

January 23, 2019

E-Messenger

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

Learning Opportunities Coming Up

There are two great opportunities on the horizon that you may want to take advantage of.

Membership information & New members class

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in joining St. Mark's or just would like to explore what that means come join us on **Wednesday 23rd & 30th** at 6:15 pm. Pastor Keith will lead the class and anyone is welcome who would like to know more about what church membership means.

UMC General Conference Informational Class

This will be a 5 week study led by Pastor Keith. It will **run through February 17**. The first and last week will be focused on updates on the direction the United Methodist Church is taking as they meet in a special charged conference to make critical decisions. The middle three weeks will focus on the book "Is God anti-gay?" and how it ties in with the understanding and theology of many of the issues the conference is working through. You are welcome to join us for any or all of the sessions as we all seek to understand and grow in our faith. So if you have questions or just want to be informed join us. You can sign up on church counter.



2019 SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

For more growth opportunities go to page 2

DREAMS & VISIONS

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions. Joel 2:28

Prayer Targets 2019

Council Grove Elementary
Overholser Elementary
Yukon newer residents
House groups
Outreach

Your neighbors
and neighborhood

Dinner On Wednesday Night



Every Wednesday from 5:30-6:15

Everyone welcome.

Cost is only \$3. a person..

Wednesday Programming

5:15 Strength/Stretch Class

5:30 D.O.W.N. Dinner

6:00 Prayer Team

6:15 Adult Studies

6:15 KID Team

6:15 Student Ministry

6:15 Adult Studies

6:30 Choir Rehearsal



Wednesday Nights 6:15 pm

As men created in God's image, we have the potential to live godly lives of influence for the generations to come. Yet, all of us struggle with pressures and temptations from without and within that can knock us off course and keep us from being the men we were created to be.

We believe every man can attain greatness and be known by the six words that God used to define King David's life – *a man after God's own heart*. But we also know it won't be easy and, in the end, will require a fight.



Do you long for a deeper relationship with God and to more fully experience life as Christ in-tended?

The Keys to Freedom study teaches a biblical model for freedom from beliefs and behaviors that prevent us from fully experiencing the love and light of Christ.

Men and women wanting to be equipped with tools for lifelong freedom will dig into a new key each week, encountering freedom at new levels and experiencing life as Christ intended. There will be two groups to be a part of in February.

Wednesday, starting Feb 6
Monday, starting February 11

Both will run 10 weeks and will be from 6:15-7:30 pm. For more details you can contact Beverly Ray, Adrienne Cressman or Julia Bevers. You can sign up for classes on the church counter.

**Adult Sunday School
Schedule
8:15 am
Room 17
Sonshine Class
Room 18
New Life Class**

**9:30 am
Room 18
Discipleship
Ascent Room
College Age**

**10:40 am
Choir Room
Good News Class**

**10:55 am
Room 5
Promise Class
Room 18
Faithbuilders Class
Room 19
R.O.C.K. Class**

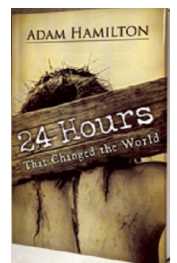
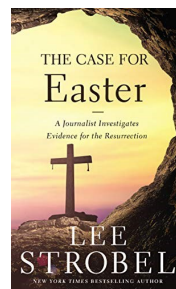
Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study group has changed their meeting times to the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. They are still reading and discussing the book "Wait and See" by Wendy Pope. Their next meeting will be February on February 4. All women are invited to join these ladies as they grow in fellowship and faith together. If you would like more information about the group you can contact Kayla Gannon at kayla@stmarksbethany.com Watch the facebook page for latest information St Marks Women's Bible Study

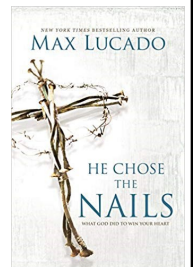


Our next Men's Breakfast will be on the February 1st. We will have breakfast will be at 8:00 am and should be done by 9 am. Feel free to invite a friend, or bring your kids.

Lenten Studies Coming



There will be three different opportunities this Lenten season to be a part of a Bible Study. The studies include Lee Strobel's "The Case for Easter", "24 Hours that Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton" and "He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado.. Watch for details coming soon. Sign ups will be on church counter.



Pancake Breakfast

Boy Scout Troop 553

February 9, 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 on Scout Sunday, February 3rd and also at the door.



mark your **Calendar**



Take advantage of these opportunities.
Contact David Miller for more information
on the **Daddy Daughter Dance**

Contact Kayla Gannon or Sharon Hunt for
more information on the
Women's Retreat

Contact any of the UMW members for
more information on
Sweets for the Sweet



Crossroads District

Oklahoma Conference of
The United Methodist Church

This event is for Crossroads and Heartland District Clergy and Laity. This is a Church Leadership Training Event and all Church Leadership are highly encouraged to attend.

- **WHEN:** Saturday February 2, 2019. 9:30am-3pm.
- **WHERE:** Church of the Servant OKC

The Registration fee will be \$10.00 per person. We encourage our Churches to invest in their leadership by paying the Registration fees for this training. The fee will cover lunch and materials.

Training will be offered to those on the SPRC, Trustee, Finance Committee, Administrative Council Chairs, Lay Leaders and Lay Members (Delegates to the Annual Conference). In addition, TED-style talks based on the H.O.P.E. model from Discipleship Ministries of the UMC will be offered.



You are also invited to attend an optional breakfast event which will take place the same day, from 8:30am-9:15am. This will be a forum on the Way Forward, the February 2019 General Conference. This forum which will be facilitated by Kris Tate, Crossroads DMST Chair and Sam Powers, delegate to General Conference, are designed to be for substantial, engaged conversation and sharing of insights, questions, approaches, etc. These forums will be focused not so much on what is happening at the General Conference but this will be space to deal with the anxiety facing the local church (and pastors).

Go to: <https://okumc-reg.brtapp.com/TheGathering2019LayLeadershipTrainingforCrossroadsandHeartlandDistrictFebruary22019>
to register for the event.

Deadline to Register is January 31, 2019.



STUDENT MINISTRY

It's a Happy New Year! I am really thankful to start out 2019 with all of you. It's going to be a great year! Our ministry has so many things to look forward to!

Wednesdays

We're picking up youth again this week! Dinner is \$3/person at 5:30 and youth is from 6:15-7:30.

Sundays

Sunday School is at 9:45! This Sunday, most students will be gone at Winter Retreat, but there will still be Sunday School for those who are in town.

Metro Worship

Mark your calendars for the evening of Jan. 27 because The St. Mark's Youth are actually hosting! Youth groups from all around the OKC area will come out for worship and community at our church that evening.

Pretty soon, I'll have details on some special things that are coming up, such as the Spring Break Mission, service days, Winter Jam, and a Thunder game!

I hope to see you all on Wednesday! If you have any thoughts or questions, please, let me know!

Lydia Cressman

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



SUNDAY MORNING:

Age Nursery - Kindergarten

Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Age 1st - 5th grade

Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday School for elementary aged children:

9:30-10:45 "Extreme" – studying Bible events that are extreme - extremely hard to believe in many instances. We will study a series of events from the Old Testament and New Testament that will guide us to learn that God's love is extreme for us. God goes to great lengths to reach us, love us, and guide us. A few extreme events we will study are: Saul's Road to Damascus, Elijah and the chariots of fire, Jesus' temptation, and the extreme love of Jesus to go to the cross for us. Memory verse for this unit is 1 Corinthians 2:9 "It is written that no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human mind has known. God has prepared these things for those who love him."

11:00-11:15 - Children are brought to the sanctuary to participate in the opening worship songs, prayers, and other aspects of the service. Children are encouraged to come and participate in a children's sermon time, and following that, are welcome to sit with their parents or guardians for the remainder of the worship service time, or they are welcome to go back to children's area with Ms. Alicia.

11:15 - Noon - we will focus again on the lesson God is teaching us through the Bible story that was taught in the first hour. We will typically watch a short video to demonstrate the message, and participate in more activities which help the children understand the importance of living faithfully with God as their focus.

Elementary children's Sunday school is for children ages 1st grade through 5th grade. We do have a special needs ministry that is available upon request to help children with special needs during services.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

D.O.W.N. Dinner 5:30 - 6:15

Team Kid 6:15 - 7:30



TeamKID, Going Vertical

Going Vertical is a term many of today's athletes use to indicate they jumped their highest and performed their best. We are using Going Vertical for that sports connection but also to imply the importance of growing closer to God (so a vertical connection) through studying His Word and in fellowship with others. Going Vertical is a step in helping kids grow closer to God - a kid-friendly study of God's Word. In a world where the Bible isn't revered as a holy book Going Vertical will help kids understand the message and power of God's Word. Issues such as the importance of the Bible, what makes it up, what's the message and how does it all fit together as well as enabling the kids to learn to read and grasp the Bible on their own. We hope you join us weekly on this adventure of GOING VERTICAL! Kick off is September 5th

January 23: Lesson 15 - God's People Seek Wisdom, Prov. 1:7

Jan 30: Lesson 16 - God Rebuilds the Broken, Ezra 7:27

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St. Mark's Leadership
January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2021
Church Council

Chair	Jay Sears
Lay Leader	David Miller
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Sally Kilby
SPRC Chair	Steve Couch
Hospitality & Outreach SHIFT team leader	Dorothy Lynch
Mission & Service SHIFT team leader	Kathy Hamilton
Discipleship & Formation SHIFT team leader	Joey Pedigo

Committees	2019	2020	2021
Trustees	Dot Lyon	Ruby Wilkey	John Evans
Finance	Christel Longoria	Bernadette Bishop	Mal Bucholtz

Pastor: Keith Cressman

Additional areas of service not on Church Council
Committee on Lay Leadership

Chair: Keith Cressman

2019	2020	2021
Don Greve	Rod Sipes	Lori Evans
Darlene Hickman	DJ Gannon	Brandy Miller
Carla Brueggen	Beverly Ray	Mike Fisher

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chair: Steve Couch

2019	2020	2021
Brad Cromwell	Becky Chessmore	Barbara Gardner
Steve Couch	Susan Teague	Julia Bevers
Matt Risinger	Lorna Garner	Bobbie Gaston

Pray for these leaders and seek God's direction in where you can serve Christ and his kingdom in 2019.

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
 Pat Wonderly & family
 Kieth Ballard
 Beverly Clark
 Harold Kessler
 Dale & Jan Johnson
 Greg Spiser
 Mike Fisher
 Knutson/Pavelko family
 Funk family
 Laurie Bucholtz
 Barbara Homer
 Pam Barnes
 John Baumeister
 Cheryl Pavelko
 Lusk family
 Manharth/Tarver family
 Linda Pope
 Mike Kinsella
 Boerner family

Facts and Figures

2018 Budget 590,255
 2019 Annual BudgetTBD
 Rec'd toward Operating 1/13/2019 7,695

Totals for 2018

Rec'd toward Operating 12/31/2018562,875
 Expenditures 12/31/2018 559,810

YTD 2019

Rec'd toward Operating 1/13/2019 19,060
 Expenditures 1/13/20185,485

Attendance

Sunday, January 20

Worship 255
 Sunday School 185



Reed	Brooks	Lorna	Garner	Valerie	Pautsch
Jerry	Calvert	Dale	German	Cheryl	Pavelko
Bravery	Clemenceau	Kathy	Hamilton	Sophia	Preston
Mary	Collins	Everly	Hance	Kim	Preston
Steve	Couch	Kalen	Hancock	Ethan	Sandburg
Keith	Cressman	Tristan	Hickman	Samuel	Schneider
Letha	Davis	Cody	Hunt	Gwen	Sears
Vonnie	Deal	Joy	Imel	Dale	Stafford
Jennifer	Fallon	LaDonna	Mathews	Ella	Stiffler
Joely	Ferguson	Shelley	Meisenburg	Chris	Teague
Harper	Flanagan	Austin	Miller	Beverley	Tully
Royden	Freeland	Paul	Moon	Chris	Ulmer
Nevaeh	Gannon	Merrick	Mullin	T.J.	Weeks
Kayla	Gannon	Houston	Norvell	Rita	Wurzer