

THANK YOU GRACE UMC!

Every Wednesday night, more than 30 kids pile into vans to attend Bible study at our SOS Hearne Children's Ministry. The excitement is evident each week as they build relationships with their volunteers, play games but most importantly learn about Jesus. As they dive into scripture, they consistently are learning the truths found in the Bible and the promises God has for them.

Over the last several years, the Hearne Children's Ministry has had the opportunity to meet weekly at Grace United Methodist Church of Hearne where children participate in Bible studies, games & are able to encounter the love of Jesus. Grace UMC & Pastor Gary Westbrook generously opened their doors, provided snacks & helped us reach a generation that is desperate for the hope that is found in Jesus. Over the last few years, hundreds of kids have been reached with the power of the Gospel. We have seen children surrender their lives to Jesus and grow deeper in their relationship with Him. Having a space to meet each week has given the kids a safe place to experience God in a tangible way. Grace UMC has been a place for children to escape the challenges of their day to day lives, ask hard questions and discover what it looks like to become a follower of Jesus.

Thank you to Grace UMC for your commitment to children in Hearne & for your constant support of SOS. Thank you for investing in the lives of kids over the last few years by providing a place for them to come and find rest. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing in and through SOS Children's Ministry in Hearne.

COACH'S STORY

FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD

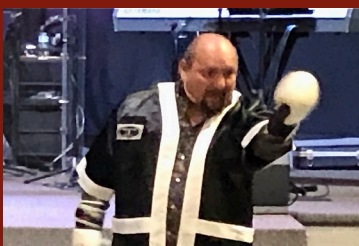
Hello! My name is Sam Smith but everyone calls me Coach. I first heard JJ's story in 1993 at a Sunday evening church service. I could sense the presence of the Holy Spirit telling me that this was a place where I could join God's work in a significant way. I was immediately drawn to be a part of this work. For many years my job prevented me from being a regular volunteer. During those years, I stayed connected by participating in Awareness Month activities and "On location" Outreaches. In 2008, God began to move me away from my calling in public education as other things began to interest me more than teaching and coaching. So after 30 years in public education, God closed that door and opened up another. I was able to retire with a part time job with flexible hours and a boss that loves Jesus and SOS. I began to attend the SOS Men's Bible study and have continued to attend and serve in many capacities. I have led bible studies, driven the bus to pick up children and teenagers, helped with the Holy Smoke BBQ, and currently teach leadership in the Jack Threadgill Vocational School and help JJ lead the Tuesday night Men's Bible Study.

Being a part of the SOS family is a blessing from God, and has added an eternal purpose to this stage of my life. Serving God at SOS allows me to participate in His work in the lives of Men. To see repentant men submit to the power of the love

of Jesus is an amazing miracle of God that I would have never experienced had I not taken the step to just come and be a part of this family. God has grown me through His work here and continues to challenge me to be better. God has taught me that all He wants is for me to be faithful to show up. It is not my place to define how I serve or set any expectations for how things will go, I just need to follow His lead and do what needs to be done at this moment. Most of the things we spend our lives working for, such as houses, 401K's, and legacies, are all temporary; built for someone else to live in, spend and forget. The work we do here on Groesbeck St. will last into eternity, as men and women come to Jesus, Godly families are built, and generations are impacted in an everlasting way. As JJ says, SOS has a 100% success rate. 100% of the people that walk through the door will experience the love of Jesus. I thank God for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of this ministry.

"I asked God to show me what humility looks like, send men that exemplify humility and courage, and love for Jesus. He sent several men, one that shows all three is Coach Sam Smith. One of my mentors, Doug Stringer said, "When men were reaching for thrones, Jesus picked up a towel and began to wash men's feet." That is Coach Sam Smith." -JJ Ramirez

**God taught me
 all I need to
 do is faithfully
 show up. He
 decides the rest.**



Friday Night Worship



The Big Game Watch Party: Speaker Jeff Paine



After School Program



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Redeeming Love

Couples One-Day Retreat

Breakfast Session: 9:00am-10:30am

Dinner Session: 6:00pm-8:00pm



This year's upcoming Annual Couples Retreat is themed "Redeeming Love." The retreat is a two part banquet and lecture with a morning and evening session held in the SOS Ministries Center. This year, we are excited to hear from the hearts of Shaun and Emily Burrow who are professional counselors. At SOS, we desire to provide opportunities which enable healing and growth to the individuals and families whom we serve. Many of those we reach come from lives filled with broken families, absent fathers, and have never experienced what love truly is or seen a healthy marriage that glorifies the Lord. Our hope behind the Couples Retreat is to seek what God says about love and marriage and lead them to experiencing a love that is true, forgiving, and filled with hope.

DID YOU KNOW?

The **Jack Threadgill Vocational Training Program** starts their spring session on March 1! Men and women will learn skills in welding, financial management, leadership, and relationships to help equip them as employable and skilled workers in their field.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 1** Jack Threadgill Vocational Training Spring 2021 classes start
- Mar 4** Thursday Night Adult Discipleship Class Begins
- Mar 15-19** Spring Break - Office Closed
- Mar 27** Family Picnic



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