

Sunday Morning Changes are coming in April!

Exciting changes are coming to Sunday Mornings at St. Mark's. These are positive adjustments that we hope will help us reach three goals: 1. Worship with enthusiasm that pleases God, 2. Grow spiritually and numerically, and 3. Increase Sunday morning disciple-making and class opportunities.

What is changing?

We are starting **two new worship services** in the place of three. The *Classic* service will begin at 9:25. The *Contemporary* service will begin at 11:00. The services will not be exactly like any of the three services we now enjoy, but there will be plenty of similarities.

We are adding an **additional Sunday school/discipleship hour**. Sunday school hours will be at 8:15, 9:25, and 11:00. It is anticipated that if you attend the new *Classic* 9:25 worship service you will attend either the 8:15 or 11:00 class time. Sunday school classes are free to decide which hour they would like to meet or to even start a new class during one of the hours while keeping a class during the other hour.

College-age, youth/student, children's, early childhood and nursery ministries will flip order. Class meetings that were after worship service will now be before the new *contemporary* service.

When does all this take effect?

The change in time and style will begin on the Sunday after Easter. The date is April 23.

What does it mean for me?

You are, of course, free to attend the worship service of your choice. The following illustrations assume you will attend the new service that is most similar to the one you now attend.

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UMW Sunday

Sunday, March 19th, will be UMW Sun-



Rev. Deborah
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Executive Director
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day. Our guest speaker for that Sunday will be Rev. Deborah Ingraham. She is the executive director of Skyline Urban Ministry whose focus is upon serving the poor and

needy of Oklahoma County. The mission is to impact lives, empower persons in need and address the roots of poverty in Oklahoma. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to hear Rev. Ingraham as she shares the gospel and her story with us.



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Easter egg candy needed

We need to fill a lot of Easter eggs for our Easter egg hunts and we need your help. Please bring individually wrapped candies to office as soon as you can so we can begin filling eggs.

If you need more information contact the church office or

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CDO Fundraiser through March 21st



Otis Spunkmeyer cookies and Gourmet Popcorn. See anyone involved with CDO to get yours today.

Skyline Urban Ministry



St. Mark's is having a food drive for SKYLINE URBAN MINISTRY during the month of March. Let's all join in this and beat last years record giving. Last year we gave over 900 lbs.

Please bring your gifts of non-perishable items and drop them off in the Narthex. Some of their current needs are :

BEANS

CEREAL

CANNED FRUIT

CANNED VEGETABLES

BAR SOAP

SHAMPOO

DISH SOAP

TOOTHPASTE

TOILET PAPER



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If you presently attend *worship* at 9:45 and then attend Discipleship hour, you will go to Discipleship hour first and then worship. Discipleship hour will begin a little earlier at 9:25. Worship will begin at 11:00.

If you presently attend 8:30 *worship* and then go to Sunday school, you will likely attend worship at 9:25 and have an option to attend Sunday School at 8:15 or 11:00. Each class will decide which hour to meet. There may be new Sunday school classes started during either hour.

If you presently attend *Sunday school* at 9:45 and then attend worship service, you will attend worship service and then Sunday school. The new worship service will begin a little earlier than your Sunday class began, 9:25.

For most everyone the times you are at the church on Sunday mornings will not necessarily change much. What will likely be affected is the order you participate in worship and Sunday school; the one that was first will be second and the second will become the first.

As we lean forward into the new services and schedule, look at it as a new start. Invite un-churched friends and family members to our new worship services. Contact people who have not attended in a while. Invite them back for this new thing that is going on. It is a good time to jump in! *Pastor Keith*

Sunday Morning Change - Schedule

8:00	8:30	8:45	9:00	9:15	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:15	11:30	11:45	12:00
				Hospitality and Greeting 9:10 - 9:25	Nursery Ministry 9:25 - 12:10										
					Early Childhood Development Ministries 9:25 - 12:10										
					Elementary-Age Ministries 9:25 - 12:10										
					Mid and High School Student Ministries 9:25 - 10:35					Hospitality and Greeting 10:35 - 11:00					
					College-Age Sunday School 9:25 - 10:35										
					Adult Sunday School classes 9:25 - 10:35										
OPTIONAL "New" Adult Sunday School Hour 8:15 - 9:10									Adult Sunday School classes 11:00 - 12:10						
				New Classic Worship Service 9:25 - 10:35					"New" Contemporary Service 11:00 – 12:10						

Easter Sunday Schedule

H E I S
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CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR

9:25 am 11:00 am
Identical Combined Services

RIO BRAVO 2017 **MEXICO** HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

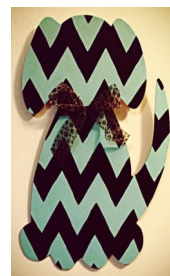
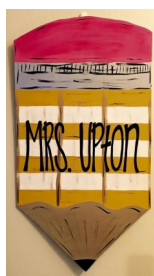
Remember to pray for our mission team in Rio Bravo, Mexico. They will return on March 17th. There are 21 members of the team. Prayers for safe travel, safety, good work and the building of great relationships are all needed.

Women's Bible Study

Hosting "Paint It Pretty" Party

Friday, March 24th, 7:00 pm

Come out and get a little of your arts and crafts on at this great fellowship event being hosted by the Women's Bible Study. You pick your design and Paint it Pretty takes care of the rest. You can choose your design from one of those below or go online to Facebook - Paint it Pretty and choose from over 80 designs in the "new" section. They provide, wood, paints, accessories and everything to create your own piece of art. Cost is \$35 a person. We will meet in Barnett Hall. Great place to bring a friend or family member. For more details contact Alicia Schneider or any of the women of the Bible study group.



EASTER LILIES

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter outside the church office for ordering Easter Lilies. These lilies will decorate our sanctuary Easter Sunday, April 16th. Please indicate on the sheet if you are donating the lily in honor or memory of your loved ones. Orders and payment of \$15.00 is due by Sunday, April 10th, for each lily you donate. You may take your lilies home after services on Easter Sunday.



Join Bertha Circle to stuff Easter Eggs

Bertha Circle will meet at the church in room 18 on at 7:00 pm on March 21st to fill Easter Eggs for the community egg hunt. Anyone is welcome to join us.





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

We have started our new series called "We Believe". Each week will focus on a section of the Apostle's Creed for kids to learn the basic beliefs of the Christian faith. Kids will be given tools to grow their faith with and get a better understanding of Christianity. Hope you can all make it.



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Wednesdays: Catching Air!

Catching Air is a term many of today's athletes use to indicate their best performance for those who leap, jump, or ride - literally to soar!

Catching Air wants kids to realize that even though their strength may eventually fade, those who trust God will re-

new, walk, run, and soar in His strength!

Each week, there will be a Bible lesson, worship time, prayer time, mission video, recreation, crafts, and snacks.

Wednesdays, at 6:30 p.m. in the children's brown room.

March 15 - Spring Break
March 29 - I Corinthians 11:24

March 22 - Acts 2:38
April 5 - I Peter 4:10



A Word From the Church Council Chair

As Chair of the Church Council I'd like to say a few words about the process, and the way the decision was made to change to two services. Church Council appointed a committee to provide three recommendations for moving to two services. Members of the committee consisted of members and non-members of the Church Council. The committee met, self-organized itself into two sub-committees, one for the traditional or classic service, and one for the contemporary or modern service. I assure you that the committee (s) prayed and sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit. At the next Church Council meeting, the committee delivered one recommendation. Church Council deliberated over the various aspects of the proposal while seeking guidance through prayer. In the end each Church Council member believed the recommendation to be the right change for St. Marks at this time, and the vote was unanimously in favor. I was inspired by the work of the committee and the Church Council and truly believe it was prayer driven and led by the Holy Spirit. I ask that each of us to give the new service format a chance, for at least three months. Church Council will listen and be open to suggestions for improvement.

PTL,
Monte Tull



Facts and Figures

2017 Budget 595,337.00
 Rec'd toward Operating 3/12/201711,390.18
Year to Date
 Rec'd toward Operating 3/12/2017 115,163.07
 Expenditures 3/12/2017 97,365.43
 Sunday March 12, 2017
 Sunday School 173
 Worship 249

Adrienne	Cressman	Dorthy	Lynch	Lauren	Wurzer
Ashlynn	Bushey	Esther	Underwood	Mary	Parker
Avery	Reimers	Harold	Kessler	Matt	Chaney
Becky	Harned	Ivy	Norvell	Megan	Johnston
Brad	Cromwell	J.B.	Rackley	Nevada	Norvell
Brian	Ray	James	Parker	Nicholas	Bentin
Brianna	Hardin	Jeff	Davidson	Patty	Groves
Carla	Brueggen	Jenny	Shenold	Preston	Risinger
Chris	Brehm	Jess	Prince	Roger	Pautsch
Chris	Knowles	Jillian	Ferguson	Ruth	Martyn
Connie	Petillo	Kieth	Ballard	Shelby	Cranford
Darlene	Hickman	Kiyarra	Gonzalez	Trevion	Collins
Dave	Moore	Kruse	Holliday	William	Daniel
Don	Nobles	Kyphla	Sadler		

Prayer Box

Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

Members, others needing prayer

Michelle Funk	Jeremiah Talbot
Billie Blake	Jamie Wright
Margaret Turner	Earl Moore
Hank Brueggen	Beverly Clark
Mackenzie Asher	Will Kohn
Christie Agyemang	Irene Stafford
Dale & Jan Johnson	George & Pauly Kloss
Pam Barnes	Rita Wurzer
Jeff Davidson	Sara Miller
Don & Pat Wonderly	Sandy Gordon
Angie Jones	Greg Gerardy
Jeremiah Talbot	Jill Vaught Family
Elaine Webster Family	