

# The Branch NewsLETTER

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

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## **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS**

March 4-11, 2018

NAMB's mission field is the U.S., Canada and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa. This region contains diverse ethnic groups, languages and religions. Approximately 269 million people in North America do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

For you, *"here and now"* is the neighborhood, job, school, small town, or large city where he has called you. Your call is also unique. Are you seeing the needs with a willingness to love in truth and action?

NAMB is grateful for your prayer support and sacrificial giving.

How will you respond *"Here and Now"*?

**Pray, Give, Go.**

## **NORTH AMERICAN MISSION STUDY**

**March 4, 2018**

**5-7 PM**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Linda Bean-Study Leader**

**Nursery Provided**

**Supper will be during the  
mission study.**

**Please bring finger foods.**

Join our mission study as we learn about missions in Las Vegas. North American missionaries live and minister in the *"here and now"* of where God has placed them. Each missionary's call is unique, as is his or her mission field.

## From Our Pastor

In recent days God has been reminding me in various ways of the necessity and importance of being a gospel centered church. The apostle Paul in Romans 1:16 declares that *“the gospel of Christ is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.”* In other words, the gospel has enough power to change the world; therefore, it is critical that we embrace the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20) which is to go and make disciples.

If you believe that the gospel of Christ can change a life and ultimately change the world then you will engage in conversations with your family, friends, neighbors, and associates about the loving, holy, and just God who provided His one and only son Jesus Christ as the sufficient payment for their sins to be forgiven and secure eternal life in heaven.

I pray that the Holy Spirit ignite in each of us a passion for lost souls. In Matthew 9:36-38, Jesus calls upon all Christians of all time to visualize the harvest, agonize in prayer, and evangelize as His laborers. I pray that you will commit to help Live Oak First Baptist Church be a great commission church who is sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Your Pastor,

*Brother Donald*

## From Our Minister of Music & Education

March is a busy month. Linda Bean leads us every year in a great mission study on the 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a snack for the break time.

We get to set our clocks forward (boo!) on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Schools are out for Spring Break.

Lively Oaks are going to Dragon Lake in UC for lunch on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the church at 11:30 to carpool.

Calling all VBS workers for a meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> at 9 am. There is a signup sheet in the hall for volunteers.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup>. Numerous opportunities for worship, both private and corporate, are available during the week if you look for them. The media has services and movies centered around Easter.

Be in your place for Sunday School and worship and bring a neighbor.

*Paul*



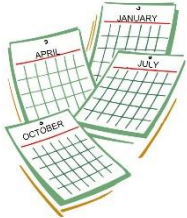
**Invite a Friend  
or Neighbor  
to Bible Study  
and Church**



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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Michelle Carey     | 21 Gloria Cranford |
| 4 Earline Paul       | 21 Danny O'Neil    |
| 14 Graham Hartness   | 21 Mary Aguilar    |
| 16 John Glowacz      | 27 Louis Young     |
| 17 Jackie Carter     | 28 Nell Matthews   |
| 18 Rachel Dorchester | 30 Douglas Carter  |
| 19 Doraine Hilliard  | 31 Joanne Ector    |



## Women's Ministry Meeting



**March 15**  
**Thursday, 6:30 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**

### Rethink Relationships: Create Space for Relationships

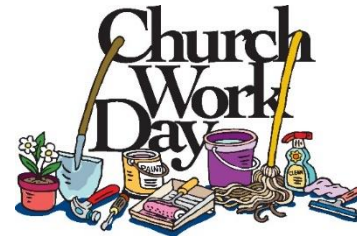
How do you love your neighbor? In past generations, your checkbook revealed your true love. Today, your calendar is a more accurate measure. Prayer begins the soul searching necessary to create space for new relationships. Grab your Bible and your calendar and let's begin!

Join us for Bible study, dinner, and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Menu is on the bulletin board in the foyer.



## Deacon of the Week

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| March 4  | Lalo Peña        |
| March 11 | Donnie Cox       |
| March 18 | Mario Ward       |
| March 25 | Richard Filleman |



**March 10**  
**9 AM to Noon**

We need volunteers to help in sprucing up the church grounds and making some repairs.



## Lively Oaks Meeting



**March 8**  
**11:30 am**  
**Dragon Lake**  
**Chinese Rest.**  
**For ages 50+**

Join us for lunch at Dragon Lake Restaurant in Universal City. They serve a large range of classic chinese dishes at reasonable prices. We will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. and carpool to the restaurant.



### Time Change is March 11<sup>th</sup> Spring Forward

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday Night March 11<sup>th</sup>.

