

St. Peter's

# CONNECTION

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*Connecting the World with God's Love*

## THIS ISSUE: **Friday nights fun for kids, parents**

### **Parenting with grace**

*Learn how to reflect the love of God in your parenting. Begins Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m.*

### **Golf Tournament**

*Help support Student Ministries by playing golf Feb. 21 at Falcon Point Golf Club. The tournament also includes an awards dinner and silent auction.*



**st. peter's**  
United Methodist Church

One Friday night a month, children with disabilities and their siblings have the opportunity to come to St. Peter's for an evening of fun activities. At the same time, their parents and caregivers have a chance to go out on their own or just take a break. Volunteers make this respite time possible. The children, from infants to 12-year-olds, can participate in arts and crafts, movement activities, imaginative play and board games. They also can enjoy a movie and snacks.

Volunteers must have Safe Sanctuary training, but do not need to have experience with special needs children. Qualified adults are always available at Friday Night Friends to help with any issues that are unfamiliar to the volunteers. Adult volunteers are welcome to bring their children to participate, and teen volunteers are also welcome. Friday Night Friends meets from 6 to 9 p.m. the last Friday of the month.

Friday Night Friends currently serves about 100 families in the Katy community. When Friday Night Friends began nearly four years ago, only

**Mission Ministries  
January Focus:**

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## Grief Share Group

Grief Share offers support for those who have gone through the loss of a loved one. The group will meet for 13 weeks beginning Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the E136. For more information, contact Kim Meyers at (281) 492-8031, ext. 305, or [kmeyers@stpkaty.org](mailto:kmeyers@stpkaty.org).

## Coffee With the Pastors

Are you thinking about joining St. Peter's? If so, you are invited to attend Coffee With the Pastors, which is Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in E106. Please contact Rev. Lorna Bradley at (281) 492-8031, ext. 316, or [lbradley@stpkaty.org](mailto:lbradley@stpkaty.org) for more information.

## ECDC registration begins Jan. 9

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year for St. Peter's Early Childhood Development Center preschool is Jan. 9-20. Forms are available in the ECDC office. We offer classes for children ages 15 months through 5 years. For more information, visit [www.stpkaty.org](http://www.stpkaty.org) or call (281) 492-0623 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Master Plan Update and Capital Campaign Highlight Busy New Year at St. Peter's

For the past four months, a team of approximately 20 people from various ministry areas has met with Studio Red, the architectural firm engaged out of the recommendation of the November 2010 Church Conference to develop a Master Plan for St. Peter's. The team is in its final days of collaboration in preparation for presenting the information to the congregation at a Church Conference in February. The purpose of the Church Conference will be to inform the congregation about the details of the Master Plan and to empower the church's Committee on Lay Leadership to appoint a Building Committee to work with the architect once the results of the spring capital campaign reveal the extent of building additions and modifications that can be addressed at this time.

In addition to the presentation at the Church Conference, Kyle Mefford, a member of the Master Plan Strategy Team and the 2012 Lay Leader for St. Peter's, will be presenting the details of the Master Plan in four venues during the 9:45 a.m. Sunday School hour on Jan. 15, 22, and 29 and Feb. 5. The document used in Kyle's Sunday morning presentations also will be available online at [www.stpkaty.org](http://www.stpkaty.org) beginning Monday, Jan. 16. **To schedule your small group's time with Kyle, please contact Jennifer Hollingshead at (281) 492-8031, ext. 302, or [jhollingshead@stpkaty.org](mailto:jhollingshead@stpkaty.org). If you are not part of a small group, you can contact Jennifer to find out where the Sunday morning presentations will be held.**

With the preliminary Master Plan recommendations ready for the congregation's consideration, the ground has been prepared for the spring capital campaign. Presently, the Campaign Leadership Team is being formed. As a part of the capital campaign, printed materials regarding all proposed facility modifications will be distributed in February to the St. Peter's membership. These documents will more specifically define the scope and nature of the projects to be funded and will address the most frequently asked questions from the January information meetings.

As we begin the New Year with facilities that are filled to capacity in several of our strategic ministry areas, the Master Plan and the capital campaign will enable us to continue to reach more people and new kinds of people while providing space to address the ministry needs of those for whom St. Peter's is already their church home.

I look forward to both the blessings and the challenges of the New Year as we strive to continue to be faithful in our mission to connect the world with God's love.

I'll see you in worship!



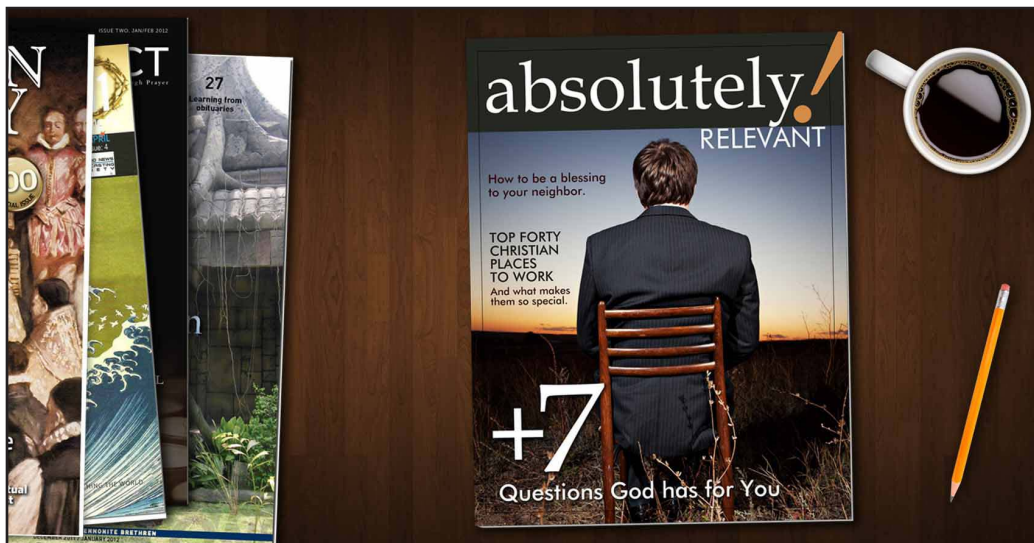
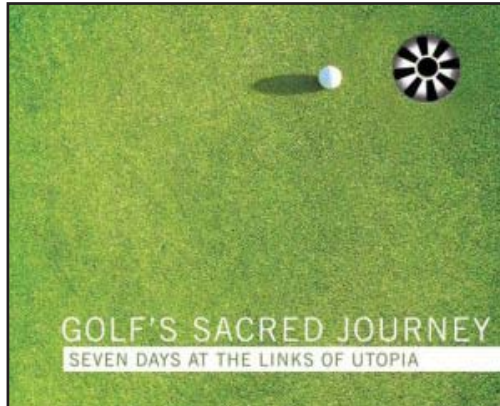
Rev. Don Smith

Love everybody ...

*Pasta Don*

# 'Two Days in Utopia'

Join Pastor Don Smith for "Two Days in Utopia," a study of David L. Cook's "Golf's Sacred Journey: Seven Days at the Links of Utopia." The class begins Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in E225 and ends April 25. Following the study, participants will have the option of taking a two-day road trip with Pastor Don to the Utopia, Texas, golf course, the setting for Cook's book. Registration is online at [www.stpkaty.org](http://www.stpkaty.org).



## 'Absolutely Relevant' questions from God

St. Peter's begins the New Year with the sermon series "Absolutely Relevant." Inspired by Trevor Hudson's book "Questions God Asks Us," the series will look at the questions that God asks people in the Bible. We'll examine the context of when these questions were first asked and will then consider the ways that God is asking these same questions of us today. We believe that conversations that God had with people long ago are "absolutely relevant" to our lives today. This seven-part series begins Jan. 8 in the traditional worship services.

- Jan. 8: "Where Are You?"
- Jan. 15: "Where Is Your Brother?"
- Jan. 22: "Do You Love Me?"
- Jan. 29: "Who Do You Say That I Am?"
- Feb. 5: "What Are You Doing Here?"
- Feb. 12: "Do You Understand What I Have Done for You?"
- Feb. 19: "Do You Want to Get Well?"

## Donate blood this Sunday

The first blood drive of 2012 is Jan. 8 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, especially between 10:45 and 11:45 a.m.

For more information about donating blood, contact Marsha Asplin at (281) 492-0472 or [mea1242@aol.com](mailto:mea1242@aol.com).

## Working Women's Circle

Working women are invited to join the Working Women's Circle on Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor as we plan our February trip to Brookwood to lead their Sunday afternoon worship and to a women's shelter. For information, contact Florence Ritchie at [irishspirit1127@yahoo.com](mailto:irishspirit1127@yahoo.com).

## Altar flowers

You can donate the altar flowers in memory or honor of someone for \$45. Sign up at [stpkaty.org](http://stpkaty.org), on the bulletin board in the Lobby or by calling the church office. For information, contact Patty Campbell at [pcampbell@stpkaty.org](mailto:pcampbell@stpkaty.org) or (281) 492-8031.

# KEYS

## Senior Adults

**Holocaust Museum.** Senior adults are invited to sign up at the KEYS bulletin board in the Lobby for our Jan. 19 tour of this museum, which seeks to educate people about the Holocaust and raise awareness of the dangers of prejudice, hatred and violence. Meet at the church at 7:45 a.m. Lunch will be at Cleburne Cafeteria. Bring \$5 plus money for lunch. For information, contact Richard or Jean Powell at (281) 392-2941.

**Brown Bag Bridge.** Our next play date will be Jan. 12, and we would love to have you join us for a day of fun and fellowship. Contact Martha for information or reservations at (281) 395-4825 or mckit@comcast.net.

## Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Jan. 16 at 1:30 p.m. in S209 for a time of caring and sharing. For more information, contact Beverly Deerhake at (281) 856-6217.

## Parenting with grace

The challenges of parenting can sometimes feel overwhelming. What do we do when we run out of patience? How do we handle our anger when it seems to be getting the best of us? Where do we find the affirmation our children need? Parenting With Purpose and Grace will show you what Bible says about how to reflect the love, wisdom, and grace of God in your parenting. The class begins Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in S202. For more information, contact Scott Rawlings at (281) 492-8031 or srawlings@stpkaty.org.



## You can read the Bible in 90 days

You are encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity to read the Bible from cover to cover in 90 days beginning Jan. 18. Weekly meetings, complete with video previews and group discussions, will help you stay on target. Registration is online at [www.stpkaty.org](http://www.stpkaty.org) and at the Information Desk in the Lobby. For information, contact Lorna Bradley at [lbradley@stpkaty.org](mailto:lbradley@stpkaty.org) or (281) 492-8031, ext. 316.

## Wednesday Night Dinner

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Lott Hall

### Menu

January 18

Beef with broccoli, sesame chicken, stir fried green beans, rice and a cookie

Kid's meal: Same as adult meal

A healthy option of a chicken breast or chicken Caesar salad is available on request.

Adults: \$6 Kids: \$3

Starting Jan. 15, reservations should be made by Tuesday at 7 p.m. online or at the Information Desk.

## Friday nights

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four of the families who participated were church members. Since then, at least 10 families have joined or attended church on Sunday because of first getting involved through Friday Night Friends.

St. Peter's also offers a Parents Night Out for teens with disabilities every Friday night in the Wesley Student Center. This program is organized by Easter Seals and runs concurrently with Friday Night Friends.

Mission Ministries' January focus is on Friday Night Friends. Stop by

their table in the Lobby on Sunday to find out how you can help serve families through this important ministry. This month's program is scheduled for Jan. 27.

You also can contact Sarah Morrison at sarahmorrison75@hotmail.com about volunteering. She also has information for parents interested in Friday Night Friends, the respite program for teens, or classes for children with special needs on Sundays.

## Welcome to Our New Member

Tiffany Guarisco

## Swing "Fore" Missions St. Peter's UMC Student Ministries Entry Fee \$100

**Golf Tournament**  
**2.21.2012**

**Falcon Point Golf Club**  
**12:00pm Shotgun Start**

**Awards, Dinner & Silent Auction to Follow**  
**Invite Your Friends & Neighbors**  
**Ladies, Gentlemen & Juniors Welcome**

**Register by: 2.9.2012**  
**In the Student Ministries Office**  
**Or Online @ [www.stpkaty.org](http://www.stpkaty.org)**

**For Sponsorship Information Contact:**  
**Jason Trice 281-492-8031 X322**

## ST. PETER'S ATTENDANCE

### December 24

Traditional Worship	
3:00	719
5:00	550
6:30	731
8:00	540
9:30	332
11:00	238
<i>the element</i>	
6:30	152
8:00	81
TOTAL	3,343

### December 25

11:00	255
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### January 1

Traditional Worship	
8:30	125
9:45	133
11:00	361
<i>the element</i>	
9:45	64
11:00	81
<u>SPLASH</u>	<u>30</u>
TOTAL	794

## Upholding the Church

### PRAYERS

Karen Champion, Rick Cook, Jerry Dewitz, Gary Eure, Mary Gentry, Ann Kelly, Tom Nelson, Joy Prendergast, Judith Preto, Harold Spradley, and Doug Stockton.

### JOY

To Jennifer Brunkhorst on the birth of her son Liam.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Tony Bailey, Johnathon Baker, Tim and Alison Batig, Jared Behne, John Belsha, Amanda Berg, Colin Binion, Patrick Boutall, Will Brandt, Martin Busch, Randy Butcher, Sean Cain, Devin Camp, Andrew Camponelli, Darron Chamblee, Paul Cordner, Thomas Cotten, Joel de Sola, Parker Allen Dial, Kathryn Donnelly, Brandi and Josiah Fast, Daniel Fritz, J.M. Floyd, Charles Fray, James Gilbert, Anita Marie Gilliam, Tyler J. Gorcie, Jason Gordon, Eric Graesley, Tye Grasshoff, David Gutierrez, Richard Harp, George Harrison, Steven Heath, Matthew C. Houghton, Matthew Ivester, Scott Lewis, Mike Linn, Andrew Locke, Ryan Lueders, Austin McCall, Jason McFadzen, Mick McNaughton, Adam Miller, Collin Mooney, Robert Near, Michael Neubert, Blake Nunes, Ryan O'Quinn, Neal Osburn, Austin Paynter/149th Division, Casey Pontious, Sherri Pontious, Don Rolleg, Jason Salter, Brandon Schumacher, Daniel Sewastynowicz, Joel Simmons, Dusty Stoddard, Shannon Thorthan, Patrick Bishop Turner, Bert Walker, Tom Walsh, Matthew Weible, Michael Wendt, Leonard Will, Jasen Wilson, Jason Woods and Marine Co. 1157.



# Acts 17:6

ST. PETER'S STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Rooted Kick-Off** for all junior high students and high school leaders is Jan. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Wesley Student Center. Bring \$3 for pizza.

**High School Girls' Bible Study Kick-Off** is Jan. 11 from 4 to 5 p.m.

**Ignite Mid-Winter Retreat** is Feb. 17-19 for students in grades 7 through 12. Registration information is available online at [www.STPstudentministries.org](http://www.STPstudentministries.org) or at the table in the Lobby on Sunday mornings. Cost is \$75 and deadline to register is Jan. 22.

**Outdoor Laser Tag Duel** with Lakewood United Methodist Church is Jan. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Peter's.

**High School Guys' Ministry Kick-Off** is Jan. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m.

**Summer Camp** registration is available at [www.STPstudentministries.org](http://www.STPstudentministries.org).

**Student Ministries Golf Tournament** is Feb. 20. Noon Shotgun Start.

Entry fee is \$100; mulligans and tiger drive available. We will have snacks, dinner, awards and silent auction. Register by Feb. 9 at [www.stpkaty.org](http://www.stpkaty.org) or in the Student Ministries Office. Sponsorship information is available by contacting the Student Ministries Office at (281) 492-8031, ext. 319, or [hharmison@stpkaty.org](mailto:hharmison@stpkaty.org).

## *Discovering our hidden potential*

Everyone has hidden treasures of talent and undiscovered potential. Everyone has something substantial to contribute. Why are these valuables still buried beneath the surface? The Singles with a Purpose Sunday School class will begin a study on Jan. 15 to help us find meaningful places of ministry in which we produce fruit and find fulfillment. Join this group of singles 55+ at 11 a.m. in S204.

## **ADHD Support Group**

The ADHD Support Group will meet with Family to Family Network, Katy Autism Group, Katy Down Syndrome Group and the Katy ADDA-SR group on Jan. 17 at 6:45 p.m. in Asbury Hall when David Beinke, director of advocacy for Cirkiel and Associates, a disability law firm, will present "Effective Advocacy: The Toolbox."

For information, contact Laura Peddicord at (281) 392-6064.

## Daily Bible Reading

**Jan. 10-16**

MONDAY

Gen. 35:1-15

TUESDAY

Isa. 6:1-13

WEDNESDAY

Jer. 1:4-10

THURSDAY

1 Sam. 3:1-20

FRIDAY

Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18

SATURDAY

1 Cor 6:12-20

SUNDAY

John 1:43-51

**Jan. 17-23**

MONDAY

Gen. 12:1-9

TUESDAY

Gen. 32:22-32

WEDNESDAY

Jonah 1:1-10

THURSDAY

Jonah 3:1-10

FRIDAY

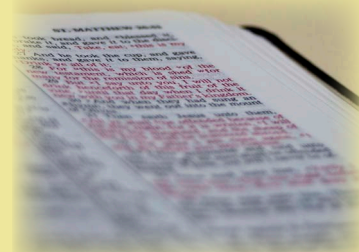
Ps. 62:5-12

SATURDAY

1 Cor. 7:29-31

SUNDAY

Mark 1:14-20



# Sunday Worship

**8:30 a.m.**

**Traditional Worship  
with Holy Communion**

**9:45 a.m.**

**Traditional Worship  
*the element*  
Contemporary Worship  
Sunday School for All Ages**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Traditional Worship  
*the element*  
Contemporary Worship  
**SPLASH**  
Children's Worship  
Sunday School for Adults**

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## St. Peter's Events Calendar

### Sunday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Blood Drive Lobby  
7:00 p.m. Coffee With the Pastors E106

### Tuesday, January 10

1:30 p.m. KEYS Council Conference Room

### Wednesday, January 11

9:00 a.m. Prayer Quilt Ministry S201  
10:00 a.m. UMW Board Meeting E106

### Thursday, January 12

10:00 a.m. Brown Bag Bridge Asbury Hall  
7:00 p.m. Working Women's Circle Parlor  
Grief Share Group E136

### Friday, January 13

9:00 a.m. Mothers of Young Children E221

### Sunday, January 15

4:00 p.m. Women's Cancer Support Group S209  
4:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting E106

### Monday, January 16

1:30 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group S209

### Tuesday, January 17

7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Conference Room

### Wednesday, January 18

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner Lott Hall  
6:30 p.m. KIDS JAM Children's Choirs E136  
Bible in 90 Days Asbury Hall  
Two Days in Utopia E225

### Thursday, January 19

7:00 p.m. Open Hearts Support Group E225  
Women of Joy S201  
Finance Committee Conference Room  
Grief Share Group E136

### Friday, January 20

9:00 a.m. Mothers of Young Children E221

*Detailed weekly calendars of St. Peter's events are available  
at the Information Desk in the Lobby and on the St. Peter's website.*

## Ways to serve ...

**Donate blood this Sunday.** Help save lives by donating blood at the first St. Peter's Blood Drive of the year. Check in at the table in the Lobby on Jan. 8.

**Volunteer at Friday Night Friends.** Help provide a night of fun activities for special needs children and their siblings and a night out for their parents and caregivers on Jan. 27. Sign up at the Missions table in the Lobby on Jan. 8.

**Lead a worship service at Brookwood.** Join the Working Women's Circle in planning and leading a worship service for the residents of Brookwood, a community for developmentally disabled adults. Contact Florence Ritchie at [irishspirit1127@yahoo.com](mailto:irishspirit1127@yahoo.com).