

# FAMILY<sup>3</sup>

Home, Church and  
World Families

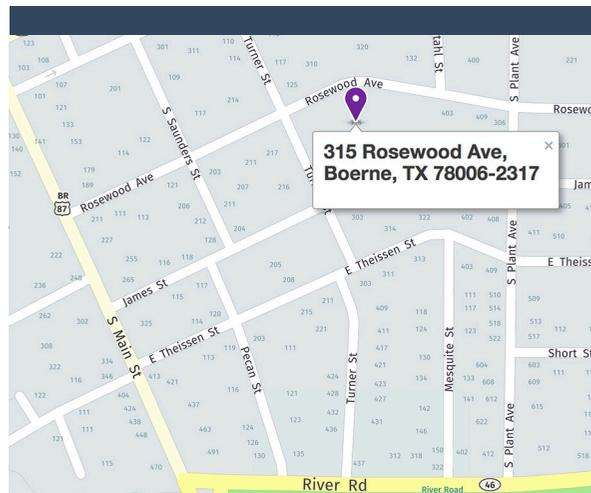
The Family Ministries Committee works to guide, plan, and supervise the inter-generational ministries of St. John from cradle to college. We provide the means and opportunities for children, youth, young adults, and their parents to grow, learn, and become involved in the church's life.

At St. John, we believe that people of all ages are on a journey in faith and that faith is a gift from God, as well as an action. Knowing Jesus and making Jesus known is what a journey in faith is meant to be all about and this happens best when we honor and celebrate Jesus in our homes, our church and the world. We call our Family Ministries the Family<sup>3</sup> Ministries because we believe that our journey in faith needs to be nurtured in all of our families: our Home Family (Dad, Mom, brothers & sisters, grandparents etc.), our Church Family (inter-generational Community) and our World Family (our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in various denominations throughout our communities, nation and world).

Our call and hope is that we will, by the grace of God, help evangelize, equip and empower all of our "families," into a deeper life in Him.



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### Children: lamBs<sup>3</sup> Ministry



learning and memorizing Bible stories, songs and service.

Our hope for all children and their parents/guardians is that they will find St. John to be a safe, meaningful and inspiring place for learning the stories of the Bible and songs that celebrate the God of the Universe who speaks to us through it. Ultimately, we hope that children will not only be **readers** of the Word but **doers** of it as well.

*We seek to nurture children and their love of God:*

- through weekly gatherings (especially Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings) and through special events such as Milestone celebrations, Bible camp, etc. We hope to lay a foundation of inquisitive and joy-filled faith learning.
- by encouraging and creating a foundation for meaningful dialogue and practices. These opportunities are especially important between children and their parents, because that is where faith will be developed the most, within a child's home.
- by providing support and resources for parents and guardians to: help them better communicate with their child regarding spiritual matters, encourage the reading of the Bible together, and teach them to pray and bless one another. In doing this, parents/guardians fulfill the Deuteronomy 6 passage that speaks of how faith is passed on from generation to generation.

*Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."*

*- Matthew 19:14*

### Youth: s<sup>3</sup>Heep Ministry



students, seeking and serving Him everyday, everywhere passionately (to be... s<sup>3</sup>Heep!)

Our hope for all young people connected with St. John is that they will be nurtured in strength. Our youth should be fluent in **knowing** the Word of God and even more fluent in **living** the Word of God. Thus, they will be equipped for battle against the evil one.

*We seek to equip our youth and their families:*

- through weekly gatherings (especially Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings) and through special events such as service projects, trips, camps, and retreats. Through these opportunities, this

- abundant life will be tasted and experienced.
- by nurturing meaningful relationships with parents, peers, caring adults, and other intergenerational connections to help deepen the understanding of God and His love and to foster mentoring of what it means to follow Jesus.
- by encouraging questions and sharing struggles and doubts. All thoughts and feelings are welcome here because only in the realness of life can the cross of Christ be truly understood and felt.
- by helping young people to discover their gifts and talents, so that they can know that they truly are vital members of the Body of Christ and are called to help bring about His Kingdom.
- by inviting, challenging and equipping young people to be disciples of Jesus.

*The Apostle John writes, "I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one."*

*- 1 John 2:14c*

## Our lamBs<sup>3</sup> and s<sup>3</sup>Heep need Shepherds!

**Servant-Leaders who Help, Encourage, Pray, Heal, Equip, Remind, Drive and Share**

If you are one of these people...please join us in our mission!



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MAKE JESUS KNOWN.