alongside each of you ... Pastor James

Road Warriors







WATER FUN



CANOE TRIP





SUMMER CAMP



TKD Camp



GOSPEL PRESENTATION

...and having a blast! JOIN US.



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Trail of Life Presentation

Can you believe almost a year has gone by and it's time for our annual Trail of Life Gospel Presentation? Well it has, so get ready, get set and let's present the Good News!

The presentation will be held <u>December 19th - 21st from 7:00pm—9:00pm each night</u>. As with previous years, the tour will be lead by guides with a gospel presentation thru 5 scenes of Christ's life. There will be actors at each scene with scripted lines & actions.

The ministry leaders have been identified for the following areas:

Set Design: Bill Walsh

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Script Review: Charlotte Melder & Denise San Luis

Advertising: Debi Walsh & Debbie Shirley

Welcome Area: Johnnie Johnson

Childcare: Kristen Vannoy

<u>Lighting & Audio:</u> Ramon San Luis

Scene Director: Deborah Fisher

Refreshments: Wanda White

Photos: Hannah Torrey

Meals: Cathy Torrey

Security: Steve White

For any questions and how you can get involved, do not hesitate to contact Cathy Torrey or Debi Walsh. We are so excited about all God is going to do this year through this presentation of the gospel! May we be faithful to all He's called us to do!

All are cordially invited to join the new TOBC's Healthy Living Challenge & Support Group. If you've missed the accountability that comes with being a part of a group like this, you don't have to wait any longer.

Deborah Fisher (TOBC's own dietitian) will be facilitating a discussion each week about healthy living (that will focus on affordable healthy eating). And yes, she will also document weigh-ins for those who are wanting weight loss accountability (Note: weigh-ins are not required to be part of the group).

f you are ready to take control of your health (or just tweak what you're already doing), plan on meeting with Deborah and others each Wednesdays at 6:15pm in room 13.



Wednesdays in October for our Road Warriors continues to be exciting!

The Bible theme this month is Jesus Performed Miracles, and it is sure to be fascinating!

Our active theme for October is soccer! Each week we will learn drills & scrimmage each other.



<u>Please make sure your kids</u> wear running shoes each week.



September 5th 8lb, 14oz 21" long Introducing into the Barta Family

Michael James







The child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Luke 2:40

Here ye! Here ye!

Let it be known throughout the land:

A gathering in the Kingdom is hereby announced!

Reformation Celebration

Friday, October 31st 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Friends and Families of TOBC members will join together in a Reformation Celebration. Your presence is requested to Witness and Celebrate this joyful occasion, with Feasting and Merriment!

Festivities will include: - Games, Prizes, Food, Hayride, Silent Auction, and More! For more information on how you can volunteer or donate, please see Angelica Tyson, Charlotte Melder or Kristen Vannoy.

Also, look for the donation board in the foyer!!

In preperation of the celebration

we will be having a viewing of the movie, "Martin Luther" on the church grounds Friday, October 17, at 7:00 pm. More info to come! Volume 21, Issue 10

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Thank you, church family, for all the generous donations.

Here is our collection/distribution schedule.

Wednesday, October 22nd -- last day to collect items.

Friday, October 24th -- youth meet to prepare bags & spend night at Torrey's

Saturday, October 25th -- youth (& any parents) distribute bags to the homeless.

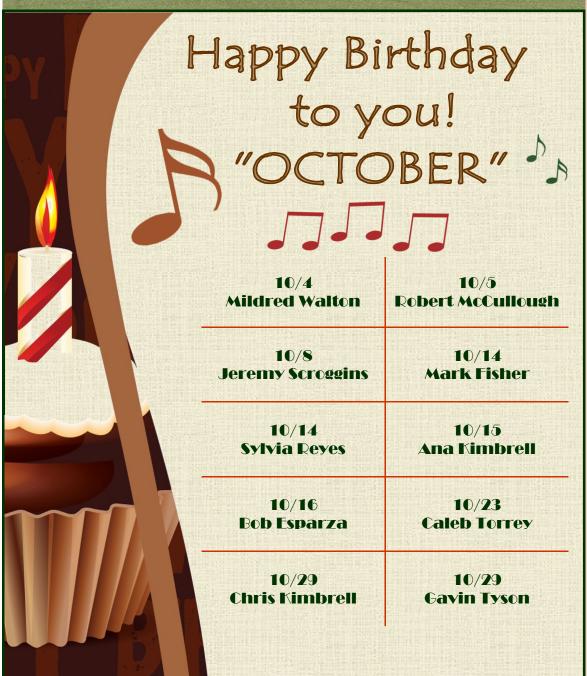
Any questions? Don't hesitate to ask Deborah Fisher or Cathy Torrey.



Saturday
October 4th
9:00am (8:30 for breakfast)
Roll your sleeves up and let's
get to work beautifying the
grounds. What needs to be
repaired or cleaned?
Ask Debbie or Cathy.

Family Night Sunday

Sunday
October 5th
Starting at 5:00pm
Join your TOBC family at our
monthly gatherings for the
Business Meeting
Family Night &
Potluck Fellowship
Come to 1, 2 or all 3.





The Oak Leaf Volume 21, Issue 10 Page 11 Sunday Preschool Nursery **Power** Visitor's Tellers Helper Workers Point Center Debbie Shirley/ Chris Franco/ Kristen **Ruby Franco** 5th Vannoy Walsh Denise San Luis San Luis Class Ramon San Luis/ Askew/Vannoy Wanda Ryan Elisabeth Sykes 12th White Chris Kimbrell Class Askew Bertha Esparza/ Shary Caleb Joy Class 19th Amy Loyd Evans Crowlev Kristen Vannov Matthew John Loyd/ Joanna Sylvia Reyes Tyson Class 26th Jim Vannoy Vannoy Vannoy Wednesday **Preschool Helper** 8th 15th 29th 1st 22nd

Mary Wild