

## E-Messenger

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



**September 4th, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm** Start  
Setting back all your clean clothes, books,  
working appliances, furniture and other  
things now. Take items evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> (8-9  
pm) and all day 3rd. Contact a UMW mem-  
ber if you have large items needing  
picked up.



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.)

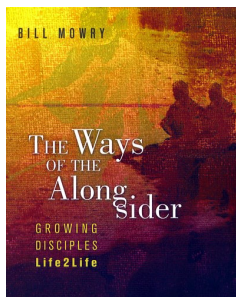
Free to St. Mark's Members - Registration Required -  
Sign up in Narthex

**More Details on this event**  
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### New Adult Studies Kickoff Wednesday, September 2nd

#### Ways of the Alongsider

This group will meet in room 5 starting September 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30. The group will study and share together using "The Ways of the Alongsider" as there guide. It is a Bible centered guide taking a fresh approach to making disciples in the world we live in daily. Each week will include diving into God's Word and sharing our journey together. Cost for the materials is \$15. Brian Ray and Bob Kanary will be the leaders of this group. The class will run for through December 2nd. The group size will be limited so sign up soon.



#### Gods at War

This group will meet in room 18 starting September 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30. "Gods at War" will be the book the group will be studying. The book will challenge you to look at the idols in your life that keep you from pursuing God. Lively discussion and sharing will be a part of the weekly time together. Cost for the materials is \$15. Keith Cressman will lead this 6 week course. We will be limiting groups size so you are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. You can sign up by clicking on link below are on church counter.



## Combined Worship Service September 6, 10:00 am

This Sunday morning we will be joining all three services for one combined service. The service will include special music, communion and a great word from Pastor Keith. The energy on these special events is always high and it is exciting to get the entire church family together for worship. Invite a friend or two or someone you haven't seen in awhile as we fulfill scriptures (Hebrews 10:25) and meet together as the body of Christ.



Choir is in full swing after our summer break. We are now meeting at **7:30 pm to 8:45 pm** to accommo-

date members who would like to take part Wednesday night classes.

We are having a choir retreat on **Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. This is an intensive introduction to our Christmas music. Lunch will be provided. We are always excited to have new people join us.

### *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*

Disciple  
Your Family



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 – anytime, 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](http://www.stmarksbethany.com), scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking on the St. Mark's Family Ministries' icon.












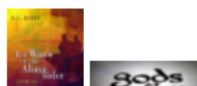
# INTERESTED IN PROMOTING ST. MARK'S AS AN ACTIVE, THRIVING, COMMUNITY-INVOLVED CHURCH? Here's your opportunity.

St. Mark's has been asked by St. Louis Stephen Ministry to host an introductory workshop for area churches to provide information for members of any interested congregation on how the Stephen Ministry works. St. Louis will be sending invitations to many area churches promoting this workshop and we want to do all we can to support this workshop. You, as an interested and active member of St. Mark's, can help encourage attendance to this event by inviting friends, co-workers, and neighbors. This is open to anyone you know who is interested in learning how to reach out to others in a distinctively Christian way. The Workshop will be on Saturday, September 26, 2015, from 9am to 1pm with refreshments and check-in starting at 8am. St. Mark's members may attend free but pre-registration is required to insure adequate supplies (Sign-up in the Narthex or contact Dorthy Lynch 789-2556 or [dottilyn1@aol.com](mailto:dottilyn1@aol.com))

Cost for others is \$15 per person or \$50 for a congregation group of four or more (Register at 314-428-2600 or online [www.stephenministry.org/workshop](http://www.stephenministry.org/workshop))

The Presenter is Rev. Tiffany Wright, the Care Minister at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, TX. A Stephen Leader and Stephen Minister, she launched Stephen Ministry at her congregation in 2004. The three Sessions she will be presenting are: Ministering to those Experiencing Grief, How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way, and An Introduction to Stephen Ministry. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to attend and bring someone with you.

## St. Mark's September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday Weekly</b> 8:30 am - Worship 9:45 am - Sunday School 9:45 am - Family Worship 9:45 am - Childrens Adventure 11:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Wee Worship 11:00 am - J.U. (youth) 11:00 am - Discipleship 4:30 pm - Student Leadership 6:00 pm - Student Ministry	<b>Monday Weekly</b> 9:30 am - CDO 1:00 pm - Bridge 2:00 pm - Bible Study 6:00 pm - Girls Scouts 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts	<b>1 Tuesday Weekly</b> 9:30 am - CDO	<b>2 Wednesday Weekly</b> 6:00 pm - Strength Class 6:30 pm - Discipleship Junction 6:30 pm - Student Ministry 6:30 pm - Adult Studies 7:00 pm - Prayer Team 7:30 pm - Choir 8-9 pm Bring Garage Sale Items	<b>3 Thursday Weekly</b> 9:30 am - CDO 5:30 pm - TOPS 6:30 pm - Worship Team <b>Bring Garage Sale Items</b> 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed.	<b>4</b>  <b>CHURCH GARAGE SALE</b> <b>8:00 am - 5:00 pm</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:00 am Combined Worship 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 am - Caring Hands	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b> 12:00 pm Second Winders 	<b>11</b> 6:00 pm Kings & Queens 	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 12:00 pm Mission Comm. Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm Bertha Circle	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> Second Winders OKC Museum of Arts 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  3:00 - 9:00 pm
<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  9:00 am - 1:00 pm
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 			





st. mark's student ministries

This last week of kicking off our fall programming was great! We have everything in full swing now and are pushing forward with our fall schedule. Please make sure and check out our new website at [www.stmarkssm.com](http://www.stmarkssm.com) for all the important dates and events. You can also get our latest student ministry booklet or ask me for a hard copy. Now to the happenings this week:

**Wednesday, September 2nd**-We will have our youth worship night. Hangout starts at 6pm and worship begins at 6:30pm. We wrap up around 8pm. Encourage your student to refresh their week with our worship as we learn about praying like Jesus. Also, don't forget to tell them about brining a friend.

**Sunday, September 6th**-We will have one combined service at 10AM and no JU or evening youth activities. Enjoy your holiday weekend!

**STRIVE**-We kicked off our annual STRIVE fundraiser with a great response Sunday morning. We had over 25 students sign up and agree to participate as we chase our goal of \$20,000. Please encourage your students get creative and chase their individual goals as I will be updating weekly on our status. Also, a friendly reminder that Jesus University students need to raise a minimum of \$150 to be considered a graduate of the program this year.

STRIVE  
SWEET SIXTEEN

Please let me know if you have any more questions about any of these topics or anything I can help you with. Thanks for allowing me to minister to your students, it is a great pleasure and I am excited about this new season!

In His Grip,  
John Hollon  
Youth Pastor  
St Marks UMC

**Hiring** - Energetic, biblically-grounded leader to disciple 5th and 6th grade students as followers of Jesus Christ. Estimate 10 hrs./week. Salaried.  
Contact Pat Morford (405)789-9033  
[pat@stmarksbethany.com](mailto:pat@stmarksbethany.com) for a job description/application.



## SECOND WINDERS

Thursday, September 10th



Pot luck  
and banjo  
music



Thursday, September 17th

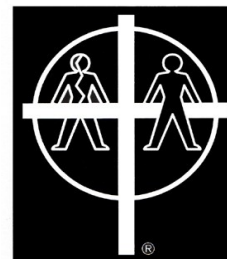
Trip to OKC Museum of



Art and  
Kamps 1910  
cafe



## Help-Hope-Healing Available through Stephen Ministry



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), Dorothy Lynch (789-2556) or Carla Brueggen (203-8555) for more information.

## Hospital Visits

St. Marks would like to make sure we never forget anyone needing a hospital visitation. Please contact Bobbi Pinkerton at 773-8200 (home) or 659-8728 (cell) if you or a family member would like to have a hospital visit.





**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. 2: God Promises a Savior Memory Verse: 1 John 4:14

Sept. 9: Ruth Becomes Part of God's Promise Memory Verse: John 8:12

Sept. 16: From Shepherd to King Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 16:7

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



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



The *Walk to Emmaus* is a spiritual retreat designed to help Christians grow in their relationship 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>

## Emmaus Gathering at St. Mark's

The Emmaus gathering this month is at St Mark's UMC. It will be on **Saturday, September 19th**. Praise and Worship will start at 7:00pm. The Community is asked to bring snacks/drinks to share after. If you are needing childcare, please contact Debbie Rowland at 681-2135 or 802-8113. There will be no childcare if not needed. Gatherings are open to all, so come and bring a friend.

## Mission Committee Meeting Set

The next scheduled Mission Meeting will be held in room 18 at noon on September 13th. Lunch will be provided. Please plan on attending if you are a member of the committee.

## Kings & Queens News

Friday, September 11th will kick off our fall Kings & Queens time. Please be in prayer for this ministry as it begins it's second year. If you are interested in helping please contact Sharon Hunt.



As a part of Kings and 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.



# ST. MARK'S FALL MINISTRY Ministry Opportunities

As fall programming approaches there are a wide variety of chances for you to be involved in ministry. Look over the list and spend some time praying about where God might have you serve.

**Kings and Queens Ministry (2nd Fridays)**  
**Discipleship Junction (Children) Wed. Evenings**  
**Choir Wednesday Evenings**  
**Gods at War Bible Study Wednesday Evenings**  
**The Way of the Alongsider Group Wed. Evenings**  
**Second Winders 2nd Thursday each month**  
**Good News Festival (Franklin Graham) Aug. 22-23**  
**Discipleship Conference Navigators Aug 25-26**  
**UMW Garage Sale September 4**  
**Stephen Ministry Training September 26**  
**Men's Walk to Emmaus October 1-4**  
**Women's Walk to Emmaus October 15-18**  
**Fall Break Bible Club October 15-19**  
**Fall Fun Night October 28**

To find out more about these go the [stmarksbethany.com](http://stmarksbethany.com) and click on Ministry opportunities on home page to learn more and sign up for any of these.

# ST. MARK'S FALL PROGRAMMING SAVE THE DATE

It takes a lot of volunteers to make the list on the left happen but we also want to make sure everyone is aware of all the Fall Calendar events. Below is some of the highlights of this Fall. Get your calendar outs 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.

**UMW Garage Sale September 4**  
**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 8**  
**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**



Join us at 2:00 pm on Mondays. 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.

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



# Happy Birthday **SEPTEMBER**

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 8/23/2015 ..... 6,400.89

### Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 8/23/2015 .... 370,241.53

Expenditures 8/30/015 ..... 356,315.97

### Sunday, August 30, 2015

Sunday School ..... 236

Worship..... 282

## Prayer Box

### Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

Garner Family	Michelle Funk	Jeff Montesano
Talbot Family	Risinger Family	Phil Bonifield
Teresa Kruta	Brehm Family	Attalla Family
Bill Rosenthal	Hank Brueggen	Harold Kessler
Romona McKibben	Chessmore Family	Ben Wurzer
Steve & Beverly	Jamie Wright	Colleen Eisenburg



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### St. Mark's Staff

**Keith Cressman, Pastor**

**Becky Roman, Mission & Music Director**

**Sharon Hunt, Early Childhood Ministries Director**

**Alicia Schneider, Children's Minister**

**John Hollon - Student Minister**

**Pat Morford, Administrator, Communications**

**Christy Kiespert, 8:30 Keyboardist**

**Kevin & Jackie Swedlow, 9:45 Leaders of Worship**

**Roger Pautsch, 11:00 Organist**

**Phillip Bond, Accountant**