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#### **JACK THREADGILL** VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

The Jack Threadgill Vocational Training Program has been the means for life and generational transformation for men and women since its inaugural plumbing class in the summer of 2019. Over 50 participants in this program have changed the trajectory of their lives by attending CDL training, plumbing and welding classes AT NO COST. Last year, we successfully completed our Plumbing and Welding Classes with 15 graduates, as well as completing our VERY FIRST Commercial Driver's License Class. Our next CDL Class started last week. The class is a popular 6-week course on Tuesday and Wednesday nights that is COMPLETELY FREE for men & women. Our next Welding Class will also begin on March 7th on Mondays & Tuesdays.

We are exploring opportunities for continued expansion of the VT Program, to possibly include HVAC, Electrical and Floor/Carpet Installation in the future. Our sponsors, volunteers and most importantly, our Heavenly Father continue to bless the Jack M. Threadgill Vocational Training Program. As always, our goals during this program are to provide real-world job training, life skills, and to allow every participant to hear the Good News of Christ!

THANK YOU United Way of the Brazos Valley, Twin City Properties, and all our generous donors for making this program possible at zero cost for our students. Your kindness, partnership & support helps us share the love of Jesus in our community & make an even greater impact in the lives of hundreds of families!

Are you passionate about how this program is changing the lives of men and women in our community? You can partner with us by going to <u>www.saveourstreetsministries.org/give</u>tomake a donation! You can also support this program through volunteering! Call the SOS Office at 979-775-5357 or visit our website at

www.saveourstreetsministries.org/volunteer. Thank you for he<u>lping us SAVE OUR STREETS.</u>

### "LOVE THAT LASTS" **SOS COUPLES RETREAT 2022**

This year, SOS took the Couples Retreat to another level by bringing 25 couples together in beautiful Round Top, TX for an entire weekend during the last weekend of January. In a world filled with brokenness and struggles, navigating through different seasons of marriage can become difficult for many couples. Many of those we reach come from lives filled with broken families and have never experienced seeing a healthy and loving marriage that glorifies the Lord. Our desire at SOS is to provide opportunities for healing, generational change and growth to happen to the couples and families we serve. The retreat was a powerful time of fellowship

and wisdom for the couples to spend time with God to build and restore their relationships. The couples enjoyed different sessions and fun activities over the theme, "Love That Lasts". Our incredible speakers Bruce and Connie Wood delivered life-changing messages and teachings

and allowed us into so many of the ups and downs of their 51 years of marriage. Ana shared, "What our speakers shared with us during one weekend takes many couples years to learn. They taught with transparency and humor and pointed us right back to the Truth. JESUS! My husband and I were filled with encouragement to work on a loving marriage that lasts a lifetime so that the world around us will know the love of Christ is real!" Our couples, especially the husbands, were truly moved by the teachings. Lance shared, "The retreat taught me how to take the spiritual lead and offer more to my wife. I learned how to put Christ in the center of my marriage, and how to seek His help and presence in the

areas that are lacking. This how my wife and I can make our marriage flourish."

ON THE STREET

The couples received so many powerful teachings through the activities they did together. Patricia told us, "We learned valuable tools to help our marriage continue to grow and how to understand each other better. Bruce and Connie taught us the importance of communicating our feelings to each other to better understand how our reactions can affect our marriage"

The couples also learned the importance of having fellowship with other couples. The couples add: "Sharing what we learned after each activity really helped us grow in unity.

We shared some of our stories and through that realized we are all on the same journey!" Carmen told us, "One of the bléssings during the retreat was the couples realizing how important it is to be around other couples that are going through the same situations as they are. They were able to learn a lot at the end of the retreat and realize, 'Now we have answers! Now

we have the tools to go home and do things differently, even in the tough times of arguing or being mad at each other. Now we know the importance to use these tools to restore our marriage in the light of Christ."

We are so grateful for our Lord's provision and powerful presence during the Couples Retreat, and the teachings our couples received on healing, love, and creating marriages that last! THANK YOU to our wonderful speakers Bruce and Connie Wood, our amazing volunteers, and everyone who helped organize this event! Having partners like you by our side helps us share the love & truth of Jesus with so many families throughout the Brazos Valley!



Couples Retreat 2022







Vocational Training Program



After School Program

"I learned how to put Christ in the center of my marriage"

# CHILDREN'S **MINISTRY**

Each week at SOS Ministries, hundreds of kids and volunteers take part in exciting Children's Ministry Programs. Whether it is our After School Program every afternoon, Monday night Bible study, Wednesday night Bible study in Hearne or Friday night children's church, kids are consistently hearing the mighty name of Jesus. Through Bible studies, engaging activities & our incredible team of volunteers, every child who enters this building has a chance to experience the love of God. It is our prayer that through these things they would choose to follow Jesus for the rest of their lives and begin building a solid foundation for their faith. Many of the children we serve come from challenging circumstances & have experienced abuse, incarcerated family members or a lack of many basic needs. Because of these things, SOS has had the unique opportunity to speak truth and hope into many hopeless situations

through the power of the Gospel. We have seen children surrender their hearts to the Lord and He has been faithful to bring abounding joy and eternal hope. We believe that God is redeeming and healing families through the next generation of kids as they begin to seek Him above all else and we have seen them restored & transformed over the last 29 years.

In order to make all of these programs happen, we need faithful volunteers with a passion to see kids fall in love with Jesus! It takes more than 100 volunteers each week to invest in the daily lives of those we serve. To get involved in what God is doing in the Children's Ministry at SOS, email Allison@saveourstreetsministries.org, call the SOS Office at 979-775-5357 or visit our website at www.saveourstreetsministries.org/volunteer. You can also financially support our Children's Ministry at www.saveourstreetsministries. org/give and help provide the necessary supplies, transportation & food to help us reach more kids with the power and truth of the Gospel. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus to the children in our city.

## DID YOU KNOW?

SOS Men's Ministry had its BIG GAME Watch Party this month. We had a great time as families came together for fellowship, good food, and loads of fun! THANK YOU to Marty Criswell, former BHS Head Football Coach, for coming to the party and speaking during halt-time.





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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Vocational Training Welding Class Begins** 



**Spring Break** 



**Family Picnic** 

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