

Sermon Notes

Empty Pursuits: Finding Meaning Beyond Worldly Pleasure Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

Sermon video, outline, and study guide can be accessed via the LOCC phone app and the "Beyond the Message" email sent to the entire church family the week following each sermon.

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LIVE OAKS
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Saturday, January 25, 2025
4:30 p.m. @ Woodridge and Southern Oaks

Sunday, January 26, 2025
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

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

“Beyond the Grind: Trusting God with Our Labor”
Scripture Focus: Ecclesiastes 2:12-26

GROW

Impact Weekend Features Dr. Richard Blackaby

Mark your calendar now for Impact Weekend 2025, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, February 7, in the Worship Center at Woodridge. Dr. Richard Blackaby, co-author of the best-selling book “Experiencing God,” will explore with us “Experiencing God Through the Storms.” The registration fee of \$25 per person includes lunch. Register online today!

COME

Valentine's Day Concert February 14

Don't miss “A Night Celebrating Love” at 6 p.m. on Valentine's Day at Woodridge. Enjoy “heavy hors d'oeuvres” and the mellow tones of saxophonist Eirinn Abu at LOCC's first-ever Valentine's Day Concert. Admission is \$25 per person – hors d'oeuvres at 6, concert at 7. Register today!

Ark & Creation Discipleship Adventure

Join us for an unforgettable bus trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter, April 6-12. Experience biblical history come to life. The trip costs \$975; space is limited, so reserve your spot TODAY. Email Pastor James at james@liveoakschurch.org to register.

GIVE

Seeds of Hope Food Collection February 1-2

...to benefit the Wildwood Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen. Look for outdoor pick-up stations at either campus when you come to services next weekend. Let's do **TWO TONS** again!

GO

2025 Filler Factory Kick Off Celebration

Join us at 9 a.m. this Tuesday, January 28, at Southern Oaks for a time of fellowship as we kick off a new season for LOCC's Operation Christmas Child Filler Factory. We anticipate another banner year making and preparing gifts to fill shoeboxes destined for needy children around the world. Bring a snack to share, hear our 2024 results, and enjoy a special speaker talking about Operation Christmas Child from behind the scenes. If you are new to LOCC, this is a great time to find out how you can participate.

Come to a Mobilization Dessert

You're invited from 3-4:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 16, in the Multipurpose Room at Woodridge to enjoy wonderful desserts and hear what God is doing through LOCC-supported missionary Dan DeVries and his ministry with Sports Ambassadors. A ministry of One Challenge, Sports Ambassadors sends short-term teams to evangelize and plant seeds for ministry all around the world.

Join LOCC's DR GO Team

Join the servants of Christ on the LOCC GO Team bound for Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, March 1-8. Working with Gordy and Bear Grover, you'll connect with international university students, speaking conversational English with them from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday. You'll also worship at a local church and visit cultural sites around the city. Contact Dave Bratton at 973.876.8730 or davebratton47@gmail.com to learn more.

Serve with LOCC's Bahamas GO Team

Join LOCC's Global Outreach team at the Adventure Learning Centre in Nassau, Bahamas, March 25 - April 1, to help get the center running again after a post-Covid period of dormancy. Assist skilled workers with construction, cleaning, power washing, painting, and cooking. The cost is approximately \$750/person for airfare, food, lodging, and transportation. Sign up by: February 28. Contact Dave Wright at davewrightsgccc@gmail.com or Pastor Jim at jimerb@liveoakschurch.org to sign on or learn more.

CONNECT

Women's Ministry: “Purse Scavenger Hunt”

All women are invited to a Purse Scavenger Hunt highlighting the attributes of God from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, February 21, in the Southern Oaks Campus Commons. Load your favorite purse with items from your home – the more stuff, the better! Invite a friend and enjoy a time of fellowship, brunch, and fun. Registration is only \$10.

Women's Ministry Presents Speaker Lisa Allen

Save the date to hear from Christian motivational speaker Lisa Allen of Proverbs 31 Ministries, 9:30-1:15 on Saturday, March 8, at Woodridge. Special music will be provided by The Downhome Darlings. Registration information is coming soon.

DEDICATE

Southern Oaks “Dedication of Three Crosses”

The entire LOCC family is invited to the “Dedication of Three Crosses” at Southern Oaks, 1 p.m. Monday, January 27. Three elegantly simple steel crosses, erected near the northeast corner of the building as a symbol of our faith and community, represent the crosses on which Jesus Christ and the two thieves were crucified more than 2,000 years ago. This ceremony is particularly special as we honor the late Sam Benson, who served as Campus Pastor at Southern Oaks until his sudden passing this past July. It was Pastor Sam's heartfelt vision that brought this project to life.

PLAN

- Pray with Power of Prayer, 9-10 a.m. every Wednesday in the Lighthouse Café at Woodridge.
- LOCC's Caregiver Support Group meets from 12:30 to 2 p.m. every Friday in the Family Room at Woodridge. (No meeting on February 7.)
- LOCC's Widowers Group meets at 3 p.m. the third Monday of every month in the Family Room at Woodridge.
- The LOCC Singles Group meets 6 to 8 p.m. the second Friday of each month in the Lighthouse Café at Woodridge.
- Widows Connect hosts gatherings the 4th Friday of each month at Woodridge to encourage, educate, and create connections for widows.

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