



The Branch NewsLETTER

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

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**The just man walketh in his integrity:
his children are blessed after him.**

Proverbs 20:7

From Our Pastor

We will be celebrating and remembering fathers this month. Father's Day prompts me to evaluate my own role as a daddy and to appreciate the many godly men who are representative of father figures in my life. The Bible is filled with testimonies of men who demonstrated a faith and commitment to God. Gideon is one example of a great warrior for God who led a small army of men to victory. In the account of Gideon choosing the men to fight the battle, the key to victory is found in Judges 7:21 which says "Every man stood in his place." The church's responsibility is to help people find their place in God's kingdom and in God's plan which is essential to happiness and success. Are you fulfilling your role in God's place? Gideon gives us several requirements to be a person standing in our place for God.

First, every man was a volunteer. It is important to realize that God's army, the church, is comprised of volunteers who believe in a cause and step forward without coercion. A volunteer army is always superior to a conscripted army. God needs volunteers with commitment to His cause. Secondly, every man must be alert. Opportunities to serve God present themselves numerous times every day. God needs alert people to see and use the opportunities He sets before us. God calls us to be alert to hurting, suffering, lonely, lost people around us. Thirdly, every man was equipped. Each man was given a trumpet, an empty pitcher, and a torch to place inside the pitcher. The equipment was not only strange, but also it was simple and effective when used to accomplish God's plan. God equips His people to accomplish His plan. A simple formula that brings encouragement is "you plus God equals enough". God will provide whatever is needed to fulfill His plans. Finally, every man was obedient. Every man stood in his place and was obedient to the instructions given by God's servant Gideon. Obedience is an essential part of faith which is summed up in the gospel song "Trust and Obey". Imagine what

can happen today in God's kingdom when every person stands in his place.

I encourage you to examine your place in God's kingdom and commit to be in your place, so Live Oak FBC can have great victory and success. I challenge you to be a spirit-filled volunteer who is alert, equipped and obedient to God's plan for the church which is the great commission and great commandment. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday in your place of Bible study and worship.

Your Pastor,

Brother Donald

From Our Minister of Music & Education

Please continue praying for Vacation Bible School as preparations are being made. Pray that children in our neighborhood will come and participate. On June 1st, we will be giving out popcorn and sno-cones at the fishing day at the lake. Come join us! We will be passing out VBS flyers to participants.

Our Sunday School faculty will be re-elected this month. Thank your teacher for their faithfulness in leading in Bible Study.

In the hall on the VBS board, please find lists of supply needs. Take the paper and return it to Linda Bean with the materials you are donating. Thanks!

Lively Oaks, our meal this month will be potluck in the fellowship hall. Join us for a time of relaxed fellowship at 11:30 a.m.

What a man! Norm Schell has turned 100! We are having a potluck lunch on June 2 after the morning worship. Norm would love to have you there!

June has a fifth Sunday, so why don't you find a song, poem, favorite scripture or a testimony to share with us? Your participation will be welcomed!

Paul



Lively Oaks Meeting

June 13th

11:30 a.m. Potluck lunch
In the Fellowship Hall
For ages 50+

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| 5 Karen Childs | 22 Marga Ward |
| 14 Faith White | 22 Jennifer Miller |
| 18 Ariel Siwecki | 23 Makayla Young |
| 19 Bernard DeVaughn | 25 Tristian Howard |

The **NEW** email address for the office is
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<u>Deacon of the Week</u>	
June 2	Donnie Cox
June 9	Danny O'Neil
June 16	Ken Bean
June 23	Mario Ward
June 30	Richard Filleman



Sunday evening
June 30
Bring a song, poem
or testimony to share

Want some ways to help with VBS?
Here are some ideas:

1. PRAY
2. Donate or let us borrow things to decorate. See paper slips on VBS bulletin board for what we need.
3. Help us make things for decorating. Watch the bulletin for our "Decoration making Night" in June.
4. Donate food items for snack time. We will post what we need in the bulletin in June and put it on the bulletin board. Or talk to Donnie Cox, Carol Carr, or Mary Ann Vaticalos, our Hungry Herd Cafe staff.
5. Help us decorate for VBS July 2-6. See Linda or Paul for times.
6. PRAY

Life is Wild • God is good

June 2 we will have a Potluck lunch in honor of Norm Schell's 100th birthday. Plan to stay after the morning worship and celebrate with us!

Flag Day

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