

October 30, 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

TONIGHT 6:30 - 8:00 pm

St. Mark's
FALL FUN NIGHT

Games, Trunk or Treat, Door Prizes, and great family fun!

Day: Wednesday, Oct. 30

Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Where: St. Mark's UMC

8140 NW 36th St. - Bethany, OK 73008

**For more info.
call 405.789.9033**

Come join us!

DON'T FORGET TO

**FALL
BACK**

**This Sunday,
November 3**





Our next Men's Breakfast will be on November 2nd. 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.

CDO Looking for volunteers

CDO is in need of a couple of people who would be willing to come in occasionally to assist with babies who need a little extra love and care. The regular teachers are having to spend a lot of their time individually with kids and missing opportunities for teaching. If you would be willing to come in on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 10am to noon contact Sharon Hunt.



St. Mark's Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Food Pantry for Overholser is open on Sundays from 4pm - 6 pm.

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.



Church Directory Update Set

On November 18th, from 2 pm to 9 pm we will be having an update day for our church directory.



If you are new to St.

Mark's, could not make

the last dates, or have had a change in your family, and would like to have your picture taken for the church directory this is a great opportunity. You can go to the church webpage and click on link on the home page or you can call the church office to set up a time. Getting your picture in the directory helps prayer teams, new people, and many others to get to know one another better. Thanks!



Student S.T.R.I.V.E. Drive in progress

If you have not gotten your pledge cards turned in yet for STRIVE we encourage you to prayerfully take some time and do so. **For funds to be credited to students the cards must be turned in by October 31st.** The students will be having their community work day on November 2nd. They will be working in throughout the community including odd jobs for members. If you are aware of a need please let Lydia Cressman know.



PC West Football team Ministry Outreach

We still need chocolate chip cookies for our last time feeding the PCW football team. THANKS!

We are down to our last meal (October 31) with the

PCW football team. These have been amazing times as we have shared a meal and a time of encouragement as the gospel was shared. If you would like to help with the last meal work will begin at 3 pm on the 31st. If you would like to be a part of the team contact Shab Jupiterwala. This is a great community outreach project. Excitement is high!



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Please join us on November 24th following 1st and 2nd services for an exciting and educational talk by Thrivent. We will hear briefly from Jason Jupiterwala, a Financial Advisor with Thrivent, who will be sharing their mission of inspiring generosity to improve communities, and some of their different programs that we can utilize to further support the ministries of Saint Marks. Thrivent will be providing breakfast following 1st service and lunch following 2nd service for this event in Barnette Hall. We hope to see you there!

ISRAEL TRIP PLANNED



St. Mark's will be part of a team going to Israel in the first two weeks of June, the 1st - 14th. The trip will include attendance at the Hope and Resilience in a Broken World conference, as well as traveling through the land known as "The Fifth Gospel".

If you are interested in finding out more about this adventure of a lifetime, contact David Roman at church or via email at: dbjkn@gmail.com.

Grace and peace,
David Roman



Advent Study Life Group

Wednesday Nov. 13 - Dec. 11, 2pm

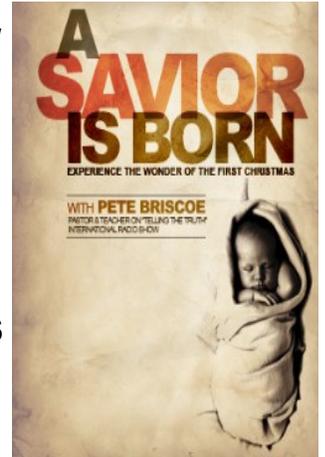
“A Savior is Born” Experience the wonder of the first Christmas.

Has Christmas lost its significance?

It's one of the most familiar stories in human history: the birth of Jesus in a lowly manger in Bethlehem. A Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Yet, how can we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior in our frantic, consumer-driven society? How do we make sure the Christmas holiday remains a Holy Day?

In each of these four Advent sessions in this video Bible study, viewers will experience cinematic short films that capture events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. Then Pete Briscoe will open up Scripture to bring us back to the roots and heart of our faith in Christ.

Sign up on church counter



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



“THIS I KNOW”

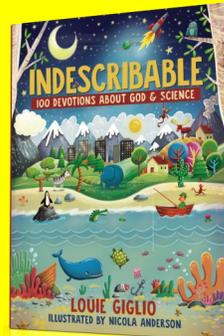
Current lesson Plan :
“Look at the Mess”
Each Bible account highlights someone who got in a mess and how God was

faithful to them through the entire experience. God realizes our lives can get messy and God is not intimidated in the least by them.



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.

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

- Space
- Earth
- Animals
- People

STUDENT MINISTRY

On Wednesday nights, we just finished up a series about the Bible! We've begun doing Bible challenges, pushing the students to read and memorize Scripture. Congrats to Ashlyn, Logan, Kelsey, and Autumn for completing the first challenge! The second challenge (memorizing Phil. 2:5-11) will be due on Nov. 6!

Sunday mornings are rolling right along with MS and HS Sunday School at 9:45 and Big Church at 10:55. Keep coming by 9:55 for that JU credit!

Thurs., Oct. 31

- STRIVE donations that go towards a specific individual must be turned into my box by the end of this day.
- Starting Nov. 1, STRIVE donations will go to the general STRIVE fund (which is still highly valuable).
- *STRIVE info is attached in this email.*

STRIVE Workday and Banquet!

Sat., Nov. 2

- We're going to serve members of our church family who need some help with yard work and home projects.
- [This is mandatory for JU students and those who participated in the STRIVE fundraiser.](#)
- Get to the church at 8am! Breakfast will be provided.
- Pack a lunch and we'll put it in a cooler.
- Wear your STRIVE shirt and work pants/shoes. Also, dress for the weather!
- Bring work gloves.
- The banquet will begin about 5pm. Youth leaders and families of STRIVE participants are welcome!
- We'll wrap things up around 7!

Campfire Worship!

Wed., Nov. 6

- Come dressed for the weather!
- Dinner is at 5:30.
- Starting at 6:15 we will have worship and s'mores around a firepit on the back lawn of the church!

Food Bank!

Wed., Nov. 13

- We are going to serve our community by helping meet hunger needs!
- Get to church by 5:30, we'll take the church vans to the Regional Food Bank, and we'll be back about 9 (we'll text rides when we're headed back).
- Feel free to meet us there.
- Either grab food *very* quickly from DOWN to eat in the van or eat beforehand.
- *Students/Guardians must fill out the waiver attached in this email.*
- [You must give your waiver to me and let me know you are coming by Sun, Nov. 10.](#)
- Invite friends!

Metro Worship!

Sun., Nov. 17

- Come worship with our youth community!
- Meet at St. Mark's at 4:45pm, we'll take the vans to St. Luke's, and we'll be back about 8:00 (we'll text rides when we're headed home).
- We will eat a fast-food meal on our way to St. Luke's, so bring \$\$.
- Invite friends!

Frozen Turkey Olympics!

Wed., Nov. 20

- Come for dinner at 5:30!
- At 6:15, we will begin epic competitions with frozen turkeys...
- We'll also decorate the youth area for Christmas!
- Invite all your friends!

No Youth!

Wed., Nov. 27 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

CAMP/RETREAT/MISSION DATES - SOME NEW INFO!

- Winter Retreat: MS-HS @ Sky Ranch - Feb. 14-16
- Spring Break Mission - details coming soon
- Guys' and Girls' Retreats: MS-HS @ tba - April 24-25
- Disciple: MS camp @ Heart o' Hills - June 4-7
- Youth Force: MS-HS mission @ Ardmore - June 21-26
- Dayspring: HS camp @ Sky Ranch - July 20-24

That's about it! FYI I'm loving coming out for school lunches! If I haven't been to your school yet, don't worry. I'm headed your way!
If you need anything, don't hesitate to ask.
See you all Sunday!

Lydia Cressman

Director of Student Ministries



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Facts and Figures

2019 Annual Budget605,361
 Rec'd toward Operating 10/20/2019 .13,0741

YTD 2019
 Rec'd toward Operating 10/20/2019.....411,801
 Expenditures 10/13/2019.....442,640

Attendance

Sunday, October 27

Worship 226
 Sunday School177

Christie	Agyemang	Nina	Gerardy	Nate	Meisenburg
Camryn	Allen	Randal	Hancock	Sherry	Mullins
Wayne	Barnes	Julie	Harlow	Connie	Reed
Connor	Benton	Jeanelda	Jupiterwala	Alicia	Schneider
James	Bowman	Sam	Kapka	Donna	Shriver
Kellen	Brooks	Freya	Lautzenhiser	Kaleb	Siler
Darlene	Calvert	Declan	Longoria	Emmanuel	Sinnathamby
Lydia	Cressman	Eliana	Maigari	Timothy	Smith
Genie	Funk	Antonio	Manuel	Carson	Teague
Kevin	Galindo	Clarity	McKinney	Jax	Verdalette
Aliyah	Gannon	Breanna	Meisenburg	Isla	Wiseman

Prayer Box

Kieth Ballard	Duane Pavelko
Beverly Clark	Barbara Gardner
Funk family	Barbara Homer
Don & Fran Nobles	Marty Croy
Boemer & Savill families	Pam Barnes
Josh Pavelko	Mary Ann Kinsella
Votaw family	Bremmer family
Mark Summers	Sandy Rutherford
Mat Mathews	
Valerie Pautsch family	

St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

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Bethany, OK 73008

St. Mark's Staff

Keith Cressman, Pastor

Becky Roman, Mission & Music Director

Sharon Hunt, Early Childhood Ministries r

Alicia Schneider, Children's Minister

Kayla Gannon, Kings & Queens Coordinator

Lydia Cressman, Student Minister

Pat Morford, Administrator, Communications

Bequer Gomez, Comunidad liason

Christy Kiespert, 8:30 Keyboardist

Jackie Swedlow, Accountant