

Sermon Notes

Start Strong: Building a Foundation for a God-Centered Year

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LIVE OAKS
 COMMUNITY CHURCH

Start Strong: Building a Foundation for a God-Centered Year

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 9-4 Monday-Thursday; closed on Friday

Saturday, December 28, 2024
 4:30 p.m. @ Woodridge and Southern Oaks

Sunday, December 29, 2024
 8:30 a.m. @ Woodridge
 10:30 a.m. @ Woodridge and Southern Oaks
 Sunday services also can be viewed on the jumbotron
 @ The Grove, our outdoor venue @ Woodridge.

Open WIFI @ Woodridge: "Live Oaks Guest" (No Password)
 @ Southern Oaks: "SOC Guest" (Password: liveoaks)
 @ The Grove – Tune to FM 100.5 on your radio



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Live Oaks Community Church is affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America.

Got energetic children with you @ Woodridge? Uncomfortable in the Worship Center? View services and other events from our Family Room off the lobby behind the Worship Center.

Our mission is to equip and encourage people to finish well for the glory of God.

“They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of His splendor.” ~ Isaiah 61:3

WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here

If you are new or relatively new to LOCC, or if you have a prayer request, please complete the enclosed connect card and drop it in the offering bag when it comes to you. Be sure to include your current information so that we can keep you posted with regular ministry updates.

Join Us for Next Week's Message

“The Parable of the Sower”

Scripture focus: Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

GROW

Ecclesiastes Series Launches January 11-12

Journey with us verse by verse through the Book of Ecclesiastes as we ask honest questions and discover profound truths about the meaning of life. Through the wisdom of Solomon, we'll explore what it means to live “under the sun” and find purpose in a world that constantly changes, yet remains so much the same. Together, we'll discover how only God can give lasting meaning to our lives.

Winter Discipleship Studies Coming Soon

Register now for LOCC's Winter Discipleship Studies starting up in January. Pick up a flier at the information desk for details. You can also learn more or enroll via the LOCC phone app or online by clicking on “Get Equipped” at liveoakschurch.org.

Impact Weekend Features Dr. Richard Blackaby

Mark your calendar now for Impact Conference 2025, 9-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 8, in the Worship Center at Woodridge. Dr. Richard Blackaby, co-author of the best-selling book “Experiencing God,” will explore with us “The Seasons of God.” The registration fee of \$25 includes lunch. Register online today!

GIVE

Seeds of Hope Food Collection January 4-5

...for the benefit of the Wildwood Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen. Look for outdoor pick-up stations at either campus when you come to services next weekend.

HOPE

GriefShare Seminar: Loss of a Spouse

Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear. Find help at GriefShare's “Loss of a Spouse” seminar, 1-3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, at Woodridge. Register at GriefShare.org/events/234101 by Tuesday, December 31.

SERVE

Serve in Uganda

Join the LOCC Global Outreach team partnering with Enduring Treasure Ministries in Mbale, Uganda, from June 19-29, 2025, to assist with some local ministries. The deadline to sign up is January 12; team training will begin soon after. Email Pastor Jim at jimerb@liveoakschurch.org to find out more.

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

Help us feed hungry children around the world. It all happens at the Woodridge Campus on January 13-15. Our goal is to fund and pack 303,264 meals in eight 2-hour shifts over the course of three days. Sign up your friends, family, neighbors, and your Encore Group for a shift or two, and generously give to help purchase the supplies. If every volunteer at each shift donated just \$69, the cost of the MobilePack would be paid in full. (A contribution of \$106 will feed one child a meal every day for an entire year!) You will need to create an account with Feed My Starving Children in order to sign up or donate – find sign-up and donation information on the LOCC website or phone app, or at a Commons kiosk. Need help? Contact Gordon Pfeiffer at gpfeiffer121@gmail.com or 770.883.3604.

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New Year

COME

Coming in January: Festival of Hymns

Save the date for the Festival of Hymns, 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 19, in the Woodridge Worship Center. Enjoy the LOCC Worship Choir, accompanied by a full orchestra, presenting some of the majestic and inspirational hymns of our heritage. No need to register.

Valentine's Day Concert February 14

Don't miss “A Night Celebrating Love,” 7 p.m. on Valentine's Day at Woodridge. Enjoy “heavy hors d'oeuvres” and the dulcet tones of saxophonist Eirinn Abu at LOCC's first-ever Valentines Day Concert. Admission is only \$25—register today!

BELONG

Discovery Class: Learn More About Live Oaks

Attend this 7-week series as we explore the history, beliefs, and values of LOCC. Weekly sessions begin at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, January 5, in the Multipurpose Room at Woodridge.

Join an Encore Small Group

Encore Groups (LOCC's small groups) represent your “Florida Family” as they gather each week to discuss and apply the previous weekend's sermon, pray together, support one another, and enjoy great fellowship. For more information, contact Mike Williams at mike@liveoakschurch.org.

CONNECT

Pick Up an LOCC Car Magnet or Decal

Did you know that some of our church family first learned of Live Oaks Community Church because they spotted one of our LOCC car magnets on someone's car or golf cart? Pick up a magnet or decal after the service at either campus.

PLAN

- The **Power of Prayer** group will not meet on New Year's Day.
- Meet with LOCC's Caregiver Support Group from 12:30 to 2 p.m. every Friday in the Family Room at Woodridge.
- LOCC has reserved **Pickleball** courts from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sundays at Burnsed Recreation Center. Villages ID required.

LOCC Offices Closed on New Year's Day

In case of an urgent matter, call 352.817.0176.

Register for any event online, at a kiosk in the lobby, or via the LOCC phone app.