

December 24, 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



CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

5:30 pm (Worship Band)

7:00 pm (Choir)

Flannel Sunday

Combined Services - December 29th

Be festive and wear your
favorite flannel



***Merry Christmas from the staff at St. Mark's!
It is a blessing to serve Christ with you!***

Christmas Eve Offering Set

As is our tradition at St. Mark's our Christmas Eve offering is designated to go into ministry to those around us. This year we will have a two-fold giving. 1/2 of the offering will go towards providing another water well in Kenya that will serve a community in dire need of clean water. The over 1/2 will go to YFS (Youth & Family Services) in El Reno to update some of their furnishings creating a loving environment for children and families who have been displaced and have need for safety, security, food and shelter. We are excited to partner with



both of these ministries who are reaching out locally and around the world to make a real difference in the lives of people.



Light of
the World

**"Light of the World"
Messy Epiphany
Sunday, Jan. 5th 4-6pm**

"Light of the World" is our focus as we explore and experience Epiphany together and come to the infant Jesus. We will worship and experience hands-on stations that help us to be a light in the world. Activities, crafts and great family moments will all take place in this adventure. Bring the whole family and invite your friends. Sign up to be a part on church counter.



What an amazing job St. Markians did making Christmas special for 36 children and their families this year through care share. The school was very appreciative of the joy and eagerness they saw from the church and the parents want to express their thanks for so much love being shown. The only shortcoming we had was running out of children before we ran out of St. Mark's members wanting to support a child. Great Job from great hearts..

St. Mark's Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Food Pantry for Overholser is open on Sundays from 4pm - 6 pm.

Currently the following items are needed in the pantry.

- ♦ Sugar
- ♦ Saltine Crackers
- ♦ Cereal



**FALL 2020
ST. MARK'S TO HOST**

Whiz Kids

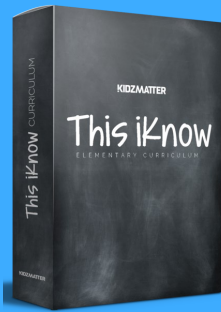
more than tutoring!

BE WATCHING FOR DETAILS AND MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN BE A PART!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNING:

Ages: Nursery - Kindergarten
Elementary Age 1st - 5th grade
Time 9:30 am - 10:45 am
10:45 am - 12:00 pm



"THIS I KNOW"

Current lesson Plan :
"Look at the Mess"
Each Bible account high-
lights someone who got in
a mess and how God was

faithful to them through the
entire experience. God real-
izes our lives can
et messy and God is not in-
timidated in the least by
them.



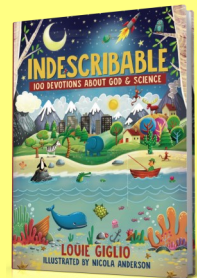
WEDNESDAY EVENING:

Programming kicks off January 8th
D.O.W.N. Dinner - 5:30-6:15
INDESCRIBABLE - 6:15—7:30

God has different plans for us and your children
so we are going to try something different this
year and will begin "Indescribable" Please pray
for us as we plan and develop lessons around
Louis Giglio's - Indescribable - devotionals for
children. Something new and exciting as we
hope to challenge the kiddos to experience our
God in Indescribable ways.

Four keys areas will be explored as we look
at how indescribable our God is.

Space
Earth
Animals
People



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Thank you for partnering with us in making disciples of Jesus on OU's campus. We
are praying you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Oklahoma Wesleyan



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STUDENT MINISTRY

Wed, Dec. 25 - **No Youth!** Merry Christmas!

Sun, Dec. 29 - **Combined Worship!**

- Combined Worship at 10:00!
- There will be no Sun School.
- This is all-church Flannel Sunday, so pull out your plaid shirts for this day!

Camp/Mission/Retreat Info - SOME NEW INFO!

Leaders, for each of these events, please, let me know if you're able to come! Thanks!

Winter Retreat: MS-HS @ Sky Ranch - Feb. 14-16

- Spring Break Mission: HS @ McAllen, TX - details coming soon!
- Guys' and Girls' Retreats: MS-HS @ tba - April 24-25
- Disciple: MS camp @ Heart o' Hills - June 4-7
- Youth Force: MS-HS mission @ Ardmore - June 14-19
- Dayspring: HS Camp @ Sky Ranch - July 20-24
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Chrysalis is coming up Jan 1-4 at New Covenant UMC in Edmond! This is a highly valuable, transformative retreat that is available to older high school students. It is not directly connected to our student ministries, but many of our students have been before and I highly recommend going. Let me know if you're interested and I'll get that info to you!

Lydia Cressman

Director of Student Ministries

Kenya Mission Trip Team Forming for Trip August 1-11, 2020

Mark and Kinsey serve in central Kenya where they are active with a pizza & coffee shop, the One World Cafe', in the town of Nyahururu. Mark is currently working with area officials to develop plans for drilling wells that will provide clean water for area residents, like the one we funded in Magomano, and the Foglemans are active in discipleship and missionary training with a local organization called God's Grace for All Nations. Team members will be doing some combination of assisting with a VBS at the Children's Home, working on the Magomano Water Project, helping with the Cafe' and training residents in biblical or business issues.

If you have interest in being a part of the team from St. Mark's grab a brochure at the Welcome Center and learn the details of the trip.



Reminder for end of year giving

- Any donations received by the church office or in the offering through Dec 31 can be credited to 2019
- Any checks received in January must be postmarked on or before 12/31 to be dated 2019 in the software. Gifts placed in the offering in January 2020 will be entered in as 2020 **regardless of the check date**. (IRS doesn't allow backdating checks)

ISRAEL TRIP PLANNED



St. Mark's will be part of a team going to Israel in the first two weeks of June, the 1st - 14th. The trip will include attendance at the Hope and Resilience in a Broken World conference, as well as traveling through the land known as "The Fifth Gospel".

If you are interested in finding out more about this adventure of a lifetime, contact David Roman at church or via email at: dbjkni@gmail.com.



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| Laura | Brown | Donna | Harder | Avery | Meisenburg |
| Mildred | Brown | Megan | Hendrickson | Tate | Miller |
| Selah Grace | Cassidy | Evylene | Hickman | Draven | Montesano |
| Don | Deal | Mary | Holliday | Evelyn | Moore |
| Mildred | Dix | Gabrielle | Jones | Chris | Pavelko |
| Billy | Fallon | Shab | Jupiterwala | Kelli | Pavelko |
| Jamie | Fallon | Brian | Kiespert | Sharon | Payne |
| Joelle | Ferguson | Christine | Kiespert | Betty | Pope |
| Josie | Ferguson | Michael | Kilby | Beverly | Ray |
| Matt | Ferguson | J.B. | King | Becky | Roman |
| Jackson | Firkins | Kason | Knutson | Robert | Sample |
| Mike | Fisher | Donna | Lautzenhiser | Steven | Shenold |
| Deloris | Freeland | Elena | Le | Kaylyn | Skinner |
| Michael | Fryman | Ashley | Lusk | Eilee | Stanfill |
| Christine | Funk | Jarrel | Lyon | Sandy | Tull |
| Don | Greve | Kirsten | McCartney | Patricia | Vasquez |

Facts and Figures

2019 Annual Budget605,361
 Rec'd toward Operating 12/15/201912,044

YTD 2019
 Rec'd toward Operating 12/15/2019....499,381
 Expenditures 12/15/2019509,792

Attendance

Sunday, December 15
 Worship 300
 Sunday School179

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
 Votaw family
 Mark Summers
 Greg Gerardy
 Barbara Gardner
 Barbara Homer
 Boemer & Savill families
 Alyson Smith
 Edith Chilcutt
 Mary Wyman family
 Kimberly Hollander

Stacy Morgan
 Larry Kelly
 Vic Gammill
 Pam Barnes
 Bremmer family
 Hutchisons
 John Baumeister
 Betty Underwood
 Beverly Clark
 Frankye Flemins
 Ray York