

The Monitor



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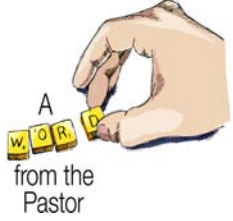
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God Loves You



Glorifying God and transforming our community by making disciples of Jesus Christ!

February 2, 2012



Images and Promises Kept

In the twelve months that I have been with you we have used a number of images to talk about our time without a permanent church home. We have used the imagery of the Israelites wandering in the desert, breaking camp each day for a journey to a new temporary place. We did not move as frequently as the Israelites but we have covered some ground! We also have talked about the determination of the Jews as they rebuilt the wall around Jerusalem as Ezekiel led them to restore Jerusalem. Through our Worship we have claimed the promise that greater things are yet to come, both for us and for this city. We have held fast to God's promise through the prophet Isaiah; *Isaiah 43:18-19* ¹⁸ *Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.* ¹⁹ *I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

God is doing a new thing amongst us! He has made a way through the wilderness and a river in the desert. Our time worshipping in the Mall of the Mainland is but one example of God making a way and creating a river in the desert. The "promised land" is in sight! Our new church home is nearly complete and it is looking beautiful! We anticipate the contractor handing the building over to us in early March. Our tentative schedule for occupying the new building is as follows:

- ◆ **Sunday, March 11th Morning: regular worship in the mall. Evening: We will have a special Worship Service at 6:00 pm featuring our Traditional Worship.**
- ◆ **Sunday, March 18th Morning: regular worship in the mall. Evening we will have a special Worship Service at 6:00 pm featuring our Contemporary Worship.**
- ◆ **Sunday, March 25th we will have Sunday morning worship in our New Building at our New Worship times (which are still being discussed: stand by for more information)**
- ◆ **Sunday, April 1st we will have one service at 11:00 am. This will be our grand opening to the general public and our Consecration Service. It promises to be a very exciting day in the life our church.**
- ◆ **The church offices will make the move as soon as we obtain our certificate of occupancy and get our phones moved.**

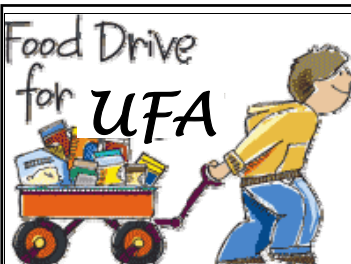
Make plans to attend each of these worship experiences as we start the beginning of the best days of Christ's church called St. John's. God has kept His promise to make a way, He is doing a new thing! Thanks be to God!

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by email at mytyson@stjohnsumctc.org or call me.

See You in Worship!

Peace and Grace,

Rev. Mike Tyson



Every Sunday In February please bring non-perishable food items to benefit United Faith Alliance.

Items Needed:

- ◆ Spam
- ◆ Tuna-12 oz can
- ◆ Chicken-12 oz can
- ◆ Vienna Sausages
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Mac and Cheese
- ◆ Beef Stew
- ◆ Chunky Soup
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Jelly



2012 Budget

Income	
GENERAL FUND	
Total GENERAL FUND	337,870.00
Total Income	337,870.00
Expense	
Finance	
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE	
Total ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE	14,800.00
APPORTIONMENTS	
Total APPORTIONMENTS	39,258.00
LOCAL CHURCH EXPENSE	
Interest	18750.00
Total LOCAL CHURCH EXPENSE	500.00
Total Finance	73,308.00
LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAMS	
Adult Education	
Total Adult Education	750.00
Children	
Total Children	3,000.00
Congregational Care	
Total Congregational Care	1,000.00
Evangelism	
Total Evangelism	5,500.00
Outreach Ministry	
Total Outreach Ministry	3,400.00
Worship Ministry	
Total Worship Ministry	5,620.00
Youth Ministry	
Total Youth Ministry	5,850.00
Total LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAMS	25,120.00
Total PERSONNEL EXPENSE	195,877.00
Trustees	
Church Repairs	
Total Church Repairs	1,000.00
Church Utilities	
Total Church Utilities	25,220.00
Insurance	
Total Insurance	15,000.00
Janitor Supplies	
Total Janitor Supplies	1,000.00
Mall Rent	
Total Mall Rent	7,500.00
Van Maint	
Total Van Maint	1,000.00
Total Trustees	50,720.00
Total Expense	349,625.00
Net Income	-11,755.00



The next issue of *The Monitor* will be **Thursday, March 8th, 2012**. Please be sure and submit any articles no later than **Monday, February 27th, 2012**. Call 948-2466 or email at secretary@stjohnsumctc.org.



New Study Starting... Join the Tuesday Night Study Group

Thinking ahead to Lent? The Tuesday Night Study Group will begin a study by Adam Hamilton titled "24 Hours That Changed the World." It explores the significance of the final 24 hours of Jesus' life from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion.

We will order books on Monday January 30th and would like to begin this 7 week session on Tuesday, February 7th and should conclude by the Tuesday after spring break. Please contact Sherri Sumney at 409-945-9464 if you would like to join us so we can order a book for you.

The group will meet in the Youth Room at the Church Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. The study books are \$ 11.50 each.

Checkout the calendar www.stjohnsumctc.org



February AT A GLANCE:

Come as you are. All are welcome!

Sunday Service Times:

Contemporary Worship	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Traditional Worship	10:30 AM
Youth Group	5:00 PM

Regular Weekly Schedule:

- Mon:** 9:30 am - 10:30 am Elmcroft Bible Study & Music
6:30 pm-8:00 pm Gospel & Old Time Music Jam (Suite 1418)
- Tues:** 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Bible Study (Suite 1414)
- Wed:** 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Bells
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Chancel Choir
- Thurs:** 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Brown Bag Bunch (Mall Suite 1414)
4:00 pm-5:00 pm Prayer Team (Ruvell's House)
7:00 pm-8:15 pm Praise Team Practice (Suite 1418)
- Sat:** 8:30 am Men's Breakfast (Fork & Spoon)



Name	Date	Name	Date
Stephen Myers	2/2	Emma Davis	2/19
Sheila Treybig	2/2	John Walker	2/19
Jason Sheffield	2/7	Heather Barrios	2/20
Mike Goebel	2/8	Henry Haney	2/20
Tammy Bage	2/11	Parker Clough	2/22
Kenneth Rose	2/12	Austin Roberts	2/22
Jay Hall	2/13	Will Roberts	2/22
Amber Joy	2/15	Warren Canada	2/23
Kim Bourgeois	2/16	Jan Viglini	2/23
Edna Day	2/17	Kyle Myers	2/25
Skye Puckett	2/17	Betty Wilson	2/26
Calvin Treybig	2/17	Bailey Wilson	2/28

February Anniversaries



Bob & Jan Viglini	2/5
Tony & Lupe Aguilar	2/9
Bobby Joe & Kimberly White, Jr.	2/13



Please update the Church Office with your E-mail Address

If you have changed your e-mail address recently or if you have not yet given the church office your email, please send an e-mail to iclark@stjohnsumctc.org so that we may update our records. As we move forward and into our new building, information will be distributed primarily by email and we want to make sure no one gets left out of the loop.

If you do not have email please call the Church Office at 409-986-6050 to be added to our mailing list so we will be able to keep you informed about events and meetings here at St. John's.

Thank you all in advance for your help.



We respond to God with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Our Prayers...

Kayson James Boer, Lupe Castillo, Seth Castillo, Donna Clarke, John Davidson & Family, Ruvelle Dickson, DeVon Frazier, Linda Fourtune, Becky Geron, Tish Hart, Dorothy Kemp & Family, Jessica Lechman, Ed Macicek, The Family of Charles Mitchell, Dixie Mitchell, Judy Peterson, Stevie Presnall & Family, Gary Scoggin, Doug Stiernberg, Austin Uhl, Waco Williams, Betty Wilson, Sheryl Zigler. All the Plant Workers, Pray for St. John's Pastor & Leaders during this rebuilding process!

Pray for Our President, Our Country, Our Leaders & Our Military!

Chase Abernathy (Marines), Joey Beltz, Stephen Bourgeois (Navy), Sgt. First Class Jerod Childs (Army), Joseph Goetschius (Army), Christian Kopeck (Navy), Greg Lofton (Army), Steven Mount (Air Force), Jimmy Peterson (Army), Jonathan Shanks, Garrett Smith (Marines), Gary Smith (Army), Graham Tyson (Navy), Sgt. James Wilson (Army), Kevin Woods (Navy). 3rd Battalion 5th Marines in Afghanistan.

Those in Care Facilities: Kathryn Duncan, Julie Ferguson (Seabreeze) Ronnie Freshour (Elmcroft Senior Living), Vic Fry (Gulf Health Care Center), Betty Fuller (La Vita Bella), Dean Whitener (Ashton Parke Care), Vera Williams (Harbor View).

Those who are Homebound: Ellagene Gilman, Mildred Herran, Glen Pitman, Mary Shepherd.



St. John's has a number of members who are unable to regularly attend worship.

Please reach out in prayer, with cards, a visit, or a phone call.

Please contact the church office for more information 409-986-6050.



Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there

may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. **Malachi 3:10**

Our Gifts...

Tithe & Offerings

Received	1/1/2012	\$ 6,520.50
Received	1/8/2012	\$ 10,822.02
Received	1/15/2012	\$ 4,475.00
Received	1/22/2012	\$ 4,297.10
Received	1/29/2012	\$ 2,652.50
YTD Received		\$ 28,767.12
YTD Budget		\$ 31,285.00
YTD Surplus/Deficit		-\$ 2,517.88

Our Presence...



Welcome Guests

Justin Badger	Taylor Hood
Steve Baltunis	Brook Jacobs
Kobie Boone	Kaitlyn Johnson
Camila Cates	Connor Jordan
Alice Darlington	Judy Kyles
Betty Dion	Jane Sherrod
Cheryl Evans	Mike & Judy Tyson I
Noris Foreman	Debbie Vyvial
Jason & Connie Hayley	David & Kelly Yeary



Giving By Electronic Fund Transfer

This is not new, and it is something St. John's UMC can do for you. Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) can be utilized for your giving at St. John's. Your designated monthly amount will be automatically sent from your checking account. It is available to year round and seasonal members. Ingrid Clark in the church office 409-948-2466 has the appropriate request form for your convenience. You are encouraged to contact her to facilitate this convenient method of giving.



**In joyous celebration!
We rejoice and celebrate
in welcoming our newest
church members:**

**John & Jennifer
and Savannah Fernandez**



If you have not been to our church website lately please visit it today to see the latest information of happenings at St. John's.

Have You Seen Our Web Site?

Worship Attendance

Worship 1/1/2012 10:30	83	Worship 1/22/2012 8:30	39
Worship 1/8/2012 8:30	36	Worship 1/22/2012 10:30	97
Worship 1/8/2012 10:30	104	Worship 1/29/2012 10:30	47
Worship 1/15/2012 8:30	48	Worship 1/29/2012 10:30	104
Worship 1/15/2012 10:30	98		

Each ONE...Bring ONE...Each Week...God Speaks...

Try the "name dropping" game this week. In casual conversations you have, try dropping the name of our church at least once.

If the person you are talking with begins to catch on, then invite him or her to church with you. Who knows? You may be making a new friend!

"Guests welcome. . .members expected!"



Our Service



- ◆ **Feb 5th:** Mike & Gay Goebel , Jimmy & Jane Hayley, Tom & Lydia Ishmael
- ◆ **Feb 12th:** Alden & Betty Wilson, Tim & Tammy Wilson
- ◆ **Feb 19th:** Andy & Laura Lailhengue, Jay & Pam Welch
- ◆ **Feb 26th:** Bryan & Cara Gripp, Kelly & Karen Lee, Sr

Mainland Ministries

Meat items needed for the Mainland Ministries mission project every month: - **Spam** / - **Tuna or Chicken (12 oz can)**/ - **Vienna Sausages** / - **Beef Stew** / - **Chunky Soup**.

We need to supply meat products to Mainland Ministries EVERY MONTH. Remember that the need is even greater now for food.

CARING MINISTRIES



We now have a Ministry called CARING MINISTRIES for the people of our church. This Ministry arranges funeral meals, get well cards, memorials, birthday cards, etc. This Ministry needs to know as soon as a member is ill, in an accident or there is a death in a family. Please call Pam Scoggin at 409-945-8569, or Jeanie Austin at 409-945-2038 to let our Ministry know about any illness, accidents, hospitalizations, deaths, etc. Thank you.

Sandwich Ministry

Our sandwich ministry has been very active this past year. They are making plans to continue to provide this blessing of delivering sandwiches to the patients waiting to see doctors at UTMB. We do this because if patients leave to go eat, they lose their place in line, so having a sack lunch makes it easier and faster for them to see a doctor.



In each lunch, there is a sandwich, fruit or cookies and chips.

Ways you can participate:

- ◆ **Make 10 sandwiches on the First Tuesday of each month.**
- ◆ **Volunteer to deliver sandwiches to UTMB in Galveston** (This has been the biggest challenge finding people who are willing to drive to Galveston to take the lunches. You do not take them inside, someone from the clinic comes and loads them onto a cart and takes them inside for you.)

Time commitment: First Tuesday of every month.
Contact persons: Gary Scoggin (409-945-8569/ gary@scoggin.com) or Dianne Ho-Gland (409-945-4039 / d.hogland@yahoo.com)



We are now taking orders for FLOWERS for 2012.

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for a Sunday service in memory of or in honor of someone, please call Ingrid Clark at 409-986-6050 to reserve your date. Cost is \$45 per Sunday and for each arrangement.

Sunday School for Children



We are looking forward to a new school year in children's Sunday School. Please join us as we open each Sunday School time together with songs, praise, and prayer. We will spend some time learning together before the different age groups separate for some time in a small group. The small groups will be divided into preschool, lower elementary (K-2), and upper elementary (3-5). For more information or to join the team of teachers, please contact the church office or Cindy Riddick.



The children of St. John's are sponsoring a children's book drive for the hospital. Please donate any gently used children's books in the specially marked box in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks so much for your generosity.



To Will Roberts who built the first Born Learning Trail in Galveston County on October 22, 2011. Will decided to build this trail at Rainbow Park in Texas City for his Eagle Project.



JUST 4 YOUTH!



Sunday Evenings 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 @ Youth Room in Suite 1414 at Mall of the Mainland
Sunday, Feb 5th, Super Bowl XLV 6:00pm - Until STARE Youth SUPER BOWL PARTY
 @ Aaron & Jodi Welch's House

Feb. 12th - District MYF at Dickinson UMC
June 24th-29th - Summer Camp at Lakeview
July 8th-14th - UMARMY in Orange, TX

Please see Aaron Welch for registration information for all events.

For more information on how you can help contact Aaron Welch at 409-539-0598 or Ed Young at 409-939-0303.

Visit us on Facebook at "St Johns Youth Group"

UM ARMY is coming up!

I need to get a head count of those of you that would like to go and do some great work for God!

We will be going the week of July 8th to 14th in Orange, Texas! Those in 8th grade right now are able to go this year!

The deposit for the spot is \$75, but we can work out money later. Right now we need to know those that are interesting in going!

So Please get in touch with Aaron ASAP!!!!