

*Making Disciples Who Make Disciples*  
(Mt. 28:18-20)

**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**



**South Oaks**  
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**Welcome to SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT at South Oaks!**

Introduction

At South Oaks, we strive to Love God and Love Others. Our process to accomplish these goals is to:

- SURRENDER to the will of God
- STRENGTHEN our walk with Christ.
- SERVE others.

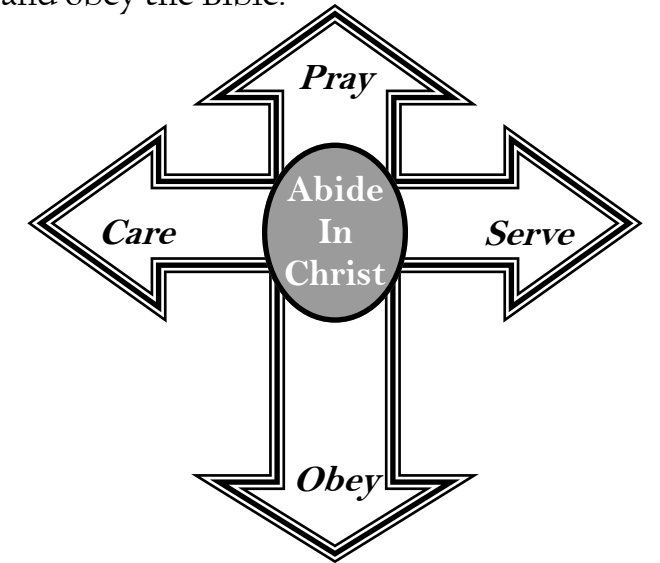
To encourage this spiritual development, we offer: Worship, Life Groups, Growth Groups, and service opportunities around these three actions.

We believe that Life Groups are extremely important in strengthening a person's walk with Christ and finding encouragement to serve others. Our Life Groups have four practices which help a person "abide in" or "remain in" Jesus Christ. They are described in the next column. It is within these Life Groups (Sunday School) that people experience spiritual life together.

We invite you to connect with a Life Group as soon as possible.

Practices of Life Groups

All of our groups gather to pray together, care for each other, serve our community, and obey the Bible.



However, each group has a distinct "personality" expressed in values that are emphasized by the group (descriptions are on next page).

We encourage you to choose a group to grow with based on shared values and/or your place in life. On the following page, you will find a list of groups currently meeting.

What about Children and Youth?

Preschoolers, children, and youth meet in age and developmentally appropriate groups during the Sun. morning Life Group time.

Preschoolers must be registered by a parent/guardian who receives a silent paging system or tag for security purposes. Teachers will lead the preschoolers in Bible learning activities.

Children are taught God's word each week through Bible story and application activities. Adult teachers are committed

**Weekly Meeting Times**  
**Life Groups**  
**(Sunday School) - 9:15 a.m.**  
**Worship - 10:30 a.m.**

to building relationships with kids and equipping them to face the challenges of today's world.

Youth (7th-12th grade) meet as a large group in the AB gym for fellowship and worship before breaking out into small groups by grade for Bible study, prayer, and deeper relationships. Junior high groups are gender specific, while high school groups are co-ed.

*Check out the South Oaks website for more information on children and youth activities.*  
www.southoaks.org

Preschool		
Age/Grade Level	Room #	Teachers
Turtles: Babies & Creepers	CB 116	Janet Rogers
Elephants: 1 & 2 yr olds	CB 114	Shannon Meister, Erin England
Lions: 3 yr olds	CB 119	Lauren Thompson
Giraffes: 4 yr olds	CB 113	Jodi Berry
Hippos: PreK & Kindergarten	CB 108	John & Tonya Martin

Children & Youth		
Age/Grade Level	Room #	Teachers
1st/2nd Grade	CB 109	Cyndi Sekerke, Patti Jones
3rd/4th Grade	CB 112	Margaret Biermann & Gaylia Campbell
5th/6th Grade Jump Start in	CB 111 AB 205	Mark & Patti Cook
7th/8th Grade Girls	AB Gym	Tina Sepmoree
7th/8th Grade Boys	AB Gym	Jim & Jandee King
9th Grade	AB Gym	Kent & Carol Lloyd
10th Grade	AB Gym	Kent & Carol Lloyd
11th Grade	AB Gym	Grant & Lisa Ford
12th Grade	AB Gym	Rob & Traci Poe

Adult Life Groups (Sunday School)		
Leader / Place in Life	Values	Rm #
<b>Becca Sales “Young Adults” Age: 18-early 20’s</b> Starting college and/or a career and discovering our calling in life.	Participation, Transparency, and Openness	AB 201
<b>Logan &amp; Megan George “Young Marrieds” Age: Early to Mid 20’s</b> Newlyweds and young couples starting families. Learning to grow together God’s way.	Openness, Affirmation and Participation.	AB 208
<b>Tommy Williamson “Married &amp; Growing” Age: late 20’s-30’s</b> Mostly married couples with young families; kids mostly preschool & elementary.	Affirmation, Availability, Openness, and Participation	AB 209
<b>Rob Henderson Age: 40’s and up</b> Families with busy schedules, with kids at home and some in college.	Participation, Transparency, and Availability	Upper Annex 2
<b>Harry Weidhaas, Chuck Anderson, Andy Rogers, David Smith “WAC Class” Age: 50 and up</b> Children growing up & leaving home; parents aging and increased care needed.	Availability, Prayer, Openness, and Participation	Lower Annex 1
<b>Bob Biermann Age: 60’s and up</b> Varying marital and professional status, open and candid discussion guided, yet not limited, by study topic.	In depth Bible Study, Participation, and Honesty	AB 107
<b>Lonnie Osborn “49 &amp; Holding” Age: 55’s and up</b> Planning for retirement, adult children.	Affirmation, Prayer, In depth Bible Study, Sensitivity	Lower Annex 4
<b>Robert Mundy Age: Late 50’s and up</b> Established careers, some retired, parents are aging and needing increased care.	Honesty, Safety, and In depth Bible Study	Lower Annex 2
<b>Howard Schutt Age: late 60’s and up</b> Retired or nearing retirement, travel, grandparenting is a big role, aging parents.	Affirmation, Prayer, In depth Bible Study, Availability, and Participation	AB 105
<b>Bob Bryant “Toppers Class” Age: 70 and up</b> Retired, health concerns, enjoying group activities together.	Affirmation, Prayer, Honesty, In depth Bible Study, Sensitivity, and Participation	WC 103
<b>JaNae Mundy - Ladies Age: various</b> For all women - Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed.	Affirmation, Prayer, In depth Bible Study, and Participation	AB 108
<b>Alicia Curry - Ladies Age: We are not telling! (truthfully, 30’s to 50’s)</b> For all women - most are married, but husbands don’t attend with us.	Openness, Affirmation, Prayer, In depth Bible Study, and Participation	WC Conference Room

## Life Group Values

**Affirmation.** It is important to create an atmosphere where group members affirm and encourage one another, build each other up in Christ, and help each other grow.

**Availability.** Group members and their resources of time, attention, insight, as well as material resources are available to each other in order to meet needs and serve one another.

**Prayer.** Prayer is valued in group life. Prayer encourages group members to be humble, knowing that all comes from God. In prayer, they also feel values and come to understand their own worth. As the group sees God move to answer prayer concerns of members the whole group will grow in their understanding of God.

**Openness.** Openness in the relationships within the group promotes honesty and an ease of sharing feelings, struggles, joys and hurts. Reaching the goal of authentic relationships begins with being open with each other.

**Honesty.** The desire to be honest with each other is critical to authentic relationships. In order for trust to be built among group members, they must speak the truth in love, so that “we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is Christ.” (Eph. 4:15)

**Safety.** Honest, open relationships must be guarded with an agreement of safety that what is said in the group will remain confidential, that opinions will be respected and differences will be allowed.

**In depth Bible Study.** As the group goes deeper into God’s Word, they not only learn more of the character of God but also are challenged to live out His character in the world.

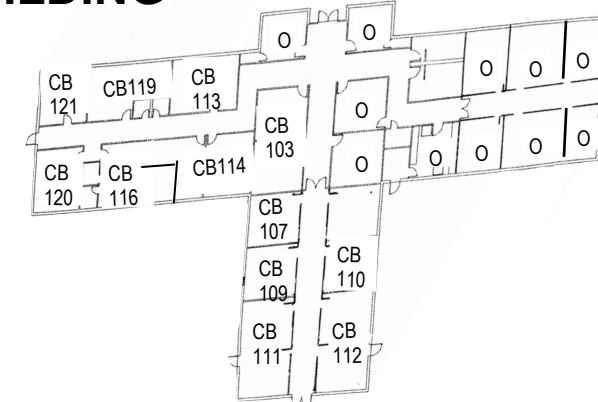
**Sensitivity.** A commitment to sensitivity to the needs, feelings, backgrounds, and current situations of other group members will help build relationships in the group. This includes taking advantage of professional expertise of a member as a result of group meetings (e.g. asking the member who is a plumber to take a look at the leaky faucet) and agreeing not to gossip or speak derogatorily about people not at the meeting.

**Participation.** Everyone is given the right to their own opinion, and “dumb questions” are encouraged and respected. We are committed to participating.

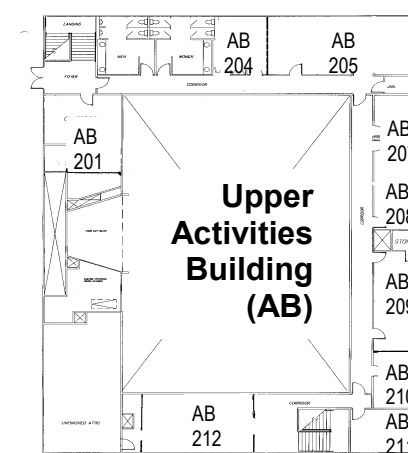
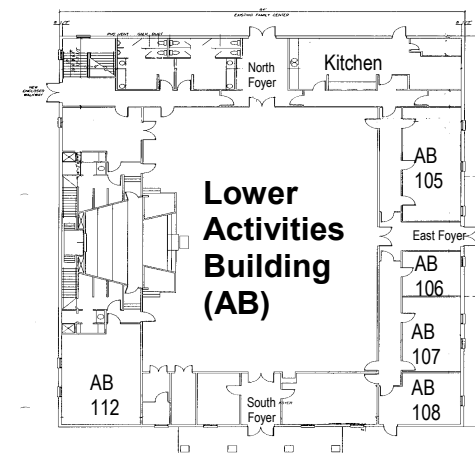
**Transparency.** We will be “real” with God and with each other, becoming vulnerable with other group members. This is an imperfect group for imperfect people in an imperfect church.

## MAP OF CHURCH BUILDING

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