

The Live Oak Branch

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

Coming Next on Sundays:

- 9/4 Final Message of the "Word ... Is it in You" Series Word 3 - Matthew 4:10/Deut. 6:13 - Doug Halcomb - "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." The central focus of our lives is to worship and serve God.
- 9/11 **This will be the 10th Anniversary of 9/11.** Please join us for services honoring our First Responders. Our children's choir will be singing America the Beautiful. The Message will be a message of Hope, from Romans 15:13. The services will include some powerful video & "my story" elements.

Remember that Sunday mornings at Live Oak are designed to be user-friendly, everyone's welcome, come-as-you-are experiences for anyone who desires to seek God. Our church grows and accomplishes the mission God has given us. Live Oak members and attendees, reach out to your friends, work associates, family members, and neighbors, and invite them to come along.

First Responders to be honored in our services on Sept 11.
Please let us know if you are a first-responder currently, or are retired from serving in that capacity.

American Idols

In Exodus - Moses is up on the Mountain taking longer to get back down with the Word from God than the people were anticipating. They grow impatient and decide they need a new leader and a new God. They claim that they melt down the gold in a pot and out comes this golden calf. Though those of us in contemporary Western culture aren't prone to literal idol worship, but we do have other "gods" to whom we give our full allegiance. The question is to whom do we turn when we turn our backs on God? What has your attention has you!

- 9/18 Part 1 -Material Wealth - The Parable of the Rich Fool - Luke 12:13-21
- 9/25 Part 2 -Professional Success - James 4:13-16
- 10/2 Part 3 -Entertainment or Physical Gratification - sex, pornography, substance abuse, eating disorders
- 10/9 Part 4 -Self: power, control, comfort ...

Opportunity to get to know others at Live Oak & to invite friends.

Live Oak Lemonade Stand

Sept 22 - Oct 1, 2011



The 2 Lemonade Stands at the South Plains Fair are Live Oak's annual all-church project to raise funds for designated ministry needs, outreach projects and/or missions emphasis.

Whether you're new to Live Oak or you've been around a really long time... **WE NEED YOUR HELP !!!** The lemonade stands require a HUGE team effort. During the Fair, there are over **420 four hour shifts to be filled**, from 10 am in the morning to midnight or later. Our goal is for everyone to have an opportunity to help or serve in some way. (**Must** be at least 14 years old to serve at the stand.)

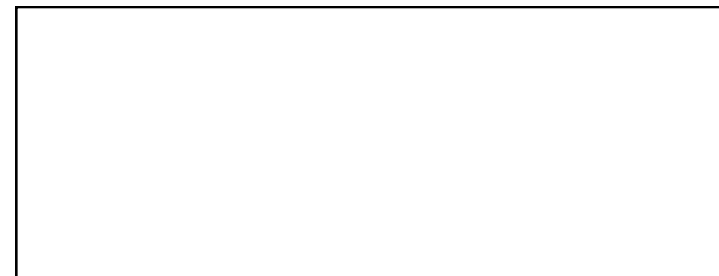
If you have any questions, contact Sherry Matthews at the church, 798-5583.

SIGN UP NOW ...
in the foyer or Call Sherry!

- Volunteers are provided:**
- Free Gate passes
 - Free Parking pass
 - Really cool FREE t-shirt.

Opportunity for small groups to serve together.

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: sherrym@live-oak.org



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... is Back !!!

Join us on Wednesday, September 7
 for 1st Wednesday at Live Oak!

FIRST WEDNESDAY:
 5:45 pm- Family Meal:
 (\$2 per person)
 Burgers & Dogs
 6:30 pm- Worship Service
 Communion & Baptism
 Classes for kids: infant- 5th gr

We'll be celebrating summer highlights at Live Oak:
Kenya Mission Trip, THC SOS, Friday Night Live,
Global Leadership Summit at Live Oak, ministry to
Lubbock Impact, & Student Ministry events.

1st Wednesday is when we do "church!"
 Join us on the **1st Wednesday** of each month as we **CONNECT** with each other over a meal, **CULTIVATE** a heart for God through communion & time in God's Word, & **CELEBRATE** together what God is doing through stories, baptisms and vibrant worship.

Meet our new Associate Pastor !

On Sunday, August 14, 2011, **Mark Porter** was introduced as our new Assoc. Pastor, to begin "officially" on Sept. 1. We praise the Lord for Mark. In addition to serving Live Oak as our Chairman of Elders, he has served capably as a key volunteer alongside Adam Morrow for the last several years. Mark is already leading in many areas associated with his new staff position. Mark and Mindy and their boys are very special to Live Oak! His willingness to step into this role is powerful confirmation of God's work among us!



**Mark & Mindy Porter
Luke & Blake**



Small Group Kickoff

Fall is in the air, the cool crisp mornings, the leaves changing colors...ok, ok, just wanted to make sure you were paying attention. After 34 days of 100-degree temperatures this summer, a guy can dream a little.

It is Fall and that means school is back in session, football games are going at all levels, and Small Groups are about to kick off at Live Oak. Small groups are more than just a church program. It is where church happens. Through the small groups, the leadership of Live Oak believes life change happens best. How?

Through life on life relationships as we seek to know Jesus and express our gifts, we are transformed to grow more and more like him.

Small Groups exist to *"To connect people relationally in group life for the purpose of growing in Christlikeness, by loving one another, and contributing to the mission of the church, in order to glorify God and make disciples of all nations"*.

So, what should you expect? Well, you should expect to be welcomed warmly and accepted right where you are at. You should expect to grow in relationships with others as we seek Him and His will. Small Group is more than just a meeting once week. It is doing life together by Loving, Learning, Reaching, and Serving. It isn't just a Bible Study or a social time. It is a time to encounter God while connecting in an authentic community.

If you sense you are missing something in your spiritual life maybe it is time to connect in community and give a small group a shot. Small Groups kick off the week of September 11. There are groups of all types forming now. All you have to do is email me at mark.porter@live-oak.org for information or questions.

So, What are you waiting for? Dive in!

Mark Porter, Associate Pastor

Sunday evening SMALL GROUP CHILDCARE

for kids age newborn-5th grade will kick off on
Sept 11, 5:30-7:30 pm

Kids 2 yrs. old & up will enjoy a back to school splash-bash!
Wear your swimsuits and bring your water guns!
We will serve pizza and popsicles, so come hungry!

Sign up online for SG childcare at www.live-oak.org

You have 2 options to pay:

- Online with a credit card- \$20 per child/per semester
- Give \$20 cash or check to Nancy Muncy (SG Child-care Coordinator)



Tree House Club

Jeannette Gist,
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Flash forward twenty years. Imagine your children. Who are they? What are they doing? Is your son still rockin' the Justin Bieber haircut? What kind of man did your daughter marry? What career path have they chosen?

Now, think a little about their spiritual journey... Do they have a relationship with Jesus Christ? Are your children walking with Christ in 20 years? Are they in community with other believers? Flash forward even further into the future... Will your grandchildren embrace your faith?

It has been said that, "Children won't always do what you say, but they will, with **unerring accuracy** do what you do."

So what are you doing?

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NIV)

"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on 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."

Awesome. So, how do I do that?

According to Deuteronomy 6 our faith needs to be woven into the fabric of our lives. It must be integrated into the mundane rhythms of life for it to take root in the lives of our children. Talk about your faith when you are walking, sitting, going to bed and waking up. Passing on our faith can't just be a Sunday thing and it definitely can't be outsourced to Sunday school teachers. Sunday school teachers get one hour a week with your children. What is your plan for the other 167 hours in a week?

It's something we have been thinking a lot about in the Tree House Club.

Our new curriculum- which we believe will help provide some answers to these questions, entitled

"D6" launches this month in the 9:30 service. It's multifaceted and not only makes it easy, but actually, *more likely* that your family will engage in regular faith talks in your home. The suggested devotionals and activities are simple enough, that anyone can lead them- even if you've never done it before. We are excited, because this will empower parents to model something worth repeating. God's plan for growing the kingdom includes parents doing something worth repeating.

Go to www.d6family.com to learn more There you can sign up for the free "Splink" e-mail that helps to link church and home for your family. You can also order quarterly devotionals and magazines for a small fee. (If you need a scholarship for these items, let me know.) We can't wait to hear what you think about living out D6 in your family!

Also new this fall, in the 11:00 service, worship music and mission education and service opportunities for the THC. Now, kids can stay for both services without having to sit through a repeat of the first service.

With all the new opportunities for learning and growing children, we have new opportunities for adult teachers and volunteers. So join us! See me for details!

On a few personal notes...

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the children's area at Friday Night Live and the THC Pancake Breakfast promotion Sunday! Thanks for keeping us safe and facilitating all the fun we had!

COURAGEOUS, the movie, opens September 30th. I got to screen this movie last summer at a conference in Dallas. Run, do not walk to go see this fabulous film about fatherhood.

Last, thanks to our dedicated THC volunteers. I believe we have the best team we've ever had in the history of LOCC. Thank you for loving children and loving Jesus. Your dedication is changing lives and the eternal destinies of entire families.

Much love in Him,
Jeannette



Live Oak Student Ministries

Chris Watson
Student Ministries Pastor



LOSM has a NEW SCHEDULE

Our midweek gathering called **Nexus** is now from **6:27-7:39 pm** each Wednesday night except for 1st Wednesdays. On 1st Wednesday's we will have a different activity each month immediately following the service & will last no later than 8:15 pm.

NEW TIME SLOT FOR LOSM SMALL GROUPS:

Our small groups start back up on **Sunday September 18th from 3-5 pm**. Look for each group's location to be posted on our website soon.

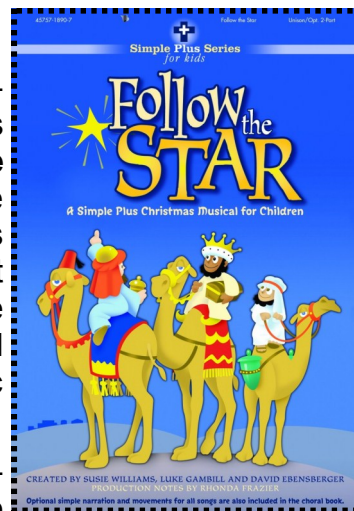
For more information about events and to find a calendar of the year's events please go to our website at www.losmonline.com. From there you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Children's Christmas Program Friday, December 16th

Dear Parents

We are so excited about our children's Christmas musical this year! It is called "**Follow the Star,**" a fun show that follows the 3 wise men as they set their sights on a bright star in the heavens that would ultimately lead them to the Christ-child, the King of all Kings. It will be on **Friday Dec 16th at 7:00pm**.

The first rehearsal will be on Sunday Nov 6th, & we will rehearse every Sunday evening (omitting the Sunday before Thanksgiving) from **5:45-7:15pm** until the week of the program. That gives us five rehearsals and one dress rehearsal to put together a wonderful program for our Lord!



Please double check your schedules and let me know ASAP if this schedule works for you and if your child wants to participate this year. If so, I will make a practice CD for your child to take home, and it will be ready by Sunday, Oct 23rd. I will hand out scripts and assign parts during our first rehearsal on Sunday, Nov 6th.

***The last day to sign up for the Christmas program is Sunday, October 30th * (That is one week before our first rehearsal).**

Thank you!
Kristy Barnett
Live Oak Drama Director
lcccdrama@suddenlink.net or (806) 441-0580

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Live Oak's Wednesday morning Fall Bible study meets every Wednesday morning 9:30-11am at Live Oak starting **Wednesday, September 14!**

We will study **Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John**, by Beth Moore.

She describes this study by saying, "Every disciple and early follower of Christ left a legacy for future believers. John's legacy was love. This study is about finding our way to the heart of Jesus and reclining so closely that our pulse begins to throb in tandem, loving what He loves and hating what He hates."

Childcare for pre-school aged children will be available for a nominal fee. Sign up online for childcare at www.live-oak.org

Workbooks are available at Lifeway by the Super Target or several online book stores. Please invite your friends, neighbors, or anyone interested in Bible study and fellowship with other women!

Contact person: Anna Fargason; 239-0492

Live Oak Calendar

Mon, Sept 5	Church offices closed for Labor Day
SEPTEMBER 7th	1st Wednesday resumes !!!
Fri, Sept 9	MOPS Kick-off (see insert for details)
Sun, Sept 11	Special service commemorating 9/11 Live Oak 101
	Small Groups kick off for the Fall
Wed, Sept 14	Women's Bible Study group starts up
Sun, Sept 18	Youth Small Groups begin
Sept 22-Oct 1	Lemonade Stand @ South Plains Fair

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)*

July Budget:	\$46,134	Year to Date Budget	\$ 504,872
July Donations:	\$44,064	Year to Date Donations:	\$ 501,930
Shortage:	\$ 2,070	Shortage:	\$ 2,942

As of August 26, \$12,500 was still required to meet August budget needs

PRAYER

Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ... If you...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"
Luke 11:9, 13

If you need prayer and would like to submit a prayer request or share an answered prayer, you can contact Sherry in the office at sherry@live-oak.org or call 798-5583.



LIVE OAK 101
Sunday, Sept 11

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.



Join us
Friday, September 9, 2011
9:30-11:30 AM at Live Oak

Contact Alicia Young
for details.
(aliciayoung2007@yahoo.com)

Looking for a place to re-energize?
Looking for a place to grow spiritually?
Looking for a place to connect with other moms?

REGISTER NOW!
MOPSLubbock.org

MOPPETS:
Classes are provided for infants- preschoolers while their mommies attends MOPS.

Then **MOPS** is for you!

Letter from Senior Pastor, Chuck Williams



Unsung Hero – Brad Nickle

When Adam Morrow shared with me that he and his family were exploring a move to Tyler at the end of the school year, the first thing that hit my windshield was — the Global Leadership Summit!??? Adam assured me that he was already in the process of covering the many bases that came under the umbrella of his leadership. He had always done a great job of raising up leaders. He had a very detailed plan of how everything would carry on during the interim and even had a flow chart with names plugged in almost every slot ... every slot except the Global Leadership Summit!



Most Live Oakers are not aware of the hours, skills, appointments, training, and expertise required by the lead person (Onsite Event Manager) for a Premier Host Site for the GLS. It is a huge responsibility! Did I say HUGE?! Adam handled it last year like a veteran, even though it was our first year. It was going to be so great to have an experienced leader in that pivotal role! Then, in the blink of an eye, Adam got a job in Tyler and the Morrow family was off to their new adventure ... and us, without an OEM for the GLS : (



Up steps my Unsung Hero! Adam had contacted Brad Nickle about the possibility of taking on the OEM position. After much prayer and consideration, Brad said “yes!” With his background in business and management, as well as experience in ministry, Brad was the perfect guy for the job. He put his leadership, administrative, and encouragement gifts right to work, and our preparations for our host site of the Global Leadership Summit began coming together. With seemingly endless energy and motivation Brad stayed after the details, and when it was all said and done, our host site experience couldn’t have been better! Even the fact that half of our core leadership team was new to their respective positions, we didn’t miss a beat! All the team leaders responded so positively to Brad’s confident, humble, compassionate, personable approach.

I can’t say enough about the gift Brad gave Live Oak, the Leadership Summit, and me, by saying yes to this call of God in his life! I thank the Lord for Brad and Lindsay Nickle! What a blessing they’ve been to Live Oak, ever since they showed up at that momentous Friday Night Live, which was their introduction to Live Oak Community Church!



A Word... or 2 from Brian

FNL 2011 was the best ever! The Live Oak Band once again, along with Junior Vasquez and Katy Lively delivered a great night of live music for all to enjoy! The kids were well entertained with what looked like the largest jumper on the planet in addition to the barrel train, a crowd favorite! So many folks brought their grills and tailgated in style which has become a tradition that so many look forward to each year. Those directing traffic reported that they parked the most cars ever in the event's history.

I would like to personally thank the planning team, all of the roadies, the famous Groupie Guy (who was a huge hit) and the Live Oak band for making this year's FNL so special!

Every year the planning team learns something new about how to make the event better and safer for all. While the large jumper and the



barrel train were tons of fun for the kids, we realized that having them in the same area posed a bit of a hazard. Fortunately, no one was hurt and next year we'll do a better job to ensure the safety of all of our little ones. We would welcome any feedback on how to make FNL better in years to come.

Once again, thanks to all who came and invited friends, co-workers and neighbors! We're already looking forward to FNL2012!

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