



E-Messenger

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

Faith Promise 2015 Commitment Sunday, May 3rd

THE GREATER FREEDOM

As Americans we value freedom. Our political freedom and liberties are very important to us. Our freedom in Jesus Christ is greater still.

Jesus' life and ministry leads us to freedom. The Apostle Paul writes, "Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again..." (NLT).

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Galatians 5:1 (NLT)

St. Mark's UMC
Faith Promise 2015



STOP HUNGER NOW

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Please make your donations now in church Narthex. A meal is provided for every 29 cents given.

Our goal is to do 30,000 meals.

Sign up for packaging in Narthex.

Food Packaging - May 3, 3:00 pm

Overholser Elementary School Mission Project

Saturday, May 2nd - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Our team will work on the Memorial Garden for Overholser Elementary. Breakfast will be provided for all workers. Wear your work clothes and bring your gloves.

If you have a few simple garden tools it might be helpful (shovel, rake, etc.). For more information contact Nikala Bremmer at nikala.bremmer@yahoo.com.



MEXICO CITY MISSION TRIP

Our next team from St. Mark's will be heading to Mexico City **May 30-June 6.**



The team will work with kids in the Drop in center. Cost for the trip is \$1300 and to reserve your spot we need a \$200 deposit as soon as possible. If you are interested in being part of the team or need more information contact Becky Roman at 789-9033 or becky@stmarksbethany.com

Pentecost Sunday May 24th Combined Worship

"On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Acts 2:1

On May 24th, we will all join together at 10 am for a combined time of worship. As the believers all met together that first Pentecost we will come together as one family seeking to experience the power and love of the Holy Spirit. There will be no children's programming on the 24th as we encourage all members of the church family to join together in worship.



Christian Life & Witness Course
Live it. Share it.

Reignite your faith and find power to live a life that radiates God's love. Discover the victory He has for His children through this dynamic course. You'll also find practical help in sharing the hope you have in Jesus with people you know.

THE GOOD NEWS FESTIVAL
FRANKLIN GRAHAM

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Be a part of God's people who will impact this region with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Attend one class per week for three weeks. Locations throughout OKC area. No registration necessary.

For more information go to:

OKCgoodnews.org

MONDAYS

May 4, 11 & 18
7-9 p.m.

Southern Hills Baptist
8601 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73159

Village Baptist
10600 N. May Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73120

Heaston Church
7501 S. Heaston Rd.
El Reno, OK 73036

Trinity Baptist
620 N. Cemetery Rd.
Yukon, OK 73099

TUESDAYS

May 5, 12 & 19
7-9 p.m.

Putnam City Baptist
11401 N. Rockwell Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73162

New Life Bible Church
3308 Broce Ct.
Norman, OK 73072

Fairview Missionary
1700 NE Seventh St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73117

WEDNESDAYS

May 6, 13 & 20
7-9 p.m.

First United Methodist
131 NW Fourth St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Heritage Baptist
14317 N. Council Rd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73142

First Southern Baptist
6400 S. Sooner Rd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73135

THURSDAYS

May 7, 14 & 21
7-9 p.m.

First Presbyterian of Edmond
1001 S. Rankin St.
Edmond, OK 73034

Quail Springs Baptist
14613 N. May Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73134

Liberty Worship Center
1200 SW 44th St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73109

SATURDAYS

May 9, 16 & 23
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Portland Avenue Baptist
1301 N. Portland Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73107



STEPHEN MINISTRY
Christ Caring for People through People

LOOKING FOR HOPE IN A SEEMINGLY HOPELESS SITUATION?

Sometimes it helps to have someone to talk to, who will not judge you, but will listen and encourage and keep it confidential. A Stephen Minister is available to be there for you. Call Gwen

Sears (261-6019) or Jan Greve (350-0959) for more information.



Raising awareness and supporting troops in the Middle East

Thanks to the congregation for participating in the HUGS PROJECT. Your generous donations have been delivered to the local HUGS PROJECT office.

St. Mark's United Methodist Women

Piano Recital



The Spring Piano Recitals for students of Christine Kiespert will be held at 4 pm and 6 pm on Sunday May 17th, in the sanctuary. You are invited to come out and enjoy this time with young musicians demonstrating what they have learned.



We have gotten word that Kenneth Hazen, a longtime member of the church, passed away on April 13th. Please keep his family in prayer during this time of loss.

Church Council



The Church council will have it's next meeting on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30 pm in room 18.



st. mark's student ministries

We are so excited for Summer Camps! All of the forms are available in the lobby for students and adults to fill out and hand in to Rebekah. We will be attending Disciple for middle school,



Dayspring for high school, and



Youth Force Duncan for our combined summer mission trip.



St. Mark's Bible Club READY, SET, GO!

This summer, we are taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ out to children, and we need YOU to help! We will be hosting a Bible Club at Eldon Lyon Park. June 1-5, 10-Noon, we will go door to door in Bryan Hill Apts and some surrounding neighborhoods to recruit children ages 4-5th grade to attend this brand new neighborhood

Bible Club. This program is patterned after what our youth group did in Memphis on spring break. Children from the community are invited and escorted to the park by our volunteers, and then we spend about an hour teaching them about becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ through experiences with worship through music, crafts, games, and Bible story time.

After this initial Bible Club, we will duplicate **READY, SET, GO!** at other locations around our community. We will return to these Bible Club locations once a month for follow-up fellowship with the children, their parents, and others who come from the community.

We are **READY** to share our faith in Jesus with the lost.

We are **SET** and in starting position to plan, form teams of volunteers, and then...

We will **GO** out and make disciples of Jesus Christ, with the help of the Holy Spirit, bringing the lost to know Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord!

If you are interested in making disciples of Christ, and being a part of this ministry to our community, please contact Alicia at the church.

Second Winders

Come enjoy music from the movies: Star Wars, Dr. Zhivago & The Sandpiper. Experience the unique sounds of St. Mark's "Theater Organ" as you've never heard it before. Roger Pautsch will share his magical touch as he plays for Second Winders and any interested persons on Thursday, May 14th at 12:40 pm. Second Winders will share a covered dish noon meal before the concert.

Also, on Saturday, May 30th, Second Winders will be traveling to see the Gospel Bluegrass Festival. Be watching for more details. A sign up sheet will be available in the next week or so.



Discipleship Junction, Wednesday nights

Discipleship Junction is for children ages 4 through 4th grade. We meet every Wednesday night in the Brown Room, 6:30-8:00.

April 29 – Be a Missionary! MV: Isaiah 6:8

May 6 – Famous Moms MV: Prov 31:30

May 13 – Graduation Day! MV: 1 Corinth 9:24b

May 20 & 27 – NO DJ

Discipleship Junction will resume this fall, Aug. 19

Coming this summer: Art Camp, Wednesdays in June and July, 6:30-8:00

More info to follow soon!

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00. Children's Brown Room.

Mark'd Kids Adventure, Sundays @ 9:45 & 11:00

Sundays in Elementary Kids' Adventure:

META-STORY: Life of Jesus

May 3: Parable - Lost Coin / Lost Sheep

May 10: Parable - Prodigal Son

Two Sunday school hours: 9:45-10:45 (HOUR 1) and 11:00-Noon (HOUR 2)

HOUR 1 is a review of previous lessons, and a craft, game, or activity related to lesson for that day.

HOUR 2 has a large group Bible lesson for the day, and an application small group time.



MARK'D KIDS DAY CAMP

**AROUND THE WORLD
CAMP**
Go to camp without leaving town!

SUMMER SESSION:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 am until 2:30 pm

June 9, 2015 – July 30, 2015,

closed July 2 for holiday

See Alicia Schneider for a registration form

Summer Ministry prayer list

Summer is a powerful time of ministry for the children, youth and some adults as events are extended in ways that provide great discipleship opportunities. This summer St. Mark's is providing a variety of experiences and prayers for those attending and leading these events are needed. Take a few minutes each day to lift up these events. That the leaders seek the leading of the Holy Spirit and that participants experience Christ in life changing ways.



Mexico City May 30—June 6

St. Mark's Bible Club June 1—5



St. Mark's Day
Camp/ CDO T/Th
June July



Disciple June 4 - June 8



Youth Force June 14— June 20



Dry Gulch June 22-27



Dayspring July 9 - July 13



Lyon's 50th anniversary

The St. Mark's Family is invited to a celebration of 50 years of marriage of Jarrell and Dot Lyon. It will be held in Barnett Hall on June 6th, from 2-4 pm. It is a come and go event so drop by and give them your best wishes as they begin their next 50 together.



Confirmation SUNDAY

Sunday, May 31st, during the 9:45 am worship hour this year's confirmation

class will be making their faith statements to the church. This group has been going through a 15 week program, as well as a retreat weekend, on the Christian faith and what it means to be a member of Christ's church. Pray for these students as they are learning and making important decisions. Then, join us as we celebrate with these students on May 31st.










Senior Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, May 17th, during the 9:45 worship time St. Mark's will be honoring our 2015 graduating seniors.



Come out and encourage and support these students as they prepare for the next step in their life journey.

St. Mark's UMC May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Weekly 8:30 am - Worship 9:45 am - Sunday School 9:45 am - Family Worship 9:45 am - Children's Adventure 11:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Wee Worship 11:00 am - J.U. (youth) 11:00 am - Discipleship 5:00 pm - Impact	Monday Weekly 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	Tuesday Weekly 9:30 am - CDO	Wednesday Weekly 6:00 pm - Strength Class 6:30 pm - Discipleship Junction Peak - (Mid High) Fuel - (Sr. High) 6:30 pm - Prayer Team 7:00 pm - Choir	Thursday Weekly 8:30 am - Capstone 9:30 am - CDO 5:30 pm - TOPS 6:30 pm - Worship Team	1 	2 Overholser Elementary Mission Project 
3 Faith Promise Sunday 3:00 pm 	4	5 6:30 Church Council	6 5:30 St. Mark's Bible Club meeting 6:00 Trustees	7 6:00 Stephen Ministry try Cont. Ed. 	8 6 Kings & Queens 	9 5 Scottish Rite
10 5:30 Metro Worship	11 9:45 J.I.M. Circle	12 9:30 Caring Hands Bible Club meeting 	13 5:30 St. Mark's Bible Club meeting 	14 12 Second Winders	15	16
17 Senior Recognition 12 Mission Meeting Kiespert student recitals 	18	19 7:00 Bertha Circle	20 5:30 St. Mark's Bible Club meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 5:30 St. Mark's Bible Club meeting 6:00 UMW Exec.	28	29	30 Second Winders Trip
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Happy Birthday



Facts and Figures

2015 Budget 595,000.00

Rec'd toward Operating 4/26/2015 16,486.23

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 4/26/2015 199,625.86

Expenditures 4/26/2015 159,250.66

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Sunday School 221

Worship..... 245

Maci	Attalla	Emily	Kilby	Hardy	Sears
Daniel	Burke	Bear	LaPat	Logan	Sears
Alycia	Bushey	Helen	McEachern	Jeff	Shenold
Miles	Collins	Bernard	McGowan	Megan	Shenold
Brecken	Cromwell	Jena	McLain	Ella	Stockwell
Debbie	Fallon	David	Miller	Iselle	Streetman
Asher	Fields	Samantha	Miller	Jessica	Swedlow
Miranda	Freeland	Phyllis	Mosher	Kevin	Swedlow
Michelle	Funk	Gavin	Mumme	Seth	Takeda
Julianna	Grisham	Kalvin	Peters	Lynn	Thompson
Lee	Harder	Eleonore	Price	Nancy	Ward
Ruthann	Hiatt	Pamela	Ramirez	Esther	Withers
Breanna	Hines	Bea	Rhea	Michele	Young
Garrett	Jacobs	John	Schneider		

Prayer Box

Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

Longoria family	Jamie Wright	Talbot family
Steve Corbin	Phil Bonifield	Wurzer Family
Brehm Family	Attalla Family	Bill Rosenthal
Hank Brueggen	Carol Carr	Jack McNelly
Joe Owen	Harold Kessler	Romona McKibben
Deloris Freeland	Penny Woolery	Clarkie Hickman
Chessmore Family	Steve & Beverly Clark	



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St. Mark's Staff

Keith Cressman, Pastor

Patricia Johnson, Associate Pastor

Becky Roman, Mission & Music Director

Sharon Hunt, Early Childhood Ministries Director

Alicia Schneider, Children's Minister

Rebekah Cressman - 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