

## E-Messenger

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



## Fall Programming Kicks Off Tonight

After a great Block Party this past Sunday (see pictures below), the time has come for all the Fall Programs to kick off. St. Mark's has ministry opportunities for all ages that will educate, challenge and call you to a deeper walk with Christ. The children will kick off their "Happy Birthday Jesus" on Sunday night. Student ministries are starting new studies and focusing on worshipping together. The adults have a variety of service and study opportunities kicking off the Wednesday evening also. In the following pages read details about the many opportunities that you and your family can take part in. Our desire is to follow after Christ and become a community of faithfully devoted followers of Christ.

## Block Party Pics



Miss Sharon goes down in  
the Dunk Tank



Dessert Competition Winner  
Peanut Butter Fudge Cake  
Vicki Pelligrini



# Adult Discipleship Studies this Fall at St. Mark's

On August 26th, new ministry opportunities and studies will kick off at St. Mark's. The 26th will serve as an introductory and final sign up for each of the groups. You can also sign up for any of these by clicking on the link at the bottom of each and signing up online. You can also sign up on the counter outside the church office. Some of these classes will have limited enrollment to keep groups great discussion groups so sign up now. Check them all out below.

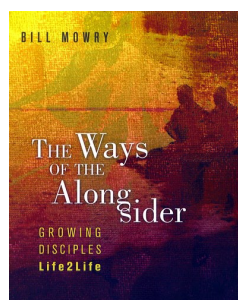
## Disciple Your Family

On Wednesday August 26th, at 6:30 pm you are invited to come learn about an exciting new ministry for families. The group will meet in room 19. The goal is to partner the church with families in providing tools and resources to help families in discipling together. This meeting will be informational as the ministry will be available on an ongoing basis and will tie together things we are doing at church with our family life. Come out and join us and learn more! You can sign up on the church counter or click on link below to sign up NOW!



## Ways of the Alongsider

This group will meet in room 5 starting September 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30 with an option to run until 8:00 for those who can stay a little longer. The group will study and share together using "The Ways of the Alongsider" as their 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 at link below.



## Gods at War

This group will meet in room 18 starting September 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30 with an option to run until 8:00 for those who can stay a little longer. "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.





## 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*



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.

**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.



**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 member if you have large items needing picked up.



**STRIVE**  
SWEET SIXTEEN

STRIVE Kicks off this Sunday morning. Be prepared to have students contact you as they seek to meet their goals for this year's ministry fundraiser.



st. mark's student ministries

It is finally that time to kick off fall programming! Yay! I have been looking forward to this week for 3 months now and hope your students are excited as well. Please encourage them to bring a friend as we celebrate fall programming and get into our regular groove! Here is what is happening this week:

Wednesday, August 26th- We will have our first worship of the fall! This will be a great time of praise and worship as well as teaching and response. The middle school students will have their own time of teaching and games geared just for them. Prizes will be available for students who bring friends. Hang out time starts at 6pm, worship is at 6:30pm, and we wrap up by 8pm.

STRIVE- It is time to kick off STRIVE!!! This is our one and only fundraiser for the student ministry and it is super important. We have a goal of raising \$20,000 this year and it is very doable. I will be giving weekly updates and trying to push our students to get after it even more! You will see a letter with your student explaining how STRIVE works and all the details. In short they will be seeking sponsors to support their 8-hour work day. The more money they receive, the more camps and trips they have for free and the more ministry we can do outside and inside our walls! Please encourage your student to give STRIVE a big push.

STRIVE  
SWEET SIXTEEN

Sunday, August 30th- We will have our leadership meeting from 4:30-5:30pm for our leadership group. Then at 6:00 we will meet for our small group introduction and game night. This will be a great time of bonding and setting up the year for small groups as well as fun group games to spur some competition on. We will finish at 7:30pm.

### Other News

Our new website [www.stmakrssm.com](http://www.stmakrssm.com) is up and running, please give a look and feel free to explore it. Also our ministry booklets are out with many important dates and information, you can get a hard copy at church or print one from the website. Thanks!

In His Grip,  
John Hollon  
Youth Pastor  
St Marks UMC  
405-789-9033

## SECOND WINDERS

Thursday, September 10th



Pot luck  
and banjo  
music



Thursday, September 17th

Trip to OKC Museum of

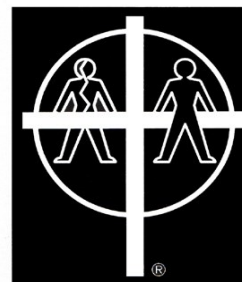


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## Stephen Ministry = God's Love in Action!

A Stephen Minister is available to be



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY®**  
*Christ Caring for People  
through People*

there for you. Call  
Gwen Sears (261-  
6019), Jan Greve  
(350-0959), Dorthy  
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

Aug 26: Adam and Eve and Me? Memory Verse: Romans 1:16

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







**PIONEER COUNTRY  
EMMAUS & CHRYSALIS**

"Then their eyes were opened" - Luke 24:31



**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>



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

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

**You are invited to be a part of this  
musical journey featuring our own  
Christine and Brian Kiespert**

*sojourn*

music and stories from around the world  
featuring Gershwin, Grainger, Moszkowski, Zalupe, and Bach

7:00 pm • September 26, 2015

Jennifer Mansour piano  
Christine Kiespert piano  
with guests  
Brian Kiespert percussion  
Dr. Linda Owen piano

Cantrell Music Hall • Southern Nazarene University  
Reception following in Parker Fine Arts Center

**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.

# **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.

## **Family Ministry (Disciple Your Family)**

**Monday Women's Bible Study Monday 2:00**

**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 Tuesday 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.

**Fall Kickoff/Block Party August 23**

**Good News Festival**

**(Franklin Graham) Aug. 22-23**

**Discipleship Conference Navigators**

**August 25-26**

**UMW Garage Sale September 4**

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**Men's Walk to Emmaus October 1-4**

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**Commitment Drive October—Nov 8**

**Family Scavenger Hunt November**

**Ladies, INC. event November 8**

**Christmas Program –Bethlehem Bound  
December 6**

**Choir Christmas Program December 13**

**Church Caroling December 13**

**Christmas Eve Services December 24**

**3:30, 6:00 and 7:30**



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		

## 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 8/23/015 ..... 356,315.97

### Sunday, August 23, 2015

Sunday School ..... 225

Worship..... 245

## Prayer Box

Garner Family	Risinger 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	Colleen Eisenburg	Bill Underwood

