

St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 22, 2020

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

MEXICAN CUISINE SPANISH & COOKING CLASS

COME AND JOIN US MAKING

*Green Chicken
Enchilada Casserole*

WHILE LEARNING SOME BASIC CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

BRING \$5 AND TAKE YOURS HOME!

JANUARY 23, 2019
BARNETT HALL
FROM 5:45-7:00 PM



EMAIL TO RSVP:
BEQUER@STMARKSBETHANY.COM
OR SIGN-UP ON THE CHURCH COUNTER



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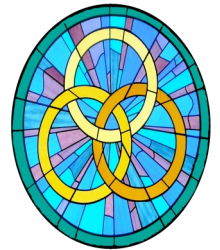
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St. Mark's UMC Presents the 14th Annual

Daddy Daughter Dance

When: Saturday, February 22 at 6:30-8:00

Where: 8140 NW 36th St. Bethany

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.

This event will feature a professional DJ, snacks, and great photo opportunities!

Cost is free. However, donations are accepted and appreciated.

Your daughter will remember this night for many years to come!!!

For questions contact David Miller at (405)850-4500 or msoonerfan@att.net



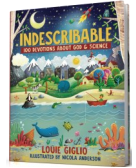
Wednesday Nights

5:30 D.O.W.N. Dinner
This Week: Sloppy Joes
\$3/ person.

6:00 Prayer Team

6:15 Indescribable (Children)
Student Ministry
Adult Studies

6:30 Choir Rehearsal



Our next Men's Breakfast will be on 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.

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

**Whiz
Kids**

BE A VOLUNTEER!

St Mark's will host a Whiz Kids site this fall! What is Whiz Kids? Whiz Kids is a faith-based mentoring and tutoring program focused on meeting the needs of elementary school children at-risk for educational failure. Over 76 metro-area churches and 1500 volunteers are engaged weekly with more than 30 elementary schools in the Oklahoma City and Putnam City School Districts. Each church focuses on a different school. We will focus on Overholser Elementary.

Whiz Kids is another win-win circumstance, sponsored by St Mark's, for anyone seeking an

opportunity to become a difference-maker in the lives of the children in our community. The Whiz Kids thrive with one-on-one attention and quickly make up those educational achievement gaps each might be experiencing. They score significantly higher than their counterparts on state-sponsored scholastic tests after only one year in the program. And mentors win by just showing up, connecting with, and guiding these young people. Your commitment would be just 2 hours for 1 afternoon each week during the school year.

A sign up sheet for mentor/tutor volunteers is available on the office counter. Brochures containing more information about Whiz Kids are also available.

Please call Mark Walpus at 405.887.6067 if you want to talk about becoming a Whiz Kids volunteer.

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



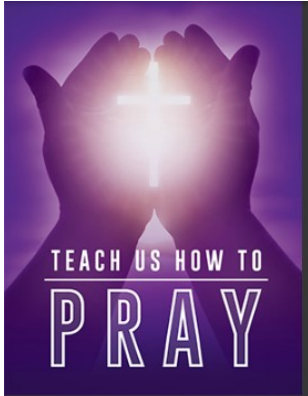
rightnow MEDIA

Take advantage of this great opportunity and sign up today. Go to:

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/stmarksbethany>

Growth Opportunities

Teach Us How To Pray

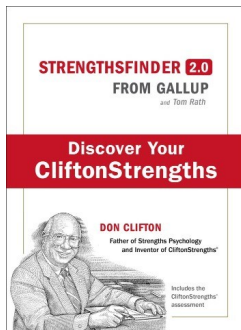


A seven week class will begin January 15th at 2:00 pm in room 18. The study will be a deeper look into the Lord's prayer. Through this study and discussion, we will learn

that the Lord's Prayer can be understood as a pattern of how to pray. It gives us the fundamental components that can go into our prayer time as we converse with God. You can sign up for the class on the church counter.

Strength Finders Class

Many of you have taken the Strength Finders and are looking for ways to apply it to your life. This class will be an opportunity to look at how knowing your strengths equips you in your life. The class will run for 6 weeks starting Wednesday, February 5th on



Wednesday evenings from 6—7 pm. If you have not taken the strength finders inventory let us know and we will assist you in that prior to class. Sign up on church counter.

Adult Sunday AM Classes

8:15 am	10:40 am
Room 17	Choir Room
Sonshine Class	Good News Class
Room 18	10:45 am
New Life Class	Room 19
9:30 am	R.O.C.K. Class
Room 18	10:55 am
Discipleship Class	Room 5
	Promise Class
Room 17	Room 18
Young Adult	Faithbuilders Class

Women's Bible Study



All women are invited to be a part of this great study. It will take place at 7:00 pm on Monday evenings

starting January 20th and runs for 4 weeks. They will meet in the home of Kayla Gannon. You can sign up on the church counter or contact Kayla. Even if you can't make it to every session we encourage you to join us and keep caught up on RightNow Media. Invite a friend and join us for this great time of study and fellowship

Mission & Service Opportunities

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.



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 Ro-

man at church or via email at: dbjkni@gmail.com.



Comunidad After School Program



On Thursday, January 23rd, we will be kicking off a weekly after school tutoring program for children from Overholser. We are looking for people willing to mentor/tutor a child. If you are interested please contact Bequer Gomez at the church or sign up on the office counter. An opportunity to make a real difference right here at home.

Christmas Eve Offering Update

So far we have received over \$19,975 from our Christmas Eve Offering for the well in Kenya and YSF. You still have the opportunity to share in this gift if you missed it. Just mark your check Christmas Eve offering.





STUDENT MINISTRY

Happy New Year! Everything is kicking off again after break, but I hope you had a restful, enjoyable time these past few weeks.

Here's what we have going on in youth ministry as we look at [Sundays, Wednesdays, and upcoming events, camps, missions, and retreats!](#)

Sundays

Sunday School is at 9:45 and Big Church is at 10:55.

Our **Middle School** class just began a new series called 101 Questions about the Bible. This series is on RightNow Media and each week covers a different fascinating question (we are not covering all 101 questions haha). Some of the questions include, "What is the origin of the different races," "Where did Cain get his wife," and "Is there such a thing as fate or destiny?" Be sure to ask your child what they learned in Sunday School, because you may end up learning some things that you've always wondered about!

Our **High School** class is continuing to be led by the incredible Mike Kilby. Mike teaches by walking the students through different passages of Scripture and discussing theological concepts based around those passages.

We also have a **Young Adult** class that meets during this time. Students will, in fact, have a class to go to even once they graduate from high school! For now, let's just invite all their older siblings!

Wednesdays

Dinner is served at 5:30 for \$3 per person. Youth is from 6:15-7:30.

The next several Wednesdays, we will watch a RightNow Media series by Francis Chan called "Greater Than." Francis Chan talks about his own childhood and life to explain that God is greater than any pain, sin, and hardship that we might encounter in this life.

Upcoming Events

Metro Worship is Jan. 26! This is a great time to get out of our little world and go worship with youth from all over our community. I'll have more details on this soon.

Winter Retreat is Feb. 14-16! The registration and info form is attached. Forms are also available in the youth room.

Our **Spring Break Mission** for High School students will take place in McAllen, TX. I have a meeting to finalize all the details next week, so watch for that info!!

Here are a few other great things that are a bit further down the road, but go ahead and throw them on your calendars if you haven't already!

- 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

I'm looking forward to all the things that are coming this year! I'm praying for spiritual growth among our students and families. I'm also looking forward to meeting new students this year, so keep inviting people to come join the fam!

See you all Wednesday!

Lydia Cressman

Director of Student Ministries

Mission & Service Opportunities

What is the Parenting Seminar About?

Deep down, most parents and grandparents fear that as their kids grow up, their family will grow apart. The good news is that your relationship with your teenager or young adult can get better! By implementing six new research-based and proven strategies, you can actually grow with your young person as you together navigate the roller coaster of adolescence and young adulthood. In our time together, you'll learn how to narrow the gap between you and your kid, and seek out not only the best for your child but also become the best version of yourself. In fact, you'll leave with a handful of proven and practical ideas to take home and try with your teenager or young adult!

Who is the Parenting Seminar For?

The *Growing With Parenting* Seminar is for anyone raising or helping raise kids (Parents, Grandparents, etc.). For parents with teenagers and young adults, it will be a great resource for this challenging season of life. For parents with younger kids, it will be a great opportunity to position yourself for later years. Simply put, it is for anyone wanting to learn more about how to successfully raise young people!

Who is Kara Powell?



Dr. Kara Powell is the Executive Director of the Fuller Youth Institute (FYI) and a faculty member at Fuller Theological Seminary. Named by Christianity Today as one of "50 Women You Should Know," Kara serves as a Youth and Family Strategist for Orange, and also speaks regularly at parenting and leadership conferences. For more info about Kara visit:

KARAPOWELL.COM



SERVANT NEXTGEN AND DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES PRESENT A

PARENTING SEMINAR



Guest Speaker
Kara Powell

Wed, Feb. 19 // 6:30 TO 8pm
Doors open at 6:00pm
Church of the Servant
14343 N. MacArthur Blvd.

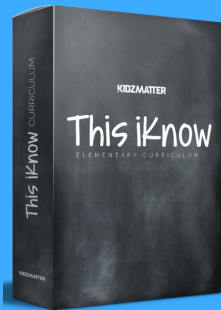
Join *Growing With* author and fellow-parent Kara Powell to discover strategies that will help the young people in your life have better connections with their family, faith, and world.

REGISTER AT
SERVANTOKC.ORG/PARENTING

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 highlights someone who got in a mess and how God was

faithful to them through the entire experience. God realizes our lives can get messy and God is not intimidated in the least by them.



EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY DIRECTOR:
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Email: sharon@stmarksbethany.com

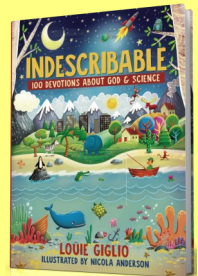
WEDNESDAY EVENING:

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



Coming: January 22 No Kidding	MV I Tim. 4:12
January 29 Great Balls of Fire	MV II Tim. 1:7
February 5 Thick & Thin	MV John 15:5
February 12 God is Love	MV I John 4:8
Valentine's Party	

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:
Alicia Schneider
Phone: 789-9033
Email: alicia@stmarksbethany.com

Great Opportunity for Women

It's still a ways off, but now is the time to get on board for a great evening of laughter, learning, stories and music. We are hoping to put a group together to take part in this event. If you are interested you can sign up on the church counter or you can contact Kayla Gannon.

We Are St. Mark's

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Facts and Figures

2019 Annual Budget605,361
Rec'd toward Operating 1/5/20209,819

YTD 2019

Rec'd toward Operating 12/31/2020.....530,076
Expenditures 12/31/2020534,544

Attendance

Sunday, January 19

Worship 244

Sunday School 195

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles

Pam Barnes

Votaw family

Hutchison's

Mark Summers family

John Baumeister

Barbara Gardner family

Betty Underwood

Barbara Homer

Chris & Kelly Pavelko

Lindell Warren

Mary Collins family

Vic Gammill



Alice	Bentin	Kayla	Gannon	Cheryl	Pavelko
Reed	Brooks	Barbara	Gardner	Sophia	Preston
Jerry	Calvert	Lorna	Garner	Kim	Preston
Adalynn	Cheatham	Dale	German	Dylan	Reimers
Bravery	Clemenceau	Kathy	Hamilton	Ethan	Sandburg
Mary	Collins	Tristan	Hickman	Samuel	Schneider
Steve	Couch	Cody	Hunt	Gwen	Sears
Keith	Cressman	Joy	Imel	Dale	Stafford
Letha	Davis	LaDonna	Mathews	Ella	Stiffler
Vonnie	Deal	Shelley	Meisenburg	Chris	Teague
Jennifer	Fallon	Austin	Miller	Beverley	Tully
Joely	Ferguson	Merrick	Mullin	Chris	Ulmer
Royden	Freeland	Houston	Norvell	Emma Lee	Votaw
Nevaeh	Gannon	Valerie	Pautsch	Rita	Wurzer