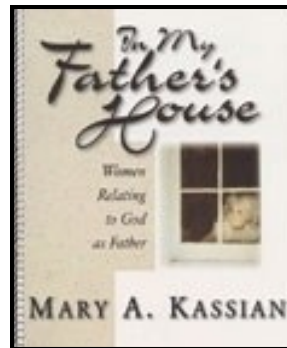


Women's Book Club

Thursday, March 10th
7:00-8:30 PM
at Live Oak in Room 107

The selected book for this month is "Cape Refuge," Book 1 in the Cape Refuge Series, by Terri Blackstock. This book may be bought at Mardel or Lifeway or available at the Lubbock Public Library, or on Amazon.com.

All Live Oak Ladies are invited to join us for fellowship & discussion time. Please invite a friend. For more details call Beverly Payne at 798-7612.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On the Wednesday after Spring Break, **March 23, 9:30-11:30AM**, The Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study group will start a new study: **In My Father's House: Women Relating to God as Father** by Mary Kassian. This study will be discussion only, no videos, but an amazing opportunity to grow closer to the Lord and each other.

Contact person: Anna Fargason @ annafot@hotmail.com

LADIES LUCHEON

When: Thursday, March 3rd
Time: 12:45 pm
Where: SOUPER SALAD
6703 Slide Road (Slide & the Loop)

All ladies, 45 years old and up, please come and join us for a great meal and fellowship.

For more information call Beverly Payne at 798-7612.



Live Oak Student Ministries

Presents...



Join us for LOSMs annual Dinner Theatre for loads of fun, good food, and show that's guaranteed to make you laugh!

This year's performance is under the direction of our own, Adam Franks!

Sunday, April 3rd from 5:30 - 7:30pm

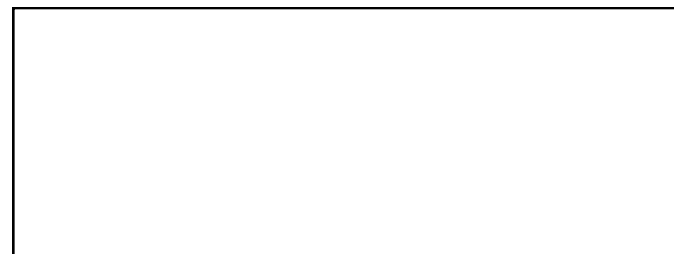
Cost: \$10/Adults & \$5 for Children

(Childcare is available for children 3 and under)

Tickets on sale beginning March 6th!!



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: sherym@live-oak.org



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LIVE OAK 101

Sunday, March 13th; 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 & classes provided for kids infant-5th grade. Contact Adam Morrow at 798-5583 or adam.morrow@live-oak.org



First Wednesday, March 2

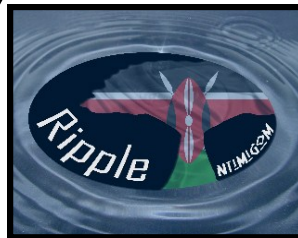
"Whisper 201"

FIRST WEDNESDAY:

5:45 - Family Meal:
(\$2 per person)
Taco Soup, chips & queso
Salad & dessert
6:30- Worship Service
Communion & Baptism

If you are finding yourself intrigued and inspired by the study of **The Power of a Whisper**, and would like to dig deeper into hearing from God and doing His will, you won't want to miss this First Wednesday! Chuck will be sharing about a tool that has been very beneficial to him over the last twenty or so years. This helpful resource, **Experiencing God**, by Henry Blackaby, has impacted thousands of lives. The reality of Live Oak Community Church is a testimony to its value. Come and find out why!

Ripple: ntimigom



At Christmas in 2009, God moved in the hearts of Live Oakers. As a body we were able to contribute over \$25000, which was used to dig a well at the Ntimigom school in Kenya. Fresh water became available to people of the area for the first time.

The people of Ntimigom see this well, this fresh water, as an absolute gift from God...His Providence.

And because of this fresh water, no more trips to the previous water source, which was actually very dirty, were required. So school aged girls, whose job had been to fetch this water everyday—which could take 5 hours—are now able to attend school full time.

Because of this fresh water, the people and children of the whole area village are healthier. Healthier people=happier people. People that can learn and grow.

Now Ntimigom has become more of a hub, because of this water source. This growth means More people are a part of a growing community that offers schooling and an active church.

The ripple effect of this well--this fresh water--will continue to spread.

Now we have the opportunity to partner with Ntimigom again. They need a library/administration building. With more than 200 children at the campus daily, space is

needed. The new building will hold school offices, a teacher Conference room and a library.

For \$ 20,000, which is roughly \$11 a square foot, Live Oak can provide this building.

With a library comes increased literacy for kids AND parents alike. An administration building means space for educational supplies, offices for teachers and meeting space for trainings for Ntimigom teachers as well as teachers from surrounding schools.

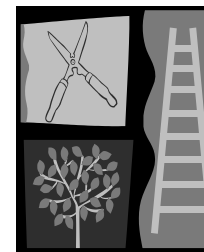
Only God really knows all that will come from this building. He already knows the ripple effect it will have in the lives of the Ntimigom people, who He loves so much.

So what is our part...your part ?

You are invited to participate in the ripple, and there are two ways to do this...

- Commit to pray for the people of Ntimigom & that God, through His church, will continue to meet the needs of these beautiful people.
- Donate financially to the construction of the much needed administration building/library. There will be a ripple:ntimigom display in the foyer where you can bring your contributions --or- you can bring your offering on May 1st...on which we will commit our Sunday services to this initiative!

For all the details, go to the live oak web page www.live-oak.org & click the ripple: ntimigom button.



GROUNDWORKDAY at Live Oak

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH; 9:00AM-1:00PM

It's time to do some sprucing up of this amazing property with which God has blessed us! Our trees are due for a good pruning. We will need a lot of folks to come & help out. You certainly don't have to be a professional. We'll direct you in what to do. You may even learn something new. Tasty donuts & hot coffee will be provided to get you warm and awake. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact Brian Findley at 798-5583 or brianf@live-oak.org

Thanks to Bring: safety glasses, gloves, pole saws, banana saws, chain saws, ladders, trailers, old tarps

Coming Next on Sundays!

Sunday Series for March: **Song of Songs: PG13**

Whether you're married, single, or struggling in a relationship, we all have questions about what contributes to a solid relationship, how we work through conflict, and how to make it for the long haul. In this series based on key passages in the Bible book, "Song of Songs," we'll explore real life answers for real life relationships.

[We are only doing 3 of the 6 Sessions that Pastor Craig Groeschel of LifeChurch did in his series, "God, Love, Sex." (We're doing part 1, Part 4, and Part 6.) If you want to study Parts 2,3,and 5, you can go to <http://open.lifechurch.tv/Series/27> and hear Craig's messages.

Combined they are a complete study through the book Song of Songs in the Old Testament.]

3/6 **Faithful Attraction** (Part 1 in LifeChurch Series)

Scriptures: Proverb 12:4, Song of Songs 1:3-2:6

In this message we are going to look at a married couple who glances back and sees the godly qualities that attracted them to one another. We'll find that if you want a different result in dating relationships and in marriage, you have to take a different path. The foundation has to be built with godly character, godly trust, godly standards, and be saturated with encouraging words.

3/13 **Reconcilable Differences** (Part 4 in LifeChurch Series)

Scriptures: Proverb 27:15, Songs 5:2-3,4-6,Romans 12:21,Philippians4:8, Ephesians 4:26-27, Songs 6:11-13

This message is about conflict in relationships and how to resolve them. In marriage, we need to understand the truth that all couples have conflict. We'll uncover the root causes of conflict: unmet expectations, selfishness, and pride. We'll also unpack three life-giving promises that can help bring resolution when conflict does occur: the promise to act and not react, to focus on the good and not the bad, and to talk things out together.

3/20 **Till Death Do Us Part** (Part 6 in LifeChurch Series)

Scriptures: Songs 8:8-10, 6,7, 1 Corinthians6:20, 1 Thessalonians 4:16

In order to get a deeper understanding of the meaning of God's truth in a covenant of marriage, this message will describe some of the rich tradition of an Old Testament Jewish wedding ceremony. The study will add new depth to the truth of the words "until death do us part."

Succession Team Update

If you're interested in seeing what a Christ-honoring senior pastor transition might look like, you would enjoy reading **Transition Plan**, by Bob Russell. Our elders and succession team members have benefited tremendously from reading this book. You are invited to check out a copy of **Transition Plan**, through Sherry Matthews in the Church office.

Live Oak Financial News

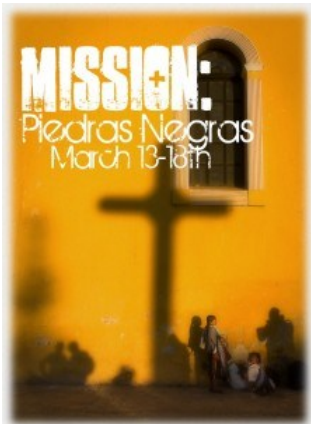
"Now all of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT)

January Budget: \$47,191 Yr To Date Budget: \$ 238,014

January Donations: \$42,102 Yr to Date Donations: \$ 232,425

Shortage: \$ 5,089 Shortage: \$ 5,589

As of February 21, \$9,157 was still required to meet February budget needs.



The Chance of a Lifetime!

Spend Spring Break in Piedras Negras, Mexico...

Mission trip quick facts:

- **Trip Dates:** Sunday March 13th - Friday March 18th
- **Cost:** \$200 (\$100 deposit due Feb. 20th, balance due Mar. 6th)
- **Very Important Team Meetings:** Sundays at 12:30 on Feb. 27th & Mar. 6th
- **Project Goals:** Serve missionaries, Ken & Yolanda Sessions with prayer and encouragement
Serve the mission by helping with construction projects
Serve the people of Piedras by hosting an after-school VBS
- **What you need to do to go:**

Contact team Leader Robyn Green (239-5175, rlgreen03@yahoo.com)

Attend Feb 27th Team mtg; bring copy of passport, mission trip application, & \$100 deposit.

Pray for:

- Safe travel in the new church van
- For the team to bond and work well together
- For Ken and Yolanda to be encouraged
- For each team member by name
- For health, strength and a servant heart

Mexico Spring Break 2011Team:

Craig Daughtery, Kelly Van Beekum, Robyn Green, Kevin Wills, Brittini Hodges, Kendon Woodard, Jennifer Farber, Gaby Garza, Austin Archinal, Tiffany Godly

An Hour on Sunday.

It's when we convene as a whole church and make much of Jesus together. It is during roughly two 60 minutes services that we offer our corporate worship to God. We should make the most of this.

It's too important not to.

He's too important for us not to.

The Sunday Service Planning and Technical Team believes that from the very first minute that service begins, to the last tick of the clock at the conclusion of it, we are offering our worship to Christ. The drama, the music, the message, videos, and yes, even the welcome, are ALL part of that worship offering.

You may have noticed lately we have been shutting the auditorium doors at certain parts of the service, and not allowing folks to enter. You may have noticed that we are imploring you to get to church early and be in your seats when the countdown ticker hits 0:00. You may have noticed we flicker the lights in the hallway to let you know it's time to head to your chair. What we are trying to do is encourage Live Oakers to get in place, take a breath, and have a second to prepare your hearts. It is about abandoning your hectic schedules, turning off your phones, shutting off your mental to-do lists, and finding some **sacred space** to meet with God, alongside your church family.

Live Oak Calendar

Sun, Feb 27 Planning mtg for Easter @ Vintage
Wed, Mar 2 FIRST WEDNESDAY Service
Thur, Mar 3 Ladies Lunch @ 12:45/Souper Salad
Sat, Mar 5 Grounds Workday at Live Oak
March 13-19 SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP
Thurs, Mar 10 Women's Book Club; 7 PM
Fri, Mar 11 MOPS; 9:30 AM at Live Oak
Sun, Mar 13 Live Oak 101; 9:30 AM in Room 106
Sun, Apr 3 LIVE OAK DINNER THEATER
Sat, Apr 23 Easter @ Vintage

And one way to create that sacred space as a large group of 150 to 300 people is to minimize unnecessary distractions...for you as a participants in worship, but also for those who are teaching, singing, and acting. Controlling the influx of folks who have arrived late is one way to do this. Shutting the doors to keep out foyer noise is another. Asking you to get settled in your favorite spot **before** worship begins, is yet one more.

Ultimately what it's all about is the hope that we can come together as an expression of Christ's Church, and give Him our best for an hour on Sunday. It is the hope that we can meet with the living Savior, offering Him our complete attention, knowing very well we will come away changed. It is about loving Him, and understanding that finding that sacred space is worth it...and being willing to do whatever it takes to go there with Him. God knows He is top priority and deserving of our praise and adoration, but we're selling **ourselves** short when we don't hunger for and find that sacred space. Afterall, we were created to worship Him!

We know Live Oakers want to make much of Jesus and offer worship to Him. We know you care deeply about meeting with Him and letting Him change you from the inside out. So we invite you to join us on this journey as we learn and grow in corporate worship. And we welcome your feedback on how we can cultivate an atmosphere that creates and nurtures that sacred space.

Sincerely,

The Sunday Morning Planning and Technical Team
Chuck Williams, Brian Findley, Mindy Porter,
Kristy Barnett, Sherry Wright, Christy Leezer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR:

Spring Training

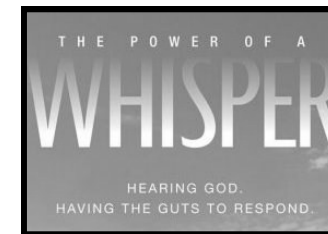
Marriage Seminar

March 25-26

Led by

Adam Morrow & Jeannette Gist

More details coming soon in the Sunday morning program & at the Connection Center



(in response to our 4 week series: The Power of a Whisper)

Our Whispering God by Kay Weston

"Get your butt in there, " I heard, as audibly as if someone were sitting in my passenger seat. On a dreary November day in 2001, I sat in my car in front of the employment agency. I was unable to move, weary at the thought of filling out yet another application, dreading still more rejection. God often immobilizes me when He wants me to hear from Him!

I'd worked in the past because I wanted to, but now, divorced at fifty, with two teenaged daughters at home, I had to. The year 2000 had been an eventful one. I had ended a twenty-six year relationship with my husband and had begun a relationship with Jesus Christ. So, hearing from God was a heady, new experience for me. A few months earlier, a mature Christian friend told me she was getting her suitcase out of the closet to go on her church's annual mission trip. It was the highlight of her year, and she hummed a hymn as she anticipated the trip. As she reached for the suitcase, a voice came from *inside* the closet, "Don't go...you are needed here." She immediately called her pastor and canceled the trip. Her dad became ill and died that week. By obeying the whisper, she had precious final moments with him.

I was blown away by her story and told my friend I sure wished I'd start hearing from God. "You already have", she said. "You told me that day, when you were glued to your sofa, God told you everything in His Word was The Truth." It had happened just that way. On a summer afternoon in 2000, I was trying to read my Bible, and I was unable to see the words on the page. It was like looking through a fog. I was in a mental fog, too, and finally shut my eyes, since it was obvious I wasn't going to be able to move off my old blue couch. I prayed, "God is this you?"

"Yes, it's me and everything in that book on your lap is from me. And it's all one story, the Old and New Testaments, all the same story. You believe, now it's time to receive. And I want you to get baptized in a swimming pool in two weeks." This whisper was more like a dream, because I think I did fall asleep. But once awake, I was certainly clear on what I needed to do.

That was my first and most important whisper. Since then, I try to be tuned in to God, much the way the signal on my old radio came in when the red line was placed perfectly between two marks. I'd turn the dial and position that line and pick up my favorite station. Now, I always want to be getting His signal, loud and clear.

There have been many more of His amazing whispers over the past ten years: "Give up trying to find a husband. I have one for you, and I'll send him once you're ready." "Just go," words that led us to leave home for a year and have some awesome adventures. One whisper told me to invest in the lives of my grandchildren. Another revealed to me that I had control issues. And many have comforted me in times of trouble. I would not want to go back to my deafness, now that my hearing is so acute.

So, did I get out of my car and go into that employment agency ten years ago? You bet I did. I got a good paying job at a doctor's office that sustained the girls and me during the divorce years. Although the job had its challenges, it was definitely where God wanted me. I know because He told me.

... liveoak|roots

Have you checked out the official Live Oak blog, **liveoak|roots** lately? It's all about **growing.roots.together** ...digging deeper & connecting with others and finding awesome resources for your personal growth. Go to our website at live-oak.org and click on the "blog" icon.

God's whispers in my daily life

Blogged by **Lindsay Nickle** on Feb 19, 2011

The concept of being loved by a God who is relational implies that communication with God is a two-way street. Relationships invariably do not work if they are one-sided, so for a relationship with God to work, intrinsically, there should be open lines of communication. And there are. But hearing from God and having the confidence to know that I am hearing from God seems so difficult.

I can look back on my life and see many occasions that God led me to take certain actions or make certain decisions. What I don't see when I look back is an understanding or an acknowledgement that I was recognizing that God was speaking to me. Nor do I see a maturity as a Christ-follower to acknowledge that taking a certain action or making a certain decision was an act of obedience to God's direction. What I see with the 20/20 vision of hindsight is a tapestry of events in life that cannot have unfolded in the way that they did without God's masterful hand. But I was and continue to be more likely to perceive the outcomes as the result of my own actions, or strengths, or abilities.

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I regret that in those times I had not learned to be mindful of hearing God's voice, but I am so grateful that God continues to speak to me, even when I have repeatedly shown Him that I am arrogant enough to assume that His voice is actually my own. What amazes me is how God has led my life and shaped my character without me demonstrating a mature, conscious awareness of it. I can hardly imagine how powerful the impact if I were to be consciously aware of and humbly obedient to God's whispers in my daily life. If I start today to increase my awareness of God's whispers, I believe that God will whisper louder, and bigger, and bolder than I have ever experienced.

Mint Green

by Jeannette Gist

On a sweltering August day, in '93, Randy and I got some wonderful news! We found out we were expecting our first child. I had wanted to be a mommy my whole life, so I was ecstatic! Naturally, I couldn't wait to transform our home into a place that reflected the new life that would soon inhabit the space.

Now, anyone who knows me, knows that I wrestle with the concept of delayed gratification. So, waiting nine long months to discover the sex of our baby was almost more than I could stand. I wanted-no **needed**- to shop for that nursery! Finally, we (and when I say "we," I mean "I") couldn't wait any longer. We went shopping for the nursery and bought gender neutral bedding and clothing. This turned out to be quite a task. The problem with creating an environment that does not lean toward femininity or masculinity- one that does not offend the sensibilities of either is that it fails to inspire. There were fewer options from which to choose and none of them were all that much fun. We painted the walls and chest of drawers butter-yellow and filled the closet with a sea of mint green sleepers. It was remarkably unremarkable, and at the very least it was boring.

At my final ultrasound, the technician placed the wand on my belly and saw what we'd all been desperately seeking to know for months. "It's a GIRL!" he exclaimed. We were parents of an honest to goodness sugar and spice baby girl! A pink haze fell over our minds and we flashed forward in time to tea parties, dance recitals and even our daughter's wedding day!

When we returned home, we knew what had to be done. We went right to work disassembling the mint nightmare! We purchased a chalet for our little princess- a stunning round crib with a fairy tale-like canopy. We proceeded to fill that room with every over-the-top, prissy, pink, lacey accoutrement God ever put on this earth. We also exchanged that drab mint green wardrobe because let's face it; no self-respecting baby would have been caught dead in any of that androgynous garb.

When we sought to create an environment more specifically reflective of gender of our child, we found we not only had more options, but **better** options. We still used some mint green in her bedding and in her clothing. We just didn't **lead** with the mint green/gender neutral concept.

It's kind of like that with children's ministry. We try to design programs and environments that will appeal to (and not offend) either sex. The problem with "mint green" programs and environments is that they are boring, uninspiring and ignore the volumes of research that indicate (especially at certain ages - second and third grade) boys and girls learn differently. They bond using different methods, boys through physical activity and girls through language driven activities. They thrive in different environments. (girls in tight cozy quarters, boys in open spaces). Is it any surprise that our teachers spend all their time managing "rowdy" boys and ignoring quiet compliant girls? No wonder teachers get frustrated and kids get bored.

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Mini Cheer Camp
For girls K-5th grade
Sat, March 5th, 9am-12pm
at Live Oak in Rm # 106
Cost: \$15 per student



**** Instructors:** Kelsey Kelly is a junior on the Coronado Pom Squad & Taylor Hamilton has cheered with Raider X and Coronado for her first two years of high school.

This is a fundraising event to help these girls earn money towards their mission trip with **The Kilgoris Project**.

Limited number of space, so call to sign up and reserve your spot. For questions or to sign up, contact Suzie McNelly at 704-996-7863 or 853-9950 or smcnelly@suddenlink.net



Tree House Club

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Starting March 6th, we will be attempting to get reduce some of that ***mint green** in the Tree House Club. (*read Jeannette's article on adjacent page - Mint Green.)



In the 9:30 and 11:00 services, 2nd- 5th grade **girls** will go to room 110. (formerly, the Tree House Club storage room) There, they will enjoy a girlie-girl environment lovingly created especially for them by a team of volunteers. We will use Bible based lessons created with girls in mind. We will have tea parties, get our nails done and do crafts, weekly. The 2nd-5th grade girls will be taught by a team of mature Christian women and their mature teen daughters.

The 2nd-5th grade boys in the 9:30 and 11:00 services... will start out meeting in room 107. In the classroom, we will teach a Bible based lesson, written with boys in mind, and will use a variety of physical activities such as the paper wad free throws, a Nerf gun marksmanship games and other "minute to win it" style challenges designed to get boys moving and bonding through physical activity and team competition. When the weather is nice you will frequently find them on the playground playing Bible baseball and other activities. Their class will be led by a group of mature Christian men (hand-picked by the boys in some cases) who will be assisted by both men and women. However, tea parties and nail polish are strictly prohibited!

Here is where we need your help... We need more volunteers in order to be able to provide this experience for all of our THC kids especially in the 11:00 service. Ultimately, we would like to divide these classes in 2nd/3rd and 4th/5th grade.

Our overall current THC needs are:

- Financial contributions toward starting and sustaining these new ministries. Volunteers have already spent over \$250.00 out of pocket to begin these ministries.
- 9:30 AM SERVICE, K-1 assistant teacher
- 9:30 AM SERVICE, 911 issue! It's racing season so, "Grandma Dale," our regular K-1 teacher, is going to be out of pocket a lot this spring. We will need a substitute teacher in K-1st grade while she is gone.
- 11:00 AM SERVICE, teacher and assistant for K-1 boys and girls (mixed) class weekly. (Can use 2 people 4 times a month, 4 people twice a month, or 8 people once a month)
- 11:00 AM SERVICE, assistants (separate boy & girls classes)
- Greeters every Sunday (3 times a month) Smile and welcome families to our church family!
- SNACKS! Cookies, crackers, canned or boxed drinks, granola bars, muffins, fruit, quiche
- Craft supplies- construction paper, markers, stickers, anything scratch and sniff, anything girlie, supplies to create "slime," scrapbook supplies, baking supplies
- A team of people dedicated to praying for and showing appreciation to our volunteers

Thanks for prayerfully considering how you can partner with our ministry to help us reach and connect to children in ways that matter most to the families we serve.

Vintage Township
FAMILY
Easter Celebration
Saturday, April 23rd

Join the planning team!

1st meeting is this
Sunday, Feb 27,
after 11:00am Service
in Room #107!