

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



March 22, 2026

I. A Call to Worship

Come and see what God has done, His awesome deeds for mankind!

Psalm 66:5 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Seven Promises About The Gift Of Salvation
Promise #6

The Gift of Salvation is experienced through God's continual goodness and power working in our lives.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:6

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.

Philippians 2:13



III. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year. Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the presence of the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name, so that you may learn to revere the Lord your God always.

Deuteronomy 14:22,23 (NIV)

IV.

Pictures & Prophecies of The Cross
Genesis 22, Exodus 12, Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, Numbers 21
Pastor Gary Barber

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.

I Corinthians 1:18 (NIV)

- The Old Testament is the blueprint; The New Testament is the building.
- That which is in Old concealed is in the New revealed.

Pictures

- Abraham called to sacrifice Isaac...

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there.... on a mountain I will show you." Genesis 22:2 (NIV)

- A Passover Lamb sacrificed...

The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. Exodus 12:13a (NIV)

Prophecies

- A description of a man in agony being crucified...

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.... they pierce my hands and my feet. Psalm 22:14,16b (NIV)

- The LORD's Righteous Servant takes the punishment God's people deserve...

But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.... After He has suffered, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities. Isaiah 53:5, 11 (NIV)

- The Cross in The Wilderness

The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived. Numbers 21:8,9 (NIV)

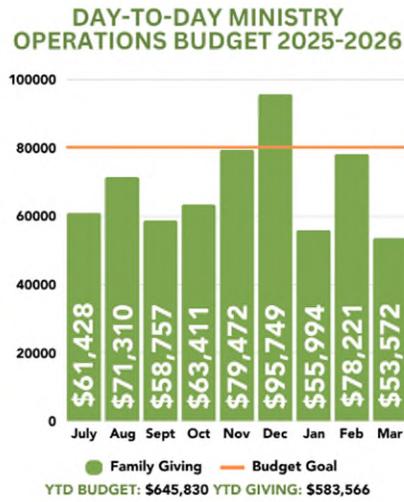
Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him. For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. John 3:14-17 (NIV)

- ❖ Prayer & Reflection

Community Group Questions

1. The sermon highlights how the Old Testament points to the cross. Which example (Genesis 22, Exodus 12, Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, or Numbers 21) stood out most to you, and why?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18. Why do you think the message of the cross can seem "foolish" or illogical to some people today? What makes it powerful to believers?
3. In Genesis 22 and Exodus 12, we see powerful images of sacrifice. What do these stories teach us about God's heart and His plan for Jesus?
4. Reflect on Isaiah 53. What do these verses reveal about what Jesus endured on the cross—and why He did it?
5. Read Numbers 21:8,9. Why do you think God required the Israelites to simply look at the serpent to be healed? What does this teach us about faith and salvation?
6. Read John 3:14-17. How did Jesus fulfill the prophetic picture given in Numbers 21 of the serpent lifted up on the pole? How does putting our faith in Jesus dying on the cross bring us healing today?
7. The sermon emphasizes that people could not save themselves from the snake bites. In what ways do people today try to "fix" or save themselves instead of looking to Jesus?

8. The message calls us to “look away from ourselves and believe.” What does that practically look like in your life right now? Is there anything keeping you from fully trusting Jesus?



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