

E-Messenger

Our Mission Statement To build a family of believers who glorify God and

St. Mark's LAUNCH INTO FALL

Wed. August 29th, 5:30 pm

On Wednesday, August 29th from 5:30 - 8:00 pm St. Mark's will be having a special evening together. It will be the launch of our 2018-2019 programming. The event will be a place where everyone from one to ninety-nine will have a place to not only learn about the opportunities that will be available for Christian growth and fellowship but for you to experience what those will

look like. Following a light dinner you will be able to go and meet the leaders of groups for toddlers, children, youth and adults and see the many possibilities available to you, your family members, friends and neighbors. You can ask questions, sign up, and get information to share with others. It will be a great place to invite friends, prospects and others to see what all St. Mark's has to offer. Take advantage of this great evening in the Family Life Center!

Children's Food Drive for Skyline Ministries, Great job St. Markians!

Thanks for the great response to the children's one week drive for Skyline Ministry that came from their lesson from II Kings 7. The items will fill some great needs and also did a great job of teaching the children about how the church and giving work.



Combined Services September 2nd Guest Speaker Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb

Combined service Sundays are a unique opportunity for us to invite guest speakers. This **September 2, Lt Gov. Todd Lamb** will be with us. He will share his testimony. We anticipate his family will be with him.

This will be a good opportunity to welcome them and to invite others who may be interested in hearing the Christian testimony of one of our state's political leaders.



Wednesday Nights this Fall

We will launch Fall on Wednesday's with the kickoff (August 29th) but regular scheduled programming will begin on September 5th. The times have changed a little this year trying to be more sensitive to families.

The evening will kick off at 5:30 pm with DOWN (Dinner On Wednesday Night). Each week there will be a meal provided that will range from Taco Bar to Potato Bar. The price will be \$3.00 a person. There is a special offer available for you that you can take advantage of at the Launch on August 29th. If you prepay for the semester you will get all **14 meals for \$35 a person with a max of \$140 for a family.**

We are still looking for help in setup and cleanup for the meals and if you could be available please contact Sharon Hunt or Kayla Gannon. Following the meal the schedule for the evening is:

6:15 - 7:30 pm Discipleship Junction (children), Student Ministry, and adult studies

6:30 - 8:00 pm Choir

Details on all the studies available for adults will be out soon and you can preview them and sign up at the Launch on August 29th. Make plans now to be a part.

Prayer Targets 2018-19

Council Grove Elementary

Overholser Elementary

Yukon newer residents

House groups

Outreach

Your neighbors
and neighborhood

let the
church



Thank you to St. Mark's for all the prayers and thoughts for us during this most difficult time.

Ken & Eugenia Richardson

Making a Difference

Are you looking for a place to serve? Will you listen to a child read aloud? We are expanding our work with elementary schools to Overholser Elementary @ the corner of 36th & Council. If you have any interest contact Becky Chessmore @ 405.659.5610



“Keys to Freedom” Study Coming This Fall

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

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. The study will meet on Wednesdays starting September 5th, from 6:15 to 7:30 pm for 12 weeks

For more information contact:

Beverly Ray, 789-1273
Adrienne Cressman, 728-2332,
or Julia Bevers, 202-8097

Please sign up at the Launch Into Fall on Wednesday August 29th, or on the sheet posted on the ledge outside the church office. . The cost of the study guide is \$10, payable at the first meeting.



St. Mark's UMC CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Friday, September 7, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

It's Coming! The annual UMW Garage Sale. You can bring your items for the sale on Wednesday, September 5th from 8-9 pm and all day long on Thursday, September 6th.

We are hunting for people who would be willing to volunteer with setup and running of the garage sale. If you are interested you can sign up on the church counter.

Each year this event is a success because of everyone's participation.

Bring your items, volunteer or just come and invite your friends and neighbors

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study will kick back off starting Friday, September 7th at 7:00 pm. Location will be announced soon. The group will meet the first and 3rd Friday of each month. They will be reading and discussing the book "Wait and See" by Wendy Pope. 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

Finding Peace in God's Pauses and Plans
Wendy Pope



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



SUNDAY MORNING:

Age Nursery - Kindergarten

Age Kindergarten - 4th grade

Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

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Sunday School for elementary aged children:

9:30-10:45 - **"Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives"** Each lesson has food mentioned in it in some way. We will study Bible events like: Elijah fed by the ravens, Naboth's vineyard, Daniel in the King's court, Manna in the desert, and Jesus feeding the disciples breakfast on the beach, to name a few of the 13 lessons. We will learn that our needs are truly met by relationship with Jesus.

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 kindergarten through 4th 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



Sept. 5: Lesson 1 – God Created, Colossians 1:16b

Sept. 12: Lesson 2 – God calls a people of faith, Ephesians 2:8

Sept. 19: Lesson 3 – God delivers His people, Exodus 14:14

Sept. 26: Lesson 4 – God offers atonement, Leviticus 16:24b

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STUDENT MINISTRY

Summer programming has ended and I'm very excited for the start of fall programming!

Before I jump into more information about that, I need to share a prayer request with you all. Charlie, a senior in our youth group, lost his dad, Dan Hardie, Monday morning. If you would like to attend his dad's service, it's *Friday at 1:00 at OKC Faith* (800 S. Portland Ave., OKC 73108). Enter through the South side of the building and the service will be in the Cornerstone Room. I'm going, and feel free to let me know if you want to meet up with me there. **Please, pray for Charlie and his family as they grieve.**

Now, here are the upcoming programming announcements.

Today, Wednesday, Aug. 22

NO PROGRAMMING. The incredible Wednesday night sponsors and small group leaders are meeting tonight to prepare for this year!

Sunday, Aug. 26

Come to Sunday School at 9:45! We will combine classes to review our Romans study.

Wednesday, Aug. 29

Wednesday night kickoff! Everyone come out for hot dogs at 5:30 and learn about all the things the church has to offer on Wednesday nights this semester.

Sunday, Sept. 2

Sunday School at 9:45!

Wednesday, Sept. 5

Fall programming begins! Come for D.O.W.N. (Dinner on Wednesday Nights) at 5:30 for \$3/person. Youth will begin at 6:15 and end at 7:30!

JU will officially begin again on Sept. 9.

STRIVE begins on Sept. 19.

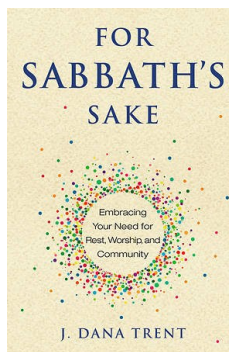
The **STRIVE WORKDAY** is Oct. 13.

See you all Sunday! Let me know how I can pray for you!

Lydia Cressman *Director of Student Ministries*

Adult Studies available this fall

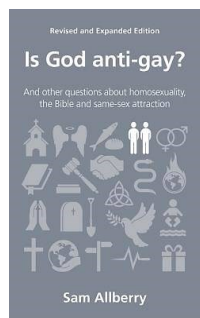
Many Americans balk at the idea of setting aside an entire day for worship, rest, and time with those who matter most to them. In a culture of constant busyness, the lines have blurred between our work and personal lives, and we feel pulled in many directions.



Yet we long for more time well spent—unrushed time to be alone, relax with friends and family, and grow closer to God. Many of us seem to have forgotten the ancient spiritual practice that can help us regain balance in our lives: Sabbath.

For Sabbath's Sake dives into the heart of what keeps us from Sabbath.

Class will be held on **Thursday evenings @ 6:30 pm** with Joey Pedigo leading the group. Learn more and sign up for the class at the Fall Launch on August 29th.



It's the hot topic of the moment. Christians, the church and the Bible seem to be out of step with modern attitudes towards homosexuality. And there is growing hostility towards those who hold a different view. So is God homophobic? And what do we say, and how do we relate to both Christians and non Christians who experience same-sex attraction.

Class will be held on **Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 pm** with Pastor Keith leading the group.

Learn more and sign up for the class at the Fall Launch on August 29th.



Discover your God-given talents and find fulfillment by serving your community. *Living Your Strengths* combines research with Biblical insight to help you identify and live from your natural talents.

Class will be led by Don Greve and will set meeting times following sign up at Fall Launch. Date and Time to be determined.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Has God been nudging you to serve in the church? "In Touch" just might be the program that fits your abilities. There are many people who for whatever reason, health or crisis, are unable to attend church regularly but still need the loving care of St. Mark's. "In Touch" is designed to call or visit people who have attended St. Mark's and are no longer able to do so. This program is designed to alleviate some of the loneliness of being homebound and also a way to share the love of God to these people. St. Mark's has a robust Stephen Ministry program, and this would be a unique way to allow closure of care receivers no longer needing the more structured care of a Stephen Minister but could still benefit from an occasional visit or telephone call.



Sharing God's Love...

"Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."

1 CORINTHIANS 13:7 (NLT)

If you are interested in attending one short training class and feel that this is how God is leading you, please contact any of the Stephen Ministry Leaders listed below or you can contact the church office.

Jan Greve - 405-641-5863

Dorothy Lynch - 405-630-5677

Carla Brueggen - 405-495-3295

Bobbi Pinkerton - 659-8728

Service opportunity



Looking for two people on one Sunday morning a month from 9:25 to 10:15 to help with small children during first service. If you enjoy children and would be willing to help please contact Sharon Hunt.



Rizayah	Banks	Barbara	Homer	Sara	Miller
Thomas	Bigby	Becky	Horrigan	Tessa	Miller
Beverly	Blake	Lily	Hummel	Geodano	Montesano
Norma	Boland	Clint	Hutchison	Nick	Montesano
Zaidyn	Bui	John	Imel	Linda	Moon
Ava	Cantwell	Paul	Jaehnen	Ethan	Pedigo
Beverly	Clark	Dale	Johnson	Barbara	Pinkerton
Owen	Curtis	Jan	Johnson	Madelynn	Risinger
Dianna	Davidson	T.J.	Johnson	Roger	Rogers
Parker	Davis	Karen	Kapka	Jimmie	Sears
Katherine	Dulin	Ann	Kessler	Wenonah	Shaw
Frankye	Flemins	Amy	Kilby	Nathan	Swedlow
Jane	Foreman	Mary	King	Susan	Teague
DJ	Gannon	Willa	Knight	Bill	Underwood
Laura	German	Jessie	Lamb	Haston	Walker
Aryanna	Gonzalez	Jack	Martyn	Sally	White
Jad	Hanner	Roman	McClintock	Ruby	Wilkey
Ryleigh	Hargis	Aiden	McLaughin		
Samuel	Harkey	Judy	McMinn		

Facts and Figures

2018 Budget 590,255

Rec'd toward Operating 8/19/2018 4,137

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 8/19/2018 336,062

Expenditures 8/19/2018..... 356,831

Attendance

Sunday August 19, 2018

Worship 215

Sunday School 184

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
Kieth Ballard
Betty Miller
Dale & Jan Johnson
Sherri Fisher
Greg Spiser
Kason Knutson & family
Kruse & Mary Holliday

Don Wonderly
Montesano family
Beverly Clark
Larry Kelly
Boerner family
Kelli Pavelko
B Kaye Fillips family