

The Oaks Community Church  
Worship Guide



March 15, 2026

I. A Call to Worship

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 (ESV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

**Seven Promises About The Gift Of Salvation**  
**Promise #5**

The Gift of Salvation is permanent, unconditional, and certain.

“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love....nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:38-39

“So if the Son sets you free, you are free through and through.” John 8:36

III. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

II Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)



IV.

The Priority of The Cross  
I Corinthians 1:18-25 & II Corinthians 5:17-21  
Pastor Gary Barber

❖ The Ten Most Important Events in Human History... they missed something: The Cross.

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. I Corinthians 1:18-25 (NIV)

❖ What is the Message of the Cross?

<sup>1</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. I Corinthians 15:1-8 (NIV)

❖ What took place at the cross?

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. II Corinthians 5:17-21 (NIV)

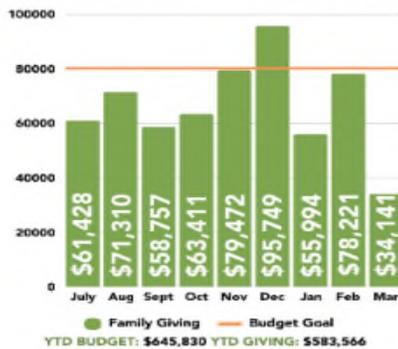
- Reconciliation with God
- The Great Exchange – Christ takes our sin and gives us His righteousness.
- The Vertical and Horizontal dimensions of the cross
- The Agony and cost of the Cross
- The Cross was the only way to save us
- From Minus to Plus

❖ Prayer, Reflection & Invitation

## Community Group Questions

1. What impacted you from the message “The Priority of The Cross”?
2. Read I Corinthians 1:18-19. Why do you think the message of the cross seems foolish to some people but powerful to those who believe?
3. Read I Corinthians 1:22-25. What are some ways people today look for “signs” or “human wisdom” instead of trusting in Christ?
4. Read I Corinthians 15:3-5. Why are the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus considered the most important events in human history?
5. Read II Corinthians 5:17-18. What does it mean to become a “new creation” in Christ? How have you seen this change happen in your life or in someone else’s?
6. Read II Corinthians 5:19-20. What does it mean that believers are “Christ’s ambassadors”? How can we live that out in everyday life?
7. Read II Corinthians 5:21. The cross is sometimes called “the great exchange.” What does it mean that Christ took our sin and gave us His righteousness?
8. Pray for your “FRANCES” (Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors, Coworkers, Enemies, Strangers) to be drawn to Jesus as their Savior in 2026.

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