

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

Faith Promise Sunday May 7th

Faith Promise culminates this Sunday, May 7th. Plan to join us to hear Darrell Cates speak, and stay for the celebration meal after church. We will provide beverages and rice & beans - you can bring a side dish to share.

The seeds we planted two Sundays ago in response to the Word are now sprouted and growing. These seedlings are a visible image of transformation in our lives. As you pray about Faith Promises, may the seeds God has planted in you sprout and grow as He transforms you to make a difference in the world.



New Worship Services

**New schedule for Sunday morning worship!
Invite your neighbors and friends to join us.**

9:25 am - Classic Worship Service

11:00 am - Contemporary Service

See new Sunday School Schedule on next page

St. Mark's
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New Adult Sunday School Discipleship Classes Schedule
(some details still being worked out)

8:15 am

Room 17 - New Start Class
Contact Adrienne Cressman for details
Room 18 - New Life Class

9:25 am

Room 17 - New Class Start
Contact Adrienne Cressman for details
Room 18 - Discipleship Class
Ascent Room - College Age

11:00 am

Room 5 - Promise Class
Room 17 - Faithbuilders Class
Room 19 - R.O.C.K. Class
Choir Room - Good News Class

This is a great time to invite your friends to join you, to grow classes and to provide a place for others to grow in their faith!

If your class has any further information please contact the church office.

Second Winders May meeting

On Thursday, May 11th, The Second Winders will meet and eat at **11:00 am** this month with a make-your-own-nacho meal with ice cream dessert. cost \$5.00.



After the meal Sheryl Presley with TRIAD who spoke last year about scams will speak about "Safety in a Stormy Season".

On Thursday, May 18th, we will visit Canyon Methodist Camp and then eat at Cherokee Trading Post where buffalo burgers are available.



Praying for Leaders

Everyone is encouraged to pray for leaders in our church.

Our Church Council meets on May 25th

Our Oklahoma Annual Conference meets

May 29-June 1

Pray for God's wisdom and Guidance in each of these meetings

Wednesday's at the Park

Mark your calendars for Wednesday's in June and July. St. Mark's will be going out into our community to build relationships with our neighbors. Specifically, we will go out and meet our neighbors at Eldon Lyon Park each Wednesday evening at 6:30 and share a meal and some great conversation with them. We need as many people as possible to join us as we seek to build these bridges with a diverse group of people. YOU have the ability to relate to certain persons that no one else can. There will be no special talents needed, just a willingness to connect. Please prayerfully consider being available a few times during June and July to join us as we have a great time together and with our newest friends.



Senior
Class of 2017

Congratulations to the Class of 2017

St. Mark's wants to recognize the achievements of those students graduating this month. We will be having a special recognition in worship on Sunday, May 21st. Pray for these graduates as they take the next step in their life. The graduates from St. Mark's are:

Caleb Cromwell
Hannah Evans

Sydney Montesano
Megan Johnston

Kayla Prince
Megan Pedigo

Wednesday Night Suppers

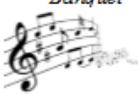
Pilot Program for Fall

The last 3 weeks of this years Wednesday nights at St. Mark's (**May 3, May 10, May 17**) we will be testing out serving a light supper prior to programming.

The meal will be served from **5:30 - 6:15 pm**. Cost will be **\$3 for adults** , **\$2 for children** and free for ages 2 and under. We are aware how difficult it is to get everyone home from work/school/etc. and getting fed by 6:30 and want to see if this is helpful to people coming as well as a great time of fellowship. The meals will include spaghetti, breakfast for dinner and a potato bar with mac & cheese.



St. Mark's UMC May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Weekly 8:15 am - Sunday School 9:25 am - Sunday School 9:25 am - Classic Worship 11:00 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm - Student Ministry	1 Monday Weekly 9:30 am - CDO 2:00 pm - Bible Study 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts	2 Tuesday Weekly 9:30 am - CDO	3 Wednesday Weekly 6:00 pm - Strength Class 6:30 pm - Discipleship Junction 6:30 pm - Student Ministry 6:30 pm - Adult Studies 6:30 pm - Prayer Team 7:30 pm - Choir 5:30 Snack Supper	4 Thursday Weekly 9:30 am - CDO 5:30 pm - TOPS 6:30 pm - Worship Team 6 pm Stephen Ministry Training	5 7pm Women's Bible Study 	6 
7 FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY 12:10 Celebration Dinner	8	9	10  5:30 Snack Supper	11 11 am Second Winders 	12 6 pm Kings & Queens 	13
14 MOTHER'S DAY 	15	16 7 pm Bertha Circle 	17 5:30 Snack Supper Last day of Wednesday night programming for Summer	18 Second Winders trip to Canyon Camp 	19 7pm Women's Bible Study 	20 
21 SR. RECOGNITION SUNDAY 	22	23	24 6:30 pm Choir Banquet 	25 6:30 pm Church Council 	26	27
28	29 	30 Oklahoma Annual Conference May 29 - June 1	31			

Kings & Queens Final Respite Care of School Year May 12, 2017

Kings and Queens has had another great year. We have had a wonderful time with our families and volunteers. Respite care will be wrapping up on May 12th, but will be having a couple of summer outreach events to look forward to. Prayers for the families, children, volunteers, and summer events would be appreciated. We would be grateful for prayers for fall programming grants, funding, and continued outreach for families who have children with special needs in our community. If you know of any families in need of respite, please contact us at kingsandqueens@stmarksbethany.com. We are always looking for volunteers so if you are interested in spending time with some amazing kids, feel free to contact us and ask how you can get involved.



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th

We are so blessed to have a church family that is made up of so many women who care for and love on children everyday throughout the year and want to celebrate



them that day. We will have a special time of recognition during worship for women who share God's love on a daily basis.

2nd Saturday of Service

On Saturday, May 13th from 8:30 am to noon a team will travel to 'The Refuge' downtown for a day of service. The task will be to pick up trash and clean up the garden area. Grab your gardening gloves and tools and join us as we serve Christ and our community together.



For more information contact Colin McCartney or Becky Roman.

Dear Parents,

Send your child to Summer Camp without leaving town at Mark'd Kids Day Camp! This day camp meets each Tuesday and Thursday, beginning June 6- July 27, 9:30- 2:30. Mark'd Kids is for children entering 2nd grade through graduated 5th grade.

This summer, at "Summer Camp" children will flood the church gate to get slimed, soaked, and slathered in chocolate syrup at the tug-a-war. CAMP is full of incredible experiences that will happen right on our church campus. Each session is full of activities, games, crafts, snacks, and real-life Bible applications kids can put into action right away!

Each Thursday, we take a field trip to a local attraction in the metro area. Places we have gone in previous summers include: zoo, Orr Family Farm, a new G-rated movie release, Jumpzone, OK Science Museum, Paintin' Station, etc. The cost for field trips is included in tuition fee.

Tuition is \$160 for the summer, or \$80 for children attending just one day a week for the summer. Tuition fee includes a t-shirt, pizza on Tuesdays, supplies, and field trip on Thursdays.

Enrollment is limited, so sign your child up now!

Serving you and your child,

Alicia Schneider,
MKDC director Children's Minister
St. Mark's UMC





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

MISSION: St. Mark's Children's Ministry exists to partner with parents to equip, train, and release children to be passionate disciples filled with the heart of Jesus to minister today!

"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~Matthew 19:14

SUNDAY MORNING:

Age Nursery - Kindergarten
Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Age Kindergarten - 4th grade
Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

We have started our new series called "Seed". Each week will focus on the Holy Spirit and how He lives in and works through us. Kids have planted seeds as a reminder of how the Holy Spirit is within us growing our faith and changing us from the inside out. Hope you can all make it.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:

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Wednesdays: Catching Air!

Catching Air is a term many of today's athletes use to indicate their best performance for those who leap, jump, or ride - literally to soar!



Catching Air wants kids to realize that even though their strength may eventually fade, those who trust God will re-

new, walk, run, and soar in His strength!

Each week, there will be a Bible lesson, worship time, prayer time, mission video, recreation, crafts, and snacks.

Wednesdays, at 6:30 p.m. in the children's brown room.

May 3 - John 20:21
May 17 - Acts 1:8

May 10 - Galatians 2:20
May 24 - Summer Break Begins



STUDENT MINISTRY

We have a busy week yet again around St. Marks. I hope as the school year winds down you are able to join us continue to warm your heart closer to Jesus. Now lets get to the happenings this week.

Wednesday, May 3rd-This will be our first Wednesday to have a church wide meal. Serving time is 5:30-6:15pm cost is \$3 for an adult and \$2 for children. Feel free to come and eat as a family and join us for this wonderful time of fellowship. We will have worship from 6:30-8pm. We are continuing our series on callings.

Sunday, May 7th-We will be traveling to New Covenant UMC for a camp preview. This will be great opportunity for students and their friends to see what camp will be like this summer. We will meet at 3:15pm and be back around 6:30pm. Pizza will be provided and it will be an incredible time, that I hope your student and a friend can join us for!

Reminders

Schedule change-Please remember our schedule change and join us for breakfast before Sunday School. We start serving at 9:15am.

Senior Recognition- We will be recognizing our seniors at the 11AM worship service on May 21st. Please have your senior there!

Camps- Please get your forms and dates from our website www.stmarkssm.com

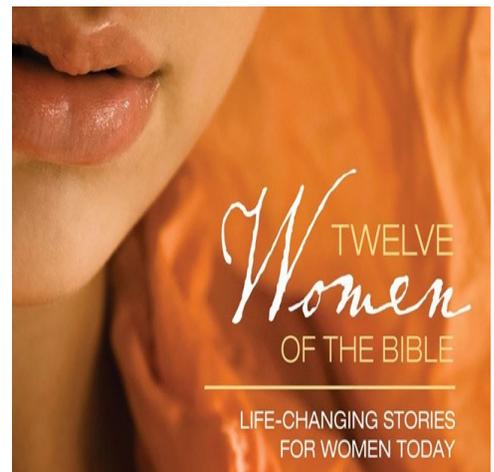
As always please let me know if you need anything or I can be of service and ministry to your family!

In His Grip,
John Hollon
Youth Pastor



St. Mark's Women's Bible Study

An exciting new group has started at St. Mark's. The group will meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 7 - 9 pm. The group is studying "Twelve Women of the Bible" by Lysa Terkeurst. The study will include a video teaching and then study and discussion together. You are encouraged to join this group of women seeking to grow in Christ and in fellowship with one another. The next meeting of the group will be on Friday May 5th. There will be a potluck meal to kickoff the evening. We will be looking at Rebekah. They will be meeting in the home of Alicia Schneider. Contact her for more information





Facts and Figures

2017 Budget	595,337
Rec'd toward Operating 4/30/2017	10,942
Year to Date	
Rec'd toward Operating 4/30/2017	180,401
Expenditures 4/30/2017	183,218
Sunday April 30, 2017	
Sunday School	181
Worship	242

Maci	Attalla	Emily	Kilby	John	Schneider
Daniel	Burke	Helen	McEachern	Hardy	Sears
Alycia	Bushey	Jena	McLain	Logan	Sears
Miles	Collins	David	Miller	Jeff	Shenold
Brecken	Cromwell	Samantha	Miller	Megan	Shenold
Debbie	Fallon	Phyllis	Mosher	Ella	Stockwell
Michelle	Funk	Gavin	Mumme	Jessica	Swedlow
Julianna	Grisham	Sonya	Penalosa	Kevin	Swedlow
Lee	Harder	Kalvin	Peters	Lynn	Thompson
Breanna	Hines	Eleonore	Price	Nancy	Ward
William	Hughes	Pamela	Ramirez	Esther	Withers
Garrett	Jacobs	Bea	Rhea	Michele	Young

Prayer Box

Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

Members, others needing prayer

Michelle Funk	Billie Blake
Jamie Wright	Margaret Turner
Earl Moore	Hank Brueggen
Beverly Clark	Sara Miller
Mackenzie Asher	Irene Stafford
Dale & Jan Johnson	Rita Wurzer
Bruce Hunt	Colleen Eisenburg
Don & Pat Wonderly	Evelyn Moore
Family/ Friends of Ed Orr	
Tre Collins	

St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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St. Mark's Staff

Keith Cressman, Pastor
Becky Roman, Mission & Music Director
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Alicia Schneider, Children's Minister
Amanda Peters, Kings & Queens Director
John Hollon, Student Minister
Colin McCartney, Mid High Minister
Pat Morford, Administrator, Communications
Christy Kiespert, 8:30 Keyboardist
Kevin & Jackie Swedlow, 9:45 Leaders of Worship
Kaleb Siler, 9:45 Leaders of Worship
Roger Pautsch, 11:00 Organist
Jackie Swedlow, Accountant