

The Branch NewsLETTER

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

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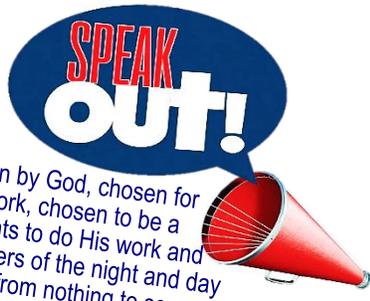
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2018 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TEXAS MISSIONS & THE MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING®



But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do His work and speak out for HIM, to tell others of the night and day difference He made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted. 1 Peter 2:9-10 (MSG)

SEPTEMBER 9–16

State Goal \$3,600,000 Church Goal \$1,000

This year for state missions is a challenging one. We are called to **SPEAK OUT** for Christ. We are not just to **SPEAK OUT** the good news of His love and salvation. We are to **SPEAK OUT** about the change He has made in our lives.

The Prayer Guide for the Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions® tells stories of volunteers, churches, and associations who have decided to follow God's calling to **SPEAK OUT**. They have found creative and special ways to share with people who may not have heard the good news before. Let us be inspired by them to **SPEAK OUT** to someone who needs Jesus. Let us pray about how we can help others **SPEAK OUT** by giving and praying for this important mission offering. Look for the Prayer Guide in the September 9th bulletin.

40th Church Anniversary Celebrating God's Family



Invite your friends, neighbors, and former members to join us for a day of fellowship and worship.

9:30 AM—Sunday School and Bible Study

10:50 AM—Worship Service and Guest speakers: former pastor Rob Phillips, guests from San Antonio Baptist Association, Baptist General Convention of Texas and the City of Live Oak.

12:00 PM—A covered dish lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the service.

The church is providing the meat (brisket, chicken and sausage) and beverages. Members are asked to bring side dishes (enough for your family and one other family) based on your last name: If your last name begins with: A–E, bring a dessert; F–P, bring a salad; R–Z, bring a vegetable dish. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the foyer and provide the number attending or call the church office at 656-8200. This will assist us in the meal preparation. Free childcare will be provided. There will be no afternoon or evening activities.

From Our Pastor

Celebrating God's Family is almost here. We will be celebrating Live Oak First Baptist Church's 40th anniversary on September 16, 2018. Live Oak First Baptist Church began as a mission in June of 1974 sponsored by Schertz and Universal City First Baptist Churches and was officially constituted as a church in September 1978.

Live Oak First Baptist Church has a great heritage built upon the Lordship of Jesus Christ. This year former pastor Rob Phillips will be our guest speaker and representatives from San Antonio Baptist Association, Baptist General Convention of Texas, and City of Live Oak will also share greetings.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Continuing the Good Work" taken from Paul's exhortation in Philippians 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." I hope you will make plans to attend this great day of celebration. Let's also make an intentional effort to invite family, friends, neighbors, and former church members to worship and celebrate with us on that day. Looking forward to seeing you in Bible study and worship as we "continue the good work."

Your Pastor,
Brother Donald

From Our Minister of Music & Education

September is an interesting month. All schools are in, we get a holiday on Labor Day, some of us get a year older, and hopefully, some cooler weather will be brought in with Autumn!

We would like to see a spike in Sunday School attendance since most vacations are over. Invite someone to your class! Celebrating God's Family is on the 16th. Plan to be in attendance and invite your neighbors. We should be seeing some former members in addition to Rob Phillips, our former pastor. Be sure to check the veggie/salad/dessert schedule. It will be different from last year's.

Our Discipleship Training has been going well. In October, Sam Mitchell will continue with his "Lessons from the Life of Jesus." You should not miss this opportunity to get into the Word. We appreciate the leadership of Ken Bean and Richard Filleman also.

Kudos to Linda Bean for her leadership of Vacation Bible School. She also led the youth in a VBS weekend. The youth will also have a movie/lunch activity on September 15.

Lively Oaks, our luncheon this month (September 13) is at Red Robin in the Forum. Meet at the church at 11:30 am to carpool.

Paul



September BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Ken Bean | 22 Charles Arrington |
| 7 Paul Reavis | 23 Kathy Rigsby |
| 7 Linda Krebs | 24 Amy Valenta |
| 10 Thad Siwecki | 25 Roger Roberson |
| 10 J C Wooten | 25 Patricia Ward |
| 11 Eddie Linnartz | 26 June Ingle |
| 12 Donna Kennis | 27 Joni Hartness |
| 17 Charles Brantley | 27 Mary Ann Vaticalos |
| 19 Deborah Levengood | 28 Edna James |
| 21 Deanna Scott | |

Deacon of the Week

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| September 2 | Mario Ward |
| September 9 | Richard Filleman |
| September 16 | Donnie Cox |
| September 23 | Lalo Peña |
| September 30 | Danny O'Neil |

Lively Oaks Meeting

September



September 13
11:30 AM
Red Robin
For Ages 50+

Join us for lunch at Red Robin for gourmet burgers. Invite your friends. We will car-pool from the church at 11:30 AM.

Women's Ministry Meeting

Thursday, 6:30 pm
September 20
Fellowship Hall
Know God More—
Know His Character



We will explore God's character through prayer and uncover God's heart of love in the Ten Commandments. We will also trek through information about Bill Barker's work with Appalachian mountain ministry, focusing on the backpack ministry that meets both physical and spiritual needs.

Join us for Bible study, dinner, and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Check in the foyer for the menu and sign up sheet to help with food for the meal. Hope you had an enjoyable summer.



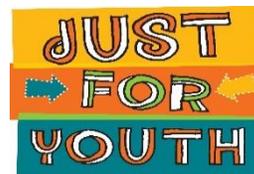
Begins Sunday, September 9th
5:00 pm – 6:25 pm
2 years olds to 6th grade

You are invited to join us each Sunday during the school year for AWANA Bible Club. We will have fun while learning about God's Word and His plan for us, memorizing Bible verses, and enjoying fun games at game time.



Budget Requests
Due September 23rd

We are beginning our budget process for the 2019 budget. All committees and ministry organizations are requested to turn in their budget requests to the Stewardship Committee by September 23rd. Everyone is invited to attend the budget planning meetings with the Stewardship Committee on September 23, October 7, 14, and November 4 at 4:15 pm.



September 15th
Lunch & Movie

All youth are invited to a lunch and movie on September 15th. The movie is "Unbroken: Path to Redemption". It's the continued story of Louis Zamperini, an Olympian and WWII hero. See Linda Bean for more info.