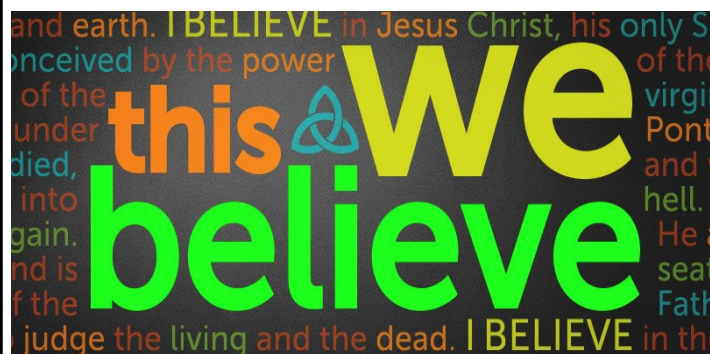


2017 WINTER SERMON SERIES

THIS WE BELIEVE!

The world we live in is constantly changing. A new year brings new hope, challenges and opportunities. As followers of Christ remembering who we are and what we believe is central to our making each day have purpose and meaning. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at our core beliefs as disciples to remind, equip and prepare us to make this coming year what God has called it to be. We will seek to understand and apply the



truth of God to our everyday living. Be here each Sunday as we look at God's call on our lives. God has great plans for us.

This We Believe!

PRAYER

changes things

St. Mark's is a praying church and has an email prayer chain. If

you have prayer needs please let us know and we will place them on the prayer chain. If you would like to pray for needs as they come in please contact the church office and we will place you on the list.



Thank you to everyone who provided and/or delivered gifts for the Angel Tree ministry. We were able to serve 31 children living in 12 households. Along with the gifts, we also gave the children age-appropriate booklets about hope in Christ and to each household an opportunity to request a free Bible. Your efforts made a real difference in the lives of many!

Thank you, Mission Committee

SECOND WINDERS



On Thursday, January
12th, at noon
Second
Winders

(St Mark's Seniors

Group) will kick off 2017
with a bean dinner &
vegetable soup. After a
great meal there will be



some good old
fashion fun in the form
of bingo. Cost for all
of this is only \$5. Eve-
ryone is welcome to
join the food, fun and fellowship.

Praying for ...

Kings & Queens Respite Care

Friday, January 13



Student Ministry Winter Retreat

Friday, January 13 - Sunday, January 15



DADDY daughter DANCE

Saturday, February
18th, at 6:30 –8:00 pm

St. Marks will be hav-
ing our annual Daddy
Daughter dance. This
has always been a

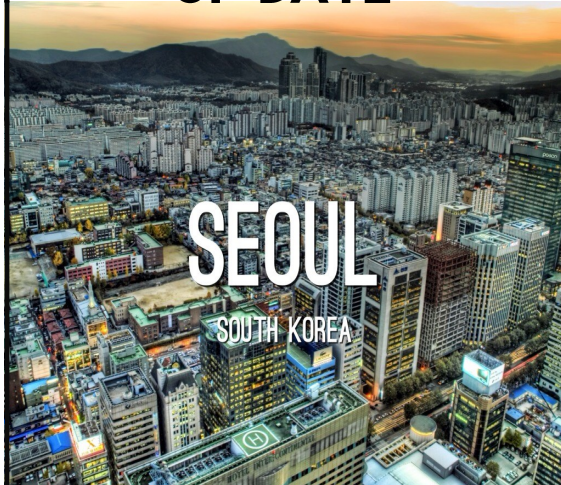


special event for dads, grandads, uncles, older
brothers and others to honor daughters in the
family with a special night out. The event will
feature a DJ, snacks and great photo opportuni-
ties. Cost is only \$5 per escort (no additional



cost for multiple dates!)
Make your plans now to
bring that special girl to
this great memory
making event.

MISSIONARY UP DATE



Special Assignment

Brecken Cromwell will be traveling to Seoul, South Korea
from January 17th—February 18th running camps for
high school students to come and learn about a relation-
ship with Jesus.

Prayers:

For good relationships with student they will be minister-
ing to and for Jesus to become alive in their lives.
That Brecken stewards her responsibilities well and with
wisdom.



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 "We Believe". Each week will focus on a section of the Apostle's Creed for kids to learn the basic beliefs of the Christian faith. Kids will be given tools to grow their faith with and get a better understanding of Christianity. Hope you can all make it.



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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.

January 11 - Psalm 1:2
January 25 - 2 Corinthians 5:17

January 18 - Proverbs 6:23
February 1 - Isaiah 9:6



STUDENT MINISTRY

I hope this cold weather is not keeping you down. This snow we received I pray was a good thing and fun blessing for your family. Now on to our busy week at St. Marks UMC.

Wednesday, January 11-We will have youth worship from 6:30-8pm in the youth room. Colin will be sharing about our vision and growth statement that we have been working on this year. It will be a great time of worship and reflection.

Sunday, January 15-We will have no evening youth activities due to Winter Retreat activities.

Winter Retreat Notes: We will gather to leave at 5pm on Friday. Please remember to bring dinner with you or eat before you come. Also if you have meds to be taken for the weekend please turn them into Colin when you drop off. We will return around 5:30pm on Sunday and will call on our way.

The leadership team is working on a adverse weather plan. As the week moves on and more information is available I will fill in with all details I can.

Please don't hesitate ask any questions or if I can help you with anything. Thanks

Don't forget our website www.stmarkssm.com

In His Grip,
John Hollon
Youth Pastor



St. Mark's Accountant Changes

After five years faithfully serving us as church accountant, Phil Bond is resigning. He will be with us until January 15. His new position is at Orlando, FL. He will join the tax accounting division of a large accounting firm. We thank Phil and wish him the very best.

We will be contracting accounting services with Midwest Financial Services, Inc. The principle account is Jackie Swedlow, a member of St. Mark's. We are pleased that Jackie is available and will help us make a smooth transition. Welcome Jackie!

The changes in personnel should not result in any change in your giving experience. We continue to expect a high standard of accountability and responsibility. For a time, the email address you have used to reach Phil will continue to work. The new email address for accounting matters is finance@stmarksbethany.com. Thank you for your generous support of St. Mark's ministries,
Pastor Keith

Here is a full slate of church officers for 2017 as elected at Charge Conference. Our new format provides more opportunities for everyone to be involved in hands on ministry of the church. Pray for these leaders and seek God's direction in where you can serve Christ and his kingdom in 2017

St. Mark's Leadership
January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2019
Church Council

Chair	Monte Tull		
Lay Leader	Brian Ray		
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Sally Kilby		
SPRC Chair	Jim McMinn		
Hospitality & Outreach SHIFT team leader	Dorothy Lynch		
Mission & Service SHIFT team leader	TBD		
Discipleship & Formation SHIFT team leader	Joey Pedigo		
Committees	2017	2018	2019
Trustees	Kevin Swedlow	Miller Gerardy	Dot Lyon
Finance	Wayne Barnes	Terry Pope	Gerald Miller
Pastor:	Keith Cressman		

Additional areas of service not on Church Council
Committee on Lay Leadership

Chair: Keith Cressman		
2017	2018	2019
Brian Ray	Gwen Sears	Emily Hollon
Brad Cromwell	Stacey Miller	Darlene Hickman
Danny Payne	Ben Longoria	Carla Brueggen

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chair: Jim McMinn		
2017	2018	2019
Kathy Moore	Kevin Moore	Randy Reed
Jay Sears	Kathy Hamilton	Steve Couch
Karen Kapka	Jim McMinn	Matt Risinger

The Church Council will have it's first meeting on Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 pm to set direction for 2017. An overview of the meeting will be reported in the E-Messenger following the meeting.



Facts and Figures

2016 Budget	631,729.00
Rec'd toward Operating 1/8/2017	14,029.69
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Rec'd toward Operating 1/8/2017	21,272.04
Expenditures 1/8/2017	35.32
Sunday January 8, 2017	
Sunday School	203
Worship	244

Richard	Bassett	Dale	German	Kim	Hyden
Alice	Bentin	Shantice	Grayson	Dylan	Reimers
Nick	Brown	Josiah	Grisham	Ezra	Riverol
Jerry	Calvert	Kathy	Hamilton	Wesson	Rohlman
Sarriah	Clay	Kalen	Hancock	Ethan	Sandburg
Bravery	Clemenceau	Tristan	Hickman	Samuel	Schneider
Mary	Collins	Harrison	Hughes	Gwen	Sears
Steve	Couch	Cody	Hunt	Iva	Smith
Keith	Cressman	Joy	Imel	Dale	Stafford
Letha	Davis	Shelley	Meisenburg	Maxon	Steel
Vonnie	Deal	Austin	Miller	Ella	Stiffler
Jennifer	Fallon	Merrick	Mullin	Marquis	Sumler
Joely	Ferguson	Houston	Norvell	Chris	Teague
Royden	Freeland	Will	Parker	Beverley	Tully
Nevaen	Gannon	Valerie	Pautsch	Chris	Ulmer
Kayla	Gannon	Cheryl	Pavelko	Emma Lee	Votaw
Barbara	Gardner	Sophia	Preston	Rita	Wurzer
Lorna	Garner				

Prayer Box

Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

Members, others needing prayer

Michelle Funk	Talbot Family
Billie Blake	Jamie Wright
Hudson Haws	Margaret Turner
Earl & Evelyn Moore	Hank Brueggen
Beverly Clark	Longoria Family
Mackenzie Asher	George Kloss
Christie Agyemang	Jan Johnson
Pavelko family	Irene Stafford
Dale Johnson	Wyatt Pedigo
Pauly Kloss	Pam Barnes
Tre Collins	Lily Hummel