



Roger's Ramblings

by Rev. Dr. Roger Clayton, Jr.

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box.

"There are 5 things you need to know," he told the pencil, "Before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and you will be the best pencil you can be."

"One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone's hand."

"Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil."

"Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make, but only when you turn around."

"Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside."

"And Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark; no matter what the condition."

The pencil understood, promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose.

Real faith is something that drives us, gives us purpose, and allows us to follow God in powerful and amazing ways. However, in order for us to have that real faith, we must understand our purpose. God created each and every one of us for purposes; some we know and others we must figure out. But in all these purposes and callings throughout our lives, if we keep the 5 rules of the pencil listed above, then God will be able to work miracles and other amazing things through each of us for the building of His Kingdom!

Practical Living Faith

by Michelle Cousineau, Church Secretary

What does living our faith in practical, concrete ways look like here on earth? Are we living our faith in such a way as to bring the Kingdom of Heaven down to earth every day? Looking back over the last six months as I dealt with a lot of adversity and change, I am not so sure I am doing this correctly. I have been floundering, then God spoke.

I recently went to the Grow Conference at Antioch Georgetown. The title of the conference was “The Time of Your Life” and it focused on how we use the time that God has given us. As I sat at the conference, I thought, “yeah, I know all this, I get it, I am not doing it right.” Then God spoke again through Pastor Andy’s sermon on Sunday, and this time I realized God is asking me to practically look at how I use my time to build His Kingdom. Is my faith in God strong enough to use my time to walk with Him rather than with the world. That is what I think real life faith looks like, walking purposefully with God in all aspects of life, every day of your life.

According to Biblehub.com, “practical faith refers to the application of one’s belief in God and the teachings of the Bible to everyday life.” So, if I believe that God has given me a finite amount of time to build up His Kingdom and to tell people about Jesus Christ, am I using that time well? Am I being a good steward of that time for God’s work? James 2:17 states, “So, too, faith by itself, if it does not result in action, is dead.” While we are saved by grace through faith and not through our work, our faith is demonstrated through good deeds. If we have a faith that truly believes and trusts in God, then our joy should be to do the good works God has given us in the time He has allotted.

So, my challenge to you is to take an inventory of your time, a practical inventory of how you spend your time and see if you are stewarding your time to build up the Kingdom of God or to build up your world. Then adjust your time as needed to be with God, serve others in compassion, be a good steward of all the resources you are given. Glorify God with your time and your resources.



September Birthdays

09/01 - George McDuffie
09/04 - Bob Norton
09/06 - J.W. Raby
09/07 - Caroline Carton
09/07 - John Noles
09/08 - Jean Phillips
09/09 - Chuck Tencer
09/10 - Jaxon Fraser
09/11 - Clint Fraser
09/13 - Wes Collman
09/13 - Debby Leshner
09/14 - Betty Tanner
09/15 - Kelly Calcote
09/15 - Melanie Castillo
09/17 - Spencer Clayton
09/18 - Jason McCain
09/18 - Nelda McCain
09/19 - Marcus Edmondson
09/19 - Beverly Thompson
09/21 - Earlene Dorsa
09/21 - Sage Westrick
09/23 - Zylvia Park
09/24 - Jake Edmiston
09/24 - Holly Westrick
09/26 - Charlotte Leach
09/26 - Sally McKee
09/28 - Mary Lou Wells
09/30 - Nancy Bacchus
09/30 - Barbara Baughman
09/30 - Britt Thurman
09/30 - Wayne Voigt

September Anniversary

09/13 - Darren & Becky May
09/16 - Ken & Debby Leshner
09/17 - Butch & Nelda McCain
09/19 - Jerry & Emily Wallace
09/20 - Thomas & Diane McNabb
09/23 - Michael & Christine Kortschak

September Events

09/01 - Church Office Closed
09/04 - Confirmation Class Begins
09/08 - CoM Meeting
09/09 - Methodist Men Meeting
09/11 - Church Office Closed
09/16 - Bergquist/Carlson Circle Meeting
09/21 - St. John's Exodus Class
09/22 - Single Board Meeting
09/28 - Helping Hands Sunday Meal

September Wesley Value Meals

- Sep 03 - Lasagna
 - Sep 10 - Chicken Teriyaki
 - Sep 17 - Meatballs
 - Sep 24 - Meatloaf
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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.


ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 2025 DATA

Table of income, expenses, and net total

	Church Activity YTD	Church Annual Budget
Income	\$356,586	\$541,848
Expenses	\$340,092	\$610,183
NET	\$16,494	(\$68,335)

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