

## E-Messenger

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



**Holy Week & Easter  
Experiences  
at St. Mark's UMC  
Everyone is Welcome!**

## Lent, Holy Week and Easter

It's not too early to start planning to attend and inviting family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and anyone else as we go through this special time of the Christian year.

All the events below are designed to enhance your walk with Christ and be an invitation to others.



**March 25th - 6:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt**



*An Intergenerational Journey w/ Jesus*

**March 27 & 28 - Walk with Jesus**

**27th 6-8 pm      28th 9:30 am to noon**



**March 29th 8:30am; 9:45am; 11:00 am**

**Palm Sunday Services**



**April 2 6:30 pm**

**Maundy Thursday Living Lord's Supper**



**April 3 6:30 pm**

**Good Friday Communion Service**



**April 5 8:30am; 9:45 am; 11:00 am**

**Easter Resurrection Services**





Raising awareness and supporting troops in the Middle East

The United Methodist Women recently had the privilege at their February Unit Meeting of hearing Karen Starks, project director of the HUGS Project, who is passionate about helping Oklahomans who are serving their country overseas and those who have returned to Oklahoma wounded. This organization sends thousands of "care" packages each year to soldiers overseas packed with creature comforts that are not government issue and also runs Patriot Clinics for wounded Oklahoma returning veterans. In addition to monetary donations which are tax deductible and can be made out to The HUGS Project, they are in need of the following items:

Hotel size toiletries

The small restaurant flavoring packets (soy sauce, crushed pepper flakes, parmesan cheese, etc) which are used to flavor their C-rations

Small flavoring sticks to add to water

Small filled snack cracker packages

Power bars

Canned meats (even SPAM)

Canned soups

We would like to invite all members of St. Marks to help with such donations. There is a donation box in the Narthex. Please feel free to help out. Remember these are men and women who are serving in harm's way to help keep our country free.

**CONGRATS!**

Health Fair Door Prize Winners were:

**Laura German Donna Shriver Ed Orr**



You are invited to a Bridal Shower

for Nancy Hamilton on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 2 pm to 4 pm in St. Mark's Narthex.

Registry at: Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

## Easter egg candy needed



to fill eggs for Easter Egg Hunt. please bring individually wrapped candies to office on or before March 15.

We are also looking for a few people who would be willing to help fill the eggs with the candy. Probably over spring break.

If you are willing call the church office or get in touch with Alicia Schneider:

[Alicia@stmarksbethany.com](mailto:Alicia@stmarksbethany.com)







st. mark's student ministries

Last weekend, eleven students attended Planet Wisdom. We spent two days in Tulsa

learning about God's story, our story, and our friend's stories. The conference focused on the overlap of stories and gave students helpful tips on how to share their stories with friends.



## Student LEADERSHIP

Our student leadership team will be starting this Sunday! We are developing a team of young leaders who will have

the opportunity to contribute to the youth program by leading youth worship, teaching, and guiding small groups among other things. This is a really exciting opportunity for students to have the chance to take ownership of parts of the program.

## ONE DOLLAR A DAY



STOP HUNGER NOW

**Save the Dates**

**Lenten giving starts February 18**

**Food Packaging - May 3**



Thank you to those who committed to pray daily for the youth going through confirmation. Pray daily through confirmation, which is May 31<sup>st</sup> and be looking for an email from Pastor Patricia.

Hello Friends,

I want to make you aware of this speaker coming to OKC March 30. Ravi Zacharias converted to Christianity from atheism and is a leading apologist for the Christian faith. Attending may be a great way to be encouraged in your faith on the Monday of Holy Week. If you have an inquiring or skeptical friend, invite him or her.

I am marking my calendar and plan to attend.

In Christ,

Keith

## RAVI ZACHARIAS

Best-selling author and Christian apologist



## MARCH 30, 2015

McGAW LECTURE SERIES

7:30 PM • PAYNE ATHLETIC CENTER  
FREE ADMISSION (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Dr. Zacharias will discuss the reliability of the Christian faith. Born in India in 1946, he has spoken all over the world for 42 years. He has authored or edited more than 20 books and appeared on CNN, Fox, and many other international broadcasts. His TV and radio programs air in several countries worldwide.

More info and registration at 405.425.6300 or [www.oc.edu/ravi](http://www.oc.edu/ravi)







**Come Join us!**

## **Discipleship Junction: Sharing God with Others**

Sharing God with Others studies the lives and ministries of Bible-time and modern-day missionaries. By getting to know these heroes of faith as people who serve God, children will learn the importance of sharing their faith with others as real people.



Feb. 25: "What Did you Say?"

MV: Psalm 119:105

March 4: "Short Term Missionaries"

MV: Ephesians 4:32

March 11: "The Vine and the Branches"

MV: John 15:1-11

March 18: Spring Break

March 25: "The Great Sacrifice"

MV: Joshua 1:9

Come and learn about Missionaries and be inspired to BE a Missionary!

**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**

March 1: The Vine and the Branches (John 15:1-11)

March 8: Healing (Matthew 20:30, Matthew 12:10)

March 15: Walk on Water (Matthew 14:22, Mark 6:47, John 6:16)

March 22: Raising people from the dead (Luke 7:11, John 11:38)

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.





# St. Mark's UMC March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Sunday Weekly</b> 8:30 am - Worship 9:45 am - Sunday School 9:45 am - Family Worship 9:45 am - Children's Adventure 11:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Wee Worship 11:00 am - J.U. (youth) 11:00 am - Discipleship 5:00 pm - Impact ..... Communion Sunday 9:45 am Family Worship	<b>2</b> <b>Monday Weekly</b> 9:30 am - CDO 1:00 pm - Bridge 2:00 pm - Bible Study 6:00 pm - Girls Scouts 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts .....	<b>3</b> <b>Tuesday Weekly</b> 9:30 am - CDO ..... 6 pm Perspectives 	<b>4</b> <b>Wednesday Weekly</b> 6:00 pm - Strength Class 6:30 pm - Discipleship Junction Peak - (Mid High) Fuel - (Sr High) 6:30 pm - Prayer Team 7:00 pm - Choir .....	<b>5</b> <b>Thursday Weekly</b> 8:30 am - Capstone 9:30 am - CDO 3:30 pm - Pastor Keth Bible 5:30 pm - TOPS 6:30 pm - Worship Team ..... 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed. 7:00 pm - Lenten Study on Prayer	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Time to Spring Ahead
<b>8</b> 5:30 pm - Metro Worship	<b>9</b> 9:45 am - J.I.M. Circle	<b>10</b> 9:30 am - Caring Hands 6 pm Perspectives 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 12:00 pm Second Winders 7:00 pm - Lenten Study on Prayer	<b>13</b> 6 pm Kings & Queens  Men's Walk to Emmaus	<b>14</b> 5:00 pm Scottish Rite
<b>15</b> 12:00 pm Mission Comm Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm Bertha Circle	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 pm - Lenten Study on Prayer	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
		Street Reach Memphis	Student Ministry	Ministry		
				Women's Walk to Emmaus		
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6 pm Perspectives 	<b>25</b> 6:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt 	<b>26</b> 10:00 am Second Winders Field Trip 7:00 pm - Lenten Study on Prayer	<b>27</b> 6-8 pm Walk with Jesus 	<b>28</b> 9:30 - noon Walk with Jesus
<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> 7:30 pm Ravi Zacharias Lecture	<b>31</b> 6 pm Perspectives 	<b>April 1</b>	<b>April 2</b>  <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 6:30 pm Living Lord's Supper	<b>April 3</b>  <b>good friday</b> 6:30 pm Good Friday Services	





## Facts and Figures

2015 Budget ..... 595,000.00  
 Rec'd toward Operating 2/22/2015 ..... 7,375.40

### Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 2/22/2015 ..... 92,974.79  
 Expenditures 2/22/2015 ..... 58,640.26

### Sunday, February 22, 2015

Sunday School ..... 234  
 Worship..... 204

Brysen Alexander	Judah Grisham	Don Nobles
Kieth Ballard	Patty Groves	Navada Norvell
Nicholas Bentin	Brianna Hardin	James Parker
Chris Brehm	Becky Harned	Mary Parker
Carla Brueggen	Darlene Hickman	Roger Pautsch
Ashlynn Bushey	Kruse Holliday	Connie Petillo
Matt Chaney	Megan Johnston	Jess Prince
Trevion Collins	Harold Kessler	J.B. Rackley
Shelby Cranford	Christopher Knowles	Brian Ray
Adrienne Cressman	Tom Kyle	Avery Reimers
Brad Cromwell	Benjamin LaPat	Kyphla Sadler
William Daniel	Dorothy Lynch	Jenny Shenold
Jeff Davidson	Ruth Martyn	Preston Trent
Jillian Ferguson	Romona McKibben	Esther Underwood
Kiyarra Gonzalez	Dave Moore	Demontrell Williams
		Lauren Wurzer

## Prayer Box

### Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

Longoria family	Jamie Wright	Talbot family
Steve Corbin	Phil Bonifield	Gordon Denton
Brehm Family	Carrie Attalla	Bill Rosenthal
Greg Spiser	Dana Carr Family	Jack McNelly
Candice Criswell	Joe Owen	Romona McKibben
Chessmore Family	Steve & Beverly Clark	



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### St. Mark's Staff

**Keith Cressman, Pastor**

**Patricia Johnson, Associate Pastor**

**Becky Roman, Mission & Music Director**

**Sharon Hunt, Early Childhood Ministries Director**

**Alicia Schneider, Children's Minister**

**Rebekah Cressman - Student Minister**

**Pat Morford, Administrator, Communications**

**Christy Kiespert, 8:30 Keyboardist**

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

**Roger Pautsch, 11:00 Organist**

**Phillip Bond, Accountant**