

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



April 12, 2026

I. A Call to Worship

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them. John 7:37, 38 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Alliance Core Value #1

Lost people matter to God. He wants them found.

For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.

Luke 19:10 (NIV)

III. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity.

Acts 2:44-46 (NLT)



IV. Five Foundations of ACTS Christianity
Acts 1
Pastor Gary Barber

ACTS – Adventurous Christians Transforming Societies

1. ACTS Clothing

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 24:49 (NASB)

On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Acts 1:4,5 (NIV)

2. Messiah's Ascension = Empowering & Equipping for His Church

After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight.... This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven. Acts 1:9, 11b (NIV)

3. ACTS Devotion to prayer and God's Word

They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. Acts 1:14 (NIV)

4. Radical Surrender to God's Will

Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen...." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles. Acts 1:24,26 (NIV)

Jesus loves us to radically surrender

5. A Life of Acts Praise & Worship

And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen. Luke 24:52,53 (NKJV)

❖ Prayer, Reflection, & Praise

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits. Who pardons all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle. Psalm 103:3-5 (NASB)

Community Group Questions

1. Read Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4–5, 8. What does it mean to be "clothed with power from on high" in your everyday life?
2. Read Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1–4. Have you experienced the empowering of the Holy Spirit personally? What did that look like?
3. Read Acts 1:9–11; Hebrews 7:25; Ephesians 4:7–8. How does knowing Jesus as our High Priest and that He is now reigning change the way you live or pray? How does Jesus' ascension secure an "open heaven" for us as His followers?
4. Read Acts 1:14; Psalm 1:1–3. What is one practical way you can grow in devotion to prayer and Scripture this week?
5. Read Acts 1:24–26; Romans 12:1–2. Is there an area of your life where God is asking for deeper surrender right now?
6. Read Luke 24:52–53; Psalm 103:1–5. What helps you stay in a posture of continual praise, even during difficult seasons? What kinds of disciplines/practices have helped you bless and praise God?
7. Pray for your "FRANCES" (Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors, Coworkers, Enemies, Strangers) to be drawn to Jesus as their Savior in 2026.