

E-Messenger

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

Driving a car with a manual transmission is one of the simple pleasures in my life. It is a lot of fun to run through the gears while accelerating. The standard transmission is especially convenient in snow and ice when I want to feel the bite or slip of the tires on the road surface.

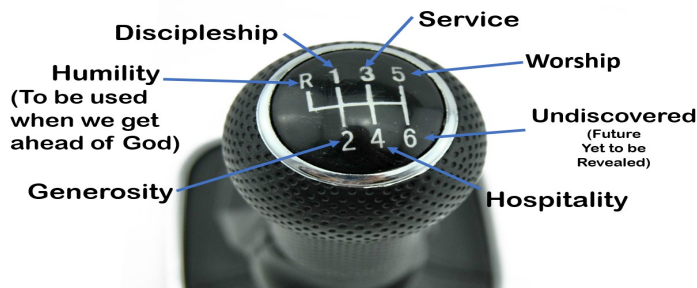
The past two and a half or so years have presented tricky road conditions for St. Marks. We have downshifted, conserved resources, and suffered some losses, but we have continued the road trip of following Jesus. On behalf of all we serve in Jesus' name, "Thank you." Thank you for your steadfast commitments of time, money, prayers and skills. We are stronger now and ready to shift gears as we move forward into 2016.

Five gears for 2016 will help us cultivate more devoted lifestyles. We will drive through: 1. Discipleship, 2. Generosity, 3. Service, 4. Hospitality, and 5. Worship. These five, powered by the Holy Spirit and solidly tuned with biblical belief and Wesleyan doctrine, will help us glorify God and become more fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Beginning October 11, I will overview each gear. On November 1, we will reaffirm our commitment to Jesus Christ and begin shifting gears into the future.

Praise Jesus! The road ahead is a life changing journey. Let's go for a drive! God is up to something good.

Blessed be the Lord, Pastor Keith

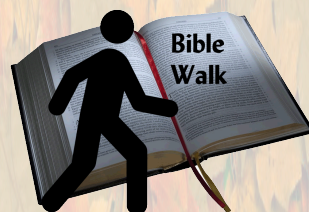


This week we will be blessed to hear the Rev. Darrell Cates speak on "Survival to Generosity".

FALL FUN NIGHT WEDNESDAY

10/28/2015 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Our annual fun night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this evening and you are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors. Children can dress up and enjoy the holiday in a safe, nurturing environment.



The main feature of this evening is the "Bible Walk" where children and parents walk

through a maze of different stations. They stop at each station where real "live" Bible characters share a brief Bible story and receive candy relating to that story! Thanks for all the help with candy. We are still looking for desserts for the cake walk (cookies, small cakes, snacks, etc.). If you can provide anything that would be very helpful.





Family Fun Night Tuesday October 27th, 6-8 pm

This year our special needs ministry will be having a Family Fun Night on Tuesday, October 27th. This will be a time designed for persons with special needs and their families. The evening will include fun interactive activities for the entire family with the highlight being a Special Sensory 'Bible Walk'. Instead of candy - sensory items will be given out to the children. Reservations will be required. Your help is needed to get the word out in the community. Tell your friends, neighbors and anyone this ministry may help to join us for this night of fun. You can make your reservations or get information or give ideas by contacting Amanda Peters - Amanda@stmarksbethany.com or Margaret Bonifield - pmbon@cox.net

SECOND WINDERS

On Thursday, October 15th, we will leave the church at 11:15 to eat lunch at IHOP on South Meridian. After lunch we will tour the Wilkie Mfg. plant. Come see where high performance cranes and ladders are produced. Anyone interested is invited to join us.



CDO Fundraiser Sale



St. Mark's CDO is having their annual Otis Spunkmeyer sale. If you are interested in purchasing any cookies or other goodies contact someone involved with CDO or Sharon Hunt and they can help you out. Great way to support the ministry and satisfy your sweet tooth.



Ladies, INC,

Make your plans now for the upcoming Ladies, INC. event on November 1, 2015. It will run from 3 - 5 pm in the afternoon. You can sign up in Narthex or in your Sunday School class. Suggested donation of \$5 a person to cover expenses. Come enjoy great fellowship, inspiration and fun.

Family Scavenger Hunt

November 8-14

Bigger and Better than Ever!!

This years Scavenger Hunt will take on a new look that should provide for even more fun and excitement. The main event will take place on Saturday, November 14th from 10 am to noon. But this year an added component will take place starting Sunday, November 8th that will run through the week. The event promises to both challenge and provide a great family time together. You don't want to miss this so **SAVE THE DATE(S)!** #stmarksfamilyministry
#familyministriyscavenger
#stmarksfamilyscavenger

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide One-to-one Christian Care to people in our congregation and Community experience life challenges, Grief, Loneliness, Divorce, Hospitalization, Disability, Job Loss, and Many other Life Difficulties

A Stephen Minister is available to be there for you.

Call Gwen Sears (261-6019), Jan Greve (350-0959), Dorthy Lynch (789-2556) or Carla Brueggen (203-8555) for more information.



Mark your calendar and get working on your special recipes

ST. MARK'S UMC 1ST ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF
* SECOND DESSERT COOKOFF



**JANUARY 10, 2016
5:00 PM**

REGISTER AT CHURCH OR
at STMARKSBETHANY.COM

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.

Faith Promise Stories - If you have a testimony to share about how God made a way for you to fulfill your Faith Promise, please contact Becky Roman or Keith Cressman.

St. Mark's UMC
Faith Promise 2015

Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.
Galatians 5:1



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

Oct. 14: NO DJ, Fall Break

Oct. 21: Prepare the Way Memory Verse: Psalm 26:2-3

Oct. 28: NO DJ, Fall Fun Night

Nov. 4: Bethlehem Bound Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 31:8

Nov. 11: Angelic Invitation Memory Verse: Psalm 92:4

Nov. 18: Call Him Jesus Memory Verse: Psalm 97:6

Nov. 25: NO DJ, Thanksgiving

Dec. 2: A Gift from Heaven Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 3:15

Dec. 9: Happy Birthday, Jesus Memory Verse: John 1:14





st. mark's student ministries

Wednesday, October 14th-We will have youth worship from 6:30-8pm. We will be continuing our series of knowing our

God story. This will be a great reminder and help in encouraging students to share in ministering to the people they come into contact with on a daily basis.

Saturday, October 17th-For those signed up for our fall extravaganza fun, we will meet at church at 9:45AM and head to Skyzone trampoline park for some jumping fun. Following the trampoline park we will enjoy lunch together and head back to the church for game time. We will be done by 3pm. There is a waiver that must be signed for the student to participate in the trampoline park fun. I am attaching the link as they only have online waivers. Make sure your student has a waiver signed before they come Saturday. Please bring the required \$25 on Saturday when you arrive at church. I do have 2 more spots available if your student would like to sign up and forgot. I would also love to have one more female sponsor join us. If interested please let me know. Thanks!

Sunday, October 18th-No evening youth activities. No leadership and no small groups. Enjoy your family time!

Skyzone Waiver Link <http://www.skyzone.com/edmond/>



Ladies, INC. - November 1, 3-5 pm
Theme "Creating with a purpose"

Church Scavenger Hunt - November 14th

Christmas Events

Bethlehem Bound - December 6

Choir Christmas Program - December 13

Church Caroling - December 13

Christmas Eve Services - December 24

3:30 - 6:00 - 7:30



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. **Check out the new tools available on line for the Disciple series!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY October

Fred	Agyemang	Aiden	Hamilton	Kathy	Moore
Lois	Ballard	Evan	Herren	Clare	Morford
Michael	Bevins	Connor	Hoisington	Nhayomei	Pedigo
John	Biege	Emma	Hughes	Tabitha	Pedigo
Margaret	Bonifield	Jaclynn	Hull	Terry	Pope
Kennedy	Branscum	Cordell	Jacobs	Dorothy	Sipes
Mal	Bucholtz	Izaiah	Jennings	James	Skinner
Nick	Chaney	Barbara	Johnson	Millison	Streetman
Steve	Clark	Michael	Kapka	Lana	Thompson
Noah	Cromwell	Julie	LaPat	Phoenix	Thompson
Reu	Cromwell	Ryder	Lincoln	Monte	Tull
Chandler	Epely	Jose	Lopez	Melvin	Ulmer
Lauren	Epely	Winn	Lusk	Bill	Webster
Jayce	Fallon	Michael	McEachern	Nadine	Wilkerson
Pete	Fallon	Norma	McMurtry	Gene	Wilkey
William	Funk	Earl	Moore	Grey	Williamson
Bud	Grisham				

Facts and Figures

2015 Budget 615,000.00

Rec'd toward Operating 10/11/2015 15,357.00

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 10/11/2015 451,921.31

Expenditures 10/11/2015 431,461.29

Sunday, October 11, 2015

Sunday School 201

Worship 204

Prayer Box

Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

Members, others needing prayer

Michelle Funk	Beverly Bevins	Talbot Family
Lois Ballard	Phil Bonifield	Romona McKibben
Bill Rosenthal	Tre Lambert	Jamie Wright
Don Greve	Steve and Beverly Clark	
Larry Rodgers		

A GREAT PLACE TO SHARE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY!

Youth & Family Services, Inc. presents... TRUNK-OR-TREAT!

We need your help!

We're hosting our first ever Trunk-or-Treat! To pull it off, we need someone like you, your organization, business, or church to sponsor an automobile trunk, dress it up, and hand out treats to children within our care.

Please consider joining us by sponsoring a trunk on:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

5:30PM - 8:00PM

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES, INC.

7565 E. HWY 66 EL RENO, OK 73036

Please reserve a trunk with Cindi at (405) 262-6555.

