

August 28, 2019

E-Messenger

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

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 1, 10:00 am
No Sunday Morning Classes

Wednesday Evening Programming Resumes

D.O.W.N. dinner kicks off at 5:30 pm with spaghetti night (see page 5 for more details on DOWN) . It's your last chance to get the discount price for the semester. Following the meal everything else kicks off. Prayer group (6pm), children's ministry (6:15), student ministry(6:15), adult studies (6:15), and choir (6:30). Bring the whole family, neighbors and friends and join St. Mark's church family for fellowship and growth.



Paper Drive for schools!

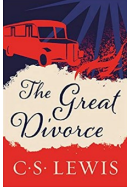
Great job getting paper for Overholser and Council Grove Elementary to help them in the coming school year. If you forgot or still have some paper to bring, just drop it off at the church and we will get it to the schools.



Great Job! Some of the over 120 reams of paper collected so far!!

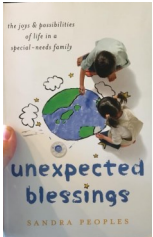
Wednesday Adult Studies Starting August 28th

These studies begin August 28th at 6:15. Come join us if you would like to.



Join Larry Gaston for study and discussion of C.S. Lewis' ***The Great Divorce***. This classic Christian allegorical tale is about a bus ride from hell to heaven. The bus ride explores good and evil, grace and judgment. Room 19

Brad Cromwell will once again be leading Fight Club, a Men's Group. This group will focus on the six words that God used to define King David's life – a man after God's own heart. It won't be easy and, in the end, will require a fight. Room 18



Christel Longoria will lead a book study which explores the joys and possibilities of a life in a special-needs family. Parents of special needs children can purchase the book, *Unexpected Blessings*, by Sandra Peoples on Amazon. Room 5

rightnow MEDIA

St. Mark's is excited to announce we now have access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! It offers a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, tablet, computer, or at home on your TV.

Our mission statement says that we “help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.” RightNow media is a way to help us develop and strengthen our faith. We believe that RightNow Media will be a tool to serve you as you live out your faith at home, at work and in your neighborhood. RightNow Media has videos for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all aimed at helping you grow.

You should have already received an official invitation email to give you FREE access to RightNow Media. If you haven't received it yet, check your mail filter (because it came from RightNow's system, it may have gotten caught there).

Once you find the email, simply click the link, sign up for an account, and you're all set to explore more than 20,000 videos. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing for you and your family!

If you have not received the email invitation, please send your email address to Pat Morford and he will send an invitation to you. (pat@stmarksbethany.com)

St. Marks and PC West Football team Ministry Outreach

A steering group met this past week and here are some of the highlights. We will serve four meals to the team (spaghetti, Sloppy Joes, Chicken Alfredo and Spaghetti. Anyone is welcome to help. We will be asking for cookies and desserts from the congregation. The meals will be 9/12; 9/26; 10/9 & 10/31. Work will begin at 3 pm on each of the days. If you would like to be a part of the team contact Shab Jupiterwala. This is a great community outreach project. Excitement is high!



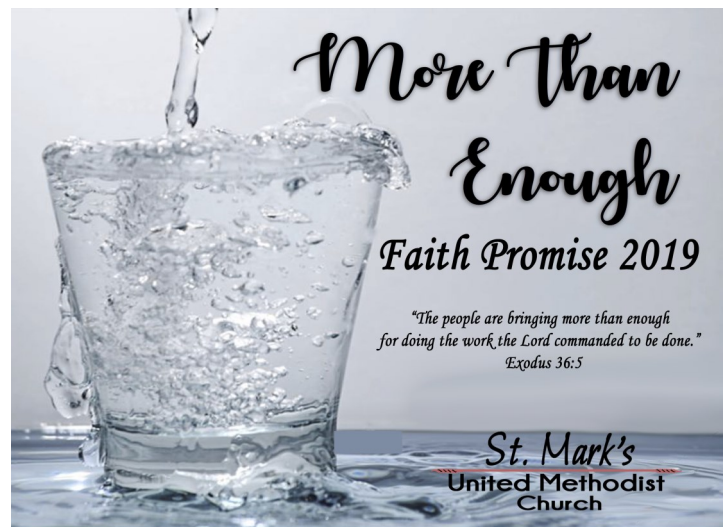
St. Mark's Food Pantry

On Wednesday, **August 28th doors will open** for the food pantry. They will then be open each Wednesday from 11 am - 1 pm and on Sundays from 4pm - 6 pm.

As we get kicked off we expect to see a lot of families and know that supplies will begin to dwindle. St. Mark's has done a great job as we prepared and hope that everyone is able to kick in and help make this ministry meet a real need in our community and be sustainable and giving us an opportunity to share the love of Christ.



If you would like to volunteer to help with the pantry contact DJ Gannon or the church office.



Our next Men's Breakfast will be on September 7th. We will have breakfast will be at 8:00 am and should be done by 8 am. Feel free to invite a friend, or bring your kids.

Thank you!

THANK YOU ST. MARKS

I want to thank everyone in the congregation, and her Sunday Class for making my "103rd" Birthday a very Blessed one. Wenonah Shaw



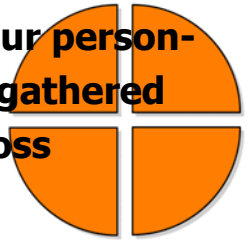
Life Groups of St. Mark's

Life Groups is small group ministry launching in the Fall of 2019. *Life Groups* meet anywhere, anytime and anyway people would like to get together. The name refers to a family of friends with whom you can share our lives and grow in faith. *Life Groups* provide time to join other sisters and brothers who are also trying to follow Jesus. The purpose of *Life Groups* is to help each of us strengthen as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Life Groups may meet as often as weekly or as infrequently as monthly as decided by participants.



Life Groups include four personal growth elements gathered around the cross



1) Mission & Ministry

Plan a mission or ministry to accomplish within an agreed timeframe – both personal and group plans are shared.

Your *Life Group* may be a Mission team.

2) Prayer/Relationship

Share prayer needs related to conquering sin and experiencing spiritual transformation.

Experiment with types and ways of praying that are described in Scripture.

3) Study Scripture

This should usually be a study of Scripture.

4) Accountability

Encourage each other to keep striving toward growth goals previously set by the group and individuals.

New Life Group



Come join this new life group as they begin a study on how and where God nurtures his people.

The group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month beginning September 12th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. It will be in the home of Mike & Kathi Fisher. Everyone is welcome. Light snacks will be served. Come grow and fellowship together. Sign up on office counter or give Kathi Fisher a call for more details.

Happy Anniversary
50
Years together

We have heard from some reliable sources that Hard-ee & Jimmie Sears celebrated their 50th anniversary on

Friday, August 23rd. When you see them congratulate them and wish them the best on keeping it together for another year together. They are a blessing to many!

D.O.W.N. (Dinner On Wednesday Night)

Kicks off this Wednesday

Meals are \$3/person or if you sign up this Sunday you
can get entire semester (14 weeks) for \$35. or a family of four or more for \$140.00

Here is a quick look at the calendar for DOWN Dinners



August 28	Spaghetti	September 4	Potato Bar
September 11	Pizza	September 18	Taco Bar
September 25	Rice Bowl	October 2	Pizza
October 9	Pasta Night (PCW Football joins us)	October 16	No DOWN Fall Break
October 23	Taco Bar	October 30	No DOWN Fall Fun
November 6	Potato Bar	November 13	Pizza
November 20	Rice Bowl	November 27	NO DOWN
December 4	Spaghetti	December 11	Pizza
December 18	Surprise!		

Key Events on Fall Calendar (mark your calendars)

With all the heat it's hard to believe Fall is just around the corner. St. Mark's has a lot of exciting things on the horizon and wanted to get some of the key dates out for you.

St. Mark's Food Pantry Kickoff

August 28

Wednesday Night Programming Resumes

August 28

DOWN, Prayer Team, Adult Studies, Student, Children, Choir

Combined Worship

September 1

Emmaus Walks Men

September 5-8

Emmaus Walk Women

September 19-22

PCW Football Dinners

Sept. & Oct.

Life Groups

various

STRIVE

October 6 & 13

Kings & Queens Fall Festival

October 29

Fall Festival

October 30

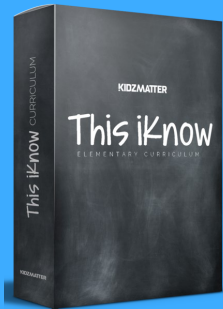
STRIVE Workday

November 2

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNING:

Ages: Nursery - Kindergarten
Elementary Age 1st - 5th grade
Time 9:30 am - 10:45 am
10:45 am - 12:00 pm



"THIS I KNOW"

Current lesson Plan :
"Look at the Mess"
Each Bible account highlights someone who got in a mess and how God was

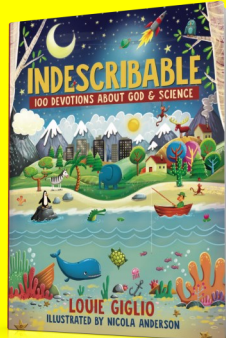
faithful to them through the entire experience. God realizes our lives can get messy and God is not intimidated in the least by them.



EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY DIRECTOR:
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WEDNESDAY EVENING:

D.O.W.N. Dinner - 5:30-6:15
INDESCRIBABLE - 6:15—7:30



God has different plans for us and your children so we are going to try something different this year and will begin

"Indescribable" Please pray for us as we plan and develop lessons around Louis Giglio's - Indescribable - devotionals for children.

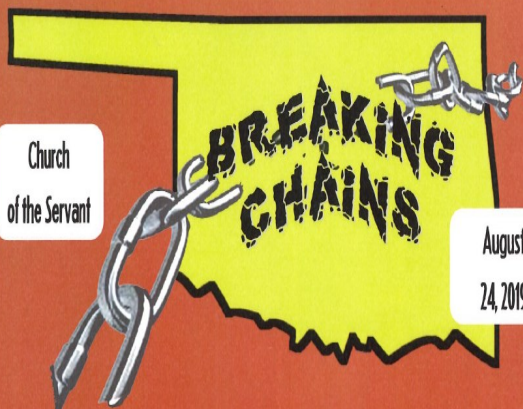
Something new and exciting as we hope to challenge the kiddos to experience our God in Indescribable ways.

Four key areas will be explored as we look at how indescribable our God is.

Space
Earth
Animals
People

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:
Alicia Schneider
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He brought you out of the deepest darkness and broke your chains.
-- Psalm 107:14



Church
of the Servant

August
24, 2019

Mark your calendars
and save the date

— Examining incarceration issues in Oklahoma through the eyes of the church —

United Methodist Women + Board of Church and Society + Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (CJAMM)

Adult Sunday AM Classes

8:15 am
Room 17
Sonshine Class

Room 18
New Life Class

9:30 am
Room 18
Discipleship Class

Ascent Room
College Age

Room 17
New Class

10:40 am
Choir Room
Good News Class

10:45 am
Room 19
R.O.C.K. Class

10:55 am
Room 5
Promise Class
Room 18
Faithbuilders Class



STUDENT MINISTRY

Hey Youth Parents and Leaders!!

School has started! I pray that all our students have a great start to this year!

Wed, Aug 28 - Wednesday Night Programming Begins!

- Dinner is at 5:30, \$3/person
- Youth is from 6:15-7:30!
- Bring all your friends!
- We are beginning a series about Apologetics!

Sun, Sept 1 - Combined Worship!

- There will be no Sunday School on this day, but we will worship together in the sanctuary at 10:00!

Wed, Sept 4 - Youth!

- Dinner at 5:30, \$3/person
- Youth is from 6:15-7:30!
- We're continuing our Apologetics series

Sun, Sept 8 - J.U. begins!

- Sunday School is at 9:45
- Big Church is at 10:55
- We'll start taking J.U. attendance this day! Remember that if you arrive after 9:55, you'll receive half credit.

The next couple weeks, programming will continue as usual with Sunday School at 9:45 and Big Church at 10:55. On Wednesdays, dinner will be at 5:30 with Youth at 6:15! See everyone (and their friends) there! Come Sundays and Wednesdays to get those J.U. attendance credits!

METRO WORSHIP

Sept 15! It's in Mustang this time! Meet at church at 5pm. Bring money for a fast food meal on the way! We'll be back about 8 and we'll text rides when we're headed back.

SCHOOL LUNCHES:

In a couple weeks, I'll put a new [Lyd@Lunch](#) signup sheet in the youth room! I am so excited to eat lunch with all our students this year!

STRIVE:

The STRIVE fundraiser begins Wednesday, October 2nd. The Sundays students will be able to ask at church are Oct. 6th and 13th. The mandatory STRIVE Workday is Nov. 2nd. *STRIVE is mandatory for everyone enrolled in Jesus University.*

Throughout the school year, I'll continue to send youth updates about every other week. I typically post reminders on the youth instagram, so if you don't already follow [stmarkssm](#), do it! Also, please, email, text, or call me anytime if you need anything or have questions!

Let me know how I can serve you all! I'm praying for you!

Lydia Cressman

Director of Student Ministries



Facts and Figures

2019 Annual Budget605,361
 Rec'd toward Operating 8/18/20196,195

YTD 2019

Rec'd toward Operating 8/18/2019.....331,809
 Expenditures 8/18/2018345,236

Attendance

Sunday, August 25
 Worship 240
 Sunday School 185

Autumn	Swedlow	Hadley	Davis	Mike	Penny
Barry	Foster	Ingrid	Morrison	Pam	Barnes
Becky	Bates	Jim	Brewer	Patricia	Wonderly
Ben	Longoria	Joey	Pedigo	Patsy	McDowell
Brandy	Miller	Josiah	Gustafson	Richard	White
Carolyn	Bright	Judy	Browning	Scott	Nobles
Christel	Longoria	Kelsey	Evans	Stephanie	Agyemang
Cooper	Brooks	Korey	Gannon	Sue	Price
Ella	Epely	Madison	Knowles	Teresa	Kruta
Emersyn	Crouch	Maggie	Hill	Tony	Pellegrini
Finleigh	Miller	Markus	Mullin	Vicki	Pellegrini
Gary	Davis	Matt	Risinger	Wren	Hance
George	Kloss	Max	Collins	Wyatt	Walters

Prayer Box

Kieth Ballard	Jennafer Marchant
Beverly Clark	Votaw family
Funk family	Charez family
John Baumeister	Mark Summers
Don & Fran Nobles	Savill family
Frankye Flemins	Boerner family
Betty Underwood	Phillip Gaines
Pam Barnes	Beverly Keun
Elaine Talbot	Barbara Gardner
Greg Spiser	Hutchison family
Chris & Kelli Pavelko	Jason Talbot
Andre Frehley	Shirley Davidson

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