

**THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**  
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 via satellite at Live Oak Community Church

## LEAD WHERE YOU ARE

You've been given the gift of influence – in your home, school, profession, community or church - in which people are depending on you to move them to a better place. Learning how to maximize the positive impact of your influence is what leadership development is all about.

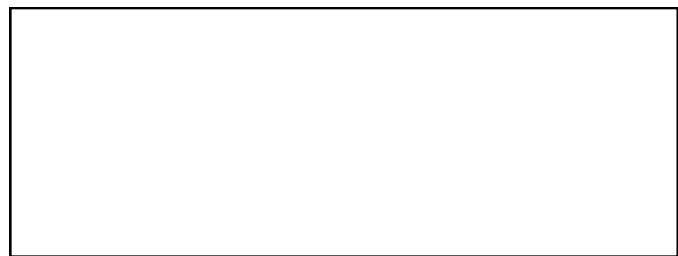
Through the **Global Leadership Summit, August 11-12**, you have access to a faculty line-up that brings incredible depth and breadth of leadership talent, perspective, and insight. Gain practical, hands-on wisdom as some of the world's brightest leaders download their experiences and expertise so that you can develop as a leader.

**Commit now to set aside two days (Thursday, Aug. 11 & Friday, Aug. 12) so God can do powerful things in your life during the 2011 Summit experience right here in our own church.**

**The cost for Live Oak people to register is \$75.00.**

The Code for Live Oak people to use is 2011gls. Register at <http://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/>

*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](mailto:sherry@live-oak.org)*



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We are going to replace "First Wednesday" services this summer with a series of very special church family events in June, July, and August.

**June** – Though there will not be a full-blown First Wednesday Service, we are inviting Live Oakers to attend a **special Family Meeting on Wednesday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m.** We'll not be serving supper (but please bring take-out or brown bag with you if you like. We'll have tables set up and ready for you.

**July** – All Church Picnic and Baptism, Sunday evening, **July 17**

**August** – Friday Night Live – **August 19**

**September** - We will resume our regular First Wednesday service & family meal.

## Coming Next on Sundays:



**RITUAL:** Christ followers need to make sure sacred rituals don't become empty rituals. We must not forget why we do what we do. In this series we are going to explore the origins of these practices, and why we, as the Christian Church, encourage participation in them today. We'll also talk about how we can experience God and get the most out of participation in each particular practice.

**5/29 Sabbath** Chuck Williams  
 Join us as we explore the meaning and importance of the first ritual implemented in Scripture. Sabbath is a celebration of the provision of God, creation of God, freedom of God, and salvation of God.  
*Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 16:22-30, Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Mark 2:23-28, Mark 3:1-6*

**6/5 Communion** Mark Porter (We will observe Communion together)  
 We all need a place to go back to: the home you grew up in, a favorite vacation spot, the place where you got engaged. Spiritually speaking, communion is a pilgrimage back to the foot of the cross. It's the place to which we return. It's the place where we are reminded that Jesus loves us enough to die for us. *Luke 22:7-20, Exodus 12:1-15, Leviticus 17:11, Hebrews 4:15, Revelation 12:11, Revelation 7:15, 1 Peter 1:18.*

**6/12 Prayer** Craig Daugherty  
 Prayer is the way we take things out of our own hands and put them into the hands of our all-powerful God.  
*Philippians 4:4-8, 1 Peter 5:7*

**6/19 Baptism** Doug Halcomb  
 Baptism is the dramatic re-enactment of an epic spiritual story. A story in which we die to ourselves and are raised to new life in Christ. The ritual of baptism has been practiced by the church throughout its history. It is the way we publicly and outwardly declare what God has done in our lives as we trusted Jesus Christ as our Forgiver and Leader. It is also an important step of obedience that marks the beginning of a changed life. *Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17; Matthew 28:18-20, Galatians 3:26, Romans 6:3, Colossians 2:12, 1 Peter 3:20*

**6/26 Worship**  
 No one can worship for you or like you. The way you worship God is absolutely unique. Your life was meant to be part of the cosmic worship chorus that is being sung by all of creation. Play your part.  
*Revelation 4:1-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Psalm 98:4, 7-8*

**7/3 Tithing**  
 Tithing isn't a money issue. It's a trust issue. Tithing = Trusting. When you begin to tithe you'll discover that God can do more with 90% than you can do with 100%.  
*Malachi 3:6-12, Leviticus 27:30, Matthew 23:23, Luke 6:38, Genesis 28:20*

# Letter from Senior Pastor, Chuck Williams



**YEA GOD!** The counting is official and our offering for the Library/Administration Building for Ntimigom and the Kilgoris Project has surpassed **\$20,000!!!** Again I say -Yea God! Thanks to all who have given!

1 Chronicles 29:13-14 (Quoting King David) "13 Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand..."



The ripple effect of our partnership in Ntimigom is staggering. Here is an excerpt from an email I received today from Kenya:

*"The well is doing great serving the school and the surrounding community. There was a dry spell and though many water holes dried up, the well continues to have plenty of water!!!"*

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel! It is a blast doing ministry with you!

**Chuck**

## Calling all writers!

liveoakroots.com (our blog) is looking for folks willing to be contributors. If you love writing and are willing to submit a post once a quarter or so, this gig is for you. Our main need is for the "Taking It Deeper" feature, in which writers expound on a key idea or thought that really resonated with them from the Sunday message. Contact Mindy Porter: [mporter115@suddenlink.net](mailto:mporter115@suddenlink.net).

## HAVE YOU FOUND US YET???

Live Oak has a very active Facebook page. If you log onto to Facebook and "like" our page, you can become part of the action. It's a way to connect with other Live Oaker's, plus it's an easy means to get the latest news about Live Oak life in a timely manner. Another bonus? Posts from liveoakroots.com are always featured on our wall. Finally, Facebook CAN be used for evangelism! When we've got something big going on (i.e. Friday Night Live, Vintage Easter Celebration) we create a Facebook "event." You can then, with a couple of clicks, send this event to your friends on Facebook. It's super easy.

**Don't delay...find us on facebook today!**

## Tree House Club K-5th grade

This summer, we will be learning about needs and service opportunities within our community. Join us as we travel to different agencies in our community that welcome children to explore their gifts. Here are our June service/learning activities.

### June 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 am- 12:30 pm

Meet At The Ronald McDonald House To Bake Cookies and Make Cards For Families Staying There. While we are there, we will learn more about the mission of the Ronald McDonald House & the ways they help families in need.

### June 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am-11:30 pm

Meet at the Salvation Army Thrift Store (1102 Slide Road) where we will learn about the important work this organization does to help our community. We will get to be part of that work when we help organize the store for shoppers.

Sign Up in The THC. First come, first served. If we have a big demand we will add shifts. We can only use 12 children at a time in these programs.

### June 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00-9:00 pm

Games, Hot Dogs, S'mores, and Father's Day Craft at Miss Jeannette's House

## Sign up in the THC

## THC Needs Teachers for K-1st Gr.

We are losing Robyn Greene, our weekly first service teacher, at the end of May when she moves around the world to be a missionary. Contact Jeannette if you can teach this class once, twice or even 4 times a month. Contact Jeannette Gist at [jeannetteg@live-oak.org](mailto:jeannetteg@live-oak.org)

## A Word... or 2 from Brian

As it stands, we are still in need of a first Saturday clean team. One option we could explore to remedy this need would be for two small groups to alternate. This way, the teams would only serve on the clean team once every other month on the first Saturday. It may also be an option to clean on a Thursday or Friday night if needed to accommodate families during the summer. I remind you that we are completely dependent on volunteers to clean the church each week. It saves the church a ton of money & elevates ownership! Thank you so much to those of you who sacrifice your time to keep our facilities looking awesome!

If you are interested in serving on or leading a clean team, please contact Brian Findley at [brianf@live-oak.org](mailto:brianf@live-oak.org) or call the church at 798-5583. Thank so much!

**THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH IS ALSO IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF SOMEONE TO HELP WITH THE MOWING.**

## Live Oak Calendar

**CALENDAR NOTE:** NO 1st Wednesday during summer, though we do have a special all-church family meeting on Wednesday June 1 at 6:30 pm.

Mon, May 30	Church offices closed for Memorial Day
May 30 - June 3	Youth Camp @ Camp Panfork
Wed, June 1	Special All-church Family meeting @ 6:30p
Sun, June 5	LOSM Student Breakfast @ 9 am
Mon, June 6	Memorial Service for Carolyn Ramazani
Sun, June 12	Live Oak 101
Fri, June 17	Send-Off party for Robyn Green
July 8-15	Youth Summer Mission Trip to Houston
July 10-15	Mexico Mission Trip
Sun, July 17	Live Oak Picnic & Baptism
Aug 12-13	GLA - Global Leadership Summit
Fri, Aug 19	Friday Night Live

**A memorial service will be held at Live Oak on Monday, June 6, at 11:00 a.m. for Carolyn Ramazani, Jennifer Halcomb's mom. Carolyn was an active member of Live Oak until she moved to the Dallas area.**

## "Dessert Send-Off"

for Robyn Green  
Friday, June 17th  
7- 9 pm (come and go)  
at 3404 44th (the Porters).

All are invited to come join the send-off of one who has touched our lives so richly! There will be a "Giving Tree" that night if anyone wants to give an offering toward Robyn's upcoming missionary adventures in Papua, New Guinea with New Tribes Mission!



## LIVE OAK 101

Sunday, June 12  
9:30 AM in Room #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 and classes provided for kids infant-5th grade.

Contact Adam Morrow at 798-5583 or [adam.morrow@live-oak.org](mailto:adam.morrow@live-oak.org)

## Live Oak Financial News

*"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)*

- ⇒ As of May 24, the total amount given for the Ntimigom Library and Administration building is **\$20,251!**
- ⇒ General Budget giving in April was \$3,915 over budget needs, bringing us within \$338 of matching budget for the year. (Additionally we had funded some Beyond Budget Blessings in December!)
- ⇒ As of May 24, we need \$5,676 to meet the budget needs for May, with still one Sunday remaining.



## MEXICO SUMMER MISSION PROJECT

When? **July 10-15**  
Where? Mission El Faro - aka The Lighthouse in Pedras Negras  
Who? YOU and your soon-to-be closest friends  
Why? To share the love of Christ through a children's sports camp and various work projects

To sign up or for more info, please contact Jon Motsinger at: [jon\\_motsinger@hotmail.com](mailto:jon_motsinger@hotmail.com)