



The Messenger

Sermon Series: Do I Have to believe... To be a Christian?

January 8 - God causes car wrecks, cancer, and other catastrophes?

Focus scripture: Luke 13:2-5

Focus Idea: Although God can and does bring about good from tragedy, God does not cause tragic events to happen.

January 15 - That I can't have doubts

Focus Scripture Mark 9:24 (we will read the whole story)

Focus Idea: Doubt is not the enemy of faith but an essential element of authentic Christianity.

January 22 - Only in Faith, not Science

Focus Scripture: Genesis 1

Focus Idea: Science and Faith are compatible. Theistic evolution can marry science and faith together.

January 29 - Bad People, Jews, Muslims, et al will be left behind and then fry in hell

Focus Scripture: acts 10:34-36 (we will read the whole story of Cornelius)

Focus Idea: We can trust God to know the heart of every human being and do what is right.

February 5 - Everything in the Bible literally

Focus Scripture: 2 Kings 2:23-25

Focus idea: Take the Bible seriously, but not literally.

February 12 - Woman are inferior and God Only Loves Straight People

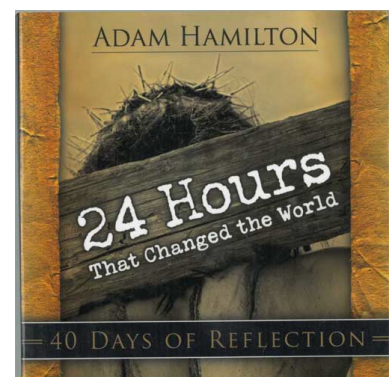
Focus scripture: Galatians 3:28 and 1 Corinthians 13:12

Focus Ideas: Everyone is created in the image of God.

Coming February 19.....an exciting all-church
Lenten Sunday School class opportunity.
Mark your calendars and plan to join us
in this powerful 7-week study by Adam Hamilton.

Walk with Jesus on his final day.
Sit beside him at the Last Supper.
Pray with him in Gethsemane.
Follow him to the cross.
Desert him. Deny him.

Experience the Resurrection



JANUARY 2012

Weekly: Sunday

8:30 and 11:00 Worship Celebration
 9:45 - 10:45am Sunday School
 4:00 - 5:30pm Fiesta Ringers
 5:30 - 7:30pm God Squad
 5:30 - 7:30pm UMYF

Tuesday and Thursday

10:00 am - Noon Food Pantry

Wednesday

5:15pm Community Supper
 6:15pm Chancel Choir

THIS MONTH

Monday, January 9

6:30 PM TLC Board

Tuesday, January 10

7:15 AM UMM Breakfast
 9:30 AM UMW Parlor

Wednesday, January 11

4:00 PM Parlor Prayer Chain

Monday, January 16

CLOSED FOR Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 17

6:00 PM Leadership GR

Wednesday, January 18

6:15 PM to 8:00 PM Choir

Friday, - Sunday January 20 - 22

UMYF Winter Retreat

Saturday, January 21

5:00 PM The Gathering

Tuesday, January 24

7:15 AM UMM Breakfast
 6:30 PM Church Council GR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dave Ramsey - Financial Peace University

October of 2011, the Church Council accepted the invitation of the Albuquerque District to participate in the Healthy Church Initiative (HCI). The HCI is designed to train pastors and lay leaders for "growing fruitful congregations" in our changing communities. There are nine congregations participating from the Albuquerque District. Pastor Greg attends monthly training sessions, and five members of the St. John's congregation, Carol Schwendimann, Charles Carathers, Lynn Ewing, Jane Thomas and Dave Thomas, attend separate sessions every month. The objectives are to learn how to see what changes are needed to make St. John's a more vibrant part of the Santa Fe community and to train leaders to support the pastor in making the needed changes. We plan to publish monthly updates in the church newsletter. For general information, visit <http://www.healthychurchinitiative.com/>



The Gathering



A relaxed Saturday evening worship celebration

5:00 - 6:00pm Third Saturday of the month

Jan. 21 Everybody Loves Raymond Part 1 Vinyl, jazz ensemble

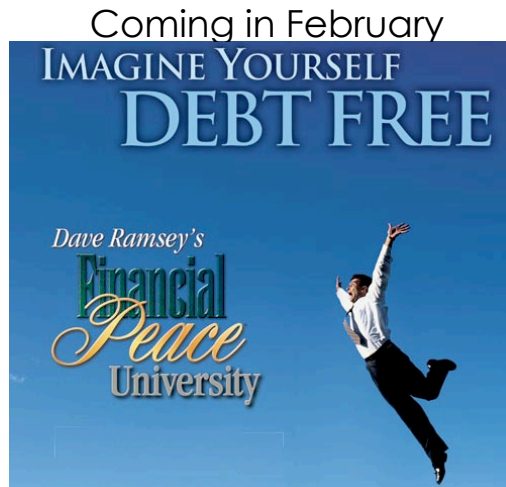
*At the conclusion of the service we invite you to stay and hear more from our special music guests.

Nursery care available.

Christianity and World Religions

is a video based small group study that explores four major World religions - Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism and compares the beliefs of each of those of Christianity. This 6 week study deals honestly with questions people ask about other religions. The cost is \$15 and includes the participant's guide. Class will begin on Wed. Feb. 8 @6:15-7:30pm

ADAM HAMILTON
**Christianity
 AND
 World Religions**
Wrestling with Questions People Ask



Thank you for your financial support in 2011. Your 2011 pledged income exceeded the pledged amount, expenses were below budget but we still ran a deficit., Full financial disclosure will be forthcoming. Giving statements for 2011 are now available for pickup. Thank you for your generous offerings.

New Year Resolutions

If you are like most of us, the rapidly approaching New Year means that you are thinking about ways to change and improve yourself and your life. One great way to give added meaning to your year is to get involved in a ministry of the church as a volunteer. You can volunteer once a week, once a month, once a quarter or even just once. We are flexible. Here are some of the valuable ministries and their contacts at St. John's:

- Bag in Hand Food Pantry Dolph Bunkley
- The Community Farm Jane Smith
- Casa Real Retirement Barbara Mason
- Interfaith Homeless Shelter Charles Cole
- Youth Sponsors Kristin Perkins
- The Prayer Chain Darlene Muniz
- Fellowship Hour Janet Dennison

These are just a few of the opportunities you have to make a difference in our community and our world. 2012 is a leap year. Why not make it a "leap of faith" year and volunteer at St. John's? From Lynn Ewing



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Please help Pastor Greg. Taking attendance at Sunday School doesn't appear to be a big deal, however, it really does make a difference to Pastor Greg's yearend report. Please take attendance and put it on the form found on your Sunday School room door..



Next Year at St. John's?

Did you miss having farolitos light your way to Christmas Eve at St. John's? Let's get together in January (not next December) and explore the possibilities/challenges of bringing back the farolitos. If you're interested contact Kay Burdette at 466-4111 or kay1216@aol.com.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A very Happy Birthday to all of you January birthday's. Please let us know of any changes we need to make.

	Terri Gilmore	9
	Vivian Garber	12
	Marilyn Butterstein	12
	Jimmye Stafford	13
	Bruce Adams	13
Amanda White	Cynthia Gonzales	13
Don Witcher	Carolyn Jacobs	14
Alice Witcher	Herbie Behm	15
Nancy Lewis	Dave Dennison	15
Carolyn Brazed	Cheryl Stumpff	16
Franklin Miles	Austin Luttrell	19
Barbara Seawalt	Nancy Long	20
Christine Smith	Amy Garcia	21
Jay Miller	Thomas Hill	22
Zachary Zeilik	Roberta Burtram	25



Ann Krahl	25
Virginia Lierz	26
John Ronel	30
Janet Dennison	31