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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And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

Welcome Charles and Sue Shrader & Josh Henderson to our church family

Rejoice for Lisa Vannoy She has accepted Christ as her personal Savior.

Texas Oak's Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:30 am Praise Team Practice
9:00 am Prayer w/ Pastor (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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From the Pastor

Folks,

Every so often, it behooves us stop, assess, and if necessary, make changes in our lives. And it's no different for pastors and leadership.

While I still firmly believe in our 2015 church goal - the year of discipleship - we're shifting gears on one part (Do you remember what they were? *Knowing* Scripture; *Memorizing* Scripture; *Learning* Catechisms).

In the area of catechisms, we have been experienced a sort of evolution. It began a couple years ago, in the children's wing, with each child being challenged to learn 8-10 catechisms a month. This year, the challenge was extended to every member of the church.

While I fully support learning catechisms, I struggled with the authority being in the Scriptures, *alone*, not in a statement of faith (which is what each catechism answer is). Last month, Cathy found a new website that has many of the same catechism questions, but the answers are primarily Scripture. I love that! So, beginning in March, we are evolving, once again.

For those of you who have been doing the questions, I hope this format will seem more "Scripturally based." For those who have not started, it's a great time to start!

The challenge will be to learn 1 catechism questions as well as 1 memory verse. In essence, we are learning 2 Scriptures a month.

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I know there are discipleship programs that move much quicker, but my goal is not numbers (never has been at TOBC). I do not want to leave anyone behind, so we will move slowly. And at the end of a year, we will have learned 24 Scriptures, together. That's exciting. And that's discipleship. My hope is that as an elder of TOBC, I am preparing each of you to say, like David, "I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You. "Ps 119:11

So, this is our (re)challenge, and it's very doable.

If you, like me, have had a hard time getting on track, It's time to stop, assess, and make changes. <u>It's not too</u> <u>late.</u>

If you haven't started your daily Bible reading plan, <u>it's</u> <u>not too late.</u>

If you haven't been memorizing the Scriptures, <u>it's not</u> too late.

May we be found faithful to "<u>reach unity</u> in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and <u>become</u> <u>mature</u>, attaining to the <u>whole measure of the fullness of</u> <u>Christ</u>" Ephesians 4:13.

And let's not do it alone, let's bring the next generation(s) along with us.

Privileged to be walking this path with you,

Pastor James



Church Wide Workday! Monday, March 16th @ 10:00am (Yay for Spring Cleaning during Spring Break!)

Two things on the agenda:

*Work on Trail of Life Set -Scene 1 *Clear out storage areas in the church.

If you can help the whole time or for a few hours, we'd love to have you!

Pizza lunch provided! Contact Cathy Torrey for questions. ke a difference

After workday, we'll head over to the Torreys for a sleepover! Hope you can join us for dinner, kite decorating (for the Community Kite Festival) and a few other surprises! Contact Deborah or Cathy for questions.

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Online Audio Streaming!

We now have live-audio online streaming for each Sunday service (working on Wednesdays)! If you are away from the church home for any reason during service and you want to listen live, you can! Simply go online to our website (tobc.org) from your computer or any device and scroll to the bottom of any page to find the audio player. If you really want to get into it, you can download the MixIr app on your phone or tablet and follow our broadcast station (Texas Oaks Baptist Church)!

Website Under Construction

Our church website is being redesigned! We are making an effort to establish a more contemporary, interconnected online presence as it is becoming a major part of today's society. Most new visitors check out our website or FaceBook page before coming through the doors to meet us. Don't be surprised if you see some of our "media" folks taking pictures or video for content to add to our website. Please check out the site as it is being continuously improved and give Jeremy or Jackie Scroggins your feedback or suggestions!

Memory Verse

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them. "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled."

Luke 18:31

Catechism Question

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What is our only hope in life and death? That we are not our own but belong to God. "For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord: and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord."

Romans 14:7-8

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April 3rd & 4th

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7:30pm to 9:00pm Self Paced Outdoor Tour Both Nights

All are invited to see and experience the story of

Jesus Christ

"The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

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"The **Son of Man** must suffer many terrible things," "He will be **rejected** by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be **killed**, but on the third day, He will be **raised from the dead**." - Luke 9:22

Easter Trail of Life Schedule

Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00pm Prayer for the Trail of Life Presentation

<u>Sunday, March 29th from 12:30pm to 2:30pm</u> Community Kite Festival During this time, we will put up Trail of Life signs and assign costumes.

> Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 pm Dress Rehearsal Prayer for the Trail of Life Presentation

Friday, April 3rd & Saturday, April 4th from 7:30 to 9:00 pm Trail of Life Presentation

(Starting half an hour earlier than last year)

Sunday, April 5th Enjoy an Easter brunch at 9:30am Sunday School Classes will meet at 10:15

Children's ministry

This month, the children will be discussing the last days of Christ, His death & His resurrection. They will also be decorating kites for the Community Kite Carnival, March 29th.

If your child is not currently participating on Sundays & Wednesday, it's a great time to join in! You can be sure there will always be an emphasis on Biblical Truth and Memorization.



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