

Our Mission Statement To build a family of believers who glorify God and help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

IT MATTERS

*Make
the Difference*

November is commitment month. On Sunday, November 19 we will reaffirm our commitments to Jesus Christ, the church, and each other for the purpose of glorifying God and transforming the world. This has been our mission for many years.

What a blessing it is to know and to have known two of St. Mark's previous pastors: Don Greve and Harold Himes. St. Mark's heritage of biblical teaching and preaching is strong. Our compassion for others is heartfelt. Teaching is well reasoned, informed by history and tradition, and encourages soul-enlivening experiences. These characteristics reflect the unique expressions of the United Methodist Church that I appreciate so much.

As others have taught before me, following Jesus is an ongoing commitment

to the Holy Spirit's transformation. This month, we look particularly at the transformation of our hearts, lifestyles, and world. The writings of Paul to the Church at Corinth are particularly helpful and will be the basis for the first three messages in November. See you this Sunday as we share the Word and Holy Communion.

Peace and Grace,
Pastor Keith



New Church Directory Coming Picture Dates Nov 14-18, 20-21

We Need Everyone To Take Part for a full look at our church family. Sign up for getting your picture taken is now available. You can sign up in the Narthex this coming Sunday morning. You can go to our website www.stmarksbethany.com and click on link in upper left corner of page. You can sign up on line directly at: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y6rz9q2x/>
Or call the church office and we will assist you. 789-9033



PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES

Printed professional portraits endure for generations

Be a part of our upcoming photography event.

Be yourself. Classic, casual, musical, sporty, fun - it's up to you!

Make it special. Bring meaningful items and special people too!

Share your story with family and friends. Portraits are great gifts.

Each family receives a complimentary 8x10 and a free directory for participating! You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits for yourself, family and friends.



Dinner On Wednesday Night

Every Wednesday's from 5:30-6:15
Great place to get fed and fellowship before programming. Everyone welcome. Cost is only \$2. a person.



Tonight!



On Thursday, November 9th, Second Winders will meet for our Thanksgiving noon meal of turkey and dressing prepared at church. Bring your favorite holiday dish to add to the meal. There is no charge for the meal, instead bring canned goods to be donated to the Skyline food pantry. Our entertainment following the meal will be a musical review of whether "retirement is what we thought it would be". Come early for coffee and conversation. There is no trip planned for November. We will discuss taking a December trip to Chickasha or to the Territorial Christmas in Guthrie.



Hurricane Disaster Relief

Many opportunities are becoming available to reach out and help those suffering in the wake of recent hurricanes.



UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is mobilizing and deploying to the areas hit. The emergency kits we assembled in the past are now being distributed to people in shelters. UMCOR will continue on the ground, working in concert with other major relief organizations and the local United Methodist Churches.



We will also be assembling 'flood buckets' to provide to families and work teams as they move back into their neighborhoods and homes. Here is a link to instructions for

assembly: <http://www.umcor.org/.../Relief-S.../Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning>.

If you prefer to make a financial donation, this web page has directions for that as well. We will have a display in the narthex with supply lists, a box for items you bring in, and a sign up sheet for those who will help with assembly.

Other ways to support relief efforts

Also remember you can make financial gifts to the Salvation Army (we know its good work through Alton and Barbara Gardner) and World Vision (with whom we have partnered in the past to drill water wells in Africa).



Most important Please pray for all aspects of this disaster and recovery.

2nd Sat of Service

Plans are underway for our November 2nd Saturday of service on the 11th. At the time of printing however a few details still need to be worked out. Check back here in a couple of days and we will update the information on here as soon as we can. If you need to know more you can call the church office.

Advent Study

There will be an advent study this year. Details are not available yet but pray now about your involvement in being a part of this group.

It's Time to Order Your Poinsettias



There is a sign-up sheet located on the counter outside the church office for ordering to decorate our sanctuary beginning November 29th. You may contribute poinsettias in memory or honor of a loved one. Cost this year will be \$17.50 per poinsettia. Please order and pay for your poinsettias by November 19th!



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

During Sunday morning Sunday school for elementary aged children in the month of November, we will be working on understanding Bible layout. We've been working each week on being able to look up at least one Scripture in a Bible, but we will dive in a little deeper over the next few weeks to see how the Bible is divided - book, chapter, verse, old testament/new testament, how many books it has, where familiar stories are located, and how to best use this important book. PLEASE SEND A REAL BIBLE WITH YOUR CHILD TO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN NOVEMBER!



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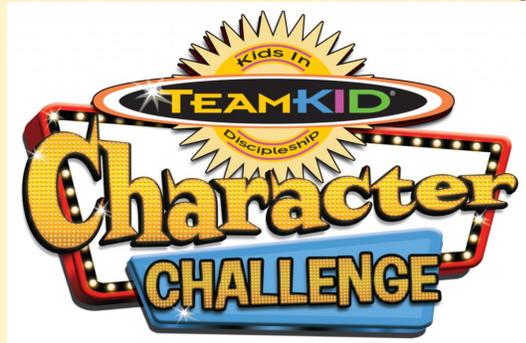
EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY DIRECTOR:
Sharon Hunt
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Wednesday evening: 6:30-8:00, ages 4-10

TeamKID: Character Challenge continues!

Tonight, we will study being HOPEFUL. Children will learn that being hopeful or optimistic is an important attitude in dealing with problems. Children will learn the difference between the world's hope and Christian hope. They will see that having faith in God and His Son, Jesus is the key to being hopeful. Memory verse is: Psalm 31:24 "Be strong and take heart, all you who HOPE in the Lord." See you tonight at 6:30!!

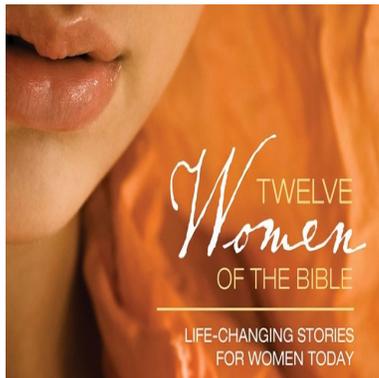
~Ms Alicia



Nov. 1 - Be Hopeful: The Centurion Shows His Faith

Nov. 8 - Be Diligent: The Capable Wife Works Hard.





St. Mark's Women's Bible Study

After a summer break the Women's Bible Study is getting back in full gear. The group will meet in November at Emily Hollon's home at 7:00 pm. Fellowship, a covered dish and study will be included. 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. For more information contact Alicia Schneider or Emily Hollon.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Looks like our crazy Oklahoma weather is here for a while. I am hoping the weather can decide which season it would like to stay in and just stay there for a while, but anyways I suppose now we can move on to the happenings this week.

Wednesday, November 1st- Fresh off our bellies filled with sugar and candy, we will meet for our midweek worship and small groups. We meet at 6:30pm and finish around 8pm. However there is a delicious \$2 dinner served from 5:30-6:15pm every week and the menu this week is taco bar. If you are interested please RSVP with the church texting program and if that is not available to you, please notify me and I will get you set up and reserve you some food.

Sunday, November 5th- Don't forget to fall back with your clocks. You don't want to miss the best time change of the year, unless you have tiny people and then its the worst time change of the year, but again I digress. We will be traveling to St. Andrews UMC in Moore for Metro Worship. We will meet at church at 5pm and return by 8pm. I will be treating all who join to some ice cream. Hope to see you there!

Praying you have a great week in mission and ministry.

In His Grip,

John Hollon
Youth Pastor



**Crossroads District
Charge Conference Connection
Saturday, November 11, 2017
New Covenant UMC 9:30 am-
1:55 pm**

If you would like to attend and have not made reservations please contact the church office as soon as possible. Lunch will be served and an accurate count is helpful.



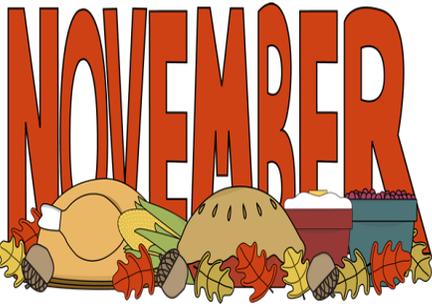
Men's Breakfast

We are going to have a men's breakfast at St. Mark's on **Saturday, November 18**. We will eat about 8, watch a short video & should be done by about 9 or 9:15. Please invite any other guys to join us.

It would be great if you can let me know if you are coming so that we can make sure there is enough food for everyone.

Be Radical,
Brad Cromwell





Facts and Figures

2017 Budget 595,337
 Rec'd toward Operating 10/29/2017 8,588
 Rec'd toward Operating 10/29/2017 456,535
 Expenditures 10/29/2017 466,420
 Sunday October 29, 2017
 Sunday School 190
 Worship 239

Christie	Agyemang	Ester	Davis	Nate	Meisenburg
Ramsey	Alexander	Karrick	Dillon	Sherry	Mullins
Wayne	Barnes	Genie	Funk	Connie	Reed
Connor	Benton	Aliyah	Gannon	Alicia	Schneider
James	Bowman	Nina	Gerardy	Isaiah	Shafer
Nick	Bremmer	Randal	Hancock	Donna	Shriver
Kellen	Brooks	Julie	Harlow	Kaleb	Siler
Levi	Burpo	Sam	Kapka	Emmanuel	Sinnathamby
Darlene	Calvert	Freya	Lautzenhiser	Carson	Teague
Nora	Cantwell	Declan	Longoria	Jax	Verdalette
Lydia	Cressman	Breanna	Meisenburg	Porter	Wiseman

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles	Greg Spiser
Kason Knutson & family	Bob Rutherford
Don Wonderly	Vic Gammill
Kieth Ballard	Tiffany Montesano
Will Kohn & family	Mackenzie Marks
Wyatt Pedigo	Beverly Clark
Ann Kessler	

St. Mark's

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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