



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

NOVEMBER 18, 2011

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Bro. Larry's Lines

"I thank my GOD upon every remembrance of you," Philippians 1:3

Every day should be a day of thanksgiving for His children; and I pray it is so with you. However, we are blessed in our great country to also have a day set aside each year where we as a nation can pause to give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ....I hope you're thinking of the many "thanks" to share with family and friends.

Here are just a few of my "Thanks": Thank You, Father.....for Godly parents; for a sweet, blessed wife and family; for friends who are truly friends, through thick or thin; for a church family that demonstrates godly love over and over; for a great country in which to live and serve.....these are but a few.....what are yours?

No doubt everyone now knows of my bi-lateral knee surgery. It has been (and continues to be) quite an experience. With this procedure and recovery, Linda and I would like to thank all of you for your cards, your prayers, your visits, and for the meals that you have brought by the parsonage for us. Your love is showing-thank you.

Also, for the "crew" that emptied our Jacksonville garage for us recently. We believe that we have the house rented, and had need to vacate the home by Nov. 15th. So many of you came and assisted, and once again, for you we give special thanks.

Then, "Thanks" for such a great Staff. My rehab requires lots of exercise and lots of rest.....and they have stepped in to take up the slack of my absence - and their understanding, as well.

Thank you, Father, for what lies ahead for us here at Southern Oaks. November and December have some exciting services awaiting us.....we simply need to be thankful.....share HIS love with others.....and what HE will do with us and for us.

Until next time, remember.....the wheels of progress are not turned by cranks.....think about it.

Until,
Bro. Larry

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

WOW! What a huge success! We raised almost \$3000 to help send youth to camp next summer. I want to thank all of you who helped make this a success. If you purchased a servant, be sure to contact them to get your work done, fill out the "Completion of Work" form, and turn the form and money into the church office.



Student Ski Retreat

Dec. 26-31. We still have room for few more. Call Charles if you would like to go. Details online @ www.sobc.net.

DNow Weekend

February 10-12, 2012 - Mark your calendars for this exciting weekend retreat for our students. Details coming soon!

2012 Dates to Remember:

FEBRUARY 5 - SUPER BOWL BASX

FEBRUARY 10-12 - DNow Weekend

JUNE 10-16 - CAMP LIVING STONES

2011 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Worldwide Goal: \$175 million

SOBC Goal: \$15,150

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8, HCSB).

"His heart, His voice, His hands – I am Southern Baptist missions."

Our own missionaries to Peru, Wayne and Debbie Brinkley will be here **Sunday morning, December 11th** to report on their efforts in the mission field.



WMU Ladies Bible Study

December 12th @ 2pm

BUDGET UPDATE

WEEKLY Budget Needs:	\$13,959.92
WEEKLY Receipts Nov. 13:	\$11,129.50
WEEKLY Surplus/Deficit Nov 13:	(\$2,830.42)
YEAR-TO-DATE Budget Needs:	\$642,156.32
YEAR-TO-DATE Receipts:	\$596,627.54
YEAR-TO-DATE Surplus/Deficit:	(\$45,528.78)



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Tony Z. Garrett, Associate Pastor
Charles Taylor, Youth Pastor
Jennifer Deck, Children's Ministry Director
November 18, 2011

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Upcoming Events

Friday, November 18

4:00 p.m. RA Camp Out - Timberline

Sunday, November 20

WMU Christmas Shoe Box Collection Ends Today

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

5:30 p.m. **FAMILY THANKSGIVING - FLC**

Monday, November 21

12:30 p.m. Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 22

6:00 p.m. Visitation

Wednesday, November 23

NO SERVICES

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 25

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Sunday, November 27

Week of Prayer for International Missions/Lottie Moon Offering

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

5:30 p.m. M&M/Hanging of the Greens

Monday, November 28

12:30 p.m. Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 29

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

6:00 p.m. Visitation

Wednesday, November 30

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



KID'S CORNER

Join Mrs. Jennifer
on the stage
Sunday, December 4th!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH,
5:30PM

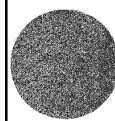


GA POST OFFICE
December 4th-18th

Bring your Christmas cards for church members by the Welcome Center and we will hand deliver them for you for a minimal fee! All proceeds will benefit the Lottie Moon Offering!

Parent's Night Out

will be Friday, Dec 2nd, 6:30-10:00 p.m.
Reservations **REQUIRED** and \$10 per family
due by this Sunday November 20th



RA Basketball Practice
Wednesdays at 5:30pm
Contact Jeff Sanders for more info

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	Tithes & Offerings	Tithes & Offerings
Oct 2	\$14,542.70	Received
Oct 9	\$13,392.34	\$54,686.24
Oct 16	\$11,479.40	Tithes & Offerings
Oct 23	\$9,278.30	Required
Oct 30	\$5,993.50	\$60,493.01
	Church Attendance	Sun. Sch. Attendance
Oct 2	351	Oct 2 314
Oct 9	318	Oct 9 280
Oct 16	368	Oct 16 307
Oct 23	309	Oct 23 273
Oct 30	295	Oct 30 295



To be added to the Church Prayer Chain please send an e-mail to **Pam.Braswell@sbcglobal.net.**