



# The Branch NewsLETTER

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

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## *From Your Pastor's Heart*

February 2, 2025 brings Live Oak First Baptist Church to a significant milestone in its history. Our renovation of the worship center will be completed and dedicated to God's glory. My heart rejoices when I think of the generosity, sacrifice, labor, patience, and love that has gone into this project to “Reflect God's Glory,”

Sunday; February 2, 2025 will be a special day as we worship the Lord and rejoice in our place of worship. On that day, we will observe the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, the mayor of Live Oak has been invited to bring a word of greeting, Dr. Darrell Horn will offer a prayer of dedication, and our music ministry is preparing special music for the occasion.

Please bring your friends and family to this special day. Pray for the services that Jesus will be glorified and lost people will be saved. God will honor your efforts as we continue to reach Live Oak for Jesus.

*Pastor Cooper*

# TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Go To Our Web or Facebook Pages to See Photos of This Special Time!

# FEBRUARY 2025

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

						<b>1</b> Workday 9:00 am
<b>2</b> <b>CELEBRATION SUNDAY!</b> Mayor present Dr. Darrell Horn The Lord's Supper & Baptisms	<b>3</b> BSA Girl Scout 5:30 pm BSA Troop 239 7:00 pm	<b>4</b> BSA Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	<b>5</b> Prayer Service 6:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> BSA Girl Scout 5:30 pm BSA Troop 239 7:00 pm	<b>11</b> BSA Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	<b>12</b> Lincoln's Birthday	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> President's Day/ Schools are closed Banks Closed BSA Girl Scout 5:30 pm	<b>18</b> BSA Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	<b>19</b> Business Conference 6:30 pm Prayer Service following	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Washington's Birthday
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> BSA Girl Scout 5:30 pm BSA Troop 239 7:00 pm	<b>25</b> BSA Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	<b>26</b> Deacons Meet 5:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	

**Deep Secret of the Christian Life:**

When you are in a difficult place, realize that the Lord either placed you there or allowed you to be there, for reasons perhaps known only to himself.

(in example, he may be testing our faith, teaching us wisdom, or showing us His ways)

**2025**

**Deacons**

**Paul Rigsby, Chairman**

**Donnie Cox, Secretary**

**Mario Ward, Treasurer**

**Richard Filleman, Deacon**

**Welcome New Members!**



The primary scriptural reference for deacons in the Bible is 1 Timothy 3:8-13 which outlines the qualifications and characteristics that a deacon should possess, including being worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain; essentially emphasizing their role as servants with a strong moral character. This passage provides a specific list of qualities expected of deacons, including being faithful to their wife, managing their household well, and holding the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.

The overall theme of the passage is that deacons should be men of service and good character, reflecting the example of Christ. Praise You Lord Jesus for our deacons!

**Pray for our new Christian Brothers and Sisters!**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

When Considering Creation VS Evolution...

The two rules of thermodynamics cannot be refuted!

Do a quick study or google search and determine this fact for yourself!

Any questions?

Have a discussion with Deacon Richard Filleman

Our pastor, deacons, men and boys from the scout families and Spanish Mission are doing the work to keep the church lawn and grounds in order. This is time consuming and hard work. Please extend a word of thanks and give a "pat on the back"!



Ladies,

We can Help on the grounds too! Thanks to those of you who are already participating in our "work days"!



**GOOD WITH A PAINT BRUSH?**

**HELP IS NEEDED!**

**INQUIRE WITH LOIS FILLEMAN**

**AND SCHEDULE A TIME To HELP.**



**WANTED!**

**FISHERS OF MEN**

**BOTH QUALIFIED AND NON-QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SHOULD APPLY!**

**Guidance and Training Provided**



**HAVE A GREAT IDEA TO SPUR CHURCH GROWTH?**

Share your idea with Pastor Cooper or Deacon Rigsby!

**FEBRUARY IS**

**NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH!**

The 2025 theme is "African Americans and Labor" with a focus on the various and profound ways that work of all kinds intersects with the collective experiences of Black people.

Celebrate Our Own People:

Jeryl Atkinson: Detective Sergeant-Live Oak Police ; Mrs. Freddie Simmons: Teacher, Retd. ; Mrs. Joyce De Vaughn: Retd; Bernard De Vaughn, Retd. Josie Jemmott: Forensic Psychologist, Retd. ; Leslie Alexander: Sales Assoc. RAFB; Jamie Alexander: Assoc. Degree in Culinary Arts and Business

## February is the month in which we celebrate Valentine's Day.

Around here, we love each other, so it is not just in February we exemplify the love of Christ through our lives!

### AGAPE LOVE

An example of agape love would be a person selflessly devoting their time and energy to helping others in need, even strangers, without expecting anything in return, such as volunteering at a homeless shelter or caring for a sick family member despite personal hardship; essentially, showing unconditional love and prioritizing the well-being of others above your own needs.

#### **TRUE LOVE**

An Excerpt From "On This Day" by Carl W. Windsor

Romans 5:1-8

Even the most devoted couple will experience a "stormy" bout once in a while. A grandmother, celebrating her golden wedding anniversary, once told the secret of her long and happy marriage. "On my wedding day, I decided to make a list of ten of my husband's faults, which for the sake of our marriage, I would overlook," she said. A guest asked the woman what some of the faults she had chosen to overlook were. The grandmother replied, "To tell the truth, my dear, I never did get around to listing them. But whenever my husband did something that made me hopping mad, I would say to myself, "Lucky for him that's one of the ten!"

Our heavenly father loves and forgives us, not by overlooking our many faults but choosing instead to do something only He can do; forgive fully our wrongs through His marvelous grace—"grace that is greater than all our sins!"

Rejoice at what God has done. He loved us "while we were yet sinners," and saves all those who believe on Him.

