

**PRAY**

1. Leaders in worship: Pastor Brad Martin  
Barry Braman, & Josh Strother.
2. The Holy Spirit will move in our corporate  
worship gathering, leading us to exalt  
Jesus Christ.
3. Shady Oaks Baptist Church will grow in  
Christ-exalting, Gospel-advancing  
ministry in 2017.
4. Pray that God will move on us to be  
more evangelistic through our obedience  
in sharing the Gospel.

**PREPARING FOR THE MESSAGE****"I LOVE MY CHURCH"****Matthew 28:18-20**

People need to know the life-changing truth of the Gospel!  
People all over the world, friends, coworkers, classmates, and  
even family members.

We all know many people who are part of our daily life who  
don't have the abundant, eternal life found only in a relationship  
with God through Jesus Christ.

God's design for our lives has been broken by our selfish  
pursuit of sin. It is only through the hope of the gospel of Jesus  
Christ that can restore people to a right relationship with God.  
This is the mission of God and it requires His people to leverage  
their lives for His glory and sharing the gospel.

**PRAISE &  
ADORATION****Blessed Assurance****Blessed Be Your  
Name****He Will Hold Me Fast****Scripture Reading****Offertory Prayer****I Surrender****He Will Hold Me Fast**

Matt Merker

"When I fear my faith will fail

Christ will hold me fast

When the tempter would prevail

He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold

Through life's fearful path

For my love is often cold

He must hold me fast

**Chorus:**

He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast

For my Savior loves me so

He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight

Christ will hold me fast

Precious in His holy sight

He will hold me fast

He'll not let my soul be lost

His promises shall last

Bought by Him at such a cost

He will hold me fast

**CHORUS**

For my life He bled and died

Christ will hold me fast

Justice has been satisfied

He will hold me fast

Raised with Him to endless life

He will hold me fast

Till our faith is turned to sight

When he comes at last

**I Surrender**

All Sons and Daughters

The riches of this world will fade

The treasures of our God remain

Here I empty myself to owe this world

Nothing and find everything in You

I surrender, I surrender

I surrender all to You

Take my life, a sacrifice

In You alone I'm satisfied

Here I empty myself to owe this world

Nothing and find everything in You

Everything in You

I surrender, I surrender

I surrender all to You

I surrender, I surrender

I surrender all to You

Not my will, but Yours be done

Not my strength, but Yours alone

Nothing else, but You oh Lord

I find everything in You

I surrender, I surrender

I surrender all to You

I surrender, I surrender

I surrender all to You

**RESPOND TO THE SERMON**

**LIFE GIVING TRUTH:** God's plan to change the world is to use His church to share the gospel.

**TRUTH:** God made each of us with a purpose - to worship Him and walk with Him.

**RESPONSE:** Read Genesis 1:31, and Psalm 19:1

**TRUTH:** Life doesn't work when we ignore God and His original design for our lives. We selfishly insist on doing things our own way. The Bible calls this sin. The consequence of our sin is separation from God.

**RESPONSE:** Read Romans 3:23, and Romans 6:23.

**TRUTH:** Sin leads us to a place of brokenness. Brokenness leads to a place of realizing a need for something greater.

**RESPONSE:** Read Romans 1:25, and Proverbs 14:12

**TRUTH:** At this point we need a remedy - some good news. Because of His love, God did not leave us in our brokenness. Jesus, God in human flesh, came to use and lived perfectly according to God's design. Jesus came to rescue us - to do for us what we could not do for ourselves. He took our sin and shame on the cross, paying the penalty of our sin by His death,

Jesus was then raised from the dead - to provide the only way for us to be rescued and restored to a relationship with God.

**RESPONSE:** Read John 3:16, Colossians 2:14, and 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

**TRUTH:** We must admit our sinful brokenness, ask God to forgive us, turn from our sin to trust only in Jesus. This is what it means to repent and believe. Believing, we receive new life through Jesus and God turns our lies in a new direction.

**RESPONSE:** Read Mark 1:15, Ephesians 2:8-9, and Romans 10:9

**TRUTH:** When God restores our relationship to Him, we begin to discover meaning and purpose in a broken world. Now we can pursue God's Design in all areas of our lives. God's Spirit empowers us to recover His Design and assures us of His presence in this life and for all eternity.

**RESPONSE:** Read Philippians 2:13, and Ephesians 2:10

**FAMILY RESPONSE****Sunday, September 17 "I LOVE MY CHURCH"**

How many times, in everyday conversations, do people engage you about their problems or challenges?

It's amazing how often people share their heartaches regarding their marriages, children, finances, addictions, depression - you name it. People are hurting, and they need hope.

Please take your conversation guide and help turn conversations about problems into conversations about Jesus.