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SPIRITUAL
HABITS AT
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Worship Service

8:45 AM Children & Pre-Teen Sunday School
Sherri Gardner: 1st-4th Grade - Upstairs in FLC
Jodi Rushing: 5th-6th

8:45 AM Students 7th-12th Grade:
Dawn Lott - Upstairs in FLC

8:45 AM Adult Small Groups:
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9:30 AM Children's Ministry - 1st-4th Grade - FLC

9:30 AM Preteen - 5th-6th Grade - Chapel

9:30 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Children's Ministry - 1st-4th Grade - FLC

11:00 AM Preteen - 5th-6th Grade - Chapel

11:00 AM Worship Service

6:00 PM Young Adults Worship Service - Chapel

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Quilters Ministry - FLC

9:30 AM Worship Wednesday - Online

6:30 - 7:30 | Nursery | Infants-2 y/o

6:30 - 7:30 | Preschool | Pre-K3 to Kindergarten

6:30 - 7:30 | Kids | 1st-4th

6:30 - 7:30 | Preteen | 5th-6th

6:30 - 7:30 | Student Ministry | 7th-12th

6:30 - 7:30 | Worship & Study | Adults

6:30 - 7:30 | Study | Young Adults

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Church Map



ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

small group | large group

Sunday 8:45 AM

Young Adults Class // **Evangelism** // Krist & Katie Norsworthy - The Loft (Sanctuary Upstairs)

Adults Class // **Romans** // David Orges - Room #214

Median Adult Class // **Hosea** // Dickie Davis - Room #202

Senior Adult Class // **Topical** // Layne Hutchinson - Room #212

Pastor's Class // **Gospel of Luke** // Dr. Mark Crosby - Choir Room

New Member Class // Bro. Sam LoBello - Room #201

Sunday 9:30 AM

Co-ed Class // **Topical** // Robert Poole - Room #211

Couples Class // **Romans** // Todd & Sealy Pettavino - Room #202

Sunday Evenings

4:00 PM // **Doctrinal Study** // Layne Hutchinson & Jon Williams - Room #202

6:00 PM // Young Adults // **Worship Service** // Krist Norsworthy - Chapel

Monday

6:00 PM // Men's Discipleship Group // **Topical** // Robert Poole's Home

6:30 PM // Deeper Life Men // **Lessons Learned: Numbers & Deuteronomy** // David Tate - Room #201

6:30 PM // Deeper Life Women // **Psalm 23: The Shepherd with Me** // Jan Tate - Chapel

Tuesday

6:30 PM // **Exploring Ezekiel** (1st & 3rd Tuesday) // Stephen Hebert - Chapel

6:30 PM // **Grief Support Group** (2nd & 4th Tuesday) // Stephen Hebert - Chapel

Wednesday 6:30 PM

Worship & Study // **Topical** // Dr. Mark // Sanctuary

Young Adults Class // **A Biblical Guide to Life and Faith (Adulting 101)** // Krist Norsworthy - The Loft

Thursday

6:00 PM // **Men's Play & Pray Basketball** // Jim Otken - FLC

7:00 PM // **REFUGE Addiction Recovery** // Sam LoBello - Room #201

Friday

5:30 AM // Men's Group // **Acts** // Jim Otken - Room #202

6:00 PM // Co-ed // **Acts** // Robert Poole - Room #202

Second Saturday of Each Month

7:30 AM // Mens Prayer Breakfast & Study // **Tame Your Thoughts** // Sam LoBello - Room #202



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from the PASTOR'S DESK



It's the holiday season (Thanksgiving to New Year's) and a wonderful time of the year. This is a time of giving thanks, celebrating the birth of Jesus, and looking forward (hopefully) to a New Year with new goals, hopes, and possibilities.

However, sometimes we forget that Thanksgiving has its roots in the power and courage of a small group of Christians who were willing to take a stand for what they believed. They were willing to call out what was wrong and declare what was right as given by Scripture. They were willing to make their faith more than just a fad, or a generational acknowledgment of faith, but a true and sincere part of the very fabric of what they believed, how they saw the world, and how they would respond to God.

This group of Christians set out on a journey that would change the world as it brought the Gospel to the New World, and build universities (like Harvard) and bring revival like the Great Awakening, and build churches that would be the hub of every community and eventually be the spiritual/religious roots that would create the greatest nation the world has ever known.

But it all began when they took a stand. Taking a stand for Jesus is not easy, but when you do,

it changes lives and futures and often creates something amazing. I often ask, "Who is taking a stand today?" For many, they realized that Charlie Kirk was an example of what it means to take a stand. The stand he took rocked a generation, as others are now realizing that taking a stand for Biblical truth and the Gospel message changes lives and the trajectory of a generation.

The question we need to ask in our generation is who will take a stand for Jesus now. Who will say sola scriptura (only the Scripture). We are seeing so many coming to the Lord. This is a time to ask what do we believe and what we stand for, what do we hold dear, and where and when do we take our stand.

Come see us in November for the series, "Taking a Stand" for what we believe, as we like those before remind the world who we follow and what we believe, even if it goes against the cultural philosophies of this generation.

Hope to see you Sunday!

Dr. Mark Crosby
Senior Pastor

*"WHO
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Modeling Spiritual Habits at Home

by Madison Cody, *Children's Minister*

We all want our kids to grow in their faith; to read their Bibles, to pray, to love Jesus deeply. But if we're honest, sometimes we expect those habits to appear without ever showing them how. Oof, that one hits close to home! The truth is, the best way to teach faith isn't by telling our kids what to do, but by letting them see us follow Jesus in our everyday lives.

The Mandate We've Already Been Given

In Deuteronomy 6, God gives parents a clear command: "These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. Teach them diligently to your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

This isn't meant to be a checklist, but a way of life; living by faith in Jesus and bringing Him into the daily moments. Small habits add up to a big faith.

What Are Spiritual Disciplines?

Spiritual disciplines are practices that help us connect with Jesus. Things like reading Scripture, praying, worshiping, serving, resting, and showing gratitude.

For kids, these can look really simple:

1. **Reading Scripture:** a verse a day, a Bible story before bed, or a fun reading challenge.
2. **Prayer:** thanking God out loud in the car, praying for a friend, or writing "Dear God" notes.
3. **Worship:** singing in the car, at church, or around the house.

4. **Serving:** doing something kind for a friend or helping at home.
5. **Gratitude:** naming one thing they're thankful for before bed.
6. **Rest:** learning that it's okay to slow down and spend quiet time with God.

When we model these habits, kids start to see that following Jesus is a daily relationship, not just something we do on Sundays.

Habits Take Time

Research shows it takes around 66 days to form a new habit. So if routines feel awkward or you miss a few days, don't stress. What matters most is progress, not perfection. Growth happens one step at a time.

Why Modeling Matters More Than Mandating

Kids learn more from our example than from our rules. When they see us open our Bible, not out of obligation but because we want to, they notice. When they see us pause to pray before a big decision, they see dependence on God. And when they hear us say, "I messed up, but I'm thankful for grace," they start to understand the Gospel better than any Sunday lesson could teach.

We can't expect kids to build habits if we don't practice ourselves. Let them see us walk with God honestly, not perfectly.

Small Ways to Start

If you're ready to start building faith habits at home, keep it simple:

1. Pick one thing. Read a verse together at breakfast. Pray before bed. Say one thing you're thankful for on the way to school.
2. Tie it to something you already do. Habits stick better when they're linked to existing routines like reading a Psalm after dinner or praying before brushing teeth.
3. Make it visible. Leave your Bible out, write verses on sticky notes, and let your kids see what matters to you.

Every small moment adds up.

A Helpful Tool: Our Monthly Parent & Kid Devotionals

Each month we provide devotionals to help families build faith habits together. They're designed to:

1. Start simple conversations about God
2. Model spiritual disciplines without pressure
3. Invite kids to practice faith in fun, practical ways
4. Encourage progress over perfection

Don't Miss This

Spiritual growth happens in small, everyday moments, not just big events. You don't need a fancy plan, just a heart that loves Jesus and lives that out in front of your kids.

And remember, our monthly devotionals are meant to support you, not overwhelm you. Every small, consistent moment matters. Your daily example, not your perfection, is what shapes your children's faith. 🌱

Frost AND Flair

DECORATE. LAUGH. CELEBRATE.

Join us for a cookie-decorating night with an instructor!



DECEMBER 6 AT 5:00PM
FLC 18+
DINNER PROVIDED

\$20 per person
 Registration required by 11/21.

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DINNER PROVIDED

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 our website liveoak.church
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Harvest Manor Nursing Home

by Liz White, Office Secretary



I want to personally thank each of you who lovingly crafted and donated your pumpkins at the Live Oak Ladies Fall Make One Take One event! These 220 pumpkins were prayed over and brought to the residents at Harvest Manor Nursing Home last month to serve as room decorations. These little room decorations are also serving as reminders that Jesus loves them! The residents not only appreciated the visit, and the pumpkins, but they smiled ear to ear when we said, every time you look at the pumpkin, remember Jesus loves you! It was such a good visit! Thank you for your continued support in this ministry. To God be the Glory!



Give!

It's almost Christmas time! Let's spread some holiday cheer and Jesus' love to the residents of Harvest Manor Nursing Home! Last year we passed out over 100 gifts to the residents! Many were elated that someone thought of them and had something for them. Many said, "For meee? This is for me?" Yes ma'am, yes sir, for you! What a joy it is to place a gift in the hands of a resident. Let's do it again!

This year I am collecting donations of 1) Grippy socks, 2) Chapsticks, 3) Jumbo Word Searches, & 4) Small soft throws. Donations can be dropped off at the church office now until Friday, December 5th. We will be returning to Harvest Manor on Sunday, December 7th at 2 pm, to sing Christmas Carols and pass out gifts! We'd love to have you join us for this joyous occasion! Questions? Email liz@liveoak.church or call the church office at 225.664.4801.

Thank you!



Seasons Change, Memories Remain

by Faith Storck, *Director of Children's Ministry*

The temperature is finally starting to shift, it's not sweltering anymore, and we can actually breathe when we step outside. No more running from the car to the house just to escape the heat. Fall is here, and with it comes a reminder: seasons change, both in the weather and in life.

Parenting has seasons too. One minute you're carrying diaper bags and Goldfish crackers, and the next you're sitting in the carpool line while your kid tells you all about multiplication or middle school drama. These seasons fly by, and they rarely come back around. That's why we can't just *notice* the change, we have to *embrace* it.

God designed seasons with purpose. *"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease"* (Genesis 8:22). He's the God who keeps promises, who paints the leaves, who reminds us through creation that change is part of His plan.

So what does that mean for us as parents right now? It means we seize this season.

1. Sit outside with your kids and watch the sun go down.
2. Take a family walk without melting in the humidity.
3. Rake up a pile of leaves and actually jump in with them.
4. Trade an hour of screen time for a slow dinner around the table.
5. End the day with prayer, thanking God not just for big things, but for the simple gift of cooler weather and time together.

The truth is, we can't freeze time. But we can make the most of it. Every little moment, every walk, every laugh, every prayer whispered together becomes part of your child's memory of what "family" felt like.

Parents, the heat has broken, the season is shifting. Don't let it just pass you by. Seize the day with your children, and fill this season with presence, joy, and faith. 🍁

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

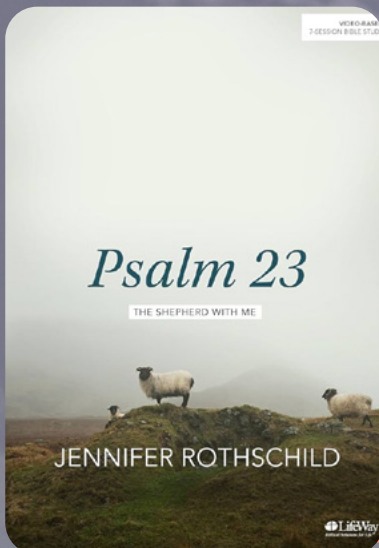
STARTS ANEW THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

1. SALVATION IN 3-D?
2. HOW TO ENHANCE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?
3. THE STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH?
4. YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS?



WE'LL CHECK IT ALL OUT IN OUR NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINNING THE FIRST SUNDAY MORNING OF EACH MONTH AT 8:45 IN ROOM # 201. YOU'LL WANT TO BE PROMPT. WE GOT A LOT TO CHECK OUT!

DEEPER LIFE



FOR MEN
Mondays at 6:30
in the 201

FOR WOMEN
Mondays at 6:30
in the Chapel





SENIOR ADULTS

By Landra Reed



1 Corinthians 12: 12-13

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."



As many of you do, I as well have family and friends who say they don't need to go to church to have a relationship with God or to believe in God. True. So why do we go to church? That's the question I always get asked. 1 Corinthians 12 states it very clearly. We are of one spirit! Yes we can do amazing things on our own but just imagine the things we can do when we are together. It states together we are One spirit, one with Jesus, one unit. God makes no mistakes; so, when you have that neighbor, friend, or family member invite you to come to church, how do you know that that's not God putting them in your path to get you to have that

bond with him that you and He so desire together. Yes, you can read your Bible on your own, you can watch a church service online. But to fellowship and praise Him with one another, there's nothing like it. It recharges you, it makes you feel like you're not alone, it strengthens your heart and your spirit beyond what you even thought. So stop questioning why should I should go and just do it. Take the challenge and just go and see how your life will change in ways you could never imagine.

We had an amazing turnout for our Fall Feast this year! Approximately 90 were there to celebrate and fellowship. Thank you for all the wonderful desserts and camaraderie.

For the month of November, we will be heading to Pigeon Forge on the 5th through the 10th. Looking forward to meeting new people and celebrating life with you all.

Prayers for you and your family for a Happy Thanksgiving! Mine and my family's lives are truly more blessed with you in our lives! 🍃





Newsletter & Updates

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men Helping Men Be Men



PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, Nov. 8, 7:30
in the Conference Room

Getting Unstuck from
Anxiety and Guilt

COMING TOP GOLF

Saturday, Jan. 3
10:00 AM-12:30 PM.
Lunch is provided.
This is a Free Event.



KINGDOM SECRETS



The Power of Jesus' Parables in Matthew

by Krist Norsworthy, *Young Adults Pastor*

Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the greatest teacher the world has ever known. His words carry wisdom and divine authority. While on Earth, He didn't merely speak like the rabbis or scholars of His day. When Jesus spoke, hearts were stirred. His teaching wasn't full of empty tradition or religious clichés. It cut straight to the soul. And one of His favorite ways to teach was through parables.

It's true that parables weren't new in Jewish culture, but Jesus used them in a way no one else ever had. Where rabbis used stories to teach the Law of Moses, Jesus used them to reveal the mysteries of God's Kingdom. His parables invited renewed reflection. They were simple enough for a child to understand, yet profound enough to challenge the most educated mind. For those who truly wanted to know God, His stories were full of light. But for those who hardened their hearts, they remained hidden in mystery.

The word *parable* comes from two Greek words meaning “to throw alongside.” Essentially, a parable is a truth laid next to a story. It's something relatable that helps to explain something eternal. But Jesus' parables were more than illustrations; they were tests of the heart. For instance, after telling the story of the sower, He said, “He who has ears, let him hear” (Matt. 13:9). Some would listen and understand. Others would not. The parables of Christ revealed who was truly seeking God... “For the word of God is alive and active...it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” (Heb. 4:12).

When the disciples asked why He taught this way, Jesus answered, “To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables” (Mark 4:11). Those who were hungry for truth would find it; those who weren't would walk away unchanged. His parables were both an invitation *and* a dividing line.

At the center of these stories is the Gospel of Jesus. It's the good news of God's Kingdom breaking into the world. That message begins with Jesus Himself: God's reign arriving in grace and power. The parables show us how that Kingdom grows, transforms, and demands our full devotion.

Later in this article, I will also give some advice on how you can interpret these teachings of our Lord. But first, this month at Young Adults Sunday Night Worship, we will look at four of Jesus' parables.

The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1–23)

Jesus told of a farmer scattering seed across four kinds of soil: a hard path, rocky ground, thorny ground, and good soil. Each represents a different kind of heart and how it receives God's Word. Some hearts are hard: truth never takes root. Others are shallow: a superficial faith springs up quickly but withers in hardship. Some hearts are crowded: choked by worry, wealth, and distractions. But the good soil receives the Word deeply and produces an abundant harvest.

This parable reminds us that hearing God's Word is more than listening with our ears; it's allowing His truth to transform us. It's a picture of how the Spirit prepares our hearts to receive life. True faith begins with a heart made alive by God. The question Jesus asks each of us is personal: *What kind of soil am I?*

The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds (Matthew 13:24–43)

In this story, a farmer plants good seed, but an enemy secretly sows weeds among it. As the plants grow, the difference isn't clear. The servants want to pull up the weeds, but the farmer says to wait... if they act too soon, they might destroy the wheat. At harvest time, the two will be separated. The wheat will be gathered, and the weeds will be burned.

God's Kingdom exists in a world full of evil. Good and evil grow side by side for now, but judgment is coming. God's patience doesn't mean He's passive; it means He's merciful, giving people time to repent. The parable calls us to stay faithful in a world that's mixed and messy, trusting that God will one day make all things right.

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Leaven (Matthew 13:31–35)

These short stories reveal the surprising way God's Kingdom grows. Jesus said the Kingdom is like a mustard seed, which is tiny at first, but it becomes a large tree where birds can rest. Then He compared it to yeast that works through the dough until the whole loaf is transformed.

Both images remind us that God often works in quiet, unseen ways. The Kingdom may start small (a conversation, an act of kindness, a prayer) but it carries unstoppable power. God's Word transforms lives, families, and even cultures from the inside out. We should not despise small beginnings or slow growth. The object of our faith (Christ) is more important than the size of it (mustard seed). What God plants, He will bring to bear fruit!

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl (Matthew 13:44–46)

In two short parables, Jesus shows the priceless value of His Kingdom. A man finds a treasure buried in a field and happily sells everything to buy it. Also, a merchant finds a pearl so valuable that he gives up everything to acquire it.

The message is simple: the Kingdom of God is worth *everything*. These parables ask us to examine our hearts: What do I value most? Am I holding onto something that keeps me from fully embracing Jesus? It's not about earning salvation; it's about recognizing its inestimable value. It takes an irreplaceable item to obtain a priceless object. When you see Christ for who He truly is, nothing else compares.

How to Read Parables Well

Parables aren't meant to be riddles filled with hidden codes. Most of them make one main point. It's tempting to over-analyze every detail, but Jesus' stories were designed to draw us toward one central truth.

Here are a few helpful ways to read them:

- **Pay attention to context.** Notice how Jesus introduces the story. He often begins with "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..."
- **Look for the main point.** Don't get distracted by side details or "spiritualizing" every single aspect of the story.
- **Let Scripture interpret Scripture.** Parables never contradict the rest of God's Word.

Many parables even come with Jesus' own explanation, like the Parable of the Sower or the Weeds. When we're unsure, we can trust the rest of Scripture to bring clarity.

Why Jesus Used Parables

Jesus didn't tell stories just to entertain us or to make faith "simple." He told parables to reveal truth to those who were ready and conceal it from those who refused to listen. His stories invite the humble and challenge the proud. They awaken faith or expose unbelief.

To the seeking heart, a parable is a treasure. To the hardened heart, it's a mystery. They reveal who we really are.

It's often said that a parable is "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." But it's even more than that, it's a key to the Kingdom. It unlocks truth for those who have ears to hear.

So as you reflect on these stories, don't just ask, *What does this mean?* Ask, *What is God saying to me?* And most of all, *do I have ears to hear?* 🌿

A DROP FROM THE ALTAR by Sam LoBello

One of my seminary professors used to say to his class while teaching, "This is a drop from the altar." He was communicating to his students that what he was about to say was important and may well appear on the next test. As a result, it would be wise for us to remember it.

As I have journeyed through life God has given me "Drops from the Altar" from time to time. I have tried to remember them and apply them to my life. I will share one with you each month. I hope you find them to be helpful in your journey, as well.

"Your reputation is what others think about you, but your character is what God knows about you."

Adrian Rogers



Thursdays at 7 PM

**STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION?
WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.
WE MEET IN ROOM #201.
COME JOIN US!**

"Taste and see the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him."

Psalms 34:8

Support. Instruction. Accountability.



Engaging Our Youth: The Transformative Power of Student Ministry

by Dr. Nathan Lott, *Student Pastor*

In a world where our teenagers face more distractions and challenges than ever before, the role of student ministries is not just valuable, it's vital. Our junior high and high school students need a place where they can encounter the love of Christ, be equipped with biblical truth, and find a community of believers who encourage spiritual growth. At our church, we offer a place for you: Sunday School at 8:45 AM in the Family Life Center, and our dynamic Wednesday night service from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

The Numbers Speak:

A 2023 Barna study revealed that teens who attend church weekly are three times more likely to engage in spiritual practices daily, such as prayer and Bible reading, than those who don't attend at all. Additionally, research from the National Study of Youth and Religion found that students highly involved in a youth group were 40% more likely to retain their faith into adulthood.

Conversely, students who disengage from church during their teenage years often experience a decline in mental health and spiritual identity. According to Lifeway Research, 66% of teens stop attending church between the ages of 18 and 22, many citing a lack of connection as a major factor.

Ephesians 4:12-13 (NASB):

"...for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ." The Greek word for 'equip' (καταρτισμός - katartismos) implies complete furnishing or perfecting. Student ministries are designed to equip and fully furnish our young people with the tools of spiritual maturity.

Voices from the Past:

Dwight L. Moody once said, "If I could relive my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children for God."

This statement underscores the long-standing value of youth-focused

discipleship. Charles Spurgeon similarly noted: "Train up a child in the way he should go—but be sure you go that way yourself."

Our Church's Commitment:

We meet students where they are. Our Sunday morning class (8:45 AM in the Family Life Center) offers a welcoming environment for studying the Bible and sharing life. Our Wednesday night service (6:30–7:30 PM) is more than a midweek gathering; it's a spiritual recharge filled with worship, relevant teaching, and peer fellowship.

Transformed Lives:

Every month, we at Live Oak hear testimonies from students who have overcome addiction, abuse, anxiety, and identity issues. In student ministry groups, they find companionship and truth.

Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians—We Need You!

Encourage your teens to participate. Don't make church optional. Drive them, pray for them, and attend with them. Faith doesn't grow in isolation.

Let's heed the wisdom of Proverbs 22:6 (NASB):

"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he grows older he will not abandon it."

In this season, let's commit to raising up a generation that knows the Lord, walks in His truth, and serves His kingdom. Student ministries are not a side program; they are the frontline of spiritual formation. We hope to see you Sunday at 8:45 for Sunday School and Wednesday at 6:30 for Student Ministry services! 🌿



Women on a Mission

by Jeanie Achord

Our mission is to walk closely with the Lord! To help in that process, our ladies on a mission came together to learn more about how to use the word of God to strengthen our walk in that way we are able to know without a doubt what we should do each day to serve and follow the Great Commission, to bring others into the kingdom.

Do you act like Jesus; serve others, walk with humility, pray for others and bring Glory to the Father? We pray that you do! Love means doing what God has commanded us, and He has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning. (2 John 1:6)



JOURNEYING Through GRIEF

AT LIVE OAK CHURCH

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month
6:30 pm in the Chapel

For More Information Contact:

Pastor Stephen | Stephen@liveoak.church

SEND A GIFT-FILLED SHOEBOX IN JESUS' NAME



How to Pack Your Shoebox Gift

As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. In fact, it may be the only gift the child receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last, **and don't forget to make it FUN!**

1

SHOEBOX

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted boxes are available on our website.



4

PRAY

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child.



2

"WOW" ITEM

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.



5

DONATE \$10 PER BOX

A donation of \$10 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



3

OTHER GIFTS

Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



6

DROP OFF

Bring your box back to Live Oak Church by November 13th!



"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



**LAST DAY FOR TURN IN
IS WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 19TH!**

**THANK YOU FOR
PARTICIPATING IN THIS
YEAR'S DRIVE!**

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans



meet our team

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PROCLAIMING
YOUR HOPE
IN CHRIST

8:45AM
THE LOFT
SUNDAYS



For His Renown

Passion**2026**

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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Join the Live Oak Kids Buddy Ministry!

Every child deserves to feel welcomed, seen, accepted, and included when they walk through our church doors. The Buddy Ministry makes that possible by pairing caring volunteers with kids who may need extra support to fully experience all that Live Oak Kids has to offer.

When you serve as a Buddy, you're making sure every child has the chance to learn about Jesus in a safe, fun, and encouraging way.

Who can be a Buddy?

Anyone with a heart to love kids and show patience. All you need is a willingness to help every child feel at home.

Why it matters:

Parents experience peace knowing their child is cared for.
You experience the blessing of serving where inclusion meets discipleship.

You don't have to be an expert—you just have to be willing to say yes to making a difference!

Contact faith@liveoak.church for more information!