



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

"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 89:1

It's true.....no doubt about it.....bank on it.....Our GOD is a merciful GOD! I know this to be true because HE had mercy on me. Therefore, it is my privilege to "make known Your faithfulness to all generations". There is no other hope.....there is no 'plan B' with GOD. HE has given us the greatest nation; the greatest time in history; the Word of God in many languages and translations; and the opportunity to travel around the world to share the Good News.....how are we doing? More importantly - how are YOU doing?

We have some wonderful ministries in place here at Southern Oaks right now to assist in "making known" GOD's love. From a strong RA and GA ministry to a wonderful children's music ministry. Our youth have a part in almost every aspect of our ministries. Bible classes, Sunday School classes, orchestra, choir, praise team, drama, sound room techs....and on I could go.

Maybe the question to ask here is.....where are you 'plugged in' with your talent/s in our church family? Each of us has a special ability; some several gifts, that our Lord has placed in our care.....to be shared.....used....not to keep hidden or "stored away" for another day.

Come on, let's together "....sing of the mercies of the Lord forever.....".....I'm ready - let's get going !

Until next time, remember.....what the world needs today is an amplifier for the still, small voice.....think about it.

Until,
Bro Larry

Student News

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



FOCUS SMALL GROUPS

Sundays at 5:30. We'll be doing our small group study based on the movie Soul Surfer.

Catch God's Wave for Your Life!

The *Soul Surfer* series will help students gain a greater perspective on life, learn the importance of family support, and be inspired to persevere in the face of adversity.

Middle School SNAC

Sunday, October 9

7-8:30pm

High School SNAC

Sunday, October 16

7-9:00pm



Student Ski Retreat

December 26th-31st, 2011

Sign up deadline is Sunday, October 2.

Details online @ www.sobc.net.



C.O.W. (Church On Wednesday)

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

WMU Ladies Bible Study

October 10th @ 2pm

JOY CLUB

Thursday, October 20th

@ 6:00 P.M.

Reception Room

WOMEN ON MISSION

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

BUDGET UPDATE

WEEKLY Budget Needs:	\$13,959.92
WEEKLY Receipts Sept 18:	\$8,513.72
WEEKLY Surplus/Deficit Sept 18 :	(\$5,446.20)
YEAR-TO-DATE Budget Needs:	\$530,476.96
YEAR-TO-DATE Receipts:	\$502,927.08
YEAR-TO-DATE Surplus/Deficit:	(\$27,549.88)

TIMBERLINE BAPTIST CAMP

Is in need of board members. Members serve a term of 3 years with one-third rotating off every year. That means they are looking for 6 new members each year. They meet 6 times a year, the second Thursday of every other month starting in January. A meal is provided at 6pm before the 6:30pm meeting. Meetings generally last an hour. If you are interested in this unique service opportunity, please contact the church office at 903-561-8025 or email us at sobcsect@suddenlink.net.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 25

PATH Coats for Kids Collection Begins - Welcome Center

- 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 4:30 p.m. Ski Trip Planning Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. M&M, WHAM!, Youth Bible Study

Monday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

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

Wednesday, September 28

See You At The Pole

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study - Andrea Freeman
- 12:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Roz Scott
- 5:30 p.m. Committee on Committees Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
- Nursery and Preschool Classes
- GA's, RA's and Mission Friends - Pk-6th
- COW (Church On Wednesday) - 7-12th
- 7:15 p.m. Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, September 29

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

Sunday, October 2

PATH Coats for Kids Collection Continues

- 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 4:30 p.m. Public Relations Committee Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. M&M, WHAM!, Youth Bible Study

Monday, October 3

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

Tuesday, October 4

- 9:30 a.m. Mother's Day Out
- 9:30 a.m. Mary Sunday School Class Fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. Visitation

Children's Corner 

KID'S CORNER
Join Mrs. Jennifer
on the stage
Sunday, October 2nd!



It's not too late to join in the fun!!
WHAM meets on Sundays at 6:00pm, right
after Family Worship Time. Please join us
for an exciting year of singing, instruments,
drama and so much more!!



Fall Block Party
Monday,
October 31, 2011



5:30-7:30 pm

*Last year's event was a huge success,
thanks to the fun-loving volunteers of SOBC!!
We will have the whole block closed to traffic
again this year for a fun and safe atmosphere
for our kiddos. Please remember to sign up in
your Sunday School class to build a booth, run
it, and tear down/clean up afterward.*

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO
FOR THE CHILDREN OF SOBC AND
OUR COMMUNITY!!**



***Please bring your individually
wrapped packages of candy
and place them in the box in the
Welcome Center***

A U G U S T	Tithes & Offerings		Tithes & Offerings	
			Received	Required
	Aug 7	\$21,051.75	\$79,866.66	
	Aug 14	\$11,701.66		
	Aug 21	\$40,512.00		
	Aug 28	\$6,601.25		\$60,493.01
S T A T S	Church Attendance		Sun. Sch. Attendance	
	Aug 7	334	Aug 7	293
	Aug 14	319	Aug 14	303
	Aug 21	409	Aug 21	373
	Aug 28	398	Aug 28	337