



# 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

OCTOBER 21, 2011

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### Bro. Larry's Lines

**"The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe." Proverbs 29:25**

With the unrest in our nation and around the world today, it would be easy for us to "fear" man. Yet, as we read in Proverbs, that "fear" will actually snare us.....cause us to take our eyes off the prize (heaven) and believe that somehow GOD has forgotten us. We read on: "but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe." He doesn't promise always to snatch us out of harms way....but HE does promise to see us through ("shall be safe") the circumstance. Good examples; Job, Daniel, the three Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace, Paul's writing in I Corinthians 10:13 are but a few examples to be found. Trusting HIM keeps us SAFE in HIM, no matter what the world might do! Let's Trust Him!

Fall Fest is before us, and we're expecting everyone at Southern Oaks to assist in offering our community an alternative to Halloween. The innocence of the Halloween of bygone days is no longer true today. We are reminded every year that the second most decorated holiday is Halloween.....and, in my opinion, this time is a battle between good and evil. We choose to be on the side of good - thus, we offer an alternative to all....a choice.....your choice....my choice.....which direction I will take. Here at Southern Oaks, we have elected to take the emphasis away from ghosts and goblins, and allow those who serve and attend to enjoy an evening of fun and games without the evil spirit emphasis. We would love to have you join us in working and by bringing your children to our Fall Fest event.

Until next time, remember.....we make a living by what we get...but we make a life by what we give....think about it.

Until,  
Bro. Larry

Please help us to keep our information up to date! Let us know if your mailing address, email address, phone, or cell phone numbers have changed. Call or email the Church Office @ 903-561-8025 or [sobcsect@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:sobcsect@suddenlinkmail.com)

BUDGET UPDATE	
WEEKLY Budget Needs:	\$13,959.92
WEEKLY Receipts Oct. 16:	\$11,479.40
WEEKLY Surplus/Deficit Oct. 16:	(\$2,480.52)
YEAR-TO-DATE Budget Needs:	\$586,316.64
YEAR-TO-DATE Receipts:	\$553,272.19
YEAR-TO-DATE Surplus/Deficit:	(\$33,044.45)

## 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.

### SERVANT AUCTION

Sunday, November 6 in the Reception area following evening Youth Led Service (6:30 -7:00). The purpose of the auction is to assist students in raising funds to attend summer Camp (June 10-16, 2012 - Camp Living Stones). Students will be auctioned off in pairs to do work for members.

#### What can a servant team do for you?

- Wash windows
- Wash cars
- Yard work (rake leaves, clean, gutters, etc.)
- House work (most any type of cleaning: dusting, sweep, mop, etc.)
- Babysitting
- Just about anything you need

\*(What students are capable of will vary depending on the individual team.)



### Student Ski Retreat

Dec. 26-31. We have room for just a few more. Call Charles if you would like to go. Details online @ [www.sobc.net](http://www.sobc.net).



### C.O.W. (Church On Wednesday)

Join us Wednesdays @ 6:30 as we look at **THE TEN** (10 Commandments)



**Middle School SNAC**  
Sunday, November 6th  
7-8:30pm

**Brian and Shannon Cook's Home**

**High School SNAC**  
Sunday, November 13  
7-9:00pm

**Kevin and Cheri Bogue's Home**

## WMU Ladies Bible Study

November 14th @ 2pm



Thursday, November 17th  
@ 6:00 P.M.  
Reception Room



Upcoming Events

**Sunday, October 23**

**WMU Shoe Box Collection Begins**  
8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
5:30 p.m. M&M (Evening Worship)

**Monday, October 24**

12:30 p.m. Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study (Lorraine Banks)

**Tuesday, October 25**

9:30 a.m. Mother's Day Out  
6:00 p.m. Visitation

**Wednesday, October 26**

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study (Andrea Freeman)  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Bible Study  
Nursery and Preschool Classes  
GA's, RA's & Mission Friends (PK-6th)  
COW - Church On Wed (7th - 12th Gr.)  
7:15 p.m. Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 27**

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

**Friday, October 28**

10:00 a.m. Women On Mission

**Sunday, October 30**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
5:30 p.m. Mini 5th Sunday Sing, Fall Block Party  
Set Up Time, Prayer Service

**Monday, October 31**

12:30 p.m. Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. **FALL BLOCK PARTY!!!**

**WOMEN ON MISSION**

Will meet on  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28th @ 10am in the  
SOIL Dept. Classroom

**Children's Corner** 

**KID'S CORNER**  
Join Mrs. Jennifer  
on the stage  
Sunday, November 6th!



Fall Block Party



Monday,

October 31, 2011

5:30-7:30 pm

Wow!! It's almost here!! All of our plans are going great for this year's FALL BLOCK PARTY! Remember, we will need small portions of wrapped baked goods for our most popular attraction, the CAKE WALK, and you are welcome to start dropping those off on Sunday, October 30th, as well as Monday the 31st before 5pm.



As well as candy, the small, snack-size packages of Gold fish are needed for the "Fun Fishing" booth, please.

**Thank you for all you do to help share the Love of Jesus with the children of SOBC and our community!!**

**GA Mission Fair**

**Saturday, November 5**

**Friendly Baptist Church**

Don't miss out on the fun!!!!

S E P T E M B E R	Tithes & Offerings		Tithes & Offerings	
			Received	
	Sept 4	\$12,679.00	\$50,440.59	
	Sept 11	\$18,316.44		
	Sept 18	\$8,513.72		
	Sept 25	\$10,931.43		
S T A T S	Church Attendance		Sun. Sch. Attendance	
	Sept 4	269	Sept 4	226
	Sept 11	419	Sept 11	325
	Sept 18	324	Sept 18	300
	Sept 25	374	Sept 25	303