



# Southern Oaks Baptist Church

"I am the vine, you are the branches . . . For apart from Me you can do nothing."  
John 15:5

## The Branch Newsletter

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### Bro. Larry's Lines

"And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two." (Jesus speaking) Matthew 5:41

The "Second Mile" ministry is our call for 2012. As has been stated in the sermons, the first mile was required by Roman law....

Jesus challenged His followers to go the SECOND MILE out of love.....and each week, each message, we are seeking to spell out exactly what it means to each of us to go that SECOND MILE. It began with our Church Family taking the stand that states: 'HIM ONLY WILL I SERVE'.....and we have been 'pinned' to declare our intentions..... This all points to ONE thing.....to GLO-RIFY the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and HIM only ...in our lives. We are already seeing this happen in so many hearts.....

The weekend of February 3-4 (Friday & Saturday) we will be holding a DEACON RENEWAL weekend for EVERY ONE of our ordained Deacons. It begins with a meal at 6:30 p.m. on Friday until 9:30 pm. Then Saturday morning we will begin with a good breakfast at 7:30 and conclude the day with lunch at noon. This RENEWAL is for EVERY ordained DEACON at Southern Oaks. Your presence and support will greatly assist and support your pastor as together we seek to strengthen our local Church, and reach out to the unchurched to become an active part of Southern Oaks.

Coinciding with the Deacon Renewal, my lovely wife will be leading a DEACONS' WIVES RENEWAL here at the church at the same time that we meet. They will be joining us for each meal and all the while being blessed through the Word and fellowship. Make your plans now for attending all sessions. A Nursery will be provided for the attendees also.

We need you to journey with us down the SECOND MILE.....together we can accomplish awesome things for the Glory of our LORD.....will you help.....or will you hinder.....???????

Until next time, remember.....Church attendance is determined more by desire than by distance.....think about it.

Until,  
Bro. Larry

#### BUDGET UPDATE END of YEAR 2011

WEEKLY Budget Needs:	\$13,960.17
WEEKLY Receipts Dec 25:	\$10,197.26
WEEKLY Surplus/Deficit Dec 25:	(\$3,762.91)
YEAR-TO-DATE Budget Needs:	\$725,916.09
YEAR-TO-DATE Receipts:	\$673,808.97
YEAR-TO-DATE Surplus/Deficit:	(\$52,107.12)

## Student News

### REACHING, TEACHING, & CHANGING LIVES:

SO Student Ministry purpose is to **REACH** students for Christ, **TEACH** them the Word of God, and **CHANGE** their **LIVES** through growing relationships with God and others.



### Super Bowl Bash

Sunday, Feb. 5 @ 5:15 in the FLC. Food, Fun, Prizes, and special half-time show. Come watch the game on the Big Screen with us and bring your friends!

### DNow Weekend

**February 10-12, 2012** - February 10-12. This year's Disciple Now theme is **DISTRACTION!** Are you **DISTRACTED** by all the stuff in this world? Is it keeping you from growing closer to God? Then come join us for a **DISTRACTION** free weekend with all your friends, and get re-Focused on what's really important in life!

You and ALL of your friends are invited. The cost for the whole weekend is \$35. Please register in the church office by Sunday, January 29, by turning in \$35 & completing a registration form (@ [www.sobc.net](http://www.sobc.net)). Please call me at home (534-8260) or church (561-8025) for more information or visit [www.sobc.net](http://www.sobc.net).

### Father & Son Campout

March 30-31

More details coming soon...

### Camp Living Stones Summer Camp

June 10-16, Etowah, TN. Cost= \$280.

This is for all youth, 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

A \$50 deposit is due by January 29.

More info on our student page @

[www.sobc.net](http://www.sobc.net).



### Wild Game Banquet

Saturday, March 24 @ 5:30 in the FLC

This year's guest speaker is Terry Grantham. He is the owner / operator of East Gate Outfitters in Ryan, OK. Several outdoor TV shows have been filmed at his ranch including **Turkey Call, Hunter Specialties, Hunter's University, & Bass Pro Shops Next Generation** (some of the Bass Pro shows will be airing in February or March). Come hear some exciting stories of how God has used him in the outdoor industry. Be sure to come to be eligible for our **Grand Prize Drawing:** A whitetail deer hunt at East Gate Outfitters. Learn more at [www.eastgateoutfitters.com](http://www.eastgateoutfitters.com).



Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 29

- 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 4:45 p.m. Centri-Kid Summer Camp Parent Mtg.
- 5:30 p.m. Fifth Sunday Sing

Monday, January 30

- 12:30 p.m. Senior Adult Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study with Loraine Banks

Tuesday, January 31

- 9:30 a.m. Mother's Day Out

Wednesday, February 1

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study/Andrea Freeman
- 5:30 p.m. RA Basketball Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
- Nursery and Preschool Classes
- GA's, RA's and Mission Friends
- COW (7th-12th Grade)
- 7:15 p.m. Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, February 2

- 9:30 a.m. Mother's Day Out
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

Friday, February 3

- 6:30 p.m. Deacon/Wives Renewal Weekend

Saturday, February 4

- 7:30 a.m. Deacon/Wives Renewal Weekend

Sunday, February 5

- 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 4:30 p.m. Evening Service
- 5:15 p.m. Super Bowl in the FLC

**Children's Corner** 

**KID'S CORNER**  
Join Mrs. Jennifer  
on the stage  
Sunday, February 5th!



It's not too late to join in the fun!! WHAM resumes on February 12th. Join us Sunday Evenings at 6:00pm, right after Family Worship Time for another exciting semester of singing, instruments & drama in preparation for a Spring Concert!!



**RA Basketball Practice**  
**Wednesdays at 5:30pm**  
Games on Saturdays

**GA SLUMBER PARTY!!!**  
FEBRUARY 24-25  
CONTACT BRANDY MEADOWS FOR INFO



**TWEEN PARENTS**

Centrikid Tween Camp for 4th-6th graders is June 18-22. \$50 Deposits are due by Feb 5.

**We will have a parent meeting SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th at 4:45pm!!!!**

**Did YOU KNOW??**

Are you aware that you can send your tithes AND offerings to the church electronically? Notify your bank that you want to send an electronic check to the church by giving them our address:

**601 E. Amherst, Tyler, TX 75701.**

Make sure you denote on the memo line where you want your money to go; for example... Tithe, Bldg Fund, Annie Armstrong Offering, etc. It is really easy and will save you writing a check!!

D E C E M B E R	Tithes & Offerings		Tithes & Offerings	
			Received	
	Dec 4	\$19,426.05	\$50,310.41	
	Dec 11	\$12,908.21		
	Dec 18	\$11,422.35	<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	
	Dec 25	\$8,295.26	<b>Required</b>	
			\$53,953.87	
S T A T S	Church Attendance		Sun. Sch. Attendance	
	Dec 4	312	Dec 4	289
	Dec 11	342	Dec 11	315
	Dec 18	320	Dec 18	297