

July 24, 2019

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 Semester coming - Let's Grow for it!



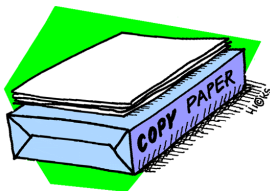
Life Groups

Sign up coming soon

See page 3 for more info

Paper Drive for schools!

This isn't your old fashioned paper drive. We are not collecting old newspapers but instead copy paper. One of the biggest needs that schools have these days is having enough copy paper. Between announcements, art projects, reports, assignments and so many other places. In our work with our local schools we are asking people to bring reams of copy paper on Sunday August 18th. We will get it Overholser and



Council Grove to help them get ready for the coming school

year. To maximize your gift we encourage you to work with your class, friends, study group or others to get together and by it in cases where savings can be well over 50%.



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.

Fall Kick Off	August 21
Ministry Fair	August 24
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



COMING Sunday, August 4th

A Special gift from St. Mark's
for you and your family.

Join us in worship on August 4th

As we reveal this gift that we
Hope will make a real difference
In your life.

Life Groups (from page 1)

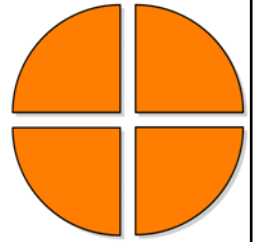
Life Groups of St. Mark's

Life Groups is small group ministry launching in the Fall of 2018. *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.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study group is gearing up to get things going again. If you are a woman hunting for great fellowship, Bible study, fun, and food you need to check this out. To kick off the reboot they will be having a fun night together of fellowship, creativity and fun at Pinot's Palette. We will meet on Monday, August 12th from 7 - 9 pm and go to Pinot's Palette for a night of painting Auroras. Pinot's is at 115 E. California Ave., Suite 100 in Bricktown. You will need to register on line at:



<https://www.pinotspalette.com/bricktown/event/339723> Cost is \$35. If you have questions contact Kayla Gannon at 789-9033 or kayla@stmarksbethany.com. We will also be looking at Bible study material that we will use this fall. Come join us!





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.

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.

TRAINING— On Sunday, August 11th at 1:00 pm we will be having a training for those who will be working in the food pantry. We hope all who are signed up and anyone else interested joins us as we look at important details regarding the food pantry.

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.



Our next Men's Breakfast will be on August 3rd. We will have breakfast will be at 8:00 am and should be done by 9 am. Feel free to invite a friend, or bring your kids.

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
"Extreme"

Studying Bible stories that are extreme. God goes to great lengths to reach, love and guide us.



EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY DIRECTOR:

Sharon Hunt
Phone: 789-9033
Email: sharon@stmarksbethany.com

WEDNESDAY EVENING:

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

**Returns
August 28th**



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:

Alicia Schneider
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COMING SPECIAL EVENTS



Bear one another's burdens

Summertime is here, but sadness and stress do not take a vacation when death, illness, divorce, loss of job or any other problem happens. Your Stephen Ministers are ready and willing to walk along with you this summer as always. Please contact the office at the church or any of your Stephen Ministry leadership, Jan Greve, Dorthy Lynch, Carla Brueggen or Bobbi Pinkerton for a referral. Your request will be handled with complete confidence and assigned to a Stephen Minister after careful and prayerful consideration.



STUDENT MINISTRY

We just have one month left of summer! It's flying by, but we still have some more things to do!
HERE'S WHAT'S COMING SOON!

Wed, July 24 - Food Bank

Come to pack, sort, or move food around at the Regional Food Bank.

We're meeting at the church at 5:30 and we'll be back by 9:15.

Wear close-toed shoes

All minors must [bring the following waiver](#), signed by their parent ,in order to participate.

Here's the link:

<https://www.regionalfoodbank.org/uploads/docs/ParentGuardian%20Permission%20Form.pdf>

Also, please, [RSVP by Sun, July 21](#) so I can give the Food Bank our best guess of numbers of participants.

Sun, July 28 - J.U. Breakfast

It will be at 9:45 in the youth room.

This is for those enrolled in Jesus University and their families. It is also for those interested in joining J.U. in the fall. Any Sunday School-ers are also welcome!

Please, [RSVP, by July 21!](#)

Wed, July 31 - Painting

Come prepared to paint the youth room! (you only thought we were done painting haha)

Sun, Aug 4 - Regular Sunday Morning!

Wed, Aug 7 - Escape Room!

Details coming soon!

Sun, Aug 11 - Regular Sunday Morning!

Wed, Aug 14 - Wed Night Leaders Meeting

Meet at church at 6:15

- There will be no youth this night

Sun, Aug 18 - **Promotion Sunday and Community Kickoff!**

We will welcome our incoming 6th graders!

- Sunday School and Big Church will happen at the normal times
- There will be a picnic on the lawn (hot dogs, inflatables, etc.) from 5-7:30

LOOKING AHEAD:

Go ahead and throw this date on your calendars, as it will be mandatory for everyone fundraising through STRIVE and participating in Jesus University. **The STRIVE WORKDAY is November 2nd!**

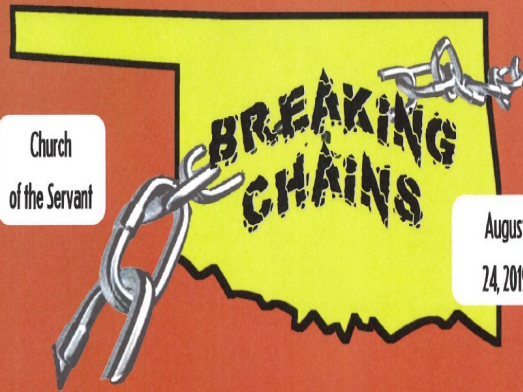
Looking forward to seeing you all at our final summer events and I'm excited for what the fall will bring for our ministry. Praying for you all! Please, let me know if I can help you in any way!

Lydia Cressman

Director of Student Ministries

He brought you out of the deepest darkness and broke your chains.

— Psalm 107:14



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

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

Mark your calendars
and save the date

Adult Sunday AM Classes

8:15 am

Room 17

Sonshine Class

Room 18

New Life Class

9:30 am

Room 18

Discipleship

Ascent Room

10:40 am

Choir Room

Good News Class

10:45 am

Room 19

R.O.C.K. Class

10:55 am

Room 5

Promise Class

Room 18

A disciple is a
disciple maker.

Thank
you!

Esther Withers wants to say thank you to everyone who reached out and showed love to her during her recent medical event. She thanks God for the loving community St.

Mark's provides for her and appreciates the many kind words and acts of kindness. God Bless each of you.

JULY



Avery	Attalla	Jasilyn	Ferguson	Travis	Miller
Emma	Baisden	Brandon	Funk	Jessica	Moates
Linda	Beck	Daxton	Hamm	Alexandrea	Montesano
Debi	Bermel	Paula	Heath	Tiffany	Montesano
Beverley	Bevins	Dwayne	Hickman	Nolan	Peters
Annie	Biege	Lisa	Hutchinson	Debra	Sample
Conrad	Brock	Brady	Jackson	Ashlyn	Sears
Don	Brock	Shirley	Jackson	Leslie	Sipes
Hank	Brueggen	Derwin	Jones	Coral	Snider
Laurie	Bucholtz	Larry	Kelley	Gloria	Straka
Becky	Chessmore	Braxton	Lee	Spencer	Teague
Jovie	Cromwell	Calista	Lee	Susan	Thompson
Waylon	Ellis	Dot	Lyon	Sara	Votaw
Hannah	Evans	Riley	Magness	Skyler	Wolfgang
John	Evans	Brooklyn	McLaren		

Facts and Figures

2019 Annual Budget605,361
Rec'd toward Operating 7/14/2019 7,580

YTD 2019

Rec'd toward Operating 7/14/2019..... 286,339
Expenditures 7/14/2018289,605

Attendance

Sunday, July 21

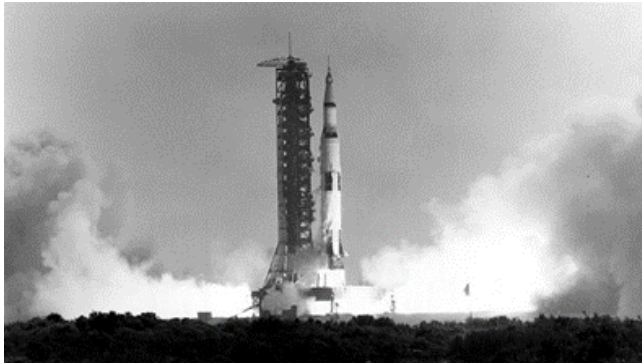
Worship 239

Sunday School 183

Prayer Box

Kieth Ballard
Beverly Clark
Funk family
John Baumeister
Edith Chilcutt
Wenonah Shaw
Don & Fran Nobles
Frankye Flemins
Dennis Graham
Janice Brown
Tiffany Montesano
Teresa Kruta
Darin Smith
Cindy McMurtry
George Johnson
Betty Underwood

Jennafer Marchant
Votaw family
Charez family
Samantha Miller
Ruby Wilkey
Jane Foreman
Mark Summers
Barbara Homer
Savill family
Jason Talbot
Idabella Whaley
Derwin Jones
Idabella Whaley
Boerner family
Phillip Gaines



Outlandish Dreams and Visions

President Kennedy aimed us toward an exceedingly challenging goal, which has been reached, and set us on a journey that has yet to be concluded. Big dreams are like that. JFK's dream did not end on the moon.

There is no shortage of people talking about what can't be done, but few who lead us to stretch to the imagined edge of our capabilities. Sometimes we talk ourselves back from an adventure with promises of comfort or feelings of inadequacy. Yet God can do so much more in us and through us than we can think or imagine.

Paul writes of God's transforming work of grace in the world that culminates fully in three ways: 1. Glory of God, 2. Power of the Holy Spirit in Christians, and 3. Permanent unity of Jesus Christ and the Church. He sums it up this way:

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work in us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

Whenever I think of how we are not capable of accomplishing this or that and may have seemingly good reason for it, I try to remember that it is God's glory and power, it is God who is doing this great work through us. He is making himself and his gospel known through the Church, through St. Mark's.

Every move we make toward obeying, loving and understanding God is another step on a wonderful journey. We reach milestones along the way and discover there is even more adventure before us. So don't stop. Move on from your greatest achievement, go beyond your personal "moon landing." There is more to experience and discover. More than we can imagine.

Enjoy the journey,
Pastor Keith