

RISE 20TH ANNUAL SOS BANQUET OCTOBER 5TH// 6:30 P.M.

The 20th Annual SOS Banquet, "RISE" sponsored by Galleria Spa Salon Boutique and KBTX Media is rapidly approaching on October 5th!

If you are a part of SOS or have an interest in what SOS Ministries does in our community, we would love to have you join us. Twenty eight years ago, God gave JJ Ramirez, our founder and a former drug dealer and drug addict, a vision of SOS Ministries and what God could do through this ministry and how it could be a place of hope to rescue, restore, and release those surrounded by drugs, abuse, and violence. The vision for the ministry has stayed the same since day one and we are seeing it become a reality with each new year. Join us as we all continue to RISE and embrace God's calling over our lives!

For sponsorship and ticketing information, see the insert or visit our website: saveourstreetsministries.org/raise. Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions: (979) 775-5357. We look forward to celebrating and embracing God's calling with you!



LOVE THEM TO LIFE!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY "ARISE!" CONFERENCE 2021

In the summer of 2017, our Women's Ministry was led to host a conference just for women. We named the conference ARISE, which comes from Isaiah 60:1: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you". The heart of this conference is a desire to see women from all walks of life come together and discover God's love and healing power through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

This year, the LORD blessed our class at our garage sale with enough money to invite Marlene Yeo as our speaker. Marlene is the founder and director of "He Cares for Me" Ministry in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Before Marlene's message, two wonderful women of God shared their stories. Sandra spoke about keeping her faith through the dark days while mourning the tragic death of her son. Tears came to the women's eyes as she testified that the Lord keeps His promises and never lets go of us. Felicia encouraged the women to keep moving forward no matter how hard it gets and to put their trust in the Lord because He will bring what they need. After the stories, Marlene began speaking to the women and challenging them to "Arise" and become a light by walking away from the darkness and taking a stand in our world to be a light for the kingdom of God. She encouraged our women to welcome the Lord into their hearts and allow Him to pull back the veil and shine His light on every dark stain and spot. Many women appreciated that she did not "sugar coat" anything about her journey to Christ and she sincerely and honestly portrayed an example

of a true disciple of Jesus.

After lunch, our women asked for a second session. They asked Marlene how to go deeper into the things of God. Marlene addressed Mathew 16:24 where Jesus said to His disciples: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up his cross and follow me." She challenged anyone who desires to become a true disciple of Jesus to die to themselves and enter into the life Jesus has for them led by the Holy Spirit. The women were all encouraged to quit striving in flesh and rest in the Lord. Marlene asked everyone

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a profound question, "If you do not trust in the Lord in the hard times, how can He trust you with all the blessings He has for you?" Our women were so encouraged by these words and were willing to let God take control of their lives even more, not just through prayer, but through surrender!

In her closing, Marlene asked the ladies who desired to become true disciples of Jesus to stand and come to the altar, so Christ will live through them in the power of the Holy Spirit. She urged them to stand only if it was in their hearts to do so, and that she would respect anyone who would choose not to stand. The women stood boldly and unashamedly to be counted as true disciples. There were tearful eyes and lifted hands all across the room. It was a Holy moment of an encounter with God Himself. Our women were led to the truth that no matter how dark the world may seem, the Lord is indeed rising up an army of disciples of light that strongly desire to shine, reveal Jesus, and love others to life!



Still Water Camp



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Arise! Conference



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On Location 2021

Each summer, volunteers join together for the SOS summer outreach program, On Location, to go into neighborhoods to share the Gospel through Bible lessons, games, crafts & dinner. This summer, more than 50 volunteers went to 6 local neighborhoods, including one in Hearne. We were able to serve over 175 kids each week, build relationships and share the love of God. The kids showed up eager to learn the Bible stories and were full of joy! One of the prayers our leaders prayed throughout the

summer was that we would see abounding joy and peace among the kids in the neighborhood, and God answered mightily. We saw children hungry for the presence of God & many grew deeper in their relationship with the Lord. It was an incredible summer of witnessing God transform the hearts of kids. Thank you for being a part in reaching the next generation with the power of the Gospel On Location



DID YOU KNOW?



SOS provided Back 2 School clothing and supplies for over 60 Kids and Teens this school year! A huge thank you to Bryan Rotary Club and all our donors for helping these kids and their families as they start their next school year!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**AUG
28**

Volunteer Kick-Off

**SEP
10**

Teen Back to School Bash

**SEP
13**

Children's Ministry & After School Program Begins

**OCT
5**

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