



# the OAKS Newsletter

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The OAKS Board decided to make some changes in the newsletter starting this month. From now on we will not be putting the minutes in the newsletter. Instead, we have decided to put just the Financial Report and a short bio of our person of the month. The minutes are always available on request. Just ask Glenda.

### March Financial Report

Bank Balance: \$136.03  
Cash on hand: \$45.00  
Bills presented: \$30.00 for Baby Basket Ministry



### OAKS Member of the Month

We recognize John Crouch as our member of the month. John was a faithful member of this church for many years. During those years he served on the Finance committee, Board of Trustees, Permanent Endowment committee, the Administrative board, our Parliamentarian, taught Sunday School, and worked faithfully with us at OAKS. Many of you have read his book, "Pilate Error." He has been a faithful disciple of Christ and he will be missed.

### Featured Guests

Meet our mayoral candidates!

The City of Long Beach is governed by the Mayor and seven Aldermen. Elections are held every four years for Mayor, as well as six aldermen elected to represent their respective wards, and one Alderman elected at-large. Our mayoral candidates this election are:

**George Bass**

**Leonard Carrubba**

**LYNDA GIUFFRIA**

**Ronnie Hammons, Jr.**

**Kevin Ivan Nelson**

**Gary J. Ponthieux**

### **THANK YOU to:**

**JANE COCKRELL** for bringing us the Thought for the Day.

**DONNA JOPLIN** and **BETSY BULLARD** for providing the table decorations.

**ANDY CROUCH** for supplying the door prizes.

**BETSY BULLARD** and **SHARON PIERCE** for heading up our kitchen help.





### PRAY FOR

**Rosalie Allely**  
**Andy Crouch and family**  
**Albert and Peggy Rowell**



### April Birthdays

Apr 04: Dixie Stevens  
Apr 10: Betsy Bullard  
Apr 15: Jane Cockrell  
Apr 22: Joyce St. John  
Apr 24: Ann Armstrong  
Apr 28: Suzanne Simmons



### An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you  
In the palm of his hand.

As I was lying around, pondering the problems of the world, I realized that at my age I don't really care anymore. Think about it ...

- If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
- A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, but is still fat.
- A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, while a tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years. And you tell me to exercise?? I don't think so!!

Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:

- I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
- My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes an all-bran.
- I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
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- If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
- It was a whole lot easier to get older than to get wiser.
- Some days you're the top dog; some days you're the hydrant.
- I wish the buck really did stop here; I sure could use a few of them.
- It's not hard to meet expenses – they're everywhere.
- These days I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go to the store to get something and then wonder what I'm "here after".
- Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.

### In Memory



**John Crouch**