

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



September 17, 2023

I. **Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving**

I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among the throngs I will praise you.
Psalm 35:18 (NIV)

II. **Family Confession & Greeting**

The Oaks Priority #1

We are a Word and Spirit church. We emphasize the teaching and application of the Bible and the fellowship and empowering of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. John 6:63 (NIV)

Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Galatians 5:25 (NLT)

JESUS THE COURAGEOUS MAN

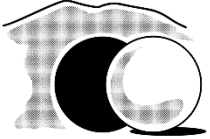
“Courage to Equip, Empower, & Release Others”

Luke 24:33-53

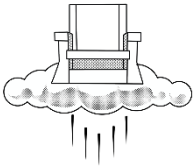
Pastor Gary Barber



The Cross = Forgiveness



The Resurrection = Life



The Ascension = Empowering

While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be to you." But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. Luke 24:36-40 (NASB)

While they still could not believe it because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish; and He took it and ate it before them. Luke 24:41-43 (NASB)

- ❖ The importance of Christ's physical resurrection

- ❖ Christ's Resurrection & Your Destiny

After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also.
John 14:19 (NASB)

- I Corinthians 15:20-24, 42-58; Philippians 3:20, 21

❖ Christ & The Scriptures: Christ opens our understanding to the Scriptures

Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Luke 24:44-47 (NASB)

❖ The Ascension of Christ and The Empowering of The Disciples

You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Luke 24:48, 49 (NASB)

And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising God.

Luke 24:50-53 (NASB)

❖ Application – Receiving the Blessing of the Ascension

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Stewardship Principle #2

We are managers not owners of
the resources God entrusts to us.

So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? Luke 16:11, 12 (NIV)

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