

The Branch NewsLETTER

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

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From Your Pastor's Heart

As I sit at my desk on this day in late March, I can see the rain falling outside, much to the delight of all. A saying that has been around for a long time (perhaps not in Texas) is that April showers bring May flowers. Yes. I know that it is not yet May; but I will take the rain whenever we can have some and it makes me think of what is coming in April.

In most years (not all), April brings Easter and with it Palm Sunday. As we near the end of the series of sermons on the resurrection, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Palm Sunday, April 13th, and remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross. One week later on April 20th, we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on that first Easter morning centuries ago. With the resurrection of Jesus came the defeat of sin and our hope for eternal life in heaven.

On the Sunday following Easter, April 27th at 6:00 PM, we will be privileged to host the Singing Women of Texas for an evening worship service of music. This is a great opportunity to enjoy great gospel music and worship our Savior. Also, this worship service is a good time to invite friends and relatives to our church and introduce them to our church family.

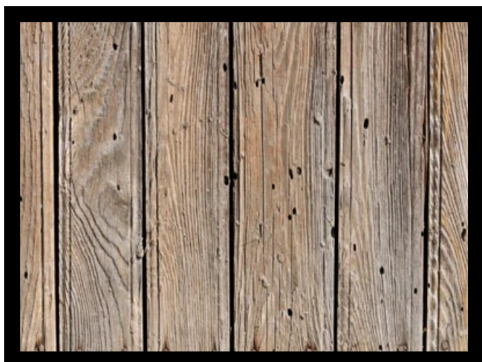
I shall look forward to seeing you in the Lord's house every Sunday.

Pastor Cooper

**The Story of Charlie as told by
Allen C. Emery
(An excerpt from his book
"A Turtle On A Fencepost")**

"Charlie was a pretty good boy, but he told lies so often he didn't even know he was telling them. His parents tried to discipline him by spanking him and even sending him to his room without supper. Nothing worked. Charlie kept on lying. Finally, his father said, "Charlie, every time you tell a lie I am going to put a nail in the barn door." Charlie thought this was a great idea, because it wouldn't hurt like a spanking. One nail didn't look bad sticking out from the barn door, but in a short time there were dozens, and these attracted the attention of the farmhands, visitors, relatives, and even the pastor. Soberly Charlie's daddy would explain that these nails stood for— Charlie's lies.

After the nails had accumulated for a month, Charlie said, "Daddy, I'm never going to tell a lie again. Will you take the nails out?" His father replied he would take the nails out when Charlie had gone a whole month without telling a lie. Charlie counted the days and on the thirty-first morning he raced to his dad shouting, "Today is the day you promised to take out the nails." With hammer in hand Charlie's father went with him to the barn and pulled out every nail. When the last nail had been extracted Charlie stepped back to see the results, and then burst into tears. His father asked him why he was crying. When Charlie was able to speak, he said between sobs, "The nails are gone but the marks are still there." This story was to explain that while God's forgiveness in Christ is complete, the results and consequences of sin remain upon our lives. "



OUTREACH MINISTRY

**Do you have ideas to share
on ways to reach out to our
community and the lost?**

**Many ideas are being
both discussed and
planned. Talk with Pastor,
Deacons, or Secretary and
get those ideas heard!**

Help is needed for the book sale being held
on April 4th and 5th, 2025

Our sale will be open from

8:00 am to 4:00 pm each day.

(You are invited for pre-sale selection On
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, same
times. First Dibs!

Specific help needed is in set up (including
signs), organization, manning the sale, and
clean up. Contact: Lois Filleman

The Music Ministry

**Thank you to Shari Ward,
Graham Hartness, the
music committee, and
choir for calling us to
worship each week
through the power of
music.**

**They are currently prepar-
ing for the Easter service
and hope that you will
bring family, friends, and
those who are in need of
salvation. Pray with them
for God to speak to hearts!**

GRIEF, GROWTH, & GOD'S WORD

Growing In Spite of Grieving

"In the midst of this turmoil, God has a plan for your pain. Its called tears..."

What do you need most at this time?

Someone To listen, just to be there to hold you, go somewhere with you?

Every one needs something. Let others know what you need.

They may even cry with you. And remember, one day there

will be no more need for tears. He will wipe every tear from their eyes.

There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Revelation 21:4

(excerpt BK: "experiencing grief" by H. Norman Wright

You are cordially invited to attend an evening worship service brought to us by the Singing Women Of Texas!

God Understands
Worship Music Ministry



Sunday, April 27
6:00 PM

Live Oak First Baptist Church
11560 Toepperwein Rd
Live Oak, TX 78233

★ Music & Worship

Plan ahead to attend this ball game with your brothers and sisters in Christ! Sign up and pre-payment of \$17.00 per person.

Contact: Lois Filleman

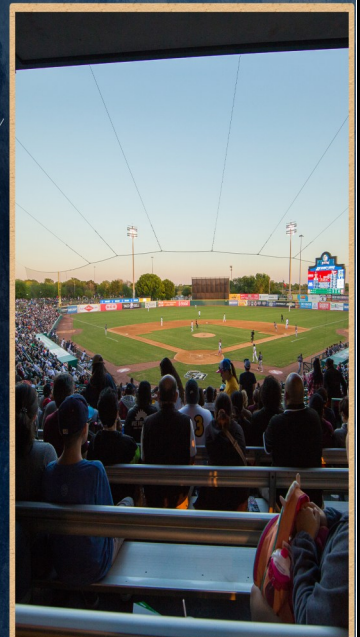
Faith & Family Night
CELEBRATE FAITH, COMMUNITY & BASEBALL

R vs Flying Chantrelle
OF SAN ANTONIO

FRI | MAY 9 | 7:05 PM

GROUP TICKETS AND HOSPITALITY AREAS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR FELLOWSHIP

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT TYLER KING AT
210-554-1510 OR TKING@SAMMISSIONS.COM



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Church Life

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm 	2 Deacons Meet 5:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm 	3	4 BOOK SALE	5 BOOK SALE
6 Music commit- tee meets af- ter church	7 Boy Scouts 7:00 p 	8 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm 	9 Bible Study 6:30 pm 	10	11	12
13 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>The Lord's</i> <i>Supper</i>	14 Boy Scouts 7:00 p 	15 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm 	16 QUILTERS  Stewardship Comm 5:30 pm Business Meeting then Bible Study 6:30 pm 	17	18 Good Friday	19
20 <i>Easter</i>	21 Boy Scouts 7:00 pr 	22 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm 	23 Deacons Meet 5:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm 	24	25	26
27 Singing Wom- en Of Texas 6:00 pm	28 Boy Scouts 7:00 p 	29 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm 	30 Bible Study 6:30 pm 			

Deep Secret of the Christian Life: Proverbs 3:3

"Truth is an essential part of life.

Truth is a part of personal integrity.

Integrity is the cement that holds together all the building blocks of personality, ability, training, talent, and creative genius. " Mary C. Crowley