

Women's Book Club

Thursday, January 13, 2011
7:00-8:30 PM in Room 107

The selected book for this month is
"Left At the Altar" by Kimberley Kennedy.

This book and the February book may be bought at Mardel for \$4.99 on the bargain book shelf or by ordering them there.

The Book Club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. If you read ahead, our February book is "The River Runs Dry" by Sibella Giorello.

All Live Oak Ladies are invited to join us for fellowship and discussion time. Please invite a friend. We love seeing new faces. For more information call Beverly Payne at 798-7612.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday morning group is made up of a very diverse group of women. We meet together each week from **9:30-11:30am** to study God's Word, pray for each other, and share our lives. We would love for you to join us. Our Spring semester will get started on **Wednesday, January 12.**

We will study **Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted**, by Pricilla Shirer! Check out the trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Vb19mJcb48> & another description: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_D_dr5lvc. This study looks challenging and relatable.

Workbooks are available at the Lifeway Christian Store by the Super Target. Please feel free to invite friends to join us this Spring! Childcare will be available for a nominal fee and I will post a link to register soon. Let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or comments! Anna Fargason, 239-0492

If you no longer attend Live Oak Community Church and would like to have your name removed from our mailing list, please contact Sherry in our church office. Call 798-5583 or e-mail: sherry@live-oak.org



LIVE OAK 101

Sunday, **Jan 9th**
9:30 AM in Rm. #106

Have you ever wondered why we do things the way that we do at Live Oak? Ever wanted a chance to ask questions of a staff member? Want to know how to get connected or join the church? You will get all this and a doughnut at our monthly discovery/membership class: Live Oak 101. Childcare & classes provided for kids infant-5th grade.

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Once upon a time, not so very long ago, Live Oak Community Church was known throughout the land as a friendly and welcoming community of Christ-followers. Somehow, along the way, as our small groups got more established, and as we got larger, that friendliness and eagerness to engage new people began to wane. We want to get back to our earlier identity!

We have no shortage of new people walking through our doors. We just need to be more engaging and encouraging to those guests, and to some folks who've been around for a while, but haven't yet gotten connected.

So, **First Wednesday, January 5**, is going to be like a friendliness rally! We are going to revisit the values that made us the friendly, welcoming people we once were. We'll recast some vision, since we all know that vision leaks. We'll also do a little re-training and check in with God's Word, to see what the Lord has to say on the topic.

Start the new year off right by being a part of this relational revolution!

FIRST WEDNESDAY:

5:45 - Family Meal:
(\$2 per person)
Potato & Ham Soup
Sandwiches & Cookies
6:30- Worship Service
Communion & Baptism

Coming Next on Sundays!

JAN 2 A New You Resolution

It's a new year, which means new resolutions and a fresh opportunity to make some changes in your life. Normally your resolutions include a list of things you want to do. More importantly, why not take a look at the person you want to be!



Next Series: **Culturally Relevant/Radically Different**

A Four part Series about Successful Christian living in a crazy world. Expository teaching from Hebrews 11:1 – 12:13 The resume' of a Christian who is living strategically in the world, to accomplish God's purposes!

JAN 9 Heroic Faith - Hebrews 11

Doug Halcomb

The life of a Christ-follower must be characterized by faith in action! We can learn so much from these heroes of the faith about walking by faith, not by sight. The world beckons us to fill our lives with busyness and high-speed, pressured-up activity, but there are unwelcomed consequences for that way of life. Scripture is very clear about the way we should be going after life, a way that does not nudge God out, but that invites Him and allows Him to lead us and to meet our needs—which He knows so much better than we do.

JAN 16 Travel Lightly - Hebrews 12:1

Chuck Williams

In following Christ it is vital that we get rid of everything that keep us from being all we can be in Christ. Some of those hindrances may be good things that just crowd out God's best. Other barriers may be sins and sin patterns that continually trip us up. In this message we'll talk about how to clear out the junk that trips us up and keeps us from living the radically different life to which Christ calls us.

JAN 23 Focus on Christ - Hebrews 12:2-3

Craig Daugherty

The key to living culturally relevant and radically different lives is to focus on Christ. Only in Christ can we stay the course, sustain the pace, and not get weary and lose heart. How do we keep our eyes, hearts, and minds on Jesus?

JAN 30 Learn from Your Mistakes - Hebrews 12:4-13

Chuck Williams

God disciplines His children in love and for our own benefit. It is up to us to learn from such discipline and adjust our lives to conform more and more to His righteousness and peace. How do we learn from hardship and discipline to remain culturally relevant, yet be radically different, sharing in His holiness?

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Letter from Senior Pastor, Chuck Williams



The year 2011 promises to be an exciting one for LOCC! We will make the biggest decision we've made in the history of our church – the selection of a new Sr. Pastor! I'm looking forward to the challenges and opportunities we are facing. It's gonna be a ride you won't want to miss! (To see the latest progress with the Succession Team go to www.live-oak.org and click on "Succession.")

On Sunday, January 2, I'm bringing a message that I probably should have been giving every first Sunday of the new year for the past seventeen years. (At least to myself!) Its about choosing, identifying, and embracing our core values ... the "who we are" ... the "be"ing of our lives, before we

start identifying goals and resolutions. I'm realizing, as I near a huge transition time in my life, that very few people are destined for notoriety, but every one is designed for significance. To realize our full significance as God's children it is imperative that we decide who we want to be.

As you prepare your heart for that Sunday morning, be thinking about this: What would you want people to say about you at your funeral?

I look forward to unpacking all of this with you Sunday morning!

Blessings,

Chuck

Offering Envelopes

Live Oak Community Church has recently added the services of an offering envelope company. The results have been very positive. September through December of 2010, showed a record number of households participating in giving. Many are finding the envelopes to be helpful, handy, & useful, & they certainly expedite things in the business office.

The purpose of the envelopes is to provide a convenient uniform vehicle for giving our tithes and offerings.

If you would like to receive envelopes in the mail please notify Steve Begun in the church office. There will be no additional cost to the church for the next fifty households added to the envelope mailing service. Each month you would receive a weekly "bring-in" envelope plus one mail-in envelope.

Live Oak Financial News

Steve Begun

"Now **all of you** together are Christ's body, and **each one of you** is a separate and necessary part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT)

It is with great joy that I am able to say that Live Oak members are faithful, as shown by the numbers below. The amount received is through December 28.

Dec Budget:	\$45,423	Year To Date Budget	\$ 190,823
Dec Donations	\$61,774	Year to Date Donations:	\$ 197,864
Surplus:	\$16,351	Surplus for BBB Projects	\$ 7,041

Live Oak Calendar

Mon, Jan 3	CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED for New Year
Mon, Jan 3	Ladies Luncheon NOT meeting in January
Wed, Jan 5	FIRST WEDNESDAY
Sun, Jan 9	Live Oak 101; 9:30 AM in Room 106
Wed, Jan 12	Wed. Morning Women's Bible Study begins
Thurs, Jan 13	Women's Book Club; 7PM at Live Oak
Fri, Jan 14	MOPS; 9:30 AM at Live Oak
Jan 21-22	Ignite Student Conf. in Amarillo



Tree House Club

Jeannette Gist,
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Thank you for supporting the Tree House Club's bake sale. Together, we raised over **\$1100** that we used to purchase: **5 Goats, 8 Chickens, 1 Pig, 10 Fruit Trees, 1 Education For One Child, 1 Pack of School Supplies, 1 Sheep, 1 Rabbit and 1 Donkey.**

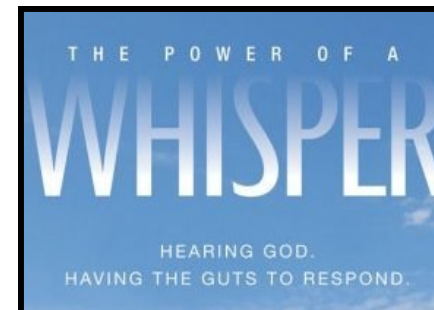
These gifts could potentially change the lives of entire villages of impoverished children and families. **Praise God!**

The gift recipients aren't the only ones experiencing change. This project has affected the THC children, too. They have been enlightened about the problem of global hunger and empowered to make a difference. Families spent time baking and connecting together during this busy season, children emptied their entire piggy banks, hosted lemonade stands and did extra chores to raise money to help people they may never know in this lifetime. I so appreciate Casey Morrow for initiating and coordinating this effort. It was a blessing to all of us.

I'm looking forward to seeing what God is going to do in the lives of families in 2011 and I want to invite you to be part our team! Be transformed as you are used by God to help evangelize and transform the lives of children and families right here at Live Oak. There is a place for YOU on our team...

God bless you and thank you for your prayers and support of the Tree House Club children's ministry.

Jeannette Gist



What would happen in your life if you stopped and said, "God, I'm listening"? What would God do in our church, or our city, if more often than not we heard His voice and said, "YES". In the month of February, Live Oak will explore the attitudes and actions that help us hear God's voice more clearly. Here's how you can get the most out of this experience:

- **Commit to participate** in the four worship services in February.
- **Join with others** for a 4 week small group study. Most groups will begin on Sunday, February 13th.
- **Read the book The Power of a Whisper** by Bill Hybels, for extra insight and personal reflection. Hard back copies are available for \$12 in the foyer.

If you've been on the sidelines or looking for a way to be more connected to God and the church, don't miss this opportunity! For more information, go to www.live-oak.org or contact Adam Morrow at adam.morrow@live-oak.org or 798-5583.



LOSM is taking a road trip!!

January 21-22 in Amarillo, TX

Cost is \$40. Students can sign up in Rm #106

Details online at www.losmonline.com.

