

SMALL GROUPS

Sunday Morning Small Group

Study: "The Life Of Jesus For Today"
When: 9:30 am
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Golden Shook

Late Sunday Morning Small Group

Study: "The Story"
When: 10:45 am
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Gary Potter/409-938-0607

Monday Night Small Group

Study: "Like No Other-The Life Of Christ"
When: 7:00 pm
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Tony Aguilar at taguilar1300@aol.com /409-770-3776

Tuesday Morning Small Group

Study: "Acts Deepening Life Together"
When: 10:30 am
Where: Dianne Ho-Gland's home
908-23rd Avenue N / Texas City
Leader: Dianne Ho-Gland /409-945-4039

Tuesday Night Small Group

Study: "The Way"
When: 7:00 pm
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Andy Lailhengue at texascitylaura@yahoo.com

Daniel Plan Wednesday Night Small Group

Study: The Daniel Plan / Rick Warren
When: 7:00 pm
Where: Adult Classroom
Leaders: Laura Lailhengue /409-795-0747 or Sheila Treybig /409-739-4291.

Thursday Lenten Study

"The Backside Of Easter"
When: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Pastor Mike Tyson

FPU Class

Study: Financial Peace University / Dave Ramsey
When: 5:00 pm
Where: Sanctuary
Leaders: David & Christie McKnight at info@mcknightvideo.com

The next issue of *The Monitor* will be **Thursday, April 2nd**. Please be sure and submit any information no later than **Monday, March 30th** via email to Ingrid Clark at iclarck@stjohnsumctc.org.

SERVE

A Word From Our Associate Pastor

"In contemporary society our Adversary majors in three things: noise, hurry, and crowds. If he can keep us engaged in 'muchness' and 'manyness' he will rest satisfied." Richard Foster wrote those words in his book *Celebration of Discipline* in 1979 and I think our society has just become even more noisy, even more hurried, and full of even more crowds. This "noise" distracts us from so many things in life but most importantly it distracts us from the still small voice of God. The noise keeps us from being the people God intends for us to be. But there is a cure to all the noise, SILENCE. Silence is a beautiful thing. It isn't something we need to fear. We don't need more noise to fill our lives; we need silence to bring peace, comfort, and the presence of God into our lives. Now this is not an easy task. We are conditioned to seek out noise but here are a few steps you can take to reduce the "muchness and manyness."

- ◆ Take 5 minutes in the morning to sit in the silence. Don't check your phone, don't turn on the tv, don't put on music. Just be still.
- ◆ Leave the radio off in the car as you drive and use the time to pray (with your eyes open) in the silence
- ◆ Talk less and listen more
- ◆ Stop for 10 minutes during the day to just sit in silence and listen for God.

Try one or all of these things and see what a difference it makes in your life. See the many ways God can use the silence to speak to you.

Blessings,
Rev. Raegan Seaton



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Tithe & Offerings	
2015 Income Received YTD	\$60,077.20
2015 Budgeted Amount YTD	\$71,070.50
2015 Income YTD Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 10,993.30

Worship Attendance		
Worship 2/1/15	9:30	93
Worship 2/1/15	11:00	58
Worship 2/8/15	9:30	83
Worship 2/8/15	11:00	57
Worship 2/15/15	5:00	93
Worship 2/15/15	7:00	56
Worship 2/22/15	9:30	107
Worship 2/22/15	11:00	57

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March 2015



ST. JOHN'S
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8200 25TH AVENUE NORTH
TEXAS CITY, TX 77591
409-655-5348

Sunday Worship Services

9:30 am—Contemporary

11:00 am—Traditional

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Inviting People to
Experience Amazing Love!

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Attention all Men with Daughters- You need to read this!

I try to live my life in such a way that I have very few regrets. I think I have done very well at that over my life because I have very few things that I regret. However, one of them is that I did not have an opportunity to get an official Men's Ministry going here at St. John's. The Men's breakfast is a great thing, but I am passionate about men working together to study God's Word and learning how to be strong followers of Jesus while becoming the man, husband and father that God intends for us to be. It simply took a backseat to bigger picture items. I regret that I will not be able to do that before I leave.

However, I would like to offer something for some of the men of this church that has been immensely helpful to me as a father to daughters. Starting Tuesday May 5th then on May 12, May 19, and then June 2, June 9 and June 16 (at a time in the evening and place to be named later.) I invite all men with daughters to be a part of a study based on a book by Dr. Meg Meeker called, *Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters*. Dr. Meeker has spent over twenty five years practicing adolescent medicine and counseling teenage girls and their parents.

This book literally changed my perspective on my role as a father in the life of my daughters. Here is a quote from page 1 Chapter 1 *You are the Most Important Man in Her Life*.

"Your daughter needs the best of who you are: your strength, your courage, your intelligence and your fearlessness. She needs your empathy, assertiveness, and self-confidence. She needs you.

Our daughters need the support that only fathers can provide and if you are willing to guide your daughter, to stand between her and a toxic culture, to take her to a healthier place, your rewards will be unmatched."

So if you have a daughter or one on the way, you need to be a part of this book study. I promise, it will change your perspective on being a father to a daughter. The only cost will be that of the book, ten dollars. I believe in this so much that I will refund your ten dollars from my own wallet if you think it is a waste of time. Three Tuesday nights in May and three Tuesday nights in June will be a great investment of your time, money and effort to read the book.

This study is based on sound biblical principles but it is not really a Bible study. This would be a great way to introduce some of your friends with daughters to the idea of a church family and to help them learn to be better fathers to their daughters too. If you are interested please email me at mtyson@stjohnsumctc.org or call the church office to find out more. Look for more information soon!

Peace and Grace,

Rev. Mike Tyson

INVITE

Please see our "Getting Plugged In" brochure for a complete and detailed list of Outreach & Missions opportunities.

MARCH MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

UFA Susan's Market

EXCITING NEWS!!!! UFA has opened Susan's Market, a client-choice food pantry located in the building that houses the UFA offices at 2000 Texas Avenue in Texas City. For more information or to volunteer, please call UFA at 409-643-8243. **St. John's will be collecting laundry soap –(powder, liquid or pods) the whole month of March. You can drop off your donations in the bin in the Ministry area in the Café.**

MAINLAND STREET MINISTRIES

St. John's feeds our neighbors on the **third Saturday of each month at 10:00 am the next one is Saturday, March 21st at Mainland Ministries located at:** First Presbyterian Church 1112 7th St N, Texas City, TX 77590 (at the corner of 6th St and 11th Ave) **Contact Andy Lailhengue at 409-795-4448 or Laura Lailhengue at 409-795-0747 for additional information.**

Meat items are needed for the Mainland Ministries mission project every month. St. John's is responsible for supplying meat products to Mainland Ministries EVERY MONTH. Remember that the need is even greater now for food. Please place your items in the box on the Ministry Table in the café area.



THE BROWN BAG PROJECT

With a simple \$2-\$4.00 donation you can feed a someone that might not otherwise have a meal that day. The funds for the bags go to directly affect hungry persons here in our back yard. We will be making more bags in the coming months. Please take a moment to take a shopping list and or donate funds to this cause. **NEEDED ITEMS: (Each bag contains)** 1 bottle of water, 1 bag of chips, 1 can of Vienna Sausage, 1 can of tuna (the pop top kind), 1 granola bar/breakfast or fruit multi-grain bar. And of course we need brown lunch bags. This list of items can be found in the Mission's center at the rear of the café. Monetary donations are always welcome as we can have a larger impact purchasing items in bulk.

GROW

A Word From Our Director Of Family Ministries

It's a little late in the year but I realized recently that I have not bragged about our kids in the Treehouse in a while. We have great kids! St. John's is full of great kids! On Sunday mornings, we have a time of offering and prayer each week. Last year as a group, we all realized that we wanted to help the kids at the Ronald McDonald House. So every Sunday, kids brought their dollar bills and LOTS of change. In 2014, our offering was over \$175! I was so proud of our kids! They loved giving their money to the bucket but we also prayed for the kids at the Ronald McDonald House and their families during this trying time in their lives. Prayer time with kids anywhere from 3 years old all the way to 11 years old is just a wonderful time. Its wonderful to see the kids lifting up their prayer requests before the Lord. Its also a little entertaining. Miss Cindy, Miss Betty and I are so blessed to hear the words that come out of the kids mouths. We have prayed for so many comical things that mean so much to the kids. We have praised God for birthday parties and new shoes, we have prayed for pets that passed away many years ago, we have prayed for graphically described stomach bugs. But we also get to hear the hearts of our young kids, asking God to take care of their grandpas and grandmas, aunts and uncles, new babies, and new pets. We learned about homeruns at baseball games, monster truck rallies, and shopping with family. I love hearing what kids have to say. I love listening to them speak what only their little hearts can understand. I love seeing kids turn to God, give their prayer requests to Him and trust that He will take care of that situation. So in 2015, we have a new offering, our offering will be going to Susan's Market at UFA which opened earlier this year. It's a market to help those in need be able to get groceries and toiletries. It's a place to help people out when times get tough. And each week, during prayer request time on Sunday morning, we will pray for those people to visit Susan's Market. We will pray that God will help them in their situation, we will pray that they seek after God and we pray that those working at Susan's Market will show God to all the people that come into Susan's Market. Won't you join us in prayer?

See you on Sunday, Jessica Dean

EXPERIENCE

A Word From Our Director Of Contemporary Worship

The story of God is a story of restoration. Easter is the answer to right man's wrongs from the beginning. He created us knowing we would enslave ourselves to sin, and knowing that only He could pay our ransom. God's love for us ultimately cost Him everything, but His message from the cross was this... we were worth it. We find ourselves somewhere in the middle of that story. God, having made all things beautiful, now works in and through us, restoring all things back to that place. What is often declared hopeless, ruined and of no value, is fertile ground for God's grace and love. From that place, the ruins speak no longer of destitution rather becoming testimony to the glory of God. That is the story of every Christian; it is the story of the people of God, the Church; and it is the hope that awaits all who are yet to encounter Jesus. Our season of reflection and repentance comes to a very dramatic close with our Good Friday service here at St. John's. The worship last year was experiential in that we are able to tangibly take a hold of Jesus's final moments and words from the cross. Our youth and praise team teamed up to deliver a night to humbly remember the price that was paid for our ransom. We witnessed Christ's unconditional love for us through prayers, songs, and at the different stations spread throughout our sanctuary that intentionally focused our hearts and minds on His sacrifice, an unimaginable act of compassion to restore an everlasting relationship with us. This is a special service unlike anything we do here at our church, an opportunity for all to come and experience the gift of our salvation in Jesus. As an Easter people who can testify to His resurrection and belief in His return, it is our privilege to carry this good news to a world in need, to those who have yet to fully appreciate what God has done for us. There was never a more opportune moment than this to invite an agnostic or even atheist to come to church, that they might encounter the love of Christ and believe. For us as believers, we can rediscover the Word in a new way, come and see!

See you Sunday! Mark Pinard

Opportunities to Grow

Weekly Prayer points

Week of March 8th- Pray for the Youth and Children's Ministry
Week of March 15th- Pray for our members that are sick and are in need of God's healing
Week of March 22nd- Pray that God would send people to St. John's that need to experience Amazing Love.
Week of March 29th- Pray for the church as a whole that God will use us to bring about God's Kingdom here on Earth.



Lent Prayer Commitment

Join us as we commit to be in prayer for St. John's and it's ministries for at least five minutes everyday during Lent, February 18th to April 5th.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY AT

THE GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Galveston County Rodeo Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to invite Senior Citizens ages 62 & over to enjoy a fun-filled day of free activities and fellowship at the fair. Please contact Peggy Jakubik at 409-771-4766 or Joyce Canada at 409-945-6980 to sign up to attend.

