

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

Sunday Mornings

Confirmation Sunday

Welcoming our newest members

Three of our four members of this years confirmation class professed their faith this past Sunday with the fourth member preparing to do so later this month. They went through extensive training to prepare them and help them understand more about the Christian. Continue to pray for these students as they grow as fully devoted disciples of Christ.



Left to right -Pastor Keith, Kelsey Evans,
Samantha Miller, Draven Montesano

Sunday, May 13th

This Sunday will be another special Sunday as we celebrate and recognize Mothers. John Hollon will be bringing the message, "The Long Goodbye". It will be John's last Sunday to preach at St. Mark's before he and his family will be moving to First Methodist in Ardmore where he will take on the duties of Associate Pastor. Come out and worship, celebrate and enjoy God's presence this Sunday.

Mother's
DAY

"Become a part of 50 Days of Prayer"



During the fifty days leading to Pentecost, you are invited to participate in "50 Days of Prayer." Each week the devotions for that week will be loaded to our website (www.stmarksbethany.com), through links posted on the website home page. From there you will be able to read or download the devotions in a device-friendly .pdf format.

Service Opportunity – Spring Cleaning St. Mark's Kitchen!

Come next Friday morning,
May 18th, 9:30–11:30 a.m. We will be cleaning and organizing the drawers, cabinets and storage areas including the refrigerator. If you have gloves or other supplies you like to use, please bring them with you. Supplies will also be available in the kitchen. Entry to the church will be the south door of Barnett Hall. Your service is needed and appreciated – **many hands make light work!**



Invites everyone
To join them to
learn this month

Second Winders will meet at noon on Thursday, May 10th. **We want to invite everyone in the church and their guests to join us.** We will be having a person from the Alzheimer's Association bring our program. We all probably know someone who is dealing with this disease and this will be a great way to hear the latest information on research, developments and how to deal with it. The information is something we can all use. The meal will be a covered dish, so bring your favorite dish.



Graduating College Students

We want to acknowledge all the hard work of graduating college students and need everyone's help. If you know of any persons graduating this spring please let us know in the church office as soon as possible. We sometimes lose track of students as they leave for college but want to recognize their accomplishments. Your help is needed. Thanks.



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!



**Register now for
Mark'd Kids Day Camp
June 5-July 26 9:30-2:30
Tuesdays/Thursdays**

To get all information and rules and fill out registration for summer 2018 just by click on "Day Camp" logo to the right.



Yukon's Festival of the Child

Last Saturday, May 5th, our Kings and Queens program and CDO were well represented as they took part in this one-day, outdoor event designed to celebrate children and childhood. This annual event promotes wholesome and creative experiences for children and their families and offers over 50 different activities for children 12 years old and under. over 5,000 visitors came together to provide a exciting day for kids of all ages. Through their involvement they made connections with the community and represented St. Mark's.



Upcoming Special times of worship

May 13th - Mother's Day

May 20th - Pentecost

May 27th - Combined Worship

(All Church Picnic, Remember your baptism, Hollon's send off)

June 3rd - UMW Sunday

June 10th - Faith Promise Kickoff



We Need YOU!

This summer St. Mark's is hosting
 B.A.S.I.C. Elements Science VBS
 June 4-8, 5:30-8:30.
 Dinner served at 5:00.

In order to pull off this amazing week of hands-on science, crazy skits and devotional teaching, we

need YOU! It is only through the work and dedication of volunteer servants that we can provide such a memorable, gospel-focused experience for kids in our community.

We're looking for volunteers in all areas — VBS set up, room teachers, skit performers, musicians, prayer team, and more.

If you have older children not attending VBS, consider signing up to volunteer together. A recent research study showed that 75 percent of kids who are part of a strong evangelical church will leave the church and any connection to Christ from age 18-29. BUT, one common factor among the 25 percent who DO NOT leave the church was serving with their families in a faith-based ministry.

This summer could be the perfect opportunity for you to begin serving together as a family.

Contact Alicia Schneider to volunteer.

REGISTER YOUR KIDS FOR VBS

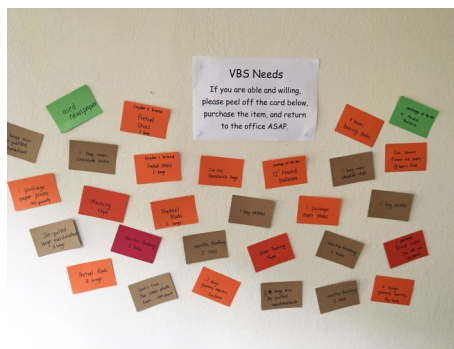
Registration is now available on-line for St. Mark's VBS June 4-8. BLAST into summer with an EXPLOSIVE VBS program like you've never experienced.

Your Kids will explore the world of science — from launching rockets to squishing slime — while walking through five BASIC elements of faith — Believe, Ask, Serve, Impact, Celebrate.

To register go to click on "basic Elements" below.



VBS Supplies Needed



We are looking for a few supplies for VBS and you can help. Outside the office you can find the display

shown here with cards for you to take. If you can then pick up what's on your card and bring it back to the church in the next week or so it would be great appreciated. Thanks to everyone who is making VBS special!

Sunday, May 27th - A Day of Celebration



What a day is in store for St. Mark's as we join together to worship, fellowship, eat, and proclaim our faith in a variety of ways. The day will begin with a combined worship service at 10:00 am. Following worship there will be a time of baptisms and remembering of baptisms in the yard as well as a reaffirmation of faith by one of our confirmation class members. We will then move to the lawn on the east side of the church to have a time of fellowship. The church will provide fried chicken and everyone can bring their favorite picnic items to complete the meal. Along with the great food there will be a variety of good old fashioned games on the lawn that are approved for all ages. We will also be having a reception for the Hollon family as they prepare for their move to Ardmore where John will be taking over the task of associate pastor at Ardmore FUMC. Don't know that we could squeeze a whole lot more into the day but I'm sure that with that much excitement going on that spontaneous celebrations will be taking place. If you would like to take part in the baptism celebration please contact Pastor Keith. Mark that calendar and be ready to join the St. Mark's community on this epic day.



This is a great opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor or someone you haven't seen in a while to be a part of a friendly relaxed time of great

Remember Your



**fellow-
ship.**





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

Sunday School for elementary aged children:

9:30-10:45 - "This I Know: dial 911: emergency!" Children will study various stories from the Bible in which there was an emergency or a scary moment. Children will be challenged to fix their eyes on Jesus, and walk in His ways.

We teach in a large group/small group format; we begin with worship and the Bible lesson in large group, then children are dismissed to small groups divided by grade/age to do activities such as games, crafts, Scripture memorization, or prayers to further understand how our lesson applies to their day to day lives.

11:-11:15 - Children are brought to the sanctuary to participate in the opening worship songs, prayers, and other aspects of the service. Children are encouraged to come and participate in a children's sermon time, and following that, are welcome to sit with their parents or guardians for the remainder of the worship service time, or they are welcome to go back to children's area with Ms. Alicia.

During this last hour, we will focus again on the lesson God is teaching us through the Bible story that was taught in the first hour. We will typically watch a short video to demonstrate the message, and participate in more activities which help the children understand the importance of living faithfully with God as their focus.

Elementary children's Sunday school is for children ages kindergarten through 4th grade. We do have a special needs ministry that is available upon request to help children with special needs during services.

TeamKID

This week at TeamKID, we will learn that God wants us to be **hospitable** to others. Children will explore ways they can make this attitude a part of their lives. They can learn how they should treat guests in their homes and at church. Memory verse is 1 Peter 4:9 "Welcome others into your homes without complaining." See you to-night! ~Miss Alicia



May 9: Be Hospitable

MV - I Peter 4:9

May 16: Be Polite

MV - Luke 6:31

May 23rd: Summer Break begins

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STUDENT MINISTRY

I hope you heard the wonderful news that Lydia Cressman will be the new Student Minister as of June 1st here at St. Marks. I know you will do a tremendous job to welcome and assist her as she transitions to leading this ministry. She has some great plans and I know she will do an amazing job. Now I am going to tell you about this week and make sure we are ready on upcoming camp dates to turn in forms!

Wednesday, May 9th-We will have small groups and worship from 6:30-8pm in the youth room. There is a \$2 dinner served from 5:3-6:15pm every week. We ask that you RSVP for a spot so we can prepare enough food, the menu this week is taco bar. Hope to see you there!

Camp Registration Deadlines

Disciple-May 10th THAT IS THIS THURSDAY!!!

Youth Force-May 27th

Dayspring- June 14th ONLINE REGISTRATION

Please let me know any questions or comments you have!



John Hollon
Youth Pastor



Facts and Figures

2018 Budget 590,255
 Rec'd toward Operating 5/6/2018 14,250
Year to Date
 Rec'd toward Operating 5/6/2018204,980
 Expenditures 5/6/2018.....189,061

Attendance

Sunday May 6, 2018

Worship 241
 Sunday School191

Maci	Attalla	Jessica	Swedlow	Phyllis	Mosher
Brecken	Cromwell	Nancy	Ward	Sonya	Penalosa
Debbie	Fallon	Esther	Withers	Adalyne	Perry
Michelle	Funk	Michele	Young	Eleonore	Price
Lee	Harder	Miles	Collins	Pamela	Ramirez
William	Hughes	Asher	Fields	Bea	Rhea
Kaitlin	Kiespert	Gavin	Mumme	Hardy	Sears
Emily	Kilby	Kalvin	Peters	Logan	Sears
Patrick	Lee	John	Schneider	Jeff	Shenold
Helen	McEachern	Iselle	Streetman	Megan	Shenold
David	Miller	Kevin	Swedlow	John	Simon
Samantha	Miller				

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles	Don Wonderly
Kieth Ballard	Montesano family
Betty Miller	Beverly Clark
Funk family	Jennafer Marchant
Kyle (Joey Pedigo nephew)	Vic Gammill
Dale & Jan Johnson	Ed & Gina Boerner
Carolyn Bright	Connie Petillo family
Kason Knutson & family	Billie Blake family