

# Sermon Notes

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## Freedom with Responsibility

Romans 14:1-23

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**Need urgent pastoral care? Call 352.817.0176.**

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



**LIVE OAKS**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Pastor James Armstrong • Village of Tamarind Grove

*LOCC's New Website  
 Launches this Sunday, September 17  
[liveoakschurch.org](http://liveoakschurch.org)*

**Saturday, September 16, 2023**

5:30 p.m. @ Southern Oaks

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

8:30 a.m. @ Woodridge

10:30 a.m. @ Woodridge and Southern Oaks

Woodridge services are held inside but also  
 can be viewed on the jumbotron @ The Grove

Open WIFI @ Woodridge: "Live Oaks Guest" (No Password)

@ Southern Oaks: "SOC Guest" (Password: liveoaks)

@ The Grove – Tune to FM 100.5 on your radio

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

**Live preaching at 10:30 a.m. randomly alternates  
 between the Woodridge and Southern Oaks campuses.**

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

**“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

Please complete the enclosed registration and prayer request card and drop it in the offering bag when it's passed to you. Be sure to include your email address so that we can keep you posted with regular ministry updates.

### Greet Our New Members

Let us welcome the following new members to our growing Live Oaks Community Church family:

- Keith Bohlander & Michelle Cottle
- Gary Davis & Glenn & Ruth Jackson
- Tim & Carleen Cowles
- Craig & Suzie Langohr

## REMEMBER

### Thoughts and Prayers...

Steve Terwilleger went home to heaven on September 6. Please pray for Steve's wife Marsha and the family as they mourn Steve's passing and celebrate his homegoing. The family has not yet announced plans for a memorial service.

## CONNECT

### Dine with Our Prospective Lead Pastor

As we approach our November 19 vote to call Pastor James as our new Lead Pastor, James and Wendy invite you to lunch or dinner to get to know them and ask questions you may have about the transition, LOCC's vision, and Pastor James' leadership. Only a few openings remain; email Wendy for available dates and to register: [wendy@liveoakchurch.org](mailto:wendy@liveoakchurch.org)

### Discovery Class Begins October 1

New to Live Oaks? Been here awhile, but just want to learn more about our church? Maybe you'd like to take that first step toward membership? Attend this 7-week series as we explore the history, beliefs, and values of LOCC. Weekly sessions begin at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, October 1, in the Multipurpose Room at Woodridge. Sign up online, at the sign-up center, or via the LOCC phone app.

### “Widows 4th Friday” to Meet September 22

Join “Widows 4th Friday” for the group's inaugural gathering from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, September 22, in the Lighthouse Café at Woodridge. Special treat: LOCC worship leader Cathy Rowan will share her testimony and lead us in singing some of our favorite gospel songs. Come enjoy the fun and fellowship!

## GROW

### Sign Up for a Discipleship Study Today

Register at [liveoakchurch.org](http://liveoakchurch.org) or via the LOCC phone app:

#### Coed Studies

- “High Flying & Deep Diving” – led by Chuck Tabor & Dave Bratton, 9:30-11 a.m. Thursdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 16, at Woodridge.
- “The Truth Project” – led by Judy Carts and Harry Foose, 1-3 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 11-Dec. 4, at The Standard Coffee Shop.
- “The 12 Most-Asked Questions” – led by Bryan Cash, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Oct. 2-Nov. 27, in the Lighthouse Café at Woodridge.
- “Chainbreakers” – led by Bob & Sue Hawkins, 4-5 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 2-April 29, in the Lighthouse Café, Woodridge.

#### Women's Studies

- “Jesus & Women” – led by Pat Wilson-Wolff, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 16, in the Lighthouse Café at Woodridge.
- “No Worries: Learning to Trust” – led by Barb Bartz, 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 3-Nov. 21, at Barb's home, 3527 Reston Drive in The Villages.
- “Embrace Real Life – Walk in the Light” – led by Cheri Benson, 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays in the Multipurpose Room at Woodridge, OR 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays in the Worship Center at Southern Oaks, Oct. 18-Nov. 15.

#### Men's Study

- “The Not-So-Minor Prophets: Hosea to Jonah” – led by Bud Smith, 9:30-11 a.m. Thursdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 30, at Southern Oaks.

### Hone Your Witness & Your Pickleball Prowess

Sign up for “3:16 Strategies: Biblical Principles Applied to Pickleball.” Learn to teach biblical principles on the Pickleball court in just four 90-minute sessions. Make disciples on any court, anywhere, any time. Find out more from Dick Scott at [booscott@hotmail.com](mailto:booscott@hotmail.com) or John Mrachek at [mrachek@att.net](mailto:mrachek@att.net).

## SING

### Join LOCC's Worship Choir

The Live Oaks Community Church Worship Choir rehearses at 4 p.m. on Thursdays in the multipurpose room at Woodridge. All are welcome. Please join us as we prepare for LOCC's Veterans Day “Hope for America” event on November 10 and 12. More than 1,200 people came to honor our veterans last year, and we are hoping for a capacity crowd this year!

## SERVE

### We're Folding and Packing OCC Shoeboxes

Help LOCC's Operation Christmas Child Filler Factory fold and pack 11,200 shoeboxes! These shoeboxes of love are destined for needy kids around the globe:

- Shoebox Folding Sessions on October 9
  - Packing Party Sessions on October 10 and 11
- Register at [liveoakchurch.org](http://liveoakchurch.org) or via the LOCC phone app. Questions? Contact Mary Graham at 918.815.1388 or [marygrahamok@gmail.com](mailto:marygrahamok@gmail.com). More ways you can get involved:
- “Village-to-Village” Shoebox Initiative: From your village to villages around the globe! Take home an armload of OCC shoeboxes and invite your village, clubs, friends, groups, and families to help pack boxes for delivery to needy children in villages all over the world. Boxes and how-to brochures are available at either campus.
  - Build an OCC Shoebox Online: You can Build-A-Shoebox-Online through December 31 by visiting [liveoakchurch.org](http://liveoakchurch.org).

## PLAN

### Hear Sherry Anne in Concert at LOCC

Come hear Billboard-charting artist, author, award-winning songwriter, and inspirational speaker Sherry Anne in concert, 6:30 - 8 p.m. on Sunday, October 8, at Woodridge. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors – admission is FREE.

## HONOR

### Hope for America: Saluting Our Veterans



Save the date for this celebration of praise and gratitude at 6:30 p.m. on November 10 OR 12 at Woodridge. This soul-stirring evening will feature patriotic music from the LOCC Worship Choir, a color guard flag ceremony, a musical salute to all branches of the military, prayer for our country, and more. Together let us pay tribute to the men and women in the armed services who have fought for the precious liberties we hold dear in the U.S.A.

## PLAY

### Pickleball at Burnsed

LOCC has reserved Pickleball courts from 4-6 p.m. Sundays at Burnsed Recreation Center.

