



Live Oak United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship - 8:00 AM., 10:00 AM., 11:30 AM.

Sunday School - 9:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Thursday Worship – 7:00PM

Sunday School, 9:00 & 10:00 A.M.

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September 2012
Monthly Newsletter



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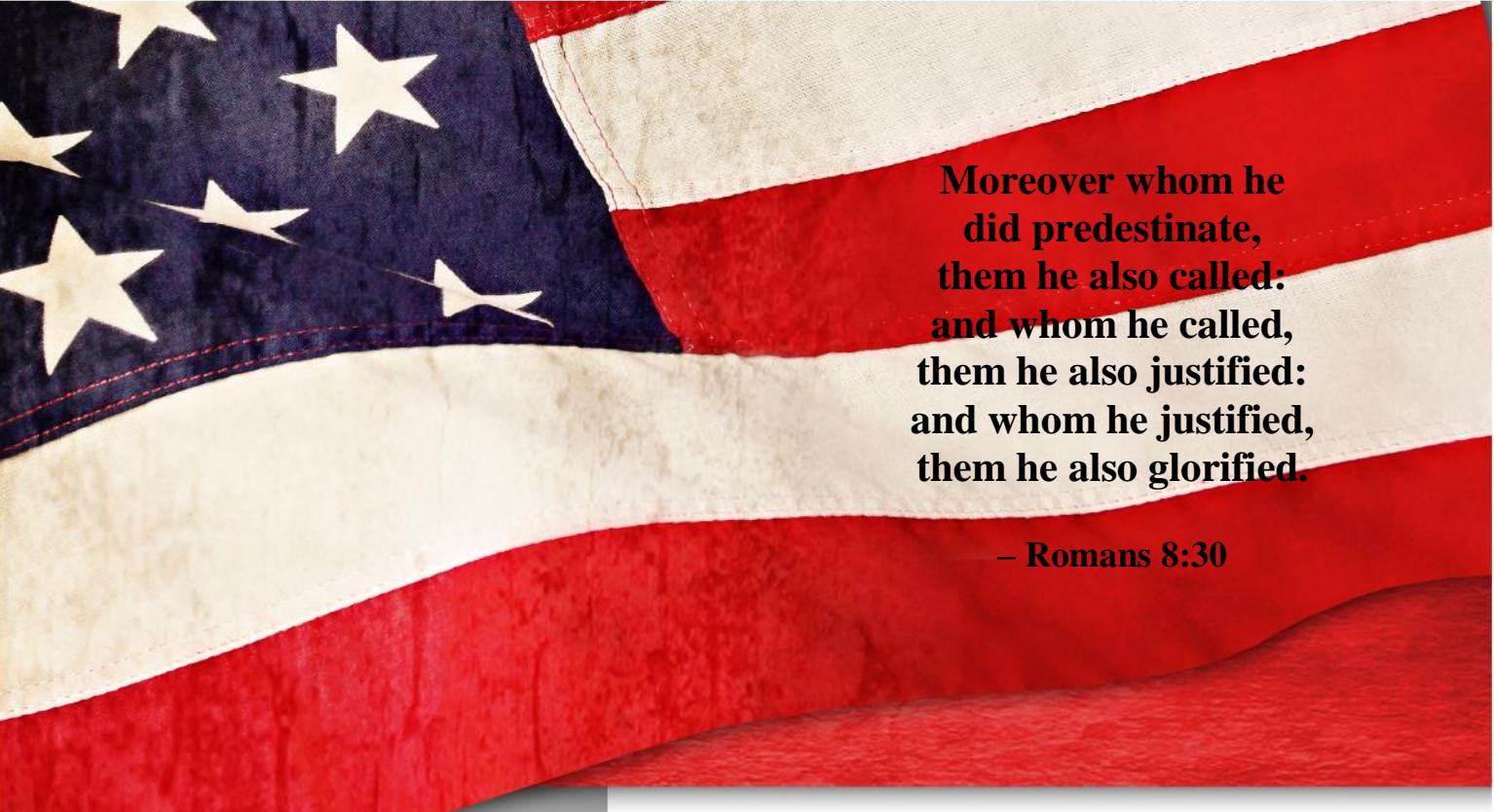
Pastor's Desk

The summer of 2012 was a truly great summer for Live Oak. We had a wonderful VBS for adults, children and youth. The youth trips were a great success as our youth had the opportunity to grow in the faith. We saw our missions' teams do amazing things in Honduras and Cambodia. The children's musical was amazing and we saw our AWANA program start with a record number of children and leaders. Our 5th Sunday in July was a huge success as we had a great fellowship and renewed our friendships. Overall the summer of 2012 will be remembered as a time of great blessing.

This fall should be a wonderful time in the life of LOUMC. We are excited about the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University on Wednesday nights. We hope it will be used to help those who participate to improve their financial situation and the management of their money. We are looking forward to going back to Camp Istrouma for our 5th Sunday in September, and we are looking forward to beginning a new small group class for the "50 Something's."

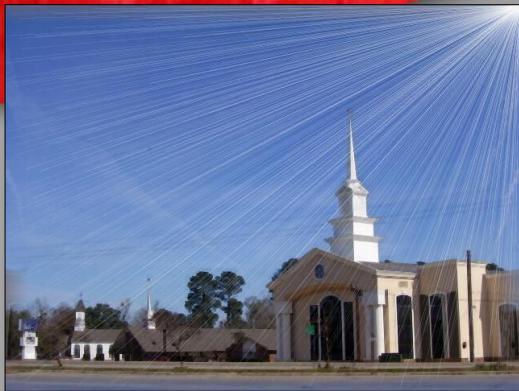
We are also excited about a new series entitled "Prophecy, the News and You." There are many events happening in the Middle East that could affect us in the USA. Many of these events have strong prophetic overtones and possibilities as we see God fulfill His Word.

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Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

— Romans 8:30



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Daniel and Ezekiel and the apostle John (inspired by the Holy Spirit) prophesied certain events that would occur prior to the return of the Messiah and the establishment of His Kingdom. The Events that are occurring in the Middle East and the nations involved are the exact nations that Daniel, Ezekiel and John mentioned in their prophecies.

This fall the world could possibly see some major events occur in Europe and the Middle East that could change the future of the world. So as we study today's headlines and look at the fulfillment of God's Word. Let us be mindful that God is at work in this world to fulfill His Word and prepare the world for the return of His Son.

So if you are uncertain about the Bible, prophecy or God's involvement in the world, or if you find the study of Bible prophecy interesting, exciting, and humbling, we invite you to join us and bring a friend as we study "Prophecy, the News and You."

Hope to see you Sunday.

Mark

In God We Trust

On the anniversary September 11, 2001

There will be a Parish-wide Prayer & Remembrance Service to be held in the

Livingston Parish Council Chambers.

Cry Out America 9-11 Remembrance Event

Lest we forget, as terrorists' threats to America's people continue, a ceremony to remember the horrific 9/11 terrorist attacks will be held from 12-1 p.m. in the Livingston Parish Council Chambers, 20399 Government Blvd., in Livingston. "2012 Cry Out America, a Day of Remembrance & Prayer for our Country" will feature patriotic music, and participation by clergy, state legislators, local officials, judges, and law enforcement.

American citizens will unite in courthouses across the United States at the same time to cry out to God for lost friends, family, police and fire personnel; for communities; for repentance and for the spiritual condition of our nation.

The public, emergency personnel and active military are invited to attend. For more information, contact Carolyn Hatcher at 225-936-9066 or by email at crhatcher1@att.net,

NUGGET'S FROM THE BIBLE

Jeremiah 14:14-14; Hebrews 1:1-2

"The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I have not sent them or appointed them or spoken to them. They are prophesying to you false visions, divinations, idolatries and the delusions of their own minds."

"God, who at various times and in different ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son..."

Throughout biblical times, God gave revelations to his people through dreams and visions. When these are from God, they will agree with what God has already revealed. Modern dreams or visions that point people to Christ, that do not claim to be the basis for new doctrines or religions, and that do not contradict or supplant scripture may be accepted as true visions. However, false visions may draw people's focus away from worshipping Christ and instead promote devotion toward the apparition itself. We should view with caution and skepticism any visions or dreams that go beyond what scripture says even if they do not clearly contradict it. Scripture teaches that there are two sources of power in our world system - power from God and power from Satan. God's power focuses on Him, His word, His plan, and His teachings. Satan's power would draw the focus away from God. Satan is the great deceiver and can even transform himself into an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14). Satan will take advantage of us if we are ignorant of his devices. He is the father of lies and the great imitator of the things of God. The tenth common doctrinal error is that of false miracles.

Matthew tells us in the New Testament that "False Christ's and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect - if that were possible (Matt. 24:24)

The Bible often refers to miracles as "signs" because they are visible pointers to the truth about God. Jesus' miracles also functioned as signs in this sense. Miracles reveal God's power and mastery over the forces of nature, but they also reveal his purpose to save his people. True miracles, whether in ancient times or today, are consistent with biblical truth and point people to the God supremely revealed in Christ (Acts 14:3).

We've considered ten doctrinal errors of Christianity in our world today - false gospels, false doctrines, false gods, false Christ's, false spirits, false prophets, false apostles, false teachers, false visions, and false miracles. So how do we correct these errors?

First, ask questions. By asking honest questions, we can find out what another person is hearing or reading and what they understand it to mean.

Second, focus on the majors, the defining issues of the Christian faith - such as the deity of Christ, the doctrine of the trinity, salvation, justification, inspiration of scripture, etc.

Third, recognize shades of gray. Although truth and error are clear opposites, most people, even in outright false religions, believe mixtures of truth and error. Acknowledge the good, reject the bad.

Fourth, get reliable information - a trustworthy Bible teacher, pastor, or leader. As we grow in grace and knowledge we become more able to discern truth from error. **Truth matters!**

Information by: Robert M. Bowman, Jr.



WHY I LOVE HER

John Wayne

"America, America, God shed his grace on thee..."

You ask me Why I Love Her? Well, give me time and I'll explain.

Have you see a Kansas sunset or an Arizona rain?

Have you drifted on a bayou down Louisiana way?

Have you watched a cold fog drifting over San Francisco Bay?

Have you heard a bobwhite calling in the Carolina pines,
Or heard the bellow of a diesel at the Appalachia mines?
Does the call of Niagara thrill you when you hear her waters roar?
Do you look with awe and wonder at her Massachusetts shore,
Where men who braved a hard new world first stepped on Plymouth's rock?
And do you think of them when you stroll along a New York City dock?

Have you seen a snowflake drifting in the Rockies, way up high?
Have you seen the sun come blazing down from a bright Nevada sky?
Do you hail to the Columbia as she rushes to the sea,
Or bow your head at Gettysburg at our struggle to be free?



Have you seen the mighty Tetons? Have you watched an eagle soar?

Have you see the Mississippi roll along Missouri's shore?

Have you felt a chill at Michigan when on a winter's day?

Her waters rage along the shore in thunderous display?

Does the word "Aloha" make you warm?

Do you stare in disbelief when you see the surf come roaring in at Waimea Reef?

From Alaska's cold to the Everglades, from the Rio Grande to Maine,
My heart cries out, my pulse runs fast at the might of her domain.

You ask me Why I Love Her? I've a million reasons why:
My Beautiful America, beneath God's wide, wide sky.

"And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

God Bless America!





Save the Date

LOUMC Father-Daughter Dance

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Friday, October 5, 2012

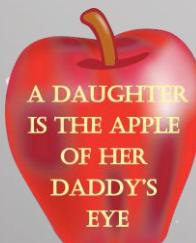
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Saturday, October 6, 2012

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Live Oak Methodist Family Life Center Dads, do not miss this opportunity to show your daughter what a real date is supposed to be like and to demonstrate how she should be treated on a date.

Dress up and put on your dancing shoes. We will have popcorn and soft drinks on hand, but if mom wants to send a favorite dessert, that would be great. Bring your camera to capture the memories. See you there!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

P.O. Box 127

Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0127

(225) 383-SVDP or (225) 383-7837

August 1, 2012

Mr. David Drake
Live Oak Methodist Church
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Watson, LA 70786

Dear Mr. Drake:

On behalf of the poor and homeless men, women, and children we serve here at the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room, we want to thank you and all the young people who worked so hard for six weeks to provide brown bag suppers for the needy.

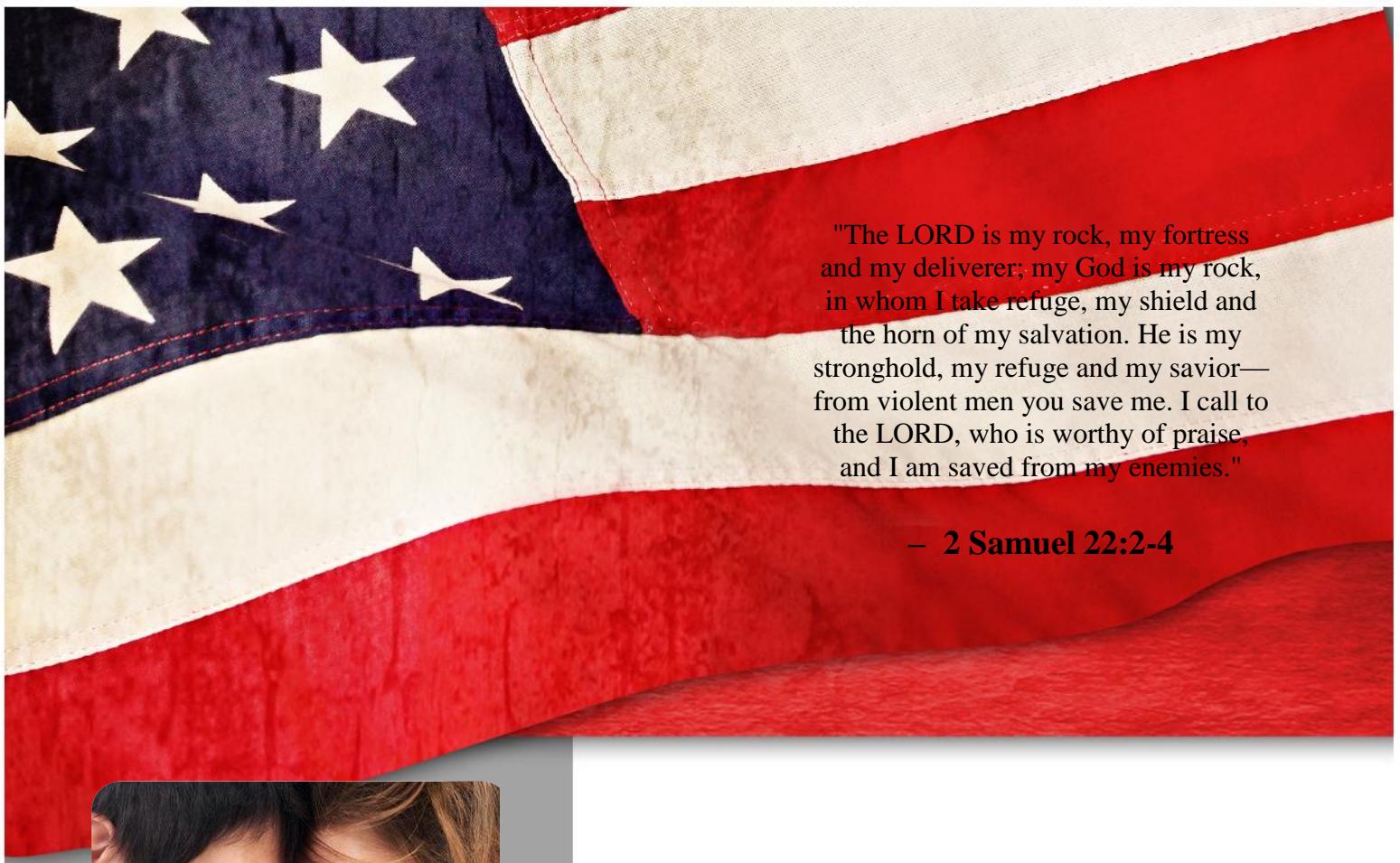
Most of us can't imagine what it's like to be hungry with no money to buy food, but the sad reality is that people are going to bed hungry every night in our community. Thanks to our Brown Bag Supper Program and the efforts of our volunteers, we are alleviating this problem.

Through this effort, Live Oak Methodist Church has helped their young parishioners to learn a valuable lesson and the real meaning of Matthew 25: For I was hungry and you gave me food..." Every meal they prepared was a gift to Jesus himself.

Please express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in this effort. They have made a real difference in the lives of the needy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Michael J. Alcaldo
President & CEO



"The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—from violent men you save me. I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies."

— **2 Samuel 22:2-4**



Ladies Night Out

October 19, 2012

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Family Life Center
Dinner, Worship and Speaker

Carolyn Hatcher will share her experiences with mission work and prayer. Cost will be \$10.00 and nursery will be available.

Tickets will be sold every Sunday in church lobby between 8:45 - 11:30 or in the church office Monday thru Friday.

Questions - call or text Stormee Drake 362-0872

Live Oak United Methodist Live Oak Angels

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Barrels will be for collections of items listed below:

August

Hygiene Items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

September

School Supplies: Pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, coloring and picture books, etc.

October

Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yo's, jump ropes, toys that light up or make noise with extra batteries, slinky, etc.

November

Other: Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, socks, t-shirts, sunglasses, flashlights with extra batteries, ball caps, etc.

Your donations are very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Price of Freedom / written by a 9 yr old girl *Lindsay*

On this day, my heart crumbled
On this day I really trembled.
Has the world changed in so many ways?
You know we have God to praise!
Ask Him for peace in your heart and mind,
you'll have comfort all the time!

CHRISTMAS AT SNOWFLAKE COUNTRY

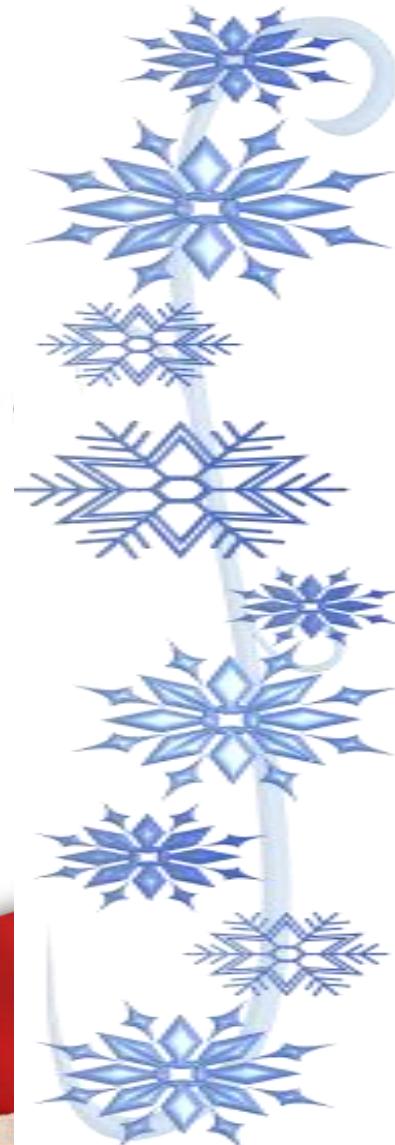
Take a rollicking ride to Snowflake County-a place where Christmas celebrations have become so extravagant they threaten to over shadow the simplicity of Christmas' true meaning. It seems the only one who understands the secret of Jesus' simple birth is little Suzy Hallmark-but no one is listening. It will take a series of crazy mishaps during the community's annual seasonal program before the noise stops and everyone realizes that Christmas isn't about how brightly lights and decorations shine-it's about Jesus, the light of the world.

Your children grades K-6th grade, are invited to join our music and drama for this Christmas musical, drama rehearsals for this Christmas musical, beginning on Sept. 9th and continuing on Sunday at 4:00pm. Registration forms are in the lobbies and music suite.

One Incredible Moment Chancel Choir Christmas Musical

In one incredible moment, God reunited Creator and created. With the birth of Christ, His perfect plan appeared in the flesh, becoming the cornerstone of man's redemption.

Our Chancel Choir kick-off rehearsal/pot luck dinner will be held on Wed. Sept. 5 at the home of Melanie and Perry Rushing. All are invited to come sing this beautiful music with us, to be presented with orchestra during the Christmas season. Dinner at 6:00pm and Rehearsal at 7:00pm Call Melanie at 921-2128 for directions.



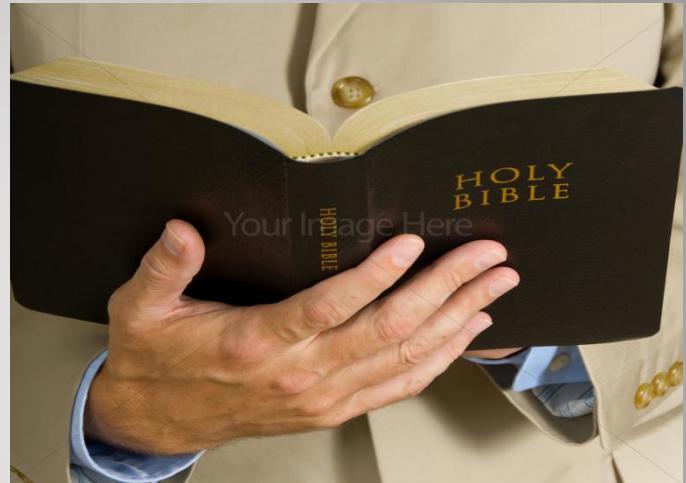


Kids Club

God blessed Opening Night of AWANA with 80 children and 24 workers for a total club attendance of 104! Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM at the Front Porch Children's Church. For ages 3-11

AWANA Clubs for Kids is moved to Wednesday nights with The Living Room for Youth. Both will begin at 6:00 PM. The Living Room for Youth will meet until 8:30 PM. AWANA will meet until 8:00 PM with an Extended Play for the children who have siblings that are in youth. This way parents with BOTH children and youth can drop off and pick up at the same time! The Living Room for Youth is an awesome diverse Youth Experience.

Come join us!!!



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LIBERTY
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for All *

Honor Our Heroes – Today and Every day!



In Loving Memory of:

8/5/2012

Donovan & Bernice Wright: Dianne Street

Catherine Sykes: Beverly and Henrietta Thames

Jimmy Sullivan: Richard Thompson, Carol Justice

My mom Katherine Underwood on her birthday: Bobbie Nanney

Doretta Kirby: David & Cindy Hetrick

08-12-19

Joe Jones, Pee Wee Day, J. L. Schillings and Dot Garrison:
Inell Harrison

Helen King: Julia & Fulton Underwood

Bobbie Underwood: Julia & Fulton Underwood

08/19/12

Charles Nanney on his Birthday: Bobbie and Family

Marie Ransome: Doug & Marie Simoneaux

In Honor of:

8/5/2012

Charlie & Aundre Garrison and Fulton & Julia Lee Underwood: Carol Justice

08/12/12

Billy & Terry Arnold for 57th Anniversary: Scott & Julie Smith