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

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

MAY 2011

# The Live Oak BRANCH

"I am the Vine, you are the branches" John 15:5

**1st WEDNESDAY**  
 CONNECT | CELEBRATE | CULTIVATE

Plan to attend 1st Wednesday on May 4th as we celebrate **ALL Live Oak Volunteers!**

The staff will treat volunteers with a ticket to a FREE dinner, and a gift!

Other's attending will pay \$2 per meal per person.

Additionally, former TTU running back, Baron Batch, will be here to inspire us all and thank you for your service!

**FIRST WEDNESDAY:**  
 5:45 - Family Meal: (\$2 per person)  
**VOLUNTEERS:**  
 Look for your ticket for a FREE meal on May 4th to come in the mail OR talk to your ministry coordinator  
 6:30- Worship Service & Communion

First Wednesday in May is

## Volunteer Appreciation Night!

Wednesday, May 4th  
 5:45 to 7:30pm  
 at Live Oak

**This night is all about you!**

Join us for an evening of fun, celebration, dinner (on us) and special surprises!

*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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**BABY/Child DEDICATION**  
 on Mother's Day,  
 Sunday, May 8th  
 (both services)

MUST contact Jenny Findley, Acorn Club Director, by May 1st to participate.

There is a mandatory prep class for parents on Sunday, May 1st, at 10 AM, in Room #103.

Call Jenny if you have any questions:  
**781-2572 or [nennylee@yahoo.com](mailto:nennylee@yahoo.com)**

**Tennis Fun Day**  
 Sunday, May 1,  
 2:00 pm,  
 at the Falls

For all ages and all levels of play. We will enjoy fun drills, games and some court time with fellow Live Oak-connected tennis enthusiasts.

**Bring your racket!**  
 For more information contact:  
 Chuck Williams [chuckw@live-oak.org](mailto:chuckw@live-oak.org)  
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# Coming Next on Sundays!

## "Ripple Effect"



Very few are meant for a life of notoriety, but all are meant for a life of significance. Each of us has a sphere of influence that reaches farther than you might imagine. Join us for this series as we begin to discover and decide what our influence will be?

### What will your influence be?

#### 5/1 The Ripple Life

Doug Halcomb

Anyone desiring to live a positive ripple effect life, must choose to submit to and cooperate with God. From Abraham's encounter with God we see a great example of how a person can, through a real and personal relationship with God, prepare for a ripple effect life. Abraham heard God's whisper, responded in obedience and faith, experienced God's provision, and embarked on a ripple effect life. God's promise to Abraham was to bless him and through him bless all the nations of the earth. Genesis 22:1-18

#### 5/8 The Ripple Attitude (Mother's Day/Baby Dedication) Chuck Williams

Having a positive ripple effect with your life will require an attitude of perseverance. Joseph endured staggering setbacks, yet because of his positive and persevering attitude he had an amazing ripple effect, perhaps one of the greatest ripple effects in all of history! He, like Abraham, heard God's whisper, demonstrated faith and obedience, then experienced God's provision and ripple effect. Genesis 37, 39-50, Genesis 50:20

#### 5/15 The Ripple Choice

Chuck Williams

Every decision, every "yes," has a ripple effect. Even our bad choices. That is why we must be aligned with Jesus throughout this life. Make an excellent choice and watch the ripple effect of blessing. All of us are intended to live a ripple-effect life.

#### 5/22 Summit Sunday - "The Land Between"

Jeff Manion (via Video)

How do you deal with those times in your life where the ripples don't seem to be happening?

## To the members of Live Oak Community Church,

Doug & Jennifer Halcomb



As you have probably heard by now, Live Oak has moved far along in the process of accomplishing the succession of our senior pastor. Chuck outlined the process two Sundays ago (April 10) when Doug Halcomb was introduced as the candidate to fill that role. This letter is intended to review that process & explain the role of Live Oak's membership at the present time.

Live Oak's by-laws provide the following:

*"In the event of a vacancy in the office of Senior Pastor, the elders shall be responsible to conduct a search for candidates to fill the position. Once the elders have selected a candidate, that candidate shall be presented to the Board of Directors and the senior leadership of the staff (as periodically defined by the elders) for affirmation by a two-thirds vote. The candidate shall then be presented to the participating membership for affirmation by a two-thirds vote."*

The elders commissioned a Succession Team last summer (2010) and provided that team with guidance regarding what a profile of a succeeding senior pastor might be. The elders determined a core principal that was to significantly influence the process of identifying a candidate: Preserve the core of Live Oak values and provide an opportunity for growth. To that end, the elders decided to start the search process first from within the Live Oak dna base (i.e., demonstrated leaders within the existing Live Oak family or that had previously been Live Oak members but were now in life and ministry elsewhere).

The process began with much prayer for God's guidance. An early step in the process was to survey both the elder membership and the Succession Team to see if such individuals came to mind. A consensus was found and a small group of men were identified. The Succession Team sought out detailed information from the identified individuals regarding leadership experience and styles, theological foundations, spiritual gifts, ministry emphases and passions, and their sense of calling. The Succession Team interviewed the individuals in January, 2011 and subsequently identified one candidate that was unanimously recommended to the elders. The elders prayerfully considered that recommended candidate during the months of February and March and also reached a unanimous decision to extend an offer to the candidate. On March 23, 2010, after much prayer with his wife Jennifer and with counsel and prayer from a number of his trusted friends, Doug Halcomb accepted our invitation to be the next senior pastor of Live Oak Community Church.

Doug has been officially presented to Live Oak's Board of Directors and its senior staff and has been unanimously affirmed by both groups. We have now reached the part that involves you, Live Oak's membership. For the review and affirmation by Live Oak members, we are following the procedural guidelines contained in our by-laws that govern the selection of elders. This involves a presentation of the candidate (which occurred on Sunday morning, April 10, 2011), followed by a 30-day period for our membership to pray and consider Doug as the proposed candidate. During this 30-day period, any member who has questions or concerns can and should address those questions or concerns to Doug personally or to any of Live Oak's elders. After this 30 day period, Doug must be officially affirmed by Live Oak's participating members by a two-thirds vote. **We have set Sunday, May 15, 2011, as the date for such affirmation to be determined. In both of the Sunday morning services, we will close worship services early enough to allow visitors and non-members to leave and we will convene a Live Oak family meeting.** The custom at Live Oak for such meetings is that we will ask for any reservations from our membership in affirming Doug as our next senior pastor. If none are voiced, Doug will be affirmed and we will close our meeting and our morning service with prayer. If we receive reservations from our membership, we will count votes to determine if the required two-thirds majority will be met.

As part of the body of Christ, Live Oak Community Church is God's church. As its members, we don't own Live Oak, but we have a fiduciary responsibility to wisely manage the resources that God provides for His kingdom work. As an individual member at Live Oak, you have both an opportunity and a responsibility to participate in selecting senior leadership for the years ahead of us.

Please continue to pray, specifically:

- That God uses the process to select His choice to lead Live Oak going forward
- That God continues to build His church, here at Live Oak and across the entire planet
- That the Holy Spirit blankets Live Oak with a spirit of unity, love and godliness during this momentous time
- That each and every Live Oaker clearly sees and embraces his/her role in being the church as we move through succession into continuation of ministry

If you have questions, concerns or comments, or would like more information please visit <http://www.live-oak.org/succession/>

Thank you,

**Randy L. Wright,**  
Chairman Board of Directors, Elder, and Member of Succession Team  
On Behalf of these three teams



## Youth CAMP Meeting

Wednesday May 4th

7:30 - 8:15 pm

All Students going to camp must attend this meeting with at least one parent. All remaining details for camp will be discussed and final balances will be collected. Students who wish to sign up, can still do so at this meeting.

## Summer Youth Mission Trip

July 8 - 15th, 2011

**Registrations Due on Wed. May 25th**

LOSM's summer mission project is in Houston, TX this summer from July 8 - 15th. It's an incredible opportunity for students to be part of some powerful Kingdom work in one of the worlds largest and most diverse cities. Students need to turn in a registration form along with a \$25 deposit by Wed, May 25. Registration forms are in room #106 or online at [www.losmonline.com](http://www.losmonline.com).



Ripple effect is defined as a spreading series of effects or consequences caused by a single event.

As a parent of elementary aged kids, I am very in tune with what's happening in their school. What happened at recess, multiplication tables, the teacher's mood that day – these are all regular dinner table topics of conversation. When Casey and I were faced with choosing where to put our kids in school, class size was a big factor. 14 kids per teacher is way better than 23, so we chose a school with small classes so our kids could have a better education.

I am sure any of you would do the same. Imagine if the only choice you had for your child was a school with only a few rooms crowded with over 200 children! In this school there is no place to put books, no place for teachers to meet to prepare or receive more training. But there are amazing teachers who love the students and a vibrant church working to make things better. This is the scene at a little country school in Kenya called Ntimigon (n-tim-i-gom).

When Jesus told the parable of the talents in Matthew 25, he charged us to invest what he's given us to multiply it in His Kingdom. I can't think of a place more ripe for the investment of our time and money than this church and school. The fruit of the water well we helped provide is evident already. God is clearly at work here! Our investment will pay huge dividends in the life of this church, school and the children and families they serve.

By May 1<sup>st</sup>, we want God to use us to raise \$20,000 to build an addition to this thriving school that will include a library and space for teachers. Will you help us?

Here are some actions you can take:

**Go to** [www.live-oak.org](http://www.live-oak.org) and click on the "Ripple" logo to get all the information. There is also a link there to give online.

**Get a jar** from the foyer display to take home and fill with change. Bring it back when it's full and dump it into the 5-gallon jug there. Let's see how many jugs we can fill!

**Be creative!** One family had a bake sale. One couple saved their coke money for two months. Another gave a portion of their tax return.

**Pray.** The blessing is ours to join God in His work in the world. Pray for the school at Ntimigon. Pray that we would have the joy of seeing God do an amazing thing by providing this addition. Pray that everyone would see how powerful and loving He is.

**Show up on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Bring your offering if you haven't already. We'll celebrate together as we bring our offerings and see what God does!

### Create a RIPPLE with Pocket Change!

Last year over \$3,500<sup>00</sup> in change and folding bills was collected for the well project at Ntimigon in Kilgoris, Kenya. Yes, I'm talking pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollar bills. Now that's a lot of change from a lot of folks. Obviously it took more than \$3,500<sup>00</sup> to complete the well project at Ntimigon. But, at the same time, it's amazing to recognize God's grace in that amount, the number of people involved, and how quickly those pennies and nickels add up to help complete the larger work. That well is changing countless lives, and is becoming a hub for the entire area.

This year the church has been called to help build a school library for the Ntimigon campus. Just as clean water is critical to life, so education is critical to breaking the cycle of poverty and improving life. We have provided mason jars and asked families to donate their change to this new life changing project. There is also a large jug in the church lobby where you may contribute your change. Just as it took more than the coins collected to finish the well it will take more than change in mason jars and a large jug to build the library. But at the same time, please don't disregard the change as insignificant. As you contribute your change, pray and let the Spirit of God "ripple" through you. Maybe He wants to start with a few cents and grow to something more.

## 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)*

March Budget:	\$47,645	Yr to Date Budget	\$ 319,709
March Donations	\$45,034	Yr to Date Donations:	\$ 315,456
Shortage:	\$ 2,611	Shortage	\$ 4,253

As of April 26, \$386 was still required to meet April budget needs.

The business office is looking for volunteers to help with the deposit team. No experience necessary, just good math skills. It's quick and easy. If you're interested please contact Steve Begun at 798-5583 or [steveb@live-oak.org](mailto:steveb@live-oak.org).

## Live Oak Calendar

Sun, May 1	Parent Prep class for Baby/Child Dedication Tennis Fun Day!
<b>Wed, May 4</b>	<b>1st WEDNESDAY</b> - Celebration of Live Oak Volunteers BLAST – after 1st Wed for 6th-12 graders
Sun, May 8	Baby/Child Dedication (Mother's Day) Live Oak 101; 9:30 AM in Room 106
Thurs, May 12	Women's Book Club; 7 PM
Sun, May 15	RIPPLE Sunday
Sun, May 22	Summit Sunday & Senior Recognition Sunday



The well is finished at Ntimigon! Now 208 kids at the Ntimigon school have clean water, as do hundreds of people in the area.





## LIVE OAK DRAMA MINISTRY AUDITIONS ON MAY 21

Do you have an interest in acting, writing, or even directing dramas at Live Oak? If so, the Live Oak drama ministry needs you! We will be holding an open audition on **Saturday, May**

**21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm.** The audition will consist of cold readings and a little bit of improvisation, so join us for a fun afternoon. Veteran actors are welcome!

Contact Kristy Barnett (806)441-0580/ [loccdrama@suddenlink.net](mailto:loccdrama@suddenlink.net) if you plan on attending. Please be sure to specify what you are interested in – acting, writing, directing, etc.

## Teen Parents of Lubbock Diaper Drive

The Live Oak Women's Bible study is reaching out to a local ministry called Teen Parents of Lubbock. We need your help in collecting diapers to provide for teenage moms here in Lubbock.

From **April 3 to May 15**, we will be collecting diapers on Sundays at Live Oak. Please place in the Box in the foyer. The diaper sizes they need most are the bigger sizes-3, 4, and 5. Several of the moms have asked for pull-ups as well, but diapers are their biggest need. Any brand is fine, including the less expensive Target brand. Contact Beth Lopez at 445-9243 with any questions. Thank you!!



### TEEN PARENTS IS....

Teen Parents is a relational ministry of Youth for Christ/USA that reaches out to pregnant and parenting teenagers and their children. **Our mission** is to support, encourage, and equip them with the life, relationship and parenting skills they need. **Our goal** is to see these young families become emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually healthy. **Our purpose** is to see them become successful, responsible adults and life-long followers of Jesus Christ. Teen Parents of Lubbock seeks to involve resources of the community to help young parents build balanced lives.

## Multi-Family GARAGE SALE

on **Saturday, April 30th** at 5604 89th St. from 7 am to late afternoon to benefit Live Oaker, **Robyn Green** as she travels to Papua, New Guinea to begin her 2 year service as a teacher to missionary kids in New Guinea.

**Come by and shop!**



LOTS OF GREAT MUSIC!

LOTS OF EASTER EGGS!



LOTS OF PEOPLE & KIDS!



... AND TONS OF FUN FOR ALL!

**A special "thank you" to everyone that helped out!**