


E-Messenger

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

Faith Promise 2015 Commitment Sunday, May 3rd

THE GREATER FREEDOM



As Americans we value freedom. Our political freedom and liberties are very important to us. Our freedom in Jesus Christ is greater still.

Jesus' life and ministry leads us to freedom. The Apostle Paul writes, "Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again..." (NLT).

During this time we will focus on our freedom in Jesus and opportunity to share Jesus' freedom with others. Jesus is the greater freedom!

St. Mark's UMC
Faith Promise 2015

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Galatians 5:1 (NLT)

Vespers: A Worship Journey

On **April 26th**, at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary come out and join with others to seek God. The goal of our time together will be experiencing God in community by means of Word, song, prayer and testimony. This time our focus will be on prayer. We meet every couple of months using a variety of means to enter into true fellowship and communion with God.



MEXICO CITY MISSION TRIP

Our next team from St. Mark's will be heading to Mexico City **May 30-June 6.**



The team will work with kids in the Drop in center. Cost for the trip is \$1300 and to reserve your spot we need a \$200 deposit as soon as possible. If you are interested in being part of the team or need more information contact Becky Roman at 789-9033 or becky@stmarksbethany.com

MARK'D KIDS DAY CAMP

SUMMER SESSION:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 am until 2:30 pm

June 9, 2015 – July 30, 2015,

closed July 2 for holiday

Registration has begun. See Alicia Schneider for a registration form



The Spring Concert for the OK Chorale group will be held at St. Mark's UMC this year. There will be two performances that take place on Saturday, **April 25th**, at 2:00 pm and at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. The annual spring show this year is presenting an entertaining, family oriented show featuring Gospel music. Tickets can be purchased by calling 848-SING or going to <http://www.okchorale.org> and using the order form. The group's director is David Roman.

Ticket prices are shown below:

Pre-ordered

Senior 60+ /Student 11-22 \$8; 10 and under free
Adult \$13

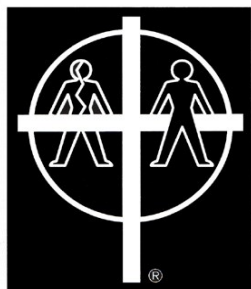
At the door

Senior/Student \$10
Adult \$15

Overholser Elementary School Mission Project Set

The mission committee has set up a special day of mission that we need your help on. On Saturday, May 2nd, we will take a group to minister at Overholser Elementary School by working on a Memorial Garden. Our desire is to impact our own community with Christ's love by living it out with our neighbors. No special skills are needed just a willingness to make a difference. Visit with any member of the mission team for more information or call the church office.





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MINISTRY®**
*Christ Caring for People
through People*

**WHEN LIFE SEEMS
OVERWHELMING,
REMEMBER, YOU ARE
NOT ALONE.** Sometimes
it helps to have someone
walk with you during this
time. A Stephen Ministry
is someone who will walk
with you, listen care and pray for you. It is
a confidential, one-to-one caring relation-
ship. Call Gwen Sears (261-6019) or Jan
Greve (350-0959) for more information.

Bible Study

Thursdays at 3:30, Room 18

Come join this interactive study of Reve-
lation. We are having great discussion
as we seek to figure out how it applies
to our daily Christian living today.



Baby Shower in honor of Heather Underwood

All members, friends and neighbors are invited
to attend a baby shower that is being held in
honor of Heather
Underwood on Sunday,
April 26th, from 2:00 pm
to 4:00 pm in the Nar-
thex of the church.
Heather is registered at
Wal-Mart.



Thanks to the congregation for participat-
ing in the HUGS PROJECT. Your gener-
ous donations have been delivered to the
local HUGS PROJECT office.

St. Mark's United Methodist Women



st. mark's student ministries

We are so excited for Sum-
mer Camps! All of the forms
are available in the lobby for
students and adults to fill out
and hand in to Rebekah. We

will be attending
Disciple for middle
school,



Dayspring for
high school,
and



Youth Force
Duncan for our
combined sum-
mer mission
trip.



St. Mark's Bible Club READY, SET, GO!

This summer, we are taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ out to children, and we need YOU to help! We will be hosting a Bible Club at Eldon Lyon Park. June 1-5, 10-Noon, we will go door to door in Bryan Hill Apts and some surrounding neighborhoods to recruit children ages 4-5th grade to attend this brand new neighborhood

Bible Club. This program is patterned after what our youth group did in Memphis on spring break. Children from the community are invited and escorted to the park by our volunteers, and then we spend about an hour teaching them about becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ through experiences with worship through music, crafts, games, and Bible story time.

After this initial Bible Club, we will duplicate **READY, SET, GO!** at other locations around our community. We will return to these Bible Club locations once a month for follow-up fellowship with the children, their parents, and others who come from the community.

We are **READY** to share our faith in Jesus with the lost.

We are **SET** and in starting position to plan, form teams of volunteers, and then...

We will **GO** out and make disciples of Jesus Christ, with the help of the Holy Spirit, bringing the lost to know Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord!

If you are interested in making disciples of Christ, and being a part of this ministry to our community, please contact Alicia at the church.



STOP HUNGER NOW

Please make your donations now in church Narthex. A meal is provided for every 29 cents given.

Our goal is to do 30,000 meals.

Sign up for packaging in Narthex.

Food Packaging - May 3, 3:00 pm



Discipleship Junction, Wednesday nights

Discipleship Junction is for children ages 4 through 4th grade. We meet every Wednesday night in the Brown Room, 6:30-8:00.

April 22 – Far from Home MV: Matt 5:16

April 29 – Be a Missionary! MV: Isaiah 6:8

May 6 – Famous Moms MV: Prov 31:30

May 13 – Graduation Day! MV: 1 Corinth 9:24b

May 20 & 27 – NO DJ

Discipleship Junction will resume this fall, Aug. 19

Coming this summer: Art Camp, Wednesdays in June and July, 6:30-8:00

More info to follow soon!

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00. Children's Brown Room.



Mark'd Kids Adventure, Sundays @ 9:45 & 11:00

Sundays in Elementary Kids' Adventure:

META-STORY: Life of Jesus

April 19: Breakfast on the Beach (John 21:1-14)

April 26: Parable - Good Samaritan

May 3: Parable - Lost Coin / Lost Sheep

May 10: Parable - Prodigal Son

Two Sunday school hours: 9:45-10:45 (HOUR 1) and 11:00-Noon (HOUR 2)

HOUR 1 is a review of previous lessons, and a craft, game, or activity related to lesson for that day.

HOUR 2 has a large group Bible lesson for the day, and an application small group time.





Facts and Figures

2015 Budget 595,000.00

Rec'd toward Operating 4/19/2015 10,087.65

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 4/19/2015 183,139.63

Expenditures 4/19/2015 153,176.01

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Sunday School 231

Worship..... 257

Julia	Bever	Tyler	Funk	Jackson	Rackley
Phil	Bonifield	Leslie	Graham	Isabella	Ramirez
David	Bremmer	Jonah	Grisham	Stacey	Risinger
Hazel	Bremmer	Mark	Grisham	A'Tawjae	Sadler
Adi	Bruce	Ken	Hazen	Andrew	Schneider
Luke	Burpo	Bruce	Hunt	Jay	Sears
Jack	Butler	Jesse	Johnston	Rod	Sipes
Colt	Centis	Sally	Kilby	Mary	Svejkovsky
Edith	Chilcutt	Amy	King	Elaine	Talbot
Violet	Conway	Lori	Knowles	John	Talbot
Violet	Conway	Ginger	Lusk	Lucas Gabriel	Triona
Crystal	Corbin	Lorelei	Lusk	Myion	Walker
Candace	Crisswell	Gerald	Miller	Leland	Washington
Juleeonnah	Davis	Kaede	Montesano	Morgan	Weber
Jonathan	Derr	Kevin	Moore	Ozzy	Weeks
Mary Ann	Desmukes	Sarah	Penland	Marie	Wolfgang
Lori	Evans	Benjamin	Price	Penny	Woolery
Judy	Ferguson	Q'juanta	Prince-Sadler		

Prayer Box

Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

Longoria family	Jamie Wright	Talbot family
Steve Corbin	Phil Bonifield	Wurzer Family
Brehm Family	Attalla Family	Bill Rosenthal
Hank Brueggen	Carol Carr	Jack McNelly
Joe Owen	Betty Nix	Romona McKibben
Deloris Freeland	Penny Woolery	Chessmore Family
Steve & Beverly Clark		



We have gotten word that Kenneth Hazen, a longtime member of the church, passed away on April 13th. Please keep his family in prayer during this time of loss. Services were held at Mercer-Adams this past Friday.