

## E-Messenger

**Our Mission Statement** To build a family of believers  
where the lost are becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

### *Friday Nights In July Last chance THIS FRIDAY - 9:00 pm*

Our Friday Nights in July have been a great way to bring people together in fellowship and fun. Your last chance to take part is coming up this Friday night. This is for both members and their families as well as the community. We want to reach out to those around the church and make St. Mark's a great place to be for them. We will need help to spread the word around the neighborhood and with welcoming families. **There is no cost.** Just bring your cooler filled with your favorite non-alcoholic beverages a lawn chair and enjoy. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



### Mark Your Calendars Now!

Sunday, August 23rd, 5:30 pm

### St. Mark's Fall Kickoff



It's not too early to make plans to attend St. Mark's big kickoff for Fall of 2015. The day will include great activities for all. Plans are to have hotdogs for all, a dessert contest, inflatables, a dunk tank and fun activities for all ages and a great way to let everyone

know the vision of St. Mark's for this coming Fall. Put it on your calendar and think of ways to invite others to come out for just some good old fun on the lawn.

# Undie Sunday

Sunday August 2, 2015

Please bring **NEW underwear** for needy children at Council Grove Elementary School (Council Rd and Melrose). Underwear will stock the clothing closet at the school for emergency needs. The school serves 437 children (93% low income).

**New boys and girls underwear briefs sizes 4, 6, 8, and 10 are needed.**

Drive sponsored by ROCK class. Undies will be collected during church services.



st. mark's student ministries

**TONIGHT** -Wednesday July 29th-There will be a parent and sponsor meeting from 6-8pm. The plan is to split the meeting and have sponsors meet first at 6pm and then meet with parents around 7pm. This will be a great time to hear your hopes and dreams for our student ministry as we grow and journey together. Please plan on attending as this will be important not only to you, but helpful to me as I pray and discern what is best for our ministry moving forward. Snacks will be made available as well as child care.

**Sunday, August 2nd-** We will have a special guest for the 11am Jesus University hour! Our very own Brecken Cromwell will be here leading a team of missionaries and wants to share and join us! Don't miss this special occasion.

In the evening there will be a special leadership meeting, this is for all last years leadership students and interested newcomers! We will meet from 5-7pm and dinner will be provided. Must be going into 10-12 grades to join this meeting.

**Saturday, August 22nd-** Our annual Jesus University banquet is coming right around the corner. From 6-8pm we will celebrate the past year of JU and gear up for the kick off of the next one! By now you should have received a mailing with a tear off for enrollment. Please turn the tear off and dues into me by Sunday, August 9th. This will be helpful with t-shirt orders, and also please write the number attending banquet on your tear off or email me how many from your family will be attending so we can have a good number for food preparations. I am also attaching the form incase you need another copy. Thanks!

**Sunday, August 30th-** This will be our STRIVE fundraiser kickoff Sunday. This is our annual student ministry fundraiser where students get sponsorship for an 8-hour workday. This is important to our ministry and helps make a ton of what we do happen, so please encourage your student to participate and check on their progress as we go throughout this incredible

## ***Perspectives on the World Christian Movement.***

In the spring St. Mark's hosted a Perspectives class attended by a great group from here. The next class is now taking enrollment and if you missed out, this is a great opportunity for you to be a part.

*Perspectives* will be offered this this Fall in Edmond at Vintage Church at 711 S. Kelly Ave. It will run from August 17– December 3rd on Monday evenings, 6:00 - 9:00.

For more information, please feel free to contact me. Also, look at the website, [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org) . Just enter Edmond, OK to go to specifics and registration.

## **UMCOR Kits**



A big thanks goes out to all those who helped put together kits this

past Saturday and for all those who provided items for the kits. A total of 102 relief kits were assemble. Great Job!



**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 MORNINGS:

Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Age Kind. - 4th grade

Room Brown Room

Program The Adventure

Sunday morning, our goal is to teach the Bible, plain and simple. We believe the Word of God is essential to study and learn in order to grow in faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. Children are encouraged to bring their personal Bibles from home in order to practice looking up Scripture. If a child does not have a Bible, we will give one to the child for them to take home and keep. During Hour 1, 9:45-10:45, children get an overview of the day's Bible lesson and do a craft, game, or activity related to that Bible story.

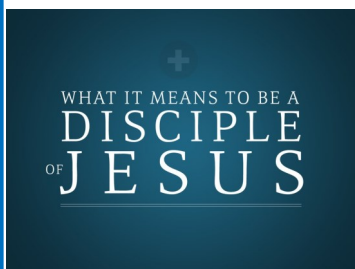
During Hour 2, 11:00-Noon, children spend 25-30 minutes in a large group lesson time, then split into small groups for the last half hour. Small groups are divided according to grade.



## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE

Wednesdays - 6:30 pm - Room 18

Starting August 26th



**Pastor Keith will be leading this class which will explore different avenues of what it means to be**

**a disciple of Christ in the world we live in. Each week will challenge and encourage you. Watch for more details.**

## Disciple Your Family

On Wednesday August 26th, at 6:30 pm you are invited to come learn about an exciting new ministry for families. The goal is to partner the church with families in providing tools and resources to help families in discipling together. It will be available on an ongoing basis and will tie together things we are doing at church with our family live. Come out and join us and learn more!





**Kings & Queens** - A special needs ministry director is being hired in the next few weeks. Spread the word and if you need more information contact the church office.



**STEPHEN MINISTRY**  
Christ Caring for People through People

**We All experience challenges in Life - Times when we could benefit from**

**Care and Support. Contact our Stephen Leaders.**

A Stephen Minister is available to be there for you. Call Gwen Sears (261-6019), Jan Greve (350-0959), Dorthy Lynch (789-2556) or Carla Brueggen (203-8555) for more information.



**You are invited to attend the Faithbuilders class** which will be hosting a special

speaker on two **Sundays, August 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:45 a.m. Melissa Hawley is with StoryRunners, a ministry of CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ). She will be providing an *introduction* to Story Groups, which are small-group based Bible studies where group members hear and discuss a story from the Bible, and learn to share it with others. As we participate, we will learn to tell a Bible story without opening a Bible! Throughout history, God has chosen to use people to deliver his messages orally to the world. That is no less important today in our own city. Come get equipped with us!



Abigail	Ramirez	Ethan	Pedigo	Mary	King
Alicia	Benton	Frankye	Flemins	Millie	Hargrave
Alixsandria	Linn	Geodano	Montesano	Nathan	Swedlow
Alleigha	Barlow	Hunter	Mullins	Norma	Boland
Amy	Kilby	Jack	Martyn	Patric	Morford
Ann	Kessler	Jad	Hanner	Phillip	Bond
Aryanna	Gonzalez	Jan	Johnson	Robert	Rhea
Austin	Baker	Jane	Foreman	Ruby	Wilkey
Ava	Cantwell	Jimmie	Sears	Sally	White
Avery	Ware	John	Imel	Samuel	Harkey
Barbara	Homer	Karen	Kapka	Sara	Miller
Barbara	Pinkerton	Katherine	Dulin	Susan	Teague
Beverly	Clark	Keile	Homer	T.J.	Johnson
Beverly	Blake	Kristin	Nimo	Tessa	Miller
Bill	Underwood	Larry	Watson	Wenonah	Shaw
Bradin	Wheat	Laura	German	Wesley	Alden
Carmen	Goding	Lily	Hummel	Wesley	Graybill
Dale	Johnson	Linda	Moon	Willa	Knight
Dianna	Davidson	Lisa	Skinner		
Ella	Cantwell	Makaia	DeBray		

## Facts and Figures

2015 Budget ..... 595,000.00

Rec'd toward Operating 7/26/2015 ..... 6,554.83

### Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 7/26/2015 ..... 330,078.48

Expenditures 7/26/2015 ..... 307,959.31

### Sunday, July 26, 2015

Sunday School ..... 220

Worship..... 239

## Prayer Box

### Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

Garner Family	McGowan Family	Jeff Montesano
Harold Kessler	Phil Bonifield	Teresa Kruta
Brehm Family	Longoria Family	Bill Rosenthall
Hank Brueggen	Michelle Funk	Attalla Family
Talbot Family	Chessmore Family	Jamie Wright
Steve & Beverly Clark	Romona McKibben	Trevion Collins
Ben Wurzer	Margaret Bonifield	Don Burgess