

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"The women at Tuesday Night Bible Study are prayer warriors. They love me, and when I'm not here, I know I will be missed. The teaching here is something you can take off the pages and live it out in love and never in judgment. SOS has truly been a blessing for me." —Jessica, Women's Ministry member

For 30 years God has used SOS to bring daughters and their households to His Kingdom! During Bible Study every Tuesday night, women come with all their hurt, pain and mistakes and are unconditionally loved. It is a love found through using God's Word to encourage and form loving relationships and accountability. It is a place for women to model the description found in Titus 2: The spiritually mature, older women teach the younger women how to love their families in a way that glorifies the Lord. Women are encouraged to use Kingdom truth to break generational curses in their lives and the lives of their children. Prayer and God's Word are central in this ministry so that women encounter God and become living testimonies of the love of Christ.

As well as the Bible Study, women participate in the annual "Retreat" where they get away for a weekend in an intimate setting to meet with God. We also have an annual ARISE conference which serves as an outreach for women in our community. Each woman prays for a month for 5 friends who do not know Jesus and then invites them to the conference where they enjoy a great time of fellowship, worship, prayer, testimonies, and a Gospel message inviting them into the arms of Jesus!

LADIES! Join us every Tuesday night for women's Bible Study as we journey through God's Word & experience more of His goodness. We hope to see you at 7 PM on Tuesdays!

"WORKING UNTO THE LORD"

The Jack Threadgill Vocational Training Program has been the means for generational transformation since its inaugural class in 2019. Since that time, SOS has provided men and women the opportunity to change the trajectory of their lives by offering classes in CDL training, plumbing and welding AT NO COST. We are tremendously blessed to have skilled instructors & trainers join serve with SOS. Our very first instructor was Neal Lee. Now, through 5 classes, Neal continues to serve. As we like to say, "No one can weave Jesus into plumbing like Neal Lee!"

I have been blessed to be a part of the Vocational Training Ministry at SOS for the past four years as the plumbing instructor. I teach a 9-week course that covers the essential knowledge and skills of the trade. In addition to preparing students to enter the plumbing field, I have the privilege of getting to know them and speaking words of encouragement and hope into their lives.

I remember hearing JJ speak about his dreams for a Vocational Training School on a few occasions. As a former master plumber now in the corporate world, I was inspired and excited by the vision God gave him. When Coach Sam Smith called to invite me to teach the inaugural class, it was an easy yes! My own experience with plumbing began at the age of 19 when I started working for a man named Jack while I was living in Virginia. He taught me about plumbing and I taught him about the Lord. I had the joy of leading him to Christ and he helped me gain the experience needed to obtain my master plumber's license. Not only was plumbing a way for me to provide for my family, it was an avenue for the Lord to use me to serve. I love how the Lord works in us and through us!

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." The Vocational Training Ministry has given me the opportunity to share my experiences, my skills, and my testimony. Every student comes with a story and a set of obstacles they are striving to overcome. So, in addition to teaching them about soldering, drain pipes, and garbage disposals, I tell them my own story of growing up in a family that was broken by addiction and abuse. I share with them my conviction that some of our struggles are caused by our own choices, some because of the choices of others and most are a combination of the two. Regardless of our past

or where we come from, there is hope in the Lord. I tell them God is a God of second and third and 100th chances. He redeems our past and promises us a future!

I deeply value my time each semester with my fellow teachers and students who come through the program. If you were to visit our classroom or the workshop on a Monday evening, on the surface

it may look like we're simply learning to run drain pipes or thread gas piping. Yes, that is indeed part of what we do. But we're also breaking generational cycles. We're reclaiming dignity. We're choosing to honor our families. We're working unto the Lord. And we're doing it all for the glory of God.

Neal Lee, Plumbing Instructor, Former Master Plumber

We are so grateful for the time and energy shared by Neal and all our volunteers. They inspire us and everyone they work with. THANK YOU!

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Welding Class-Spring 2023



SOS kids & teens- Aggie Basketball Game



Women's Ministry - YOU ARE Conference



After School Program

"A Cord of Three" Couples Retreat

This year's upcoming Couples Retreat will be on March 3-5 in beautiful Round Top, TX. The retreat is themed "A Cord of Three" based on Ecclesiastes 4:12. 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 the idea of seeing a healthy and loving marriage that glorifies the Lord seems like a false hope. 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 will last the entire weekend and we are excited to hear the hearts of our wonderful speakers,

Roy & Cindy Brantley as they share about their 37 years of marriage. The couples will also enjoy an incredible time of fellowship, prayer, games, and teachings on what Kingdom marriage looks like. Our hopes and prayers for the Couples Retreat is to seek what God says about love and marriage and lead the couples to experiencing a love that is true, forgiving, and filled with hope.

Would you like to be a part of God's mighty presence and healing power during our Couples Retreat? You can partner with us by going to <https://saveourstreetsministries.org/give/> or you can give using this month's insert. Your faithful partnership & support helps us share the love & truth of Jesus with so many families throughout the Brazos Valley!



Couples Retreat 2022

DID YOU KNOW?

Almost **50 women** attended YOU ARE Conference this year! It was a great time of worship, fellowship, prayer, and a fresh Gospel message by incredible speakers, including JJ Ramirez! THANK YOU to our generous donors, YOU ARE Conference & all the volunteers who made this event possible for our women!



IGNITE THE NEXT GENERATION

The heart of this \$6.5 Million campaign is to create space for more families to experience God's love through SOS. The campaign will expand our programs and facilities to widen our reach and deepen our impact for Jesus in the community.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 3-5** Couples Retreat
- Mar. 10** SOS Night of Worship
- Mar. 13-19** Spring Break-Office Closed
- Apr. 8** Teen Boys Video Game Tournament
- Apr. 22** Teen Girls Day Retreat



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