



Do the Thing

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Evangelism is something that comes so easily to all of us until it hits too close to home. It's so easy for most of us to share our life experiences but when it hits too close, we tend to run and hide. Well, at least that is my experience. Over the Lent season I have had the pleasure of studying about the changes our heart must make during Bible study. It's different for everyone. Not too long ago I was studying Matthew 6:34, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Anyone who knows me knows I am a very anxious person. As I was studying this verse, the Bible study leader shared her life story and it is surprisingly similar to mine. It stopped me in my tracks as I had just been asked to do this very thing, share my story. It's something I did over Christmas but now it's the new standard. As it should be. We want to share our stories with those around us. We want to tell people how God has changed us but when it's far from perfection we can be stunned. What I have found is that the more you share, the more peace you feel. So, as I was hearing this Bible leader share her story after having this conversation, I was empowered to share mine. So here it is, for all to see. When you can't find a way to explain things or how to even get started God gives you the words to speak. So, as I listen to this Bible teacher share her story on the internet, I was struck by how similar it was to mine.

A child is carefree until her mom gets sick. A child was untouched by her parents' problems until the lights turned on, off and back on again. Until the water runs dry. Until the hunger is so bad that sleep comes often. Until she has friends that come to her aid where family and other resources failed. Until she has to work for everything her family has in fear of never having enough. This is my story not hers. It's not my whole story but it's the part of my story that is so hard for me to talk about. The moment God showed himself to me as I told none of my friends at school what was happening.

I say this not for sympathy but because I am called to do so. It's the next step in my ministry to look for families just like mine. To be the help that families need and I can't do it alone. From Sunday morning to Wednesday nights. From Easter egg hunts to Saturday with Santa it's all that I can think about now. You see when every earthly person has left, you have nothing but God. When the Spirit is there it changes your heart. And with a changed heart you find that Jesus is the missing peace. What keeps you up at night no longer matters when you see He has been there the whole time waiting for you to run to Him. Life is hard but it's better with people around you.

St. John's has something special and it's the reason why my family calls it home. I know a change of heart was needed for me to be able to share this with all of you as I have said I would never share this aloud.

In the Children's Ministry, we had a Sunday morning of confusion about who we were talking about. See we were studying the anointing of Jesus. Jesus is back over at Martha's house with her sister Mary and her brother Lazarus. Martha is in her servant role. Lazarus is chatting with Jesus and his disciples while Mary is once again at Jesus feet. I wanted to make sure the kids knew who I was talking about so I asked them questions. And for the most part they get it right except when I ask who Mary's sister is. Everyone in class says Elizabeth. That's when I knew they were thinking of the wrong Mary. After trying my best to explain it to them and having the whole class look at me like I was crazy we moved on. After this particular Sunday I went to study on my own. Once again, revisiting this Bible story surely, I missed something. Surely, I need to do more work. So, I reread it multiple times until what Jesus says sticks with me. "Leave her alone. This was meant for my burial." Once again, Mary was doing the right thing just as before with her sister Martha. So, I go back to that Bible story this time I see the heart of what Martha is doing. It's her own will not His. Just as Judas is now voicing his own concerns on the current Bible study. It brings me back to another student noting how Mary the mother of Jesus is always considering everything in her heart. Which takes me back to a side note in the Matthew study that I was doing when the Bible study leader says that anxiety could be a heart posture. A hardening of your heart. Not trusting God fully with the plan he has for you.

I say all this to say, do the hard thing. My whole time in the role that I have now, that's what I have had to do, I do the hard thing. Do the thing that scares you, because if it's anything like my experience the thing you are scared to do is exactly where you need to be. Look at Moses. He gave every excuse. He laid out every weakness he had. God still chose him. Or Jonah. He ran from his calling and God said, you can run but you will do what I have called you to do. Whatever God is calling you to share, share it. Whoever God is calling you to speak to, speak with them.

Don't harden your heart to the calling God has for you. It will change your life. It will give you the peace you have been looking for. Since my time here at St. John's, I have started to notice that whenever I say I will never do this or I'm terrible at that, is the very next thing someone asks me to do. I am constantly working on myself to be the person He is calling me to be. I will never be perfect, but at least I will have peace. So, the question is, will you do the thing? Will you say yes to what He has planned for you? May you all find the peace and strength I have in our Savior Jesus Christ.

May Birthdays

- Becky May 05/01
- Parker Noles 05/01
- Doug Davis - 05/04
- Darren May 05/04
- Graham Clayton - 05/06
- Priscilla Baker - 05/08
- Jim Baughman - 05/20
- Pat Koym - 05/20
- Joan Wentrcek - 05/22
- Bill Long - 05/23
- Dorothy Newcomb - 05/23
- Mac Sommerville - 05/26
- Nell Box - 05/27
- Travis Fraser 05/29

May Anniversaries

- Skip & Shirley Davenport - 05/08
- Scott & Denise Williams - 05/15
- Britt & Sandy Thurman - 05/28

Can we pray for you? You can request prayer for you or someone you love by using our app, contact form at stjohnsgtowntx.com/prayer, or emailing the Prayer Team at prayerteam@stjohnsgtowntx.com.

Current and past articles of *Martha's Musings* can be found on our website blog at www.stjohnsgtowntx.com/blog.

Prayer Team meets on Monday mornings at 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM in the Horizon House, 216 E. 10th Street, Georgetown, TX 78626.



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Serve Your Church

Volunteers Needed

Members of St. John's are expected to serve. Whether that is service to fellow members within the congregation or service to those in the community abroad; it is part of the membership vows to be in service.

- Serve in worship through the tech team. **Contact Mac Sommerville** (audvid@stjohnsgtowntx.com)



May 2025 Events

Go to our app/website for all events
Event News

Join us in May as we welcome Spring!

- Methodist Women Luncheon - May 10
- St. John's 101 - May 11
- Council of Ministry Meeting - May 12
- Methodist Men - May 13
- Senior Sunday - May 25
- Church Directory - May 27 & 28





St. John's Methodist Church History

St. John's has been a part of the Georgetown Community for over 140 years.

We started as a group of Swedish immigrants who joined together in their homes to study, worship and pray and built our first church building in 1882. At that time, we were known as the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Brushy Church (Svenska Metodistkyrkan at Brushy). The original church stood at the intersection of Westinghouse Road and FM 1460. Our church cemetery is still at this location.


In 1906 we moved to town, to our present home at 311 E. University Avenue, and in 1938 we changed our name to St. John's Methodist Church. In 1968, when the Methodist Church joined with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, St. John's became St. John's United Methodist Church.


In 2023, St. John's disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church, changing our name to St. John's Methodist Church and joined the Global Methodist Church.

Come join us and share in our rich history and heritage of celebrating God's love.

May Wesley Value Meals

- May 07 - Lasagna
- May 14 - Shepherd's Pie
- May 21 - Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
- May 28 Chicken Tacos

 ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH		
MARCH 2025 DATA Table of income, expenses, and net total for December 2024		
	Church Activity YTD	Church Annual Budget
Income	\$155,322	\$541,848
Expenses	\$137,858	\$610,183
NET	\$17,464	(\$68,335)

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