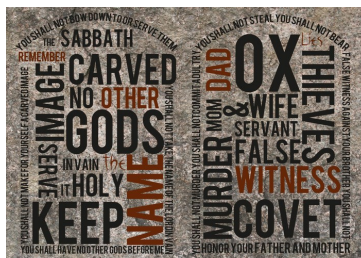


E-Messenger

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

Sermon Series on Ten Commandments

Pastor Keith's messages on the Ten Commandments have really opened up God's Word to see how we live faithfully to God in the world today. Getting beyond the "Thou Shalt Not..." to living with the power of God's Spirit has been the focus. The series will continue for a few more weeks and we encourage everyone to come be a part. Sunday morning in all three worship services.



S.T.R.I.V.E Campaign

Our Student Ministry fundraiser for the year is in it's final days. Funding for camps, missions, J.U., scholarships, retreat and more are all included in this ministry. We encourage you to support students and student ministry by giving. If you have cards that need to be turned in you can turn them in anytime to office, to students or by mail. All funds must be received by **September 26th**, the STRIVE Workday, for students to get credit. Take a few minutes and prayerfully give to this ministry.



Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop
A Half-Day Workshop Featuring:

- Session 1: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief
- Session 2: An Introduction to Stephen Ministry
- Session 3: How to care in a Distinctively Christian Way

Saturday, September 26, 2015
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
(check-in begins at 8:00 A.M.)

Free to St. Mark's Members - Registration Required -
Sign up in Narthex

St. Mark's members may attend free but pre-registration is required to insure adequate supplies (Sign-up by contacting Dorthy Lynch 789-2556 or dottilyn1@aol.com)

You're invited for Cookies & Coffee as I share my vision as a missionary.

Sunday, October 4

3-4 pm

**St. Mark's Barnett Hall
8140 NW 36th St.
Bethany, OK**

"My name will be great among the nations,
from where the sun rises to where it sets.
In every place incense and pure offerings
will be brought to me, because my name
will be great among the nations," says the
Lord Almighty.

Malachi 1:11



If you can't make it for cookies & coffee, but would like to meet with me, please call or email me.
phone: 405.245.0581 email: breckensmissions@gmail.com

Looking forward to meeting with you, Brecken

THE GREATER FREEDOM

**Faith Promise Stories - If you have a testimony to share
about how God made a way for you to fulfill your Faith
Promise, please contact Becky Roman or Keith Cressman.**

St. Mark's UMC
Faith Promise 2015

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and
do not let yourselves
be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.
Galatians 5:1

Thanks - We want to
thank Don Wonderly for
the use of his riding
lawnmower over the
summer. In the pro-
cess of working on and
acquiring a new mower
he graciously let us use
his to keep St. Mark's
yard looking good.

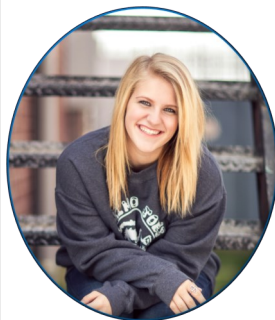
Thanks Don!



St. Mark's Mission Updates

Praise God for His faithful servants at St. Mark's! Your generous Faith Promise giving has provided the money necessary to fund two new missionaries.

One is our own Brecken Cromwell. She is working with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) and has already been in ministry in Germany, the Philippines, Czech Republic, Haiti and many locations around the US. This year, she goes into full-time mission work and is raising her support.



Mark and Kenzi Fogleman, who attended Perspectives here in the spring, will be starting their ministry in Northern Kenya, along with their daughter, Emma. They will be working with orphan care and water issues as they make disciples for Christ.

Pick up a prayer card for Mark and Kenzi at the missions map in the hall.

St. Mark's has provided support for Alex and Brenda Awad for many years.

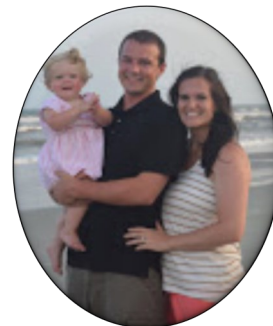
They are retiring after 30 years of faithful service in Palestine/Israel. We

praise God for the ministry in His name they have provided.

Dates are set for the 2016 Mexico City Mission. We will be working at MEFI, the drop-in center, and on the streets. Pray about joining us June 18-25, and contact Becky Roman for more information or to make your deposit.

If you have a testimony to share about how God made a way for you to fulfill your Faith Promise, please contact Becky Roman or Keith Cressman.

Praise the Lord for His abundant provision!





st. mark's student ministries

STRIVE- We have reached the end! Students are doing awesome and I am so proud of them! A couple of important reminders to help be ready for Saturday!

STRIVE
SWEET SIXTEEN

1. Make sure and have your student finish up recruiting sponsors and double check with them to make sure they get money in by Saturday! We need it to count towards our celebration.

2. The workday is SATURDAY, be at church at 7:45AM for breakfast. Please have students bring a sack lunch to eat on the worksite also they will need a permission slip to serve. If they didn't make it home with them, there is a digital copy attached. We will be working at the food bank all day. We will end the celebration around 7:30pm.

Wednesday, September 23rd-We will have youth worship and finish up our series on Praying Like Jesus. This will be a great night of worship and reflection. Worship runs from 6:30-8pm. Please plan on joining us!

Sunday, September 27th- We will have our normal scheduled youth small groups from 6-7:30pm. This is really a great new asset to our ministry with some fantastic leaders. I hope your student can join us and become part of this great ministry. Also encourage your students to invite their friends as this is a great outreach opportunity.

Future Event

David Crowder- If your student is interested in joining us for the October 2nd worship concert I need to have their reservation ASAP. I will be purchasing tickets Monday at the latest, so please RSVP with John or give your \$15 for reservation.



Our prayers go out to Kelly Holmes and the family of Ginger Shull. The passing of Ginger will leave a void for many. Memorial services for Ginger will be held at St. Mark's on Monday, September 28th, at 11:00 am. Please remember the family during this time of grieving.



Troop 553

All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner

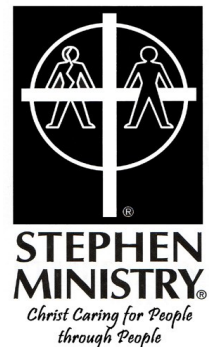
Saturday, October 3 - 5:00 pm-7:30 pm

Adults: \$6.00 Youth 3 - 11: \$3.50

Come support the scouts and have a great meal.

Stephen Ministry. Christ Caring for People Through People.

A Stephen Minister is available to be there for you. Call Gwen Sears (261-6019), Jan Greve (350-0959), Dorthy Lynch (789-2556) or Carla Brueggen (203-8555) for more information.



You are Invited: Come on a *Walk to Emmaus!*

The *Walk to Emmaus* is a spiritual retreat designed to help Christians grow in their rela-



tionship with Jesus Christ. Many people at St. Mark's participate and find it a good experience. If you have not attended, please consider it.

The *Walk to Emmaus* is not literally a 'walk.' The reference is to a walk the Disciples' took with Jesus

after his resurrection. One of the funny things is that they did not even recognize him at first. Later, they realized who he was after he explained the Scripture and shared Communion with them. *Luke 24:13-49.*

The *Walk to Emmaus* is designed to provide an opportunity for participants to walk with Jesus as Scripture is explained, Communion is shared, and Christian fellowship is enjoyed. Along the journey, people discover Jesus in new ways.

The *Walk to Emmaus* begins on a Thursday evening and concludes on a Sunday afternoon. It lasts 72 hours. Men and women attend separately. The next *Walk to Emmaus* events are scheduled for October 1-4, 2014 (men) and October 15-18 (women).

You will need a sponsor to help you register and help in other ways. A sponsor needs to have already attended a Walk or the youth version, called Chrysalis. The cost is \$100, partial scholarships are available as needed.

If you would like to attend, please contact me and I will gladly find a sponsor for you. Enjoy the Journey with Jesus.

Pastor Keith

For more information: <http://pioneercountryemmaus.org.dnnmax.com/Home.aspx>

SECRET CHURCH

Friday, October 2nd

5:30—11:00 pm



Sign up by September 29th to get the study guide. (\$12). Based on underground Asian churches believers gather to worship through intensive study of the word for an extended time. The objective of Secret Church is not just to come and learn for one night but to take what we've learned and pass it along to others. In this session of Secret Church David Platt looks at the sobering realities of death, judgment, and hell, as well as the believer's ultimate hope of heaven. What happens after we die? When will Christ return? What kind of body will we have at the resurrection? Is hell a literal reality? What will heaven be like? What is the millennium? These are the kinds of questions covered in this study, but not so that we can simply satisfy our curiosity: the goal is to persevere in hope and to realize the urgency and gravity of the mission that God has given to His people. Sign up on church counter or contact Brad Cromwell for more information.

ST. MARK'S FALL PROGRAMMING SAVE THE DATE

Below are some of the highlights of this Fall. Get your calendar out now and mark these dates so you don't miss them. Many of them are also a great place to invite a friend, neighbor or acquaintance.

Stephen Ministry Training September 26

Men's Walk to Emmaus October 1-4

Women's Walk to Emmaus Oct. 15-18

Fall Break Bible Club October 15-19

Fall Fun Night October 28

Commitment Drive October—Nov 8

Family Scavenger Hunt November

Ladies, INC. event November 1

Christmas Program –Bethlehem Bound Dec. 6

Choir Christmas Program December 13

Church Caroling December 13

Christmas Eve Services December 24

3:30, 6:00 and 7:30

sojourn

music and stories from around the world
featuring Gershwin, Grainger, Moszkowski, Zalupe, and Bach

7:00 pm • September 26, 2015

Jennifer Mansour piano
Christine Kiespert piano
with guests

Brian Kiespert percussion
Dr. Linda Owen piano

Cantrell Music Hall • Southern Nazarene University
Reception following in Parker Fine Arts Center

Connecting Church and Family

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

Deut. 6:5-9



Even when parents know they should be teaching their children about faith, they're not always sure how to go about it. St. Mark's Family

Ministries has developed easy-to-use tools to help parents disciple their children with grace – any-time, anyplace. These tools will help connect what children learn at church to life at home. Parents, did you know that your child's Sunday school lessons usually dovetail with the sermon topics? Resources are now available to help parents use teachable moments each day to build upon these topics. During the month of September, the sermon series on the 10 Commandments will be reinforced during Sunday school. Parents can access family friendly resources connecting the 10 Commandments to daily life by visiting St. Mark's website, www.stmarksbethany.com, scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking on the St. Mark's Family Ministries' icon.



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 MORNINGS:

Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Age Kind. - 4th grade

Room Brown Room

Program The Adventure

Sunday morning, our goal is to teach the Bible, plain and simple. We believe the Word of God is essential to study and learn in order to grow in faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. Children are encouraged to bring their personal Bibles from home in order to practice looking up Scripture. If a child does not have a Bible, we will give one to the child for them to take home and keep. During Hour 1, 9:45-10:45, children get an overview of the day's Bible lesson and do a craft, game, or activity related to that Bible story.

During Hour 2, 11:00-Noon, children spend 25-30 minutes in a large group lesson time, then split into small groups for the last half hour. Small groups are divided according to grade.

WEDNESDAY EVENING:

Dates: Aug. 26 - Dec. 9

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

Age: 4-4th grade

Room: Brown Room

Program: Discipleship Junction

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

For hundreds of years, people waited for the Savior to arrive. But who would it be? And what would he be like? In Happy Birthday Jesus!, kids embark on a journey through the Bible to discover God's plan for salvation. From the early prophecies to the angels' joyful announcement, children will learn about the character, the name, and the person of Jesus. Then it's time for the ultimate birthday celebration!

Throughout the series, children will find that:

- We need a Savior
- God had a wonderful plan
- God keeps His promises
- Christ is our hope

Sept. 23: A Promise is a Promise Memory Verse: Isaiah 43:3

Sept. 30: Jesus' Family Tree Has Long Roots Memory Verse: Psalm 27:14



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Sign up by Sunday morning!

FOR: Bible Club

WHEN: Oct. 15-19

TIME: 2-4 p.m.

WHERE: church east lawn

WHY: to bring the Gospel to neighborhood children ages 4-11, seeking the lost for Christ

WHAT: Bible Club is a simplified version of VBS. Here is how it works - Volunteers from our church will walk the neighborhood, knocking on doors to ask if any children ages 4-11 live there and can come to our Bible Club. All children from our church family are also invited to attend Bible Club. Once all children and volunteers have arrived at our Bible Club location, this program lasts about 75 minutes. There is a brief total group opening. Then children are divided into four groups by age, and rotate through 4 stations: Bible story, craft/snack, games, and music. Groups remain at one station for about 15 minutes. After all groups have visited each station, all children and volunteers gather again for a total group closing. Volunteers walk children back to their homes, and then go home themselves.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Lead or help with Bible story station

Lead or help with games station

Lead opening/closing times

Floater to move from station to station to see where extra helping hands are needed, ready to jump in

Preparers of snack sacks

Lead or help with craft/snack station

Lead or help with music station

Help with registering children upon arrival

WILL YOU VOLUNTEER TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH A CHILD OR PARENT FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD? PLEASE SIGN UP ON ATTACHED SIGN-UP SHEET.

If the time 2-4 p.m. is not doable with your schedule, but you still feel called to help or participate, please come to the first info/planning meeting on Sept. 27th at noon in Barnett Hall. We can adjust time to mornings or evenings if that is what works best for our team of volunteers.

QUESTIONS: contact Alicia Schneider in church office

SIGNED UP, NOW WHAT? Please plan to attend information/ training/planning sessions on Sundays, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, and 11 at noon in Barnett Hall. Lunch will be provided. Training/planning sessions will not last longer than an hour from our start time.



Happy Birthday SEPTEMBER

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| Stephanie | Agyemang | Silas | Henley | Scott | Nobles |
| Pam | Barnes | Maggie | Hill | Rory | Nowlin |
| Becky | Bates | Mary | Ipaye | Joey | Pedigo |
| Summer | Bishop | Gunnar | Jones | Doris | Peeler |
| Jim | Brewer | George | Kloss | Tony | Pellegrini |
| Carolyn | Bright | Madison | Knowles | Vicki | Pellegrini |
| Aryanna | Broadlick | Teresa | Kruta | Mike | Penny |
| Leena | Broadlick | Cash | Linn | Sue | Price |
| Ridley | Brock | Ben | Longoria | Tatianna | Prince-Sadler |
| Emma | Burton | Christel | Longoria | Matt | Risinger |
| Ma'Kiya | Collins | Madeleine | Lopez | Gracie | Streets |
| Max | Collins | Grady | Mackey | Autumn | Swedlow |
| Gary | Davis | Vega | Martinez | Christian | Vargas |
| Ella | Epely | Patsy | McDowell | Richard | White |
| Kelsey | Evans | Brandy | Miller | Joseph | Willet |
| Eisley | Ford | Ingrid | Morrison | Patricia | Wonderly |
| Barry | Foster | Markus | Mullin | | |
| J.D. | Garrett | | | | |

Facts and Figures

2015 Budget 615,000.00

Rec'd toward Operating 9/20/2015 5,265.90

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 9/20/2015 408,492.40

Expenditures 9/20/2015 404,205.69

Sunday, September 20, 2015

Sunday School 214

Worship..... 238

Prayer Box

Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

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| Beverly Bevins | Michelle Funk | Jeff Montesano |
| Talbot Family | Risinger Family | Phil Bonifield |
| Tre Lambert | Brehm Family | Attalla Family |
| Bill Rosenthal | Joe Gordon | Harold Kessler |
| Romona McKibben | Chessmore Family | Laura Seapy |
| Steve & Beverly Clark | Jamie Wright | Hank Brueggen |
| | Lois Ballard | |