

SMALL GROUPS

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

New Study: "What the Prayers of Jesus Tell Us About the Heart of God"

Hosted by: The Late Sunday Morning Small Group
 Starts Sunday, August 7th
 When: Sunday's at 10:45 am
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Gary Potter

New Study: "The Essentials of Effective Prayer"

Hosted by: The Tuesday Evening Small Group
 Starts Tuesday, August 9th
 When: Tuesday's at 7:00 pm
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Robin Bartholomew

NEW GriefShare Group
 Began Thursday, June 16th
 13 week course
 When: Thursday's 6:30 pm
 Cost: \$15.00 Includes workbook
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Donna Henson - 409-621-6210

New Study: "Practical Prayer Practice"

Led by Pastor Stephanie
 Two classes:
 Wednesday evening from 6:30-8pm: August 10, 17, 24 &
 Thursday morning from 10:30-noon: August 11, 18, 25
 Where: Adult Classroom

FPU Class Fall Session
 Starting Sept 12th, 2016
 Study: Financial Peace University / Dave Ramsey
 When: Monday's at 7:00 pm
 Where: Sanctuary
 Leaders: David & Christie McKnight
 info@mcknightvideo.com
 Register at: www.stjohnsumctc.org

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



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The Monitor

August 2016

A Word From Our Pastor

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you; as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
 – Psalms 63:1



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Our overall health is very important to us, yet many of us will take advantage of having good health until something goes wrong. It isn't until our body begins to give us warning signs that we begin to start thinking about a maintenance program. Until then, many of us will line up at the fast food joints, our mouths watering for our next fix of those hot golden delicious fries! The culture in which we live, makes it so easy not to take care of ourselves. It's so much easier, quicker and often times cheaper to pick up that fast hot artery blocking meal in a sack, rather than pre-plan, grocery shop, splurge on healthy ingredients, and cook. That would mean I would actually have to get out of the car and walk into the grocery store and then later, tote all my groceries into the house!

Recently, I had some blood work done, and everything came back great, except for high cholesterol. This is no surprise to me. I come from a long lineage of jolly folks with high cholesterol. Knowing this, my food philosophy has been to eat whatever I want (mostly golden fried deliciousness) until the doctor tells me otherwise. Looking back, I suppose this wasn't the best maintenance plan.

Not only does our culture make it easy to eat wrong and move less, it also provides very little incentive for taking care of our souls. Many of the things we see and hear from mass media isn't good for our souls. When we don't take care of our bodies, there are signs, such as fatigue, memory loss, weight gain, chest pains, and muscle and bone loss much earlier than we would like. But what are the signs of a neglected soul? Where is the doctor to tell us it's time to start living differently? What kind of tests would the soul doctor run to find out how our soul is doing? What kind of soul exercises would be prescribed to strengthen the soul? How about soul therapy? All kidding aside, what are the signs of a healthy or an unhealthy soul? And what kind of maintenance of the soul can we do to have optimum spiritual health? These are some of the things we will be addressing in the August sermon series, upcoming small groups, and various opportunities.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night. – Psalms 63:5-6

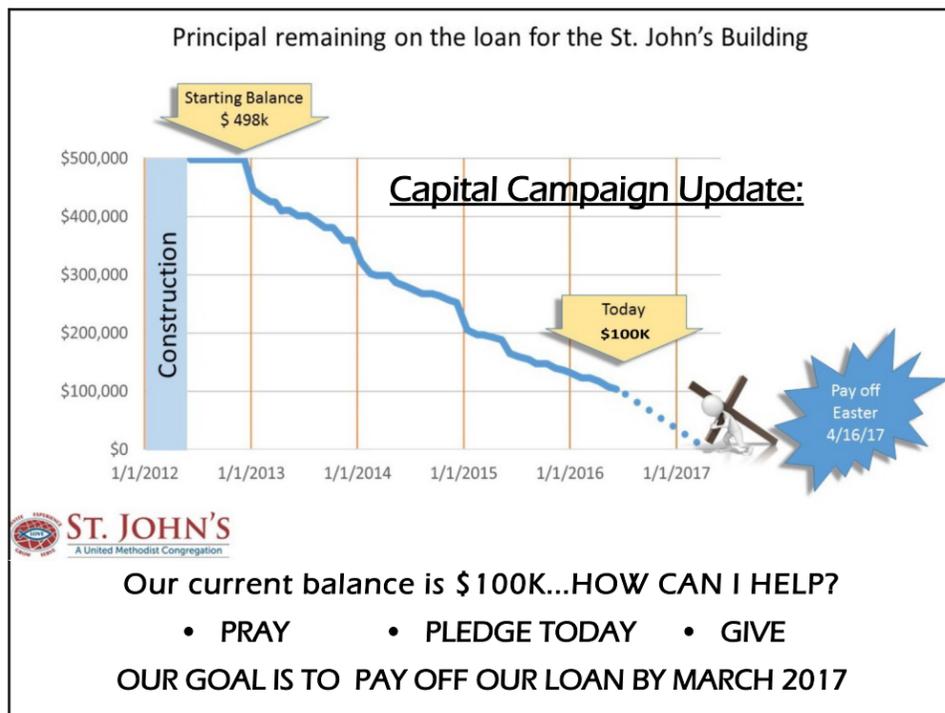
Grace and Peace,

Stephanie Hughes

Rev. Stephanie Hughes

Dates For Up Coming Meetings

- ⇒ August 10th - 6:30 pm - Grow Team Meeting (Adult Classroom)
- ⇒ August 14th - 3:00 pm - Leadership Meeting with DS (Adult Classroom)
- ⇒ August 25th - 7:00 pm - Invite Team Meeting (Café)



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 TEXAS CITY, TX 77591
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Sunday Worship Services

9:30 am—Contemporary

11:00 am—Traditional

Checkout the calendar at www.stjohnsumctc.org
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Worship Attendance

Worship 7/3/16	9:30	70
Worship 7/3/16	11:00	43
Worship 7/10/16	9:30	69
Worship 7/10/16	11:00	42
Worship 7/17/16	9:30	73
Worship 7/17/16	11:00	45
Worship 7/24/16	9:30	73
Worship 7/24/16	11:00	46
Worship 7/31/16	9:30	89
Worship 7/31/16	11:00	47

YTD 2016 Tithe & Offerings	
2016 Income Received YTD	\$ 229,749
2016 Budgeted Income YTD	\$ 250,436
2016 Income YTD Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 20,687

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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

AUGUST MISSION OPPORTUNITY



August 13, 2016
11 am—2 pm

We are inviting the neighborhood children for a fun day at the church and we will need your help to make this event a success!
We provide the kids with tote bags full of school supplies so their 2016/2017 school year will start out with a bang!
There are many ways for you to participate:

1. Give a monetary donation for food, games or school supplies.
2. Donate any of the following school supplies by **Sunday, August 7th**:
 - 2-Wide-ruled notebook paper
 - Plastic school box (or pencil bag)
 - 12-#2 wooden pencils
 - Three spiral notebooks (wide ruled)
 - 12-count colored pencils
 - Blunt or pointed metal scissors
 - 3-pocket folders with bradsOr stop by the Back to School Bash table to pick up a complete grade level supply list.
3. Donate food for the event. Sign-up sheets are available outside the Treehouse.
4. Participate in the August 13th event. Sign-up sheets are available outside the Treehouse.

Good Samaritan Ministry Team

The mission of this ministry will be to help church members or others in our community, who are unable to help themselves, with yard work or minor home maintenance.

Opportunities for volunteers include but are not limited to:

- **Photographers**
- **People to prepare meals**
- **People to run errands for supplies**
- **People to perform minor home repairs, yard work, etc.**



We will need a scout team to assess jobs prior to work day so we have the necessary tools and personnel.

Projects will be for: Single moms, seniors, suggestions from congregation.

We will have a work day coming up on Saturday, September 24th.

If you would like to volunteer or if you know someone in need of help from this ministry please contact John Mize at jmizer1964@yahoo.com.



GROW

A Word From Our Director Of Contemporary Worship & Youth Ministry

"Dear church family,

We survived the summer, and what an eventful summer it has been! The fall schedule is almost finalized. Youth Council will begin to meet up on September 5th at 6:00, dinner provided.

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS:

A Parent/Volunteer meeting is being called. There will be two opportunities to attend this meeting: Monday, August 8th and Tuesday August 9th, both at 6:30 in the Foundry. If you cannot make it to either, please let me know and I'll get all the information to you. We will be discussing many things including the fall schedule, the Wednesday Night Fusion Services, and the city wide youth event that we youth directors of Texas City are discussing. Snacks and lemonade provided. I hope to see y'all there!

Fly with Christ
Cameron Losoya

Youth Schedule:

Junior High - Sunday's 4:00-6:00
Senior High - Wednesday's 5:00-6:00

A Word From Our Director Of Children Ministries

August 1st marks four years that I have worked for St. John's. Four years! Can you believe it? I can not! The last four years have been so busy, crazy, fun, fulfilling, heart breaking, heartwarming, wonderful, stressful and the list can go on and on. Off the top of my head I can think of four church camps, four UM Armies, three Back To School Bashes (with another coming quickly), work days, countless Sunday Schools and youth groups, lunch with Brown Bag, trips with the M&Ms, more meetings than I ever thought, tons of potlucks, putting a cow back in the pasture, basketball games of youth kids, many dance recitals, football games, four confirmation classes, and many other wonderful, exciting experiences. And those are just from working here.

I also have moved back to Texas, gotten married, had major surgery, moved to 3 different apartments, lost a dog, gained 2 crazy dogs and I could keep going with this as well. Working for St. John's has been, by far, the hardest yet most rewarding job I have ever had. The children and youth in this church are some very special kids. They keep me on my toes but I enjoy each and every one of them. I love hearing their stories and getting the pictures they draw for me or the notes they write me. I also feel so blessed to work at a church who appreciates their staff and backs them up 100%. I have never had an event or activity where I was short on volunteers, food or supplies. You all are amazing church members. You all give, give, give and never seek credit or thanks for whatever was done. So I come to you now and just want to thank you! Thank you, thank you, thank you! Thank you for picking me up when I was sad, stepping in when I was sick, praying for Mike and I on a daily basis, for asking what city Mike is working in this week, if Mike will ever stop traveling (no, not any time soon), for volunteering your time, giving of your resources and so much more. Again the list could go on and on and on. Please know that I might not always say thank you, I might not always be in the best mood but I so appreciate St. John's and I appreciate every one of you. St. John's took a chance on hiring me because I had no youth ministry background, but I love this job and I hope to work here for many, many, many more years!

See you soon,
Jessica Dean

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!

- ⇒ August 13th - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Back To School Bash
- ⇒ August 18th - 6:00 pm Family Movie Night
- "Zootopia" for the kids and "War Room" for the grown ups & youth
- ⇒ August 21st - 9:30 am & 11:00 am - Blessing of the Back Packs