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Sunday Worship - 8:00 AM., 10:00 AM., 11:30 AM.

Sunday School - 9:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Thursday Worship – 7:00PM

Pastor

Associate Pastor

Pastoral Care

Counseling Pastor/Special Ministries

Director of Student Ministry

Middle School Minister

Assoc. Minister/Worship Leader

Music Director

Asst. Music Director

Children's Director

Church Administrator

Administrative Assistant

Office Professional

Treasurer

Maintenance

Organist

Keyboard

Dr. Mark Crosby

Rev. Dickie Davis

Rev. Tom Bergeron

Rev. Sam LoBello

Rev. David Orges

Rev. Kyle Salpietra

Rev. Trent Barnett

Melanie Rushing

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John Stallcup

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Brittany Bruce, Sammi Rushing



Live Oak United Methodist Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF LIVE OAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – APRIL 2016

Pastor's Desk



Thank you, thank you, and thank you, for making the 1st Quarter of 2016 a huge success. What made it soooo successful?

In January we had a wonderful and successful capital campaign to pay down our debt for the new land purchase as we expand our campus. We raised approximately 900K to pay down debt and expand our ministry. A special thanks to Jim Otken, Dana Rushing and Johnny Carol Jr. for providing the leadership and to all of those who served, lead, gave and prayed for the campaign.

In February we had our 17th annual valentine banquet. We had some great shows, raised money for our youth and heard great testimonials of the joy and camaraderie that the banquet created. I was especially blessed to be back and perform with some amazing singers, musicians and servants of Jesus. Trent and Brittany Barnett, and David and Summer Orges, and the LOUMC staff and volunteers did an amazing job. My dad said, "If you can help children and youth and put a smile on the face of others then you have made the world a better place." That is what the banquet did for so many in 2016.

In March we had a wonderful Easter season. We saw some great crowds throughout the month of March. Easter Sunday was amazing with great music and wonderful volunteers. God so blessed us Easter Sunday in so many ways it was a joy to be at LOUMC.

Now it is spring and the 2nd quarter of the year. In April we will begin a new series on "What the Bible says about Assurance and the Security of the Believer." So many people have misconceptions about assurance, salvation, and can a person be "certain" about going to heaven?

So in April we will be preaching on this important and timely subject. We will present "What does the Bible say about Assurance and Security."

I hope you will join us as we begin a new season of the year.

Hope to see you Sunday!

Mark C.

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AND SO MUCH MORE!



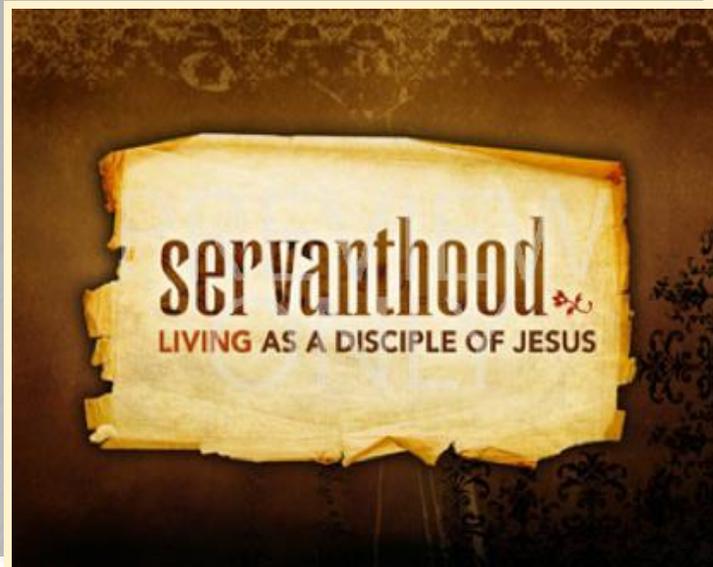
Month of April Calendar and Themes

April 6th – Club Attire

April 13th – Club Attire

April 20th – Sundaes on Wednesday Night

April 27th – Club Attire and last day to earn bucks



*And the servant of the Lord
must not strive; but be gentle
unto all men, apt to teach,
patient... 2 Timothy 2:24*

*Worship
& Praise*

THURSDAY EVENINGS

CHAPEL AT 7:00 P.M.

WITH BRO. DICKIE DAVIS



**Thursday evenings in the
Family Life Center**

at 6:00 p.m.

High School Age and Older!

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Nuggets from the Bible

Acts 2:32; 1 Corinthians 6:14

"This Jesus God has raised up of which we are all witnesses."

"And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us (believers, in the gospel) up by His Power."

The denial of the great fact of the resurrection of Christ has always come from the enemies of Christianity. This is natural, as Christianity must stand or fall with the resurrection. The difficulties that face the fact of the resurrection are found. **First**, in the impossibility of explaining the empty grave except upon the grounds that the resurrection actually took place. **Second**, the attitudes of the enemies of Christ reveling their helpers' confusion. **Third**, the disciple's sudden transition from hopelessness to triumphant faith and courage. **Fourth**, the founding of Christianity in the world based upon the resurrection of Christ.

Keeping in mind that the New Testament was mostly written in the Greek language, we find that the Greek meaning of "resurrection" is to make to "stand up" or "rise up." The belief in Greek thought was that of the immortality of the soul but not the physical body.

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul devotes chapter 15 to this critical issue. In vv1-11 he reviews the historical points of Christ's resurrection to the believers. In vv 12-34 he show how Christ's resurrection is directly connected to their own. In vv 35-58 he discusses the nature of the resurrection body of believers. The points of the nature include the following factors - 1) The risen body will consist of both the body and soul, 2) in some sense the identity of the body shall be preserved, 3) The body is to be changed and redefined to fit it for the new surroundings of the future life (a glorified body), 4) the resurrection is in stages. Christ was the first to be permanently resurrection from the grave. Christ was the first to be permanently resurrected from the grave. More resurrections were and are to follow as in a parade - church age believers, tribulation saints, OT saints, and time at the Great White Throne to give account of their works (Rev. 20:11-15).

Jesus gives a commanding statement relating to the issue of the resurrection in John 11:25. He says "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." The final question to Martha was "Do you believe this?" The same question is our today, "Do you believe this?" Christian churches, Palm Sunday, often referred to as "Passion Sunday," marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday.

High School Age and Older!



Live Oak United Methodist Church is pleased to announce the opening of the application period for the 2016 scholarships! In order to apply, March 1st you may pick up an application from the church office. Applications must be submitted to Cathy Bermes by May 30th, along with the documents listed in the application. In order to be eligible for any of the scholarships, the applicant must be an active member of Live Oak United Methodist Church.

The Earline Easterly Malcolm Memorial Scholarship

This is a \$1,000 scholarship, awarded annually and disbursed in \$500 increments in August and January of the subsequent year (assuming the continued eligibility of the student). The applicant must be attending an accredited college or university in the State of Louisiana. The award is based on grades, needs, goals, and character. The selection shall be made on or before June 15th.

Mary Gladys Kennard Webb Memorial Scholarship

This is a \$4,000 scholarship, awarded annually and disbursed in \$2,000 dollar increments in August and January of the subsequent year (assuming the continued eligibility of the student). The applicant must be attending an accredited college or university in the State of Louisiana. The award is based on financial need. Proof of financial need will be required. The selection shall be made on or before June 15th.

Seminary Scholarship

The amount of this scholarship varies from year to year. The applicant must be attending an accredited college or university in the State of Louisiana. The award is based on merit. The selection shall be made on or before June 15th.





**Sunday School at both
9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Children's Church
10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

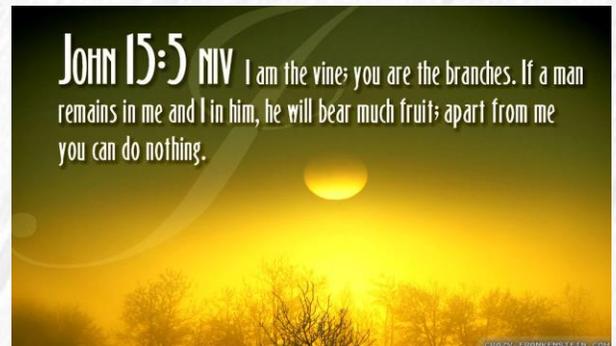
Things to look for are:
Adult Classes, Youth Classes, Children's Classes
and Children's Church.

Come see what it's all about!
Rev. Sam LoBello (Adult Classes)
Rev. David Orges (Youth)
Trish Graves (Children)

Call the church office at 225-664-4801 to discuss
which class is best for you and your family.

Sunday Service Times
8:00 a.m. – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. – FLC New Way Service
11:30 a.m. – Sanctuary

Thursday Service
7:00 p.m. – Chapel

The logo at the top of the box features a green cross above the text "Come Worship with us!" in a green, cursive font. Two brown hands are shown reaching out from the sides, framing the text.

Women's Bible Study



You need some breathing room

With a jam-packed life, what's missing is space - space for God to speak, room for you to hear. It's time to set aside the activities and busyness that swallows up rest and peace. It's time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God.

Join Priscilla and discover Sabbath margin - the boundary God enables us to put around things we enjoy so that we never become slaves again.

Beginning

Monday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6th at 9:00 a.m.

LIVE OAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:00AM FLC SERVICE



COME JOIN US

FRESH COFFEE • CASUAL ATMOSPHERE • SAVORY PASTRIES

LIVECAST DR. MARK CROSBY
RICH AUTHENTIC WORSHIP

★ *the people became real and church became personal* ★
the Gospel was lived out and that changed everything

IF MY PEOPLE
2 CHR. 7:14

IT'S WHAT YOU NEED RIGHT NOW! CLEAR * BOLD * STRONG

JUNE 17-18, 2016 ★ LEGACY ARENA ★ BIRMINGHAM, AL

GRIDIRON MEN'S CONFERENCE

 ANDY ANDREWS	 JIM KELLY	 PHIL WALDREP	
 TONY EVANS	 STEVE FARRAR	 RICK BURGESS	 CHARLES BILLINGSLEY

★ IF MY PEOPLE, WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME, WILL ★ HANDLE THEMSELVES ★ AND PRAY ★ AND SEEK MY FACE ★ AND TURN FROM THEIR PICKED WAYS,
★ THEN I WILL HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND I WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND. ★ 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

WWW.GRIDIRONMEN.ORG

Cost is \$175.00

Includes Conference Fee, 2 to a room & transportation.

Leave at 8:00 a.m. on 17th of June

Return 8:00 p.m. on 18th of June

REFUGE



Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

ADDICTION RECOVERY

Refuge is a Christ centered addiction recovery group.
Come join us and experience the encouragement, guidance
and support necessary to move forward with your life!

Contact:

Rev. Sam LoBello

(225) 664-4801

MUSIC MINISTRY

Because He Lives

In 1 Corinthians Paul writes, "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." With this same excitement, our children and youth will present, **Because He Lives**, a musical that illustrates the redeeming power of Christ. The combination of modern worship songs and familiar tunes of the church connects all ages with the life-changing story of Christ's death and resurrection. This praise and worship musical will be presented by our kids and youth at the 10:00 Children's Church on April 17th and at our 10:00 sanctuary worship service on April 24th. Come and join the celebration of Christ and the everlasting joy we have because He lives!

Soloists, Singers & Instrumentalists

We are incorporating new singers, soloists and other instrumentalists in our Music Ministry and would like to give you an opportunity to participate in worship.

Contact Melanie if you are interested in singing or playing for the 8:00 or 10:00 worship services.

Music Ministry Classes

Look for registration forms and flyers in the lobbies and office in April & May for these Music Ministry Classes: Adult Beginning Piano 101 Class, Summer Piano Improv Classes, Children's Summer Piano Classes, Guitar Class, Voice Class, Summer Chancel Choir, and Musical Theater Summer Camp for 1st-8th graders.

Melanie Rushing
Rushing1@cox.net
225-921-2128



Senior Adult Ministry

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Dinner Bell Trip

McComb, Mississippi

Traveling in Church Bus

Leaving Church at 10:00 a.m.

Returning to Church at 3:00 p.m.

Cost is \$16.00

(Includes meal, tax and gratuity)

Please sign up in the church foyer





YOU lead is a training conference for any woman who leads. Whether you work in a corporate office, lead a small group, serve in women's ministry at your church, run a business out of your home, or feel like God is calling you to start leading. YOU lead is designed to help develop your leadership skills. Be motivated and encouraged through experienced speakers and a broad range of breakout sessions.

If you need a break from your hectic life, if you need a few hours that will offer days upon days of renewal in your spiritual life, if you need a place to join together with other women who are doing their best to walk with the Lord in this challenging world or if you just need to be spurred on – if that's you, then you belong with us.

Live Oak United Methodist Church will be traveling to Mobile, Alabama on the church bus, with only 34 seats available. So ladies, if you are interested in traveling to see Beth Moore Live, please join us for encouragement, motivation, fun and fellowship. The cost will be no more than \$265 depending on how many women join us. Will need a \$50.00 deposit to hold your seat. The price includes the bundle pricing for Living Proof Live/YOU lead, hotel room for two nights (2 people per room) and transportation. Please sign up as soon as possible. For additional information please contact Cathy Bermes at 225-664-4801.

Bus will be departing Live Oak United Methodist Church at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 25th and will return Saturday, August 27th around 4:30 p.m.

YOU lead

Schedule

Thursday, August 25th

Registration from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sessions: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, August 26th

Doors open at 7:30 a.m.

Sessions: 8:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Followed by Living Proof Live

Beth Moore

Schedule

Friday, August 26th

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Event begins at 7:00 p.m.

Event ends at 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 27th

Doors open at 7:30 a.m.

Event begins at 8:30 a.m.

Event ends at 12:15 p.m.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



**SECRET
CHURCH™**

A Global Gospel in a World of Religions

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016

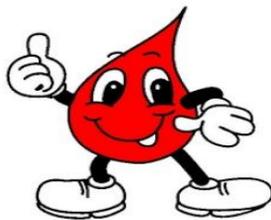
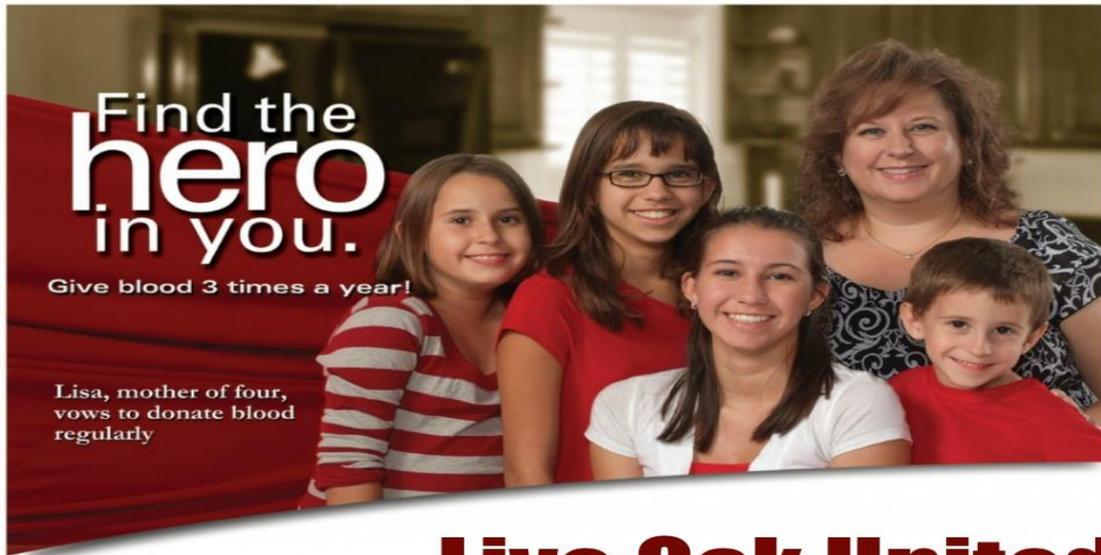
6PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT

Simulcast with David Platt

A GLOBAL GOSPEL IN A WORLD OF RELIGIONS

COST IS \$5.00 MATERIAL IS INCLUDED

Secret Church is our version of "house church" where we meet periodically for an intense time of Bible study—lasting 6+ hours—including a time of prayer for our brothers and sisters across the globe who are facing persecution and for those who still have not heard the gospel.



**Live Oak United
Methodist Church
Blood Drive**

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

IN THE BLOODMOBILE

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

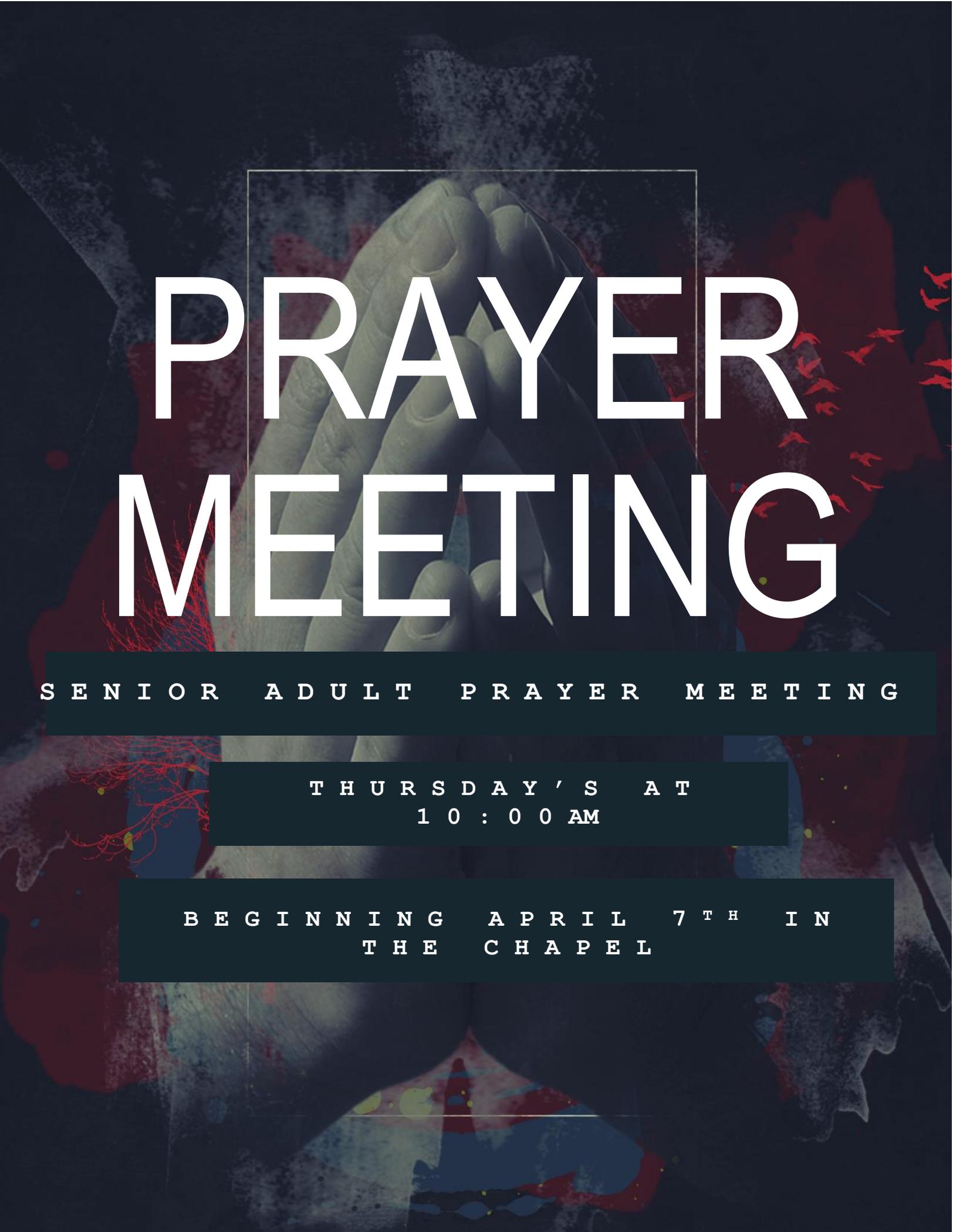
**Schedule an appointment at the
welcome center or online at**

www.bloodhero.com

sponsor code: LOUMC



United Blood Services
Find the hero in you.



PRAYER MEETING

SENIOR ADULT PRAYER MEETING

THURSDAY'S AT
10:00 AM

BEGINNING APRIL 7TH IN
THE CHAPEL

SUMMER CAMP SIGN UP TODAY!

Get Informed

Summer Camp

Summer camp registration is officially open. This year, we will be taking both Jr. and Sr. high students to Camp Fuego in Eunice, La. The cost of camp is \$289. Students can reserve their spot by paying a \$50 non-refundable, non-transferable, deposit. The deposit cannot come out of the student's fundraised account. Deposits must be made by May 15th, with final payments being made by June 1st. Since there are limited spots available for camp, we need our students' commitments to be solid. The dates for Sr. High camp are June 20th-24th with Jr. High attending camp July 11th-15th. We will hold a parent meeting on May 22nd at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions about camp, please contact David Orges or Kyle Salpietra by calling the church office at 664-4801.

Remind

What: We use remind to send out text reminders to our students and parents. This is just for information and is used as a one-way communication tool to let you know what is going on in our student ministry.

Why: We understand that often times, your students fail to relay important information to you. So, we want to make information as readily available as possible.

How: Subscribing to remind is easy and only requires you send the text@lostudents to 81010. Of course, if you ever have any questions about anything we are doing, please feel free to contact the church office at 664-4801.

Parent Cue

What: Parent Cue is another great resource we use to reach out and inform our parents of what is going on in our ministry. This is a weekly email that includes information about the curriculum we are currently going through with your students, detailed information on events coming up, as well articles to help you walk along with your student as they pursue their own relationship with Christ.

Why: We realize that most students have an incredible ability to pass along to their parents absolutely zero information. We have developed a way to communicate to you as parents that will keep you fully informed. We also want to help you on your journey of parenting teens by passing along information from the nation's top minds and experts. Lastly, we truly believe that you, your student's parents, are the most influential people in their lives. We are here to partner with you. We want your students to win. We want you to win. Two combined influences make a greater impact than just two influences.

How: You can sign up for our Parent Cue email by visiting our Facebook page Live Oak United Student Ministry and follow the link labeled Student Ministry Parents. Sign up is quick and easy. If you would like, you can email us at studentministry@loumc.org to request us to manually sign you up! And always feel free to contact us at the church office at 664-4801.

Movie Night

**“TO WIN THE FIGHT,
YOU’VE GOT TO HAVE THE RIGHT
STRATEGY AND THE RIGHT
RESOURCES, BECAUSE VICTORIES
DON’T COME BY ACCIDENT.”**



FROM THE CREATORS OF FIREPROOF AND COURAGEOUS
WAR ROOM
PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON



Sunday, April 10th

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Movie begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Donations will be divided in 3
(Honduras, Orphan Care, Student Ministry)**

**LET GOD FIGHT
FOR YOU**

STAND STILL & SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD

EXODUS 14:13

In the Sanctuary at
Live Oak United Methodist Church

In Loving Memory of:

02/28/16

Julia Lee Underwood: M/M L. W. Arnold, Aundre Garrison, M/M Owen Norgress, M/M Jim King, M/M Bob Caine, Shelby Easterly, Darrell Beird, Lela Buhler, Barney & Barbara Crist, Lillian Foster, Ann Lea, M/M Jim Otken, M/M Scott Smith

Garrett Hunter Minard: Melissa C. Minard

Mary Stevens (Peggy Molcany Mother): M/M John McGraw

03/06/16

Julia Lee Underwood: M/M Alan Heffernan, Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class, M/M Craig Harris, Bobbie Nanney, Gloria Carroll, M/M Gene Cunningham

03/13/16

Julia Lee Underwood: Mary Ann Allen

Warren May: M/M Scott Smith

03/20/16

Julia Lee Underwood: M/M Ronnie Langlois, Carol Justice

Mabel "Buster" Facundus: Mona May

In Loving Honor of:

02/28/16

Peggy Molcany, Her husband and family: John & Nancy McGraw

03/20/16

Billy Arnold on his 81st Birthday: M/M Scott Smith

03/27/16

Craig Harris: M/M Tim Truax

Beverly & Henrietta Thames: M/M Pat Dean

