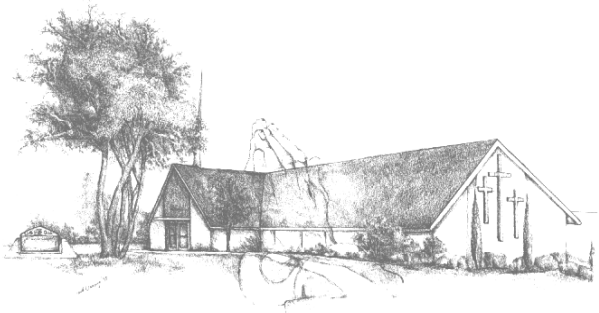

The Branch NewsLETTER

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

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Invite someone to church next week!

….if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

You can hear the recording of the Sunday morning sermons on our website Liveoakfbc.org

From Our Pastor

The past three months seemed to be filled with one disturbing event after another with no apparent end to the insanity, unrest, and disease in our world. Although we are being bombarded by the storms of life, Jesus assures those who are His disciples a safe passage through life's storms. Jesus' disciples encountered a heavy storm on the Sea of Galilee in John 6:16-21 and Jesus saw to it that they passed safely through the storm. Let us examine some ways these disciples encountered the storm that might help us through the storms we are facing which we may not understand or know how they will end. First, we must realize Jesus' power. Jesus has the power to calm the disciples' fear as well as still the storm. We must realize that Jesus' power is sufficient for the storms of life. Second, we must accept Jesus' guidance. Once the disciples saw who Jesus was and realized His power, they immediately invited Him into the boat. When we have faith to give Jesus control of our life and the storms, we can be assured that He will provide safe passage. Third, we can reach the destination with Jesus. When Jesus entered the boat the disciples safely reached the other side. The gospel of John doesn't mention Jesus quieting the storm but John simply emphasized the disciples' safe passage through the storm. Even though we may be in a storm right now, we can rest assured that we will reach the other side when we realize Jesus' power and accept His guidance. I am praying for you and trust God will bring you peace in the midst of these challenging times.

Love in Christ
Your Pastor,
Brother Donald

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

5 Elsie Cureton
6 Blake Belardo
7 Nasemary Brantley
8 Shirley Hetzer
11 Aiden Sawyer
20 Paulette Visser
30 Robyn Griffith
31 Jerry Atkinson
31 Nikki Sawyer

Deacon of the Week

July	5	Mario Ward
July	12	Lalo Pena
July	19	Ken Bean
July	26	Donnie Cox

BUDGET Update

2020 Financial Update

Budget Offerings for May	**$23,417.00**
Budget Expenses for May	**$13,416.09**

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Due to the Covid 19 situation, we have cancelled Vacation Bible School this year