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Connecting the World with God's Love



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GROW AS A DISCIPLE

by Bob Johnson

When I am asked "What is the gospel of Jesus Christ?" "Why did Jesus send us to make disciples?" I respond by saying that though I have been a pastor for over 25 years, my lack of intellectually satisfying answers to those two fundamental questions hurled me into a spiritual crisis about seven years ago.

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SPARKS' PLUG

Dear Friends,

Below, you will find an article written by Rev. Bob Johnson. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet him, let me give you an introduction. Bob, and his wife, Susan, came to St. Peter's following his retirement from active United Methodist ministry this past year. Bob spent many years as the Executive Pastor of Chapelwood UMC in Houston. He has written a book called, *The Genesis Project: The Why of Discipleship*.

Bob has agreed to lead a special event to teach us what he has learned about discipleship. As you know, our mission is to "Connect the World with God's Love." Bob will be teaching us about why sharing God's love is so important. Please put this event on your calendar and plan to attend. I think we will be learning some things that can make an eternal difference for those with whom we share the gospel message. I am so looking forward to hearing Bob share with us about discipleship and I hope to see you there.

Blessings,

Pat



Dr. Pat Sparks,
Senior Pastor

The Genesis Project

Oh, I had answers, like, "Jesus died to save us from our sins." and "We make disciples, because Jesus commanded us to". The trouble was, while true, none of those answers took adequate account of the Old Testament, which comprises 75% of our Bibles. I needed answers that took into account the story of ancient Israel, the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings. Why else would God put all that in our Bibles?

I eventually discovered what I call "The Genesis Project". In the first chapter of Genesis, I found a gem that not only opened up both the Old and New Testaments in a new and profound way, but it also led to a deeper understanding of WHY Jesus sent us to make disciples.

I want to share this discovery with you. I invite you to Lott Hall at 6 p.m. on the Sunday evenings, August 18 and 25. I promise "The Genesis Project" will open up the WHOLE Bible for you in an exciting way, and motivate you toward making disciples. You can register for this on the church [website](#).



Bob Johnson

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH

Summer is a busy time for the Children's and Student Ministry programs here at St. Peter's UMC. These ministries go above and beyond to meet the needs of our congregation and make every event a life-changing experience for the participants. The events created are successful because of the hard work of staff and volunteers, but especially the work and time devoted by church interns.

Madison Crofton and A.J. Gregovic served as interns to the Children's Ministry program. Madison helped work with the program during the first half of the summer. During her time at St. Peter's, she helped the church prepare for



Madison Crofton and A.J. Gregovic

Vacation Bible School, along with other important tasks. A.J. worked during the second part of the summer, where she aided staff in preparing for Cooking with Friends, T Bar M, and Sunny Days camps, along with other tasks to help the Children's office run successfully. On Sundays, both interns helped with the Splash and Sunday School programs.

"This summer I was blessed by working alongside two wonderful young women as interns in the Children's Ministry Department," said Alyssa Sandlin, Children's Ministry Director. "These young women, who were both raised at St. Peter's, have not only had a significant impact on our children this summer, but also me. It has been a gift to see the passion and determination of these two ladies throughout the summer, and they have helped me more than they realize."

Josh Gammons and Jacob Sweet served as Student Ministry interns. Both interns were heavily involved in creating lessons and activities for Wednesday night activities and Camp Connect. Josh helped prepare Water Sports Day, did the S.M. Weekly Update, and worked closely with middle school students.



Josh Gammons and Jacob Sweet

Jacob did a lot of clerical work that helped the ministry maintain and keep its records up to date. He also organized the Mystery Trip for the students when they went to Hurricane Harbor and watched "The Lion King" at the Showboat Drive-in.

"I have been very blessed to have served along with Jacob and Josh this summer. The effort and dedication these two guys put to every task I gave them was uncanny, and I am grateful to them. However, their biggest quality was how dedicated they were at ministering to our students," said Chad McElveen, Student Ministry Director. "Emily and I have enjoyed their company and help; we already know that their presence will be missed."

Stephen Ministries

In times of trouble, we look for friends to listen to us while we work through our feelings. A Stephen Minister can be such a friend, either to you or to someone you know. Stephen Ministers are committed to providing Christian care for others going through a difficult time. If you or someone you know could benefit from the trained, caring presence and listening ear of a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. [Whitney Peper](#) at 281-492-8031.

Get connected to St. Peter's!

There is a free app that will make it easier to connect with St. Peter's through your mobile devices. The ACS Church Life app allows you to access the information in the member database found on our website. You can search through our member directory, register for events, check the church calendar, and give online. Once you have downloaded the app, use the same log-in information that you use on our member database. If you have questions or don't have a user name and password, contact [Ashley Eidson](#).

SUNDAY'S INFORMATION

Unheroed

On Sunday, the "Unheroed" series will come to an end. During this series we have been looking at heroes of our faith - iconic biblical characters that you might have learned about in Sunday School or in Bible Study. Every week our pastors have been visiting each of the different venues and preached about character, and a moment they were not heroes. Do not miss out in your last opportunity to listen live to these sermons. Also, during the 9:45 a.m. Traditional service don't miss the Theater Camp kids musical, "The Kingdom Connection."

Preaching Lineup:

Traditional Service: Rev. Jamison Dohering
 9:45 Traditional Service: Theater Camp Musical
 The Element: Rev. Parker Zimmerman
 West Campus: Rev. Whitney Peper
 Courage: Rev. Jamison Dohering

Sermon Title:

"Unheroed: Jonah"
 "Unheroed: Peter"
 "Unheroed: Martha"
 "Unheroed: Jonah"

Scripture:

Jonah 4:1-11
 Matthew 16:21-23
 Luke 10:38-42
 Jonah 4:1-11

CHURCH BUDGET

OPERATING BUDGET

Projected Giving for 2019
 \$3,190,000
 Actual Giving through June 2019
 \$1,802,905
 Expenses through June 2019
 \$1,437,447
 2019 Apportionments
 Paid \$13,110 of \$295,713

RE/MEMBER CAMPAIGN

Starting Loan Balances
 \$4,322,712
 Loan Balance at the End of June 2019
 \$2,481,876
 Remaining Pledge Balance at the
 End of June 2019
 \$526,199
 Remaining Opportunity to Give
 \$1,955,677

ST. PETER'S ATTENDANCE

July 21

Traditional Worship	
8:30	163
9:45	713
11:00	273
The Element	
9:45	88
11:00	103
SPLASH	31
Splish Splash	11
West Campus	102
West Campus Students/Kids	30
Courage	19
TOTAL	993

July 28

Traditional Worship	
8:30	158
9:45	201
11:00	307
The Element	
9:45	114
11:00	87
SPLASH	25
Splish Splash	11
West Campus	81
West Campus Students/Kids	35
Courage	18
TOTAL	1,037

LISTEN TO LAST WEEK'S SERMON

Don't ever miss a sermon again! If you were unable to join us on Sunday, or want to listen to a sermon from another venue, you can visit our [website](#) and find every sermon preached at The Traditional Service, The Element, and West Campus.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Daily Bible Reading

August 5-11

Monday: Exodus 6:2-27, **Tuesday:** Exodus 6:28-7-13,
Wednesday: Exodus 7:14-25, **Thursday:** Exodus 8:1-19,
Friday: Exodus 8:20-32, **Saturday:** Exodus 9:1-12, **Sunday:** Exodus 9:13-35

August 12-18

Monday: Exodus 10:1-20, **Tuesday:** Exodus 10:21-29,
Wednesday: Exodus 11:1-10, **Thursday:** Exodus 12:1-28,
Friday: Exodus 12:29-51, **Saturday:** Exodus 13:1-22, **Sunday:** Exodus 14:1-31

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

PRAYERS

Marci Barnes, Les Bartlett, Pat Bourgiouis, Sharon Brown, Nancy Calderone, Deysy Castillo, Tera Christian, Jack DeWees, Gene Easterly, Roger Eaton & Rebecca Alcala, Mitchell Eck, Karl Emery, Becky Flanigan, Jenifer Franklin, Pamela Hoelscher, Carrie Fisher Horgan, Heather James, Carol Laufenberg, Ruben Malina, Carol Matkin, Patty & Vince McDermott, Bryan McKinley, Grace Mosby, Thelma Neufeld, Kimberly O'Farriell, Andrea Ormond, Patty Pierce, Judy Searce, Mike Shushtari, Leslie Smuts, Emma Stoddard, Barbara Thoen, Debbie & Vern Vespa, Kate Wagner, Bill & Vivienne Wardle, Frank Womack, Bill Wright.

JOY

To Beau & Brenn Berend on the birth of their son, Bryar Grey.
To Kenneth & Emily Regetz on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Blair.
To Nicki & Alex Zeisig on the birth of their daughter, Clara Zeisig.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Jake Armijo, Clayton Barnes, Tim and Alison Batig, John Belsha, John Buck, Jonathan Burdette, Sterling Burdette, Daniel Clarke, Skyler Cook, Austin Foster, Westley Freeze, Tyler J. Gorcie, Dylan Greismeyer, Stinson Hamilton, Stephen Travis Harding, Anthony Harris, Adam Higdon, Tyler Konrad, Mike Linn, Matthew Moses, Blake Nunes, Cameron Nunes, Ryan O'Quinn, Tyler O'Quinn, Melissa Ouellette, Kenneth Perry, Matthew Platz, Noah Platz, Shawn Platz, Kevin Quentin, Hamilton Rencurrel, Jack Ritchie, Don Rolleg, Ben Saunders, Jacob Shinkle, Theo Speas, Jason Steele, Kyle Taylor, Jacob Wilke, and Jasen Wilson.

SYMPATHY

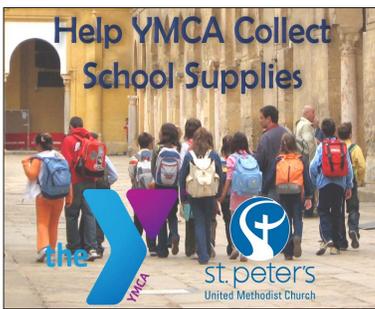
To Frank Andrews on the death of his wife, Brenda Andrews.
To Lindsay Chapman on the death of her grandmother, Jeanne Boudreaux.
To Mike Crockett on the death of his mother, Beverly Crockett.
To Gaylene Taylor and Beverley Bowen on the death of Delores Gorski.
To Robert & Jane Hubbell on the death of his mother, Doris Hubbell.
To Joe & Kat Moore on the death of his father.
To Joy Pierce on the death of her husband, Bill Pierce.
To John Warner on the death of his brother, Norman "Keto" Warner.

Cookies for Teachers



Help us show our appreciation for Katy ISD teachers with a plate of cookies. We need people to bake cookies and bring them to the Lobby on Sunday, August 11, by 1 p.m. We also need people to help plate the cookies on trays that day starting at 1:30 p.m. Lastly, we will need people to deliver cookies to the schools on Monday, August 12. If you want to deliver to a specific school, text Kitty Clark at (832) 567-5302.

Help YMCA Collect School Supplies



Join us as we partner with our local YMCA as they are gearing up to provide backpacks with school supplies for children in our community. We will be collecting supplies until Sunday, August 4. These backpacks go to school counselors who will pass them out to children. Items include pens, #2 pencils, erasers, 24 pack of crayons, eight packs of markers, 12" rulers, pocket folders, glue bottles, glue sticks, among many other things. To see the full list, please click [here](#).

Youth Choir Introductory Meeting

Is your child an incoming 6th or 7th grader at St. Peter's UMC? Would your child like to sing in the choir? St. Peter's offers an amazing youth choir program for students that provides a fun way to serve the Lord through music and song, as well as an awesome opportunity to make friends and share fellowship. All 6-12 grade students are welcome to join.

There will be a special welcome orientation on Sunday, August 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Music Wing for any 6-12 grade students who would like to join. This meeting will consist of a short practice and introduction to the program. After the meeting we will head to The Main Event to let new students get to know everyone better. Hope to see everyone there! For more information, please contact [Zoey Baker](#) or [David Galasso](#).

Men's Ensemble Choir

The Men's Ensemble Choir is looking for any men who like to sing and can spare one hour a week on Monday nights from 8-9 p.m. This is a group of guys who enjoy singing and fellowship while providing a wonderful ministry to the congregation of St. Peter's. Their rehearsals are filled with fun and laughter and they sing once a month throughout the year, except during the summer. Won't you please consider joining the Men's Ensemble Choir and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord?" No audition is necessary. There is strength in numbers so come on out. If you are interested, please contact [David Galasso](#).

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Starting Tuesday, September 10, at 9:30 a.m. St. Peter's will offer a class on the book of Isaiah. The course will explore Isaiah 56-66 and why God wants to make salvation available to His people. You may register online [here](#), or on the sign-up sheet at the Information Desk in the Lobby on Sunday. Those who register by August 20 will be assured a copy of the book by the first day. The book for this class costs \$10. For more information, please contact [Karen Palfreyman](#).

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These interns made an impact in our church, just as our church made an impact on these interns. Thanks to every member of this church, these interns are leaving St. Peter's having learned new skills that will help them in their future endeavors. The support every church member has given to this internship program is an empowering tool that allows St. Peter's to continue its work of "Connecting the World with God's Love" as the church equips new leaders to take on its mission.

"Working here, I have personally grown a ton in my faith being challenged by tasks like creating the curriculum for Bible studies; disciplining the youth at our church; and the one that was the most difficult for me: talking in front of large groups of people. My internship at St. Peter's has been more than just another job, it has been a gathering of brothers and sisters in Christ to connect the world with 'God's love,'" said Josh, Student Ministry intern. "I sincerely want to thank each and every person involved with St. Peter's, whether they be a part of the staff or a member, for allowing me to be a part of this journey."

"I'm going to college to become a teacher, so it was so much fun to be able to be part of the Children's Ministry! VBS was the craziest week for me, but also the most rewarding. I never realized just how much hard work and coordination went into creating an amazing week for the kids," said Madison, Children's Ministry intern. "Seeing how God moved me to spread His love both directly to the children of St. Peter's and behind the scenes has been so rewarding, and I feel so blessed to be a part of a church as supportive and loving as this one. Thank you to everyone at St. Peter's, and Gig 'Em!"

"I think one of the most important things a church can do is making a newcomer feel welcomed into a community, and I think St. Peter's demonstrated this beautifully," said Jacob, Student Ministry intern. One of my biggest take away from this summer has been forging new relationships in an entirely new community. By the third week of the internship, I felt as if I had grown up in this church. This internship has had a profound impact on my life, both physically and spiritually, Not only meeting my expectations but exceeding them."

"Being actively involved in planning and coordinating projects, events, and Sunday mornings for the Children's Ministry has allowed me to support and serve my church in ways that are new and exciting, and seeing the results of our hard work is incredibly rewarding," said A.J., Children's Ministry intern. "Leading in Sunday School and Splash, which used to terrify me, now feels as natural and normal as answering emails! God has moved in my life in such new and exciting ways because of this internship. I want to thank everyone at St. Peter's for doing my job such an amazing one (especially Alyssa Sandlin), and I'm so excited to be serving in this church!"

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship
with Holy Communion

9:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship

9:45
The Element
Contemporary Worship

Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m.
St. Peter's West Campus
at Cinco Ranch High School

11:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship

11:00 a.m.
The Element
Contemporary Worship

11:00 a.m.
Korean Worship Service

SPLASH Children's Worship

Sunday School for Adults

5:00 p.m.
Courage Worship for All

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ST. PETER'S EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, August 3

9:00 a.m. It's Personal: Age-Level Leader Event Lott Hall

Sunday, August 4

12:00 p.m. Pizza With the Pastors E106

Monday, August 5

9:30 a.m. One A Chord Asbury

6:00 p.m. Care Team E106

Tuesday, August 6

9:30 a.m. Grace Notes E106

12:30 p.m. Better Bodies The Quad

Wednesday, August 7

6:00 p.m. 6th Grade Hangout Wesley

Thursday, August 8

10:00 a.m. Brown Bag Bridge E106

12:30 p.m. Better Bodies The Quad

Sunday, August 11

2:00 p.m. Cookies for Teachers Hospitality Kitchen

A detailed calendar of St. Peter's events is available on our website.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.

Whataburger

23540 Westheimer

Join us!

