



## Bishop Nunn to visit St. Marks Sunday

This Sunday, October 1st, Oklahoma Conference's new bishop will be visiting St. Mark's for the first time. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear Bishop Nunn and welcome him to St. Mark's. Bishop Nunn will be speaking in both services.

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let the  
church *Arise*

It's not too late to get on board. You are invited to change the world. You are invited to be part of St Mark's creative, research, development and marketing team. We are not creating a new product. We are, however, setting out to

discover new and best ways to apply the Gospel in our complex and ever more diverse communities.

We are beginning a church-wide effort to live out the Greatest Commandment: ...*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."* Mt. 22:37-40 (NIV)

To learn more or to sign up to be a part contact Pastor Keith, the church office or talk to someone else who is already onboard.



On Sunday October 8, at 6:00 pm, we will be having a vespers service. John Hollon will bring the message as a part of his ordination process. If you have children 5 and under and need childcare please RSVP.

## Dinner On Wednesday Night

Wednesday's from 5:30-6:15  
Great place to get fed and fellowship before programming. Everyone welcome. Cost is only \$2. a person

**Tonight!**

**Hot Dogs & Fries**

**Options: Chili, Cheese, & other toppings**



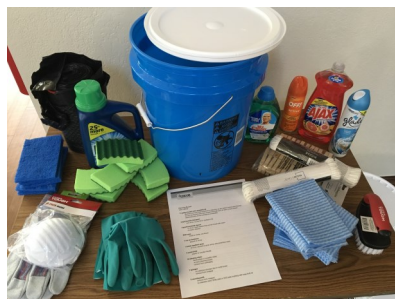
## Hurricane Disaster Relief

Many opportunities are becoming available to reach out and help those suffering in the wake of recent hurricanes.



### UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is mobilizing and deploying to the areas hit. The emergency kits we assembled in the past are now being distributed to people in shelters. UMCOR will continue on the ground, working in concert with other major relief organizations and the local United Methodist Churches.



We will also be assembling 'flood buckets' to provide to families and work teams as they move back into their neighborhoods and homes. Here is a link to instructions for assembly: <http://www.umcor.org/.../Relief-S.../Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning>.

If you prefer to make a financial donation, this web page has directions for that as well. We will have a display in the narthex with supply lists, a box for items you bring in, and a sign up sheet for those who will help with assembly.

### Other ways to support relief efforts

Also remember you can make financial gifts to the Salvation Army (we know its good work through Alton and Barbara Gardner) and World Vision (with whom we have partnered in the past to drill water wells in Africa).

### Most important

Please pray for all aspects of this disaster and recovery.





**TROOP 553**  
**Saturday, Oct. 7**  
**5:00—7:30 pm**  
**Barnett Hall**

**Adults \$8.00 Children 3-11 \$4.00**  
**All you can eat Spaghetti Dinner**

**Come support our scouts  
and have a great meal.**



**PRE-GAME  
MEAL**

On October 19th, at 3:30 pm, St. Mark's will be serving a pre-game meal to the Putnam City West football team. This is a great opportunity for us to take part in the community and we are looking forward to hosting the team and their coaches. If you would like to assist with the meal please contact the church office and we will give you details.

## **New Church Directory Coming Picture Dates Nov 14-18, 20-21**

We Need Everyone To Take Part for a full look at our church family. Mark your calendar and be watching for more information on signing up.

## **PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES**

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Portraits are great gifts.

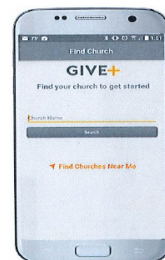
Each family receives a  
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yourself, family and friends.



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- 4) Donate







# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

**MISSION:** St. Mark's Children's Ministry exists to partner with parents to equip, train, and release children to be passionate disciples filled with the heart of Jesus to minister today!

"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~Matthew 19:14



## SUNDAY MORNING:

**Age** Nursery - Kindergarten  
**Time** 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Age** Kindergarten - 4th grade  
**Time:** 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

We are continuing in a series about the Sermon on the Mount. Each week will focus on a section of Jesus teaching in the sermon on the mount for kids to learn the basic beliefs of the Christian faith. Kids will be given tools to grow their faith with and get a better understanding of Christianity. Hope you can all make it.

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## Wednesday evening: 6:30-8:00, ages 4-10

### TeamKID: Character Challenge continues!

Tonight we will study the Lord's Prayer, learning that God wants us to **BE PRAYERFUL**. Memory verse is Psalm 95:6 "Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker." Looking forward to seeing everyone tonight! ~Ms Alicia

Character Challenge Dates and Topics:

Sept 27 - Be Prayerful: The Model Prayer

Oct 4 - Be Knowledgeable: Jesus uses knowledge of the Scripture against Satan.

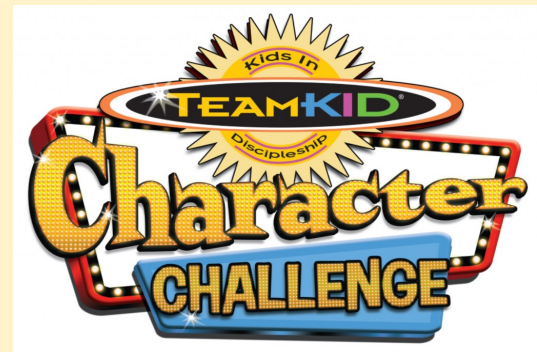
Oct. 11 - Be Self-Controlled: Moses and the Waters of Meribah.

Oct. 18 - Be Bold: The Apostles Boldly Tell About Jesus.

Oct. 25 - Fall Fun Festival (all church)

Nov. 1 - Be Hopeful: The Centurion Shows His Faith

Nov. 8 - Be Diligent: The Capable Wife Works Hard.



# St. Mark's UMC Annual Fall Fun Night

Wed. Oct 25 6:30-8:00 pm

This year's Bible Walk features Bible **SUPERHEROS**! As children and parents walk through a maze of different stations, they will meet Bible characters, listen to a brief Bible story and receive candy relating to that story! That's why we're asking for specific kinds of candy. Please take a "candy envelope" (or other needed items) from the Narthex wall and bring the candy or put cash in the envelope and let us buy the candy.

All envelopes need to be returned by Sunday, October 22.



## Adult Sunday School Discipleship Classes Schedule

8:15 am

Room 17 - Sonshine Class

Room 18 - New Life Class

9:30 am

Room 18 - Discipleship Class

Ascent Room - College Age

10:55 am

Room 5 - Promise Class

Room 17 - Faithbuilders Class

Room 19 - R.O.C.K. Class

Choir Room - Good News Class

## Second Winders

Thursday October 12th

Come share a noon meal of sloppy joes and baked beans prepared at church and learn about ways to keep yourself or someone else safe. Meal cost: \$5.



On Thursday, October

19th, we will leave the

church at 9:30 to tour

and learn about the Ronald McDonald House and the Oklahoma School of Science and Math.



Our lunch following the tours will be at Back Door Barbeque in midtown. There is a sign up sheet on the office ledge.





The family of Walter E. Brauer extends sincere thanks and gratitude for the many caring gestures and varied expressions of loving support and sympathy through this time of grief and loss. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Lucille Brauer  
Steve and Barbara Brauer  
Roger and Valerie Pautsch

## Important Upcoming Events

October 1	Bishop Nunn at St. Marks
October 1	ARISE Session #1
October 7	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
October 8	Vespers Service
October 14	2nd Saturday of Service
October 19	PCW Football Pregame Meal
October 24	King & Queens Family Fun
October 25	Fall Fun Night
November 11	Charge Conference
November 14-21	Church Directory Pictures

## St. Mark's United Methodist Women

### Purpose

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ. To develop creative fellowship and to expand concepts of missions through participation in the global ministry of the church.

### Officers for 2017

Joey Pedigo ..... President  
Sharon Gammill ..... Chr. Of Programs  
Laurie Bucholtz ..... Secretary  
Barbara Gardner ..... Treasurer  
Barbara Gardner.. Chr. Of Nominations  
Rev. Keith Cressman ..... Ex-Officio

### Circle Meetings

Bertha Eisenhower Circle  
Sharon Gammill ... Chair  
Phone 789-2775  
Meets 3rd Tuesday 7pm  
In member's homes

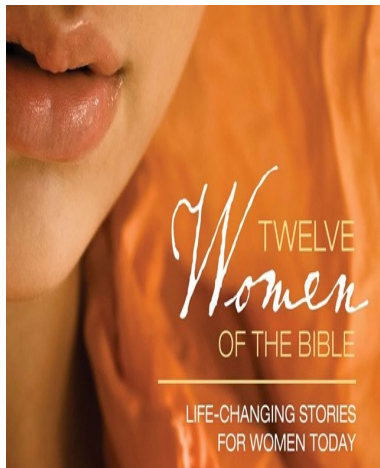
Joy in the Morning  
Laurie Buckholtz .. Chair  
Phone 722-6073  
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 9:45 am  
Room 18 at Church



### Contributes to the following missions

UMCOR	Skyline Ministries
Cookson Hills	UCO Wesley Ministry
Scholarship Mission U	Funeral Dinners
Kings & Queens	High School Sr. Recognition
Neighborhood Services Organization	





## St. Mark's Women's Bible Study

After a summer break the Women's Bible Study is getting back in full gear. The group will meet in October but details are not out at this time. Fellowship, a covered dish and study will be included. The study will include a video teaching and then study and discussion together. You are encouraged to join this group of women seeking to grow in Christ and in fellowship with one another. For more information contact Alicia Schneider.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

This is a great week for us as we have our STRIVE workday this week! I am excited as will be helping our community out with some much needed work in being the hands and feet of Jesus. I will now tell you about this week and then get you all your needed STRIVE information.

Wednesday, September 27th-We will have our midweek worship and small groups this week from 6:30-8pm. Please do not forget our midweek meal from 5:30-6:15pm. The cost is \$2 and we will have hotdogs and french fries this week.

Sunday, October 1st-The Bishop of the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference is coming to preach on World Communion Sunday here at St. Marks! Join us for our 9:30AM Classic service or our 10:55AM Contemporary service.

STRIVE-Our work day is Saturday. We will meet in Barnett Hall at 7:45AM and breakfast will be provided. Students need to wear their STRIVE T-Shirts and bring work gloves and a sack lunch. We will work all day and return to church by 5pm to celebrate our whole STRIVE experience with dinner and prizes! We will wrap up our day together by 7pm.

This means students need to bring all their money with them the morning of STRIVE workday. Money that is not turned in by Saturday will still count towards students, but will not go towards their total of the overall winner for Saturday. Please work to have all your money turned in. Also I still need some adults to go work on the work teams and possibly a photographer and videographer to help capture our day. If you are interested please let me know ASAP. You will get a really cool free shirt! Students are welcome to come work that did not participate in STRIVE, however I need to know they are coming to work. If you have any questions please let me know. Thank you!

In His Grip,

John Hollon  
Youth Pastor





## Facts and Figures

2017 Budget ..... 595,337  
 Rec'd toward Operating 9/24/2017 ..... 10,182.42  
 Rec'd toward Operating 9/24/2017 ..... 404,941  
 Expenditures 9/24/2017 ..... 412,597  
 Sunday September 24, 2017  
     Sunday School ..... 193  
     Worship ..... 239

Fred	Agyemang	Lauren	Epely	Kathy	Moore
Lois	Ballard	Jayce	Fallon	Nhayomei	Pedigo
Michael	Bevins	Pete	Fallon	Tabitha	Pedigo
John	Biege	Penny	Fryman-Acre	Terry	Pope
Margaret	Bonifield	William	Funk	Dorothy	Sipes
Janice	Brown	Barbara	Johnson	Mike	Spiser
Mal	Bucholtz	Michael	Kapka	Monte	Tull
Greer	Cassidy	Winn	Lusk	Melvin	Ulmer
Nick	Chaney	Fisher	Marchant	Bill	Webster
Christine	Couch	Michael	McEachern	Nadine	Wilkerson
Noah	Cromwell	Norma	McMurtry	Gene	Wilkey
Reu	Cromwell	Earl	Moore		

## Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles      Genie Funk  
 Kason Knutson & family      Bob Rutherford  
 Don Wonderly      Vic Gammill  
 Kieth Ballard      George Kloss  
 Tiffany Montesano      Will Kohn  
 Dwayne Hickman family      Melvin Ulmer family  
 Rocky Patterson family      Will Kohn & family  
 Kellye Bates

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## **St. Mark's Staff**

**Keith Cressman, Pastor**

**Becky Roman, Mission & Music Director**

**Sharon Hunt, Early Childhood Ministries Director**

**Alicia Schneider, Children's Minister**

**Amanda Peters, Kings & Queens Director**

**John Hollon, Student Minister**

**Colin McCartney, Mid High Minister**

**Pat Morford, Administrator, Communications**

**Christy Kiespert, 8:30 Keyboardist**

**Kevin & Jackie Swedlow, 9:45 Leaders of Worship**

**Kaleb Siler, 9:45 Leaders of Worship**

**Roger Pautsch, 11:00 Organist**

**Jackie Swedlow, Accountant**