

E-Messenger

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

Don't Miss this! Sunday, August 23rd, 5:30 pm BLOCK PARTY St. Mark's Fall Kickoff



Make plans now to attend St. Mark's big kickoff for Fall of 2015. Check out below some of the fun stuff and activities for all ages. It's a great way to get everyone prepared for a great fall at St. Mark's. Bring your family, friends and neighbors out for an evening to remember.

Food

Church will provide hot dogs and fixings. We are asking that everyone else bring something that goes well with hotdogs, i.e. chips, beans, etc.)



Inflatables

We will have a castle and a 32 foot obstacle inflatable.



Dunk Tank

A chance to give one of your favorite St. Markians a quick dip in some cool water.



Dessert Contest

Bring your families favorite dessert and enter it into the dessert contest. We will have special dessert experts coming in to judge the event. Prizes will be awarded. Cakes, pies, cookies, etc. whatever is your specialty.



Undie Sunday collects

1,212 pair of underwear!

The Rock Class wants to thank everyone who brought new underwear for needy children at Council Grove Elementary school.



The August 2, 2015 Undie Sunday was a big success! 1,212 pair of new underwear was donated. We also received 23 undershirts and 64 pairs of socks. All of these items will be a big help to the school and the 437 children they serve. On behalf of the children who will receive these new items, thank you, thank you, thank you!

We All experience challenges in Life - Times when we could benefit from Care and Support. Contact our Stephen Leaders.

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY
Christ Caring for People through People

REMEMBER 55 ALIVE

Defensive Driving Course

Saturday, July 8

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Barnett Hall

If you are signed up don't forget it is this Saturday.



You are invited to attend the Faithbuilders class which will be hosting a special speaker on two **Sundays, August 9th and 16th**, at 9:45 a.m. Melissa Hawley is with StoryRunners, a ministry of CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ). She will be providing an *introduction* to Story Groups, which are small-group based Bible studies where group members hear and discuss a story from the Bible, and learn to share it with others. As we participate, we will learn to tell a Bible story without opening a Bible! Throughout history, God has chosen to use people to deliver his messages orally to the world. That is no less important today in our own city. Come get equipped with us!

Kings & Queens - A special needs ministry director is being hired in the next few weeks.



Spread the word and if you need more information contact the church office.

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement.

In the spring St. Mark's hosted a Perspectives class attended by a great group from here. The next class is now taking enrollment and if you missed out, this is a great opportunity for you to be a part.

Perspectives will be offered this this Fall in Edmond at Vintage Church at 711 S. Kelly Ave. It will run from August 17- December 3rd on Monday evenings, 6:00 - 9:00.

For more information, please feel free to contact me. Also, look at the website, www.perspectives.org . Just enter Edmond, OK to go to specifics and registration.



st. mark's student ministries

This week we have lots of great activities planned as usual with a few more future announcements to be aware of.

Wednesday, August 5th-We will be having some water games to beat the heat, so please have your student dressed appropriately for water games and bring a towel. Also, feel free to have them bring a favorite water toy to add to the festivities! We will be having water games from 6-8pm. Fun will be had by all!

Sunday, August 9th-Please have your Jesus University enrollment form and number of people attending banquet turned into me. In the evening we will be attending the first Metro worship of the year! Metro is a fantastic worship experience where our students get to connect with other Methodist youth from around the city and state. This also serves as a mini camp reunion from all the relationships built this summer at our camping ministries. Students need to meet at church at 5pm and should return to church around 8pm.

Future Events

Saturday, August 22nd- Our annual Jesus University banquet is coming right around the corner. From 6-8pm we will celebrate the past year of JU and gear up for the kick off of the next one! By now you should have received a mailing with a tear off for enrollment. Please turn the tear off and dues into me by **THIS SUNDAY, August 9th**. This will be helpful with t-shirt orders, and also please write the number attending the banquet on your tear off or email me how many from your family will be attending so we can have a good number for food preparations. I am also attaching the form if you need another copy. Thanks!

Sunday, August 30th- This will be our STRIVE fundraiser kickoff Sunday. This is our annual student ministry fundraiser where students get sponsorship for an 8-hour work-day. This is important to our ministry and helps make a ton of what we do happen, so please encourage your student to participate and check on their progress as we go throughout this incredible fundraiser.



Monday's 2:00 pm
Room 5
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Starting this Monday, August 10th. Any woman is welcome to join us. We will meet through the school year and are through by 3—3:30. Through the year we will use varied resources such as Upper Room, Serendipity Bible and the Discipleship Journal Studies.

*This first week we will be using the July-August 2015 Upper Room devotional from August 5th :
"Like A Child"*

Read Luke 21:1-4, question on p. 77

Contact: Joey Pedigo, with questions or inquiries as to format of the group at 720-7814 or 819-8100



THE GOOD NEWS FESTIVAL
FRANKLIN GRAHAM

AUG. 22-23
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY ARENA
SAT. 7 P.M. | SUN. 4 P.M.

DOORS OPEN 90 MINUTES PRIOR TO EVENT
ALL SEATS ARE FREE



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.

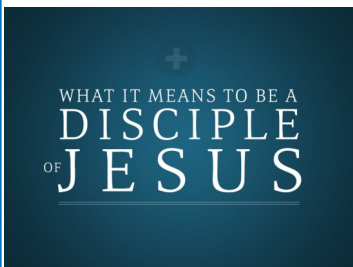
During Hour 2, 11:00-Noon, children spend 25-30 minutes in a large group lesson time, then split into small groups for the last half hour. Small groups are divided according to grade.



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE

Wednesdays - 6:30 pm - Room 18

Starting August 26th



Pastor Keith will be leading this class which will explore different avenues of what it means to be

a disciple of Christ in the world we live in. Each week will challenge and encourage you. Watch for more details.

Disciple Your Family

On Wednesday August 26th, at 6:30 pm you are invited to come learn about an exciting new ministry for families. The goal is to partner the church with families in providing tools and resources to help families in discipling together. It will be available on an ongoing basis and will tie together things we are doing at church with our family live. Come out and join us and learn more!





Facts and Figures

2015 Budget 615,000.00

Rec'd toward Operating 7/26/2015 6,554.83

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 7/26/2015 330,078.48

Expenditures 7/26/2015 307,959.31

Sunday, August 2, 2015

Sunday School 212

Worship..... 237

Abigail	Ramirez	Ethan	Pedigo	Mary	King
Alicia	Benton	Frankye	Flemins	Millie	Hargrave
Alixsandria	Linn	Geodano	Montesano	Nathan	Swedlow
Alleigha	Barlow	Hunter	Mullins	Norma	Boland
Amy	Kilby	Jack	Martyn	Patric	Morford
Ann	Kessler	Jad	Hanner	Phillip	Bond
Aryanna	Gonzalez	Jan	Johnson	Robert	Rhea
Austin	Baker	Jane	Foreman	Ruby	Wilkey
Ava	Cantwell	Jimmie	Sears	Sally	White
Avery	Ware	John	Imel	Samuel	Harkey
Barbara	Homer	Karen	Kapka	Sara	Miller
Barbara	Pinkerton	Katherine	Dulin	Susan	Teague
Beverly	Clark	Keile	Homer	T.J.	Johnson
Beverly	Blake	Kristin	Nimo	Tessa	Miller
Bill	Underwood	Larry	Watson	Wenonah	Shaw
Bradin	Wheat	Laura	German	Wesley	Alden
Carmen	Goding	Lily	Hummel	Wesley	Graybill
Dale	Johnson	Linda	Moon	Willa	Knight
Dianna	Davidson	Lisa	Skinner		
Ella	Cantwell	Makaia	DeBray		

Prayer Box

Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

Garner Family	McGowan Family	Jeff Montesano
Harold Kessler	Phil Bonifield	Teresa Kruta
Brehm Family	Longoria Family	Bill Rosenthal
Hank Brueggen	Michelle Funk	Attalla Family
Talbot Family	Chessmore Family	Jamie Wright
Ben Wurzer	Romona McKibben	Brad Cooper
Steve & Beverly Clark		

Staff Emails

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