

E-Messenger

Our Mission Statement To build a family of believers who glorify God and help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

Fall Wednesday Programming Kicks Off With Ministry Faire

Kick off for Wednesday night programming and fall ministries takes place on August 21st at St. Mark's with our Ministry Faire. A great meal will be provided as well as an amazing menu

of opportunities for growing. The ministries of St. Mark's will be on display so we can all marvel at all the church is at. Sign up for classes, DOWN, ministries and much more will also be taking place. Come enjoy a great evening of food, ministry information, fellowship and more.

St. Mark's
August 21

5:30 - 6:30 pm

MINISTRY FAIRE



Paper Drive for schools!

Great job getting paper for Overholser and Council Grove Elementary to help them in the coming school year. If you forgot or still have some paper to bring, just drop it off at the church and we will get it to the schools.



Whisper series continues this week

This Sunday we continue our series "Whisper. Take Advantage of getting even more from the study by attending a Sunday school class or a Life Group that will be doing sessions that tie to the series. (details page 4).



Wednesday Adult Studies Starting August 28th

These studies begin August 28th at 6:15. Signup sheets are available in the lobby or come to the Ministry Fair on August 21st for more information.



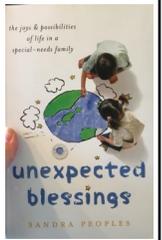
Join Larry Gaston for study and discussion of C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*. This classic Christian allegorical tale is about a bus ride from hell to heaven. The bus ride explores good and evil, grace and judgment. Room 19

Brad Cromwell will once again be leading Fight Club, a Men's Group. This group will focus on the six words that God used to define King David's life – a man after God's own heart. It won't be easy and, in the end, will require a fight. Room 18



Keys to Freedom - Adrienne Cressman and Kim Trent will be leading this interactive discipleship study will educate, equip, and empower you with biblical keys to live free and stay free from those beliefs and behaviors that prevent you from fully experiencing the love and light of Christ. There is a fee of \$12.00 for the book. Room 17

Christel Longoria will lead a book study which explores the joys and possibilities of a life in a special-needs family. Parents of special needs children can purchase the book, *Unexpected Blessings*, by Sandra Peoples on Amazon. Room 5



Pastor Keith to lead Bible Study on Gifts, Passion, and Personal Ministry Style

network

the right people | in the right place | for the right reasons | at the right time

Pastor Keith will take an in depth look at how we can all better understand God's call to into specific ministry. Through discovery of gifts, passion and ministry style we gain insight to being more effective and confident as we serve.

The group will meet on Sunday August 25, September 1 & 8 from 2:00 - 5:30 pm. You can sign up to be a part on the church counter. This event will help us all better understand who we and the church are called to be.

THE SERVANT PROFILE		
SPIRITUAL GIFTS indicate:	WHAT you do best	You will be COMPETENT!
PERSONAL STYLE indicates:	HOW you best serve	You will be CONFIDENT!
MINISTRY PASSION indicates:	WHERE you best serve	You will be MOTIVATED!

St. Marks and PC West Football team Ministry Outreach

There will be a planning meeting on Sunday Aug 25, at 10:45am in Room 17. For those of you have indicated they would like to volunteer, please plan on attending. This will be a



planning meeting for menu, ministry outreach, etc. The first meal date is Thursday September 12 at 5pm in Barnett Hall.

Still looking for a couple of more PCW alumni who can speak about their Life stories and how God has blessed their lives. If you know of someone please contact Shab Jupiterwala or the church office..

rightnow MEDIA

St. Mark's is excited to announce we now have access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! It offers a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, tablet, computer, or at home on your TV.

Our mission statement says that we “help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.” RightNow media is a way to help us develop and strengthen our faith. We believe that RightNow Media will be a tool to serve you as you live out your faith at home, at work and in your neighborhood. RightNow Media has videos for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all aimed at helping you grow.

You should have already received an official invitation email to give you FREE access to RightNow Media. If you haven't received it yet, check your mail filter (because it came from RightNow's system, it may have gotten caught there).

Once you find the email, simply click the link, sign up for an account, and you're all set to explore more than 20,000 videos. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing for you and your family!

If you have not received the email invitation, please send your email address to Pat Morford and he will send an invitation to you. (pat@stmarksbethany.com)

Life Groups of St. Mark's

Life Groups is small group ministry launching in the Fall of 2019. *Life Groups* meet anywhere, anytime and anyway people would like to get together. The name refers to a family of friends with whom you can share our lives and grow in faith. *Life Groups* provide time to join other sisters and brothers who are also trying to follow Jesus. The purpose of *Life Groups* is to help each of us strengthen as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Life Groups may meet as often as weekly or as infrequently as monthly as decided by participants.



Life Groups include four personal growth elements gathered around the cross



1) Mission & Ministry

Plan a mission or ministry to accomplish within an agreed timeframe – both personal and group plans are shared.

Your *Life Group* may be a Mission team.

2) Prayer/Relationship

Share prayer needs related to conquering sin and experiencing spiritual transformation.

Experiment with types and ways of praying that are described in Scripture.

3) Study Scripture

This should usually be a study of Scripture.

4) Accountability

Encourage each other to keep striving toward growth goals previously set by the group and individuals.

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There are several Sunday School classes and other opportunities to dive in deeper with the whisper series. Here is a current list of classes

Sunday School

Other Groups

Wed. 2-3 pm room 18 Aug 7, 14, 21, 28

Thursday 6:30 pm Fisher Home Start August 8

8:30 am New Life Class Rm. 18

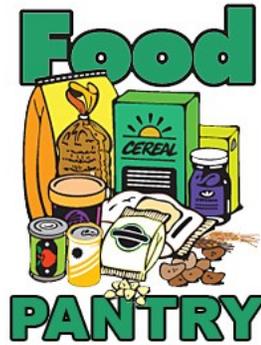
9:30 am Room 17

10:55 am Promise Class Rm 5

St. Mark's Food Pantry

On Wednesday, **August 28th doors will open** for the food pantry. They will then be open each Wednesday from 11 am - 1 pm and on Sundays from 4pm - 6 pm.

As we get kicked off we expect to see a lot of families and know that supplies will begin to dwindle. St. Mark's has done a great job as we prepared and hope that everyone is able to kick in and help make this ministry meet a real need in our community and be sustainable and giving us an opportunity to share the love of Christ.



If you would like to volunteer to help with the pantry contact DJ Gannon or the church office.



*"The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done."
Exodus 36:5*

St. Mark's
United Methodist
Church



Our next Men's Breakfast will be on September 7th. We will have breakfast will be at 8:00 am and should be done by 8 am. Feel free to invite a friend, or bring your kids.



Life Groups
Sign up coming soon
See page 4 for more information

With schools starting this week please take some time and pray for students, teachers, staff and administrators.



Small Group Leaders

With fall approaching we are in need of small group leaders in these areas:



- Preschool
- 1st & 2nd grade
- 3rd-5th grade

We are looking for a one semester commitment and will provide everything you need to make a difference. Please pray about it and then contact Alicia Schneider or Sharon Hunt.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNING:

Ages: Nursery - Kindergarten
 Elementary Age 1st - 5th grade
 Time 9:30 am - 10:45 am
 10:45 am - 12:00 pm

Current lesson Plan "INDESCRIBABLE"

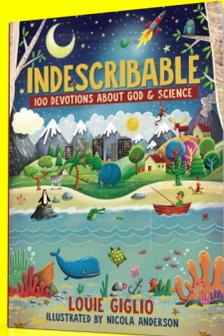
Four keys areas will be explored as we look at how indescribable our God is.

Space
 Earth
 Animals
 People



WEDNESDAY EVENING:

D.O.W.N. Dinner - 5:30-6:15
 INDESCRIBABLE - 6:15—7:30



God has different plans for us and your children so we are going to try something different this year and will begin

"Indescribable" Please pray for us as we plan and develop lessons around Louis Giglio's - Indescribable - devotionals for children. Something new and exciting as we hope to challenge the kiddos to experience our God in Indescribable ways.

EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY DIRECTOR:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:

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Key Events on Fall Calendar (mark your calendars)

With all the heat it's hard to believe Fall is just around the corner. St. Mark's has a lot of exciting things on the horizon and wanted to get some of the key dates out for you.

Ministry Fair	August 21
St. Mark's Food Pantry Kickoff	August 28
Wednesday Night Programming Resumes	August 28
DOWN, Prayer Team, Adult Studies, Student, Children, Choir	
Combined Worship	September 1
Emmaus Walks Men	September 5-8
Emmaus Walk Women	September 19-22
PCW Football Dinners	Sept. & Oct.
Life Groups	various
STRIVE	October 6 & 13
Kings & Queens Fall Festival	October 29
Fall Festival	October 30
STRIVE Workday	November 2



STUDENT MINISTRY

Hey Youth Families!

Here is the J.U. information for this coming school year!

Jesus University is a scholarship program that is funded by our annual STRIVE fundraiser.

Scholarships earned through J.U. can be used for continuing education after high school. It can now also be used during high school for strictly educational programs. For instance, if a student would like tutoring, they will be able to use J.U. scholarship money for this. However, scholarship money cannot be used for extracurricular.

Money is earned based on several areas of involvement.

- 40% Sunday School Attendance
- 25% Wednesday Night Attendance
- 25% STRIVE fundraiser and Workday (this is mandatory. The fundraiser begins Oct. 2 and ends with the workday on Nov. 2)
- 10% Camps/Retreats/Missions

The hope is that each student enrolled in J.U. will have the opportunity to receive a maximum of \$200. However, this depends on how much is raised in the STRIVE fundraiser and how many camp/mission/retreat scholarships are needed by all students over the course of the year.

Because the Sunday morning attendance is so important to J.U. earnings, I will have a set time to take attendance on Sundays. Sunday School begins at 9:45. Attendance will be taken at 9:55. Anyone who arrives after 9:55 will receive half credit for that day.

To enroll in J.U. for this coming school year, let me know and turn in your enrollment fee by August 25th!

- There is a \$15/person enrollment fee.
- It is \$10/person if you are signing up 3 or more students.

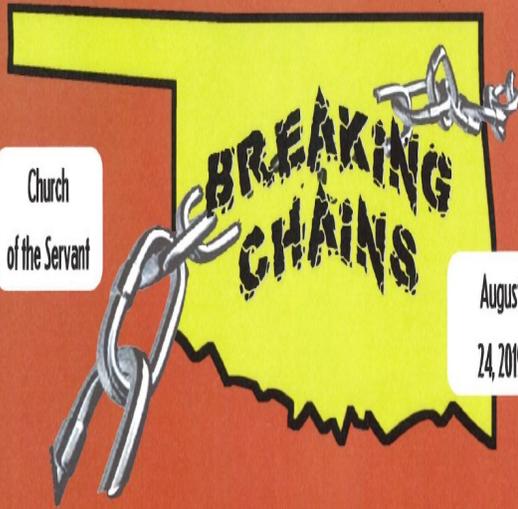
We are so blessed to be a part of a church family that is so supportive of our students. Jesus University is an unusual, amazing opportunity for students and I hope everyone is able to enroll!

If you have questions, please, let me know!

Lydia Cressman

Director of Student Ministries

He brought you out of the deepest darkness and broke your chains.
 --Psalm 107:14



Mark your calendars
 and save the date

— Examining incarceration issues in Oklahoma through the eyes of the church —

United Methodist Women + Board of Church and Society + Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (CJAMM)

Adult Sunday AM Classes

8:15 am	10:40 am
Room 17	Choir Room
Sunshine Class	Good News Class
Room 18	10:45 am
New Life Class	Room 19
9:30 am	R.O.C.K. Class
Room 18	10:55 am
Discipleship Class	
Ascent Room	Room 5
College Age	Promise Class
Room 17	Room 18
New Class	Faithbuilders Class



Austin	Baker	Samuel	Harkey	Roman	McClintock
Alicia	Benton	Barbara	Homer	Judy	McMinn
Beverly	Blake	Keile	Homer	Sara	Miller
Norma	Boland	Becky	Horrigan	Tessa	Miller
Phillip	Bond	Lily	Hummel	Geodano	Montesano
Zaidyn	Bui	Clint	Hutchison	Nick	Montesano
Ella	Cantwell	John	Imel	Ethan	Pedigo
Beverly	Clark	Paul	Jaehnen	Barbara	Pinkerton
Lori	Correia	Jan	Johnson	Madelynn	Risinger
Owen	Curtis	T.J.	Johnson	Roger	Rogers
Dianna	Davidson	Karen	Kapka	Jimmie	Sears
Parker	Davis	Ann	Kessler	Wenonah	Shaw
Frankye	Flemins	Amy	Kilby	Nathan	Swedlow
Jane	Foreman	Mary	King	Susan	Teague
Paula	Galt	Willa	Knight	Bill	Underwood
DJ	Gannon	Jessie	Lamb	Sally	White
Laura	German	Jack	Martyn	Ruby	Wilkey
Jad	Hanner				

Facts and Figures

2019 Annual Budget605,361
 Rec'd toward Operating 8/11/201915,390

YTD 2019
 Rec'd toward Operating 8/11/2019.....325,613
 Expenditures 8/11/2018326,988

Attendance

Sunday, August 18
 Worship 251
 Sunday School 188

Prayer Box

Kieth Ballard	Jennafer Marchant
Beverly Clark	Votaw family
Funk family	Charez family
John Baumeister	Mark Summers
Don & Fran Nobles	Savill family
Frankye Flemins	Boerner family
Betty Underwood	Phillip Gaines
Pam Barnes	Beverly Keun
Elaine Talbot	Barbara Gardner
Greg Spiser	Hutchison family
Chris & Kelli Pavelko	Jason Talbot
Andre Frehley	