

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

Lenten season begins

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. " The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a season of the Christian Year where Christians focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to grow closer to God as a time of preparation for Easter and the celebration of our Risen Lord.



**Ash Wednesday Services
February 14th 6:30 pm**

...Opportunities for discipleship for the Lenten season:

Sundays will focus on moving boldly to the throne of grace ... together.

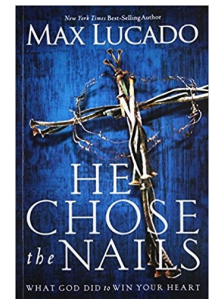
He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart by Max Lucado

"The wood. The thorns. The nails. Christ's sacrifice has defined the very essence of mankind's faith for the past 2000 years. And now, Max Lucado invites you to examine the cross, contemplate its purpose, and celebrate its significance with *He Chose the Nails*." (6 weeks)

Two options for He Chose the Nails:

Start your day right! Join the Sunshine class on **Sunday Feb 18th at 8:15 am** in Room 17. We'll have the coffee going! All ages are invited! Contact: Beverly Ray, 789-1273 or litrayxfour@sbcglobal.net

New group! – begins on **Sunday the 18th, at 9:30 am** in Room 17. All ages are invited! Contact: Julia Bevers, 202-8097 or beversjb@gmail.com

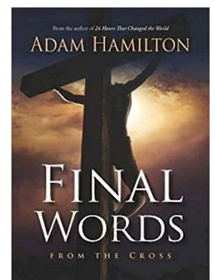


Final Words: From the Cross by Adam Hamilton

"In life and in death, Jesus' words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven 'final words' – statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves."

(6 weeks)

Begins **Sunday February 18th at 5 pm** in Room 18, beginning .
Contact: Joey Pedigo, 720-7814 or jepedigo@sbcglobal.net.



Maundy Thursday will feature a living Lord's Supper.

Be watching for other means to draw close to Christ as we enter into this holy Lenten season this year.



Dinner On Wednesday Night

Every Wednesday's from 5:30-6:15
Great place to get fed and fellowship before programming.
Everyone welcome.
Cost is only \$2. a person.

Tonight!

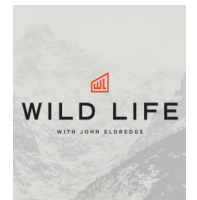


**Next week special meal pasta dishes,
salad, and dessert. Come enjoy prior to
Ash Wednesday services.**



We will be doing a men's breakfast and looking at the a series called Wild Life with John Eldredge We have plans to meet February 24. We will have breakfast at 8, and should be finished around 9:15. There is no cost for the study, but donations taken to cover breakfast costs. Contact Brad Cromwell for more information.

"So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world." 1 Peter 1:13



Second Winders

There is a trip on Thursday, February 15th. We will eat at 11 am at Florence's, a soul food restaurant on NE 23rd. After the meal we will go to the Oklahoma Railway Museum.



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Arise

Next meeting March 4th, 5:00 pm. Everyone welcome to join us as we grow together and seek God in looking at who God is calling us to be at St. Mark's. This session we will analyze the demographic data from our mission area and the interviews conducted by team members. Mike will bring a teaching on prayer and praying to hear God's ministry direction.

Adult Sunday School Discipleship Classes Schedule

8:15 am

Room 17 - Sunshine Class

Room 18 - New Life Class

9:30 am

Room 18 - Discipleship Class

Ascent Room - College Age

10:55 am

Room 5 - Promise Class

Room 17 - Faithbuilders Class

Room 19 - R.O.C.K. Class

Choir Room - Good News Class

DADDY *daughter* DANCE



Saturday, February 17th, at 6:30 –8:00 pm St. Marks will be having our annual

Daddy Daughter

dance. This has always been a special event for dads, granddads, uncles, older brothers and others to honor daughters in the family with a special night out.

The event will feature a DJ, snacks and great photo opportunities. A \$5 per escort donation is suggested (no additional cost for multiple dates!)



Make your plans now to bring that special girl to this great memory making event.



Pancake Breakfast
Boy Scout Troop 553
February 17, 7:00 am - 11:00 am



Come out and support our troop. They will be serving chocolate chip, blueberry and traditional pancakes along with the side stuff. Tickets for this all you can eat event are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 and will be available at the door.



Sweets for the Sweet

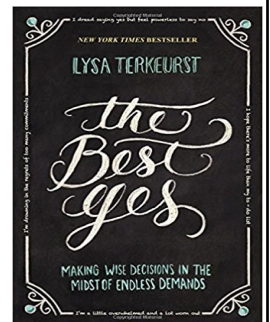
A huge thanks goes out to everyone who made this year's Sweets for the Sweet a success. For all who brought baked good, purchased baked goods, helped setup, breakdown, sales and for those wonderful donations we just want to say how much you are appreciated. \$990.00 was raised for missions.

THANKS!



St. Mark's Women's Bible Study

The next meeting for the Women's Bible Study will be this Friday, February 16th at Kayla Gannon's home. We will continue on the study "The Best Yes" by Lysa Terkeurst. You are encouraged to join this group of women seeking to grow in Christ and in fellowship with one another. For more information contact Kayla Gannon.



STUDENT MINISTRY

I wanted to reach out to you and let you know about our happenings this week and what to look forward to in the time to come. Just to let you know our Confirmation has been going great and it has been a pleasure to see our Confirmands learn and engage in this new step on their discipleship journey. Please continue to pray for this ministry and all God is doing in and through the lives of those involved.

Wednesday, February 14th-Happy Valentines Day and even more exciting happy Ash Wednesday! Please join us as a family for our Ash Wednesday service beginning at 6:30pm following the service the youth will adventure to Braums for some much needed ice cream and those giving up sweets can have some french fries. Please bring some money for this adventure and we will return to church by 8pm.

Mission Mexico-We have 2 meetings left for before we depart on our mission to Rio Bravo, Mexico. If you have not obtained your passport yet, please do so starting today. Our next two meetings are must attend so please mark them down in your calendar. Feb. 25 and March 11, both will be after church and both will be at St. Marks with lunch provided. The February meeting is a paperwork meeting and all minors are encouraged to have both parents there if possible. Please let me know if you have any questions.

John Hollon
Youth Pastor



The next Kings & Queens Special Needs Family Bible Study will be February 28th. If you know a family that this would be helpful for let them know of this opportunity.

The Kings and Queens special Easter gathering will be March 24th. Another great place to invite families this would be meaningful for.

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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

Beginning January 7, elementary children will be studying EPIPHANY - the unveiling of the incarnate Jesus Christ. We will be exploring different events from the life of Jesus, along with his promise to return again as clues to what our One True God is like and what he has in mind for his people - us.
February 4: Jesus' return

Children ages Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to attend Sunday school from 9:30-Noon. At 9:30, the main lesson is presented, followed by small group time to apply the lesson to their personal lives. At 11:00, children are taken to the sanctuary to experience integrated worship with the rest of the congregation. After the children's moment is presented, Pastor Keith will then dismiss those children who wish to return to more children's Sunday school with Ms. Alicia, or they are welcome to stay with their parents in service for the remainder of the worship hour.

We value the presence of children in worship with the rest of the congregation, and encourage parents to model worship through singing, tithing, liturgy recitation, prayer, communion, and all parts of Sunday worship. The children will be learning the same topics that Pastor Keith preaches on, so families can go home discussing what they have all learned and will strive to live out in their lives. Blessings to our children and their families!

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TeamKID

This week in TeamKID, we will learn about the Godly character trait of being AVAILABLE. Being available to love others, serve others, and give our gifts for the good of others is what Jesus did and is God's will for our lives as well. Just as Isaiah said to God, "Here I am, send me," so God wants that response from all of us as well. Memory verse is Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria. And you will even tell other people about me from one end of the earth to the other." See you all tonight!

February 14 Be Honorable/Valentine Party MV Romans 12:17

February 21 Be Dependable Memory verse Luke 16:10

Feb 28: Be Kind Memory Verse Ephesians 4:32

~Ms. Alicia



February **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Facts and Figures

2018 Budget 590,255
 Rec'd toward Operating 2/11/2017 23,332
Year to Date
 Rec'd toward Operating 2/11/2018 71,123
 Expenditures 2/11/201749,047

Attendance

Sunday February 11, 2018

Worship 272

Sunday School183

Ryan	Agyemang	Katrina	Harkey	Chase "Bear"	Nichols
Todd	Attalla	Bill	Harned	Fran	Nobles
Mike	Benton	Joy	Hicks	Danny	Payne
Dan	Boland	John	Hollon	Greg	Pinkerton
Darell	Brehm	Blake	Hull	Kelsey	Pope
Nikala	Bremmer	Beau	Jackson	Hunter	Reimers
Pat	Brock	Emerson	Jenks	Lori	Shenold
Asher	Cromwell	Judy	Knight	Irene	Stafford
Colt	Fletcher	Garrett	Mackey	Jackie	Swedlow
Ethan	Fletcher	Brock	McClaren	Mia	Teague
Mika	Foster	Lauren	McClellan	Betty	Underwood
Chris	Garner	Grant	Merhib	Brisa	Valdez
Janna	Greve	Jeff	Montesano	Quintavion	Washington
Red	Groves	Steve	Mullins	Grace	Watson
Juanita	Hancock				

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
 Don Wonderly
 Montesano family
 Greg Spiser
 Funk family
 Becky Horrigan
 Vic Gammill

Kason Knutson & family
 Kieth Ballard
 Betty Miller
 Beverly Clark
 John Baumeister
 Doris Saxon
 Lola Willis