

SMALL GROUPS

Study: "Psalms For Today"
 Hosted by Sunday Morning Small Group
 When: 9:30 am
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Golden Shook

Study Starting: "Parables-The Greatest Stories Ever Told" (12 week study)
 Hosted by: Late Sunday Morning Small Group
 When: 10:45 am
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Gary Potter

Study: "If God Has a Refrigerator, Your Picture is On It"
 Hosted by: Monday Night Small Group
 When: 6:30 pm
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Tony Aguilar

Study: "If God Has a Refrigerator, Your Picture is On It"
 When: 10:00 am
 Where: Dianne Ho-Gland's home in Texas City
 Leader: Dianne Ho-Gland

Tuesday Night Small Group will be on break until Tuesday, May 17th
 Hosted by: Tuesday Night Small Group
 When: 7:00 pm
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader:

Pick up a list of available ministry opportunities off the information table.



Photographers Needed

We need church photographers. We need some folks that are willing to have their cameras or iPhones available to capture and distribute pictures of church activities.

There will be training provided. Please contact Gary Potter at garypotter.texascity@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining this ministry team.

Up Coming Meetings

Invite Team Meeting
 Monday, May 16th,
 At 6:00 pm in the Cafe.



Leadership Team Meeting
 Wednesday, May 18th,
 At 6:30 pm in the Adult Classroom.



Grow Team Meeting
 Wednesday, June 8th,
 At 6:00 pm in the Adult Classroom



The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for those who have died while serving our country. Please take a moment to remember them and their families in your prayers. They have given the ultimate sacrifice. The office will re-open on Tuesday, May 31st. Have a safe and blessed day.

Worship Attendance

Worship 4/3/16	9:30	69
Worship 4/3/16	11:00	59
Worship 4/10/16	9:30	95
Worship 4/10/16	11:00	35
Worship 4/17/16	9:30	90
Worship 4/17/16	11:00	54
Worship 4/24/16	9:30	95
Worship 4/24/16	11:00	51

YTD 2016 Tithe & Offerings	
2016 Income Received YTD	\$ 128,888.31
2016 Budgeted Income YTD	\$143,106.57
2016 Income YTD Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 14,225.36

The Monitor

May 2016



ST. JOHN'S
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Sunday Worship Services

9:30 am—Contemporary
11:00 am—Traditional

Checkout the calendar at www.stjohnsumctc.org
 Inviting People to Experience Amazing Love!

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A Word From Our Pastor

I can't believe that it is already May, 2016! The years fly by quicker and quicker. May is the month we remember our mothers and the women that took care of and mentored us. I am very blessed to have several women that impacted my life in powerful ways. My Aunt Faye gave me a home and poured love into me when I was a lost teenager reeling from my dad's remarriage. My paternal grandmother (Aunt Faye's mom) spent lots of time with me and my other cousins. She taught us card games and board games. She cooked pancakes for us on Saturday mornings. Supported our creativity and protected us from strangers. She poured out her wise faith upon us every time she saw an opportunity and was quick to pass on her advice. My mom was my cheerleader, building up my self-esteem. She always had a positive encouraging word to say to me. My relationship with my step-mom was turbulent at the beginning, yet through time our relationship has become a blessing. She is a very generous compassionate woman. I have been very blessed with the women of my family.

There have been even more women throughout my life that poured their wisdom, prayers, support, encouragement, and love. I couldn't begin to name them all. They have woven their care and compassion into my life and they have all become a part of me, creating a beautiful tapestry that surrounds me. And I am grateful to God for each one of them. Some of these women were childless in the traditional understanding, yet there was a time that I counted myself as one of their many children. Many times I have experienced belonging to those that had no blood relation to me except for the blood of Christ that bound us together. These many women belong to me as mothers and I am their daughter.

At the cross, Jesus looked down at his own mother and the disciple whom he loved, and he said to them, "Woman, here is your son." and "Here is your mother (John 19:26-27)." Christ was creating a new kind of family. One bound by something other than shared DNA. This mother's day, I hope that you will join me in remembering all the women that have woven into the tapestries that surround us with a different kind of creative power that comes in sharing in the family of God.

Grace and Peace,

Stephanie Hughes

Rev. Stephanie Hughes

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! We invite you to celebrate parenthood by helping moms and babies in need. Please take home a Baby Bottle and fill it with your pocket change. The proceeds from our **CHANGE for CHANGE** campaign will be used to help stock the Pregnancy Center's Blessing Room with Diapers, Baby Wipes, Consumable Products, Baby Food and Formula that clients purchase using the Baby Bucks **moms earn** through participation in Prenatal, Parenting, Life Skills classes and Bible Study.

We will also be collecting diapers, wipes and other baby basic supplies the whole month of May. Please drop off your donations in the bin just outside the sanctuary.

Missions Opportunity:
Benefitting Crisis
Pregnancy Support
Center of the Mainland,
starts Mother's Day,
May 8th
and goes till
Father's Day June 19th.

**BABY
BOTTLE
FUNDRAISER**

Don't forget to fill your
baby bottles!

A baby's
life depends on it!

Bring your filled bottles back on Father's Day.



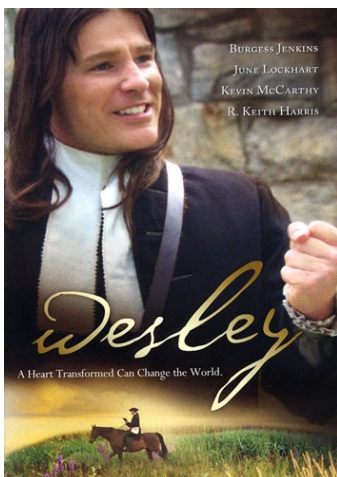
BLESSINGS & BARGAINS Resale Store

Blessings & Bargains is a Texas City resale shop operated by the Crisis Pregnancy and Parenting Center. It is located at 505/504 6th St respectively (it has 2 sides.) They sell gently used clothing, furniture, housewares, electronics, art work and many other items. They are in need of donations so when you are cleaning out your closets and garage this new year, please consider donating your gentle used items to support their cause. Crisis Pregnancy Center is a non-profit organization in our community that provides physical and emotional support to young women who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies and provides a meaningful support program for women of all ages, ethnicity and spiritual backgrounds. While the store is open to the public and is a favorite shopping location for many bargain hunters, it is a very special blessing to Pregnancy Center clients. Through participation in their "Earn-As-You-Learn" program, clients can buy anything needed for their house hold and any family member using "Baby Bucks". (All proceeds from B-&B are used by the Pregnancy Center to purchase baby food, formula and diapers that are needed by their clients for the babies when product donations are not sufficient to meet the demand.) **Volunteer Opportunities:** Assist w/Window Displays, Merchandise Displays, Dressing Mannequins. 3-5 hours per week.— Assist w/ donation pick-ups. One morning/afternoon per month. Truck required.—Sort donations and rotate store merchandise. 3-5 hours per week. Contact them at 409-945-2888.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wesley Movie Night

On Sunday, May 22 at 4 pm, St. John's will be hosting a movie night to celebrate Aldersgate Day, the anniversary date that John Wesley's heart was strangely warmed. We will be showing "Wesley" the movie. In this movie about John Wesley, we follow his journey across the stormy seas to the colony of Georgia where he fails as an evangelist, and breaks the heart of a woman who loves him. In defeat, he returns to London in search of genuine faith – and the discovery of God's grace. Through this movie you will learn more about Wesley's struggles, conflicts and accomplishments. We will gather in the sanctuary to share in some fellowship, food and fun before the movie. And then the kids will go with Jessica to the Playhouse and the youth will go with Cameron to the Foundry for their own Aldersgate celebrations.



GROW

A Word From Our Director Of Contemporary Worship & Youth Ministry

First, I would like to thank every single person who helped out with Laugh All Night in making it a success. We could not have done the event without you. Thank you so much!

Oh my... summer is just around the corner! Can this be? Well, it's true. In just one month, schools will be let out and the summer will begin! And what a full schedule we have this year.

Our biggest upcoming event is our kick-off into summer: **The Messy Olympics, Sunday, June 5th 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.** All our youth and confirmands are invited to come as we compete in teams to see who will come out on top as the messiest. Wear clothing that you don't mind getting dirty, a towel, and sunblock!

Over the Summer, we will continue to meet. Starting *after* Messy Olympics, we are going to follow this schedule:

Jr. High: Grades 6th-8th Sundays from 4:00-6:00

Sr. High: Grades 9th-12th Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00

Hey church...Want to get plugged in? We need you!

Foundry Youth – If you'd like to volunteer to help out with the Youth Group, we have lots of opportunities so please contact Cameron.

Contemporary Worship – If you would like to share your musical gifts and abilities, please don't hesitate to contact us! We'd love to get you plugged in. We also have need for help in our Media booth on the soundboard and on Media Shout. If interested, please contact Cameron.

Dead to Sin!

Cameron Losoya

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A Word From Our Director Of Children Ministries

There are so many exciting things happening at St. John's. I want to just touch on one of these great things! Since January, we started our 3rd class in Sunday school. Our nursery is available with Miss Alice. Then we have a preschool/kindergarten class with Miss Tammy, we added our 1st-3rd grade class with Miss Cindy and then the 4th-6th graders meet with Miss Betty. These four teachers excel in those age groups! They do such a great, great job! I know they are exactly where God needs them to be with these kids!!

It's been a while since we have done this but on **June 5th we are going to have promotion Sunday.** This will be a way to acknowledge and thank our great teachers and the hard work they put into Sunday mornings. We will also be able to celebrate as the kids move to their next class. This will also be a way to acknowledge our wonderful 6th graders! 6th grade is such an awkward age because they aren't really kids anymore but they are not quite old enough to be thought of as a youth member. So after some talk about what to do with these kids, we have decided that they will still be part of the Treehouse and a part of the youth group as well as confirmation which will be taught by Pastor Stephanie. We want to surround these kids with so much love and encouragement that they will be ready and equipped for whatever intermediate school gives them. I love the amazing things that are happening at St. John's. It amazes me how God is moving through this church and through the Treehouse!

See you soon,
Jessica Dean