

"Become a part of 50 Days of Prayer"



Jesus accomplished more than words can describe during his earthly ministry. Perhaps most celebrated is his death and resurrection. In his death, he put death to death. In his resurrection, he restored eternal life.

Jesus' work includes another miracle that, while available today, is less celebrated. He did not complete it until he had ascended into heaven. It is among the pri-

mary purposes of his ministry. Jesus baptizes his followers with the Holy Spirit.

Fifty days, not counting Sundays, following Easter we celebrate the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We call that Sunday *Pentecost*.

Just as we prepared for Easter during Lent, so too, we can prepare for Pentecost. The disciples sought Jesus during that time. Our motives are the same; to know and experience God and live a more holy life.

During the fifty days leading to Pentecost, you are invited to participate in "50 Days of Prayer." Each week the devotions for that week will be loaded to our website (www.stmarksbethany.com), through links posted on the website home page. From there you will be able to read or download the devotions in a device-friendly .pdf format.

My prayer is that, like the disciples, we will continue to develop deeper, stronger and more powerful relationships with Jesus Christ and, with each other, realize the fullness of his grace and mercy.

Praise be to the Lord!

Pastor Keith

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. Ephesians 1:17 (CEB)

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!



Register now for Mark'd Kids Day Camp

June 5-July 26

9:30-2:30, Tuesdays/Thursdays

You can register online at
stmarksbethany.com

Go to "ministries" and click on
"Mark'd Kids Day Camp"

to get all information and rules and
fill out registration for summer 2018



We Need YOU!

This summer St. Mark's is hosting
B.A.S.I.C. Elements Science VBS

June 4-8, 5:30-8:30.

Dinner served at 5:00.

In order to pull off this amazing week of hands-on
science, crazy skits and devotional teaching, we
need YOU! It is only through the work and dedica-

tion of volunteer servants that we can provide such a memorable, gospel-focused experi-
ence for kids in our community.

We're looking for volunteers in all areas — VBS set up, room teachers, skit performers,
musicians, prayer team, and more.

If you have older children not attending VBS, consider signing up to volunteer together. A
recent research study showed that 75 percent of kids who are part of a strong evangeli-
cal church will leave the church and any connection to Christ from age 18-29. BUT, one
common factor among the 25 percent who DO NOT leave the church was serving with
their families in a faith-based ministry.

This summer could be the perfect opportunity for you to begin serving together as a family.

Contact Alicia Schneider to volunteer.

VBS Items Needed

With the theme of VBS being science based we have a few specialty items that are needed. If you have any of the items below that we can use it would be very helpful.

A variety of size (3" and up) of Styrofoam balls. Can be any color, used, dented are ok. Will be painted and used as planets in displays

Pool noodles - any color, used are ok.

(all items for decorations— children will not be using them.)

New Church Directories in!

Our long awaited directories are in and if you had your portrait made you can pick one up in the church office at your convenience. Please mark your name off the list when you pick your directory off so we know who still needs to get theirs.



STUDENT MINISTRY

We are approaching Summer rapidly and that means finishing strong our regular programming and getting ready for all this Summer has to offer in our ministry here at St. Marks UMC.

Wednesday, April 18th-We will have small group and praise and worship from 6:30-8pm. Please remember we have a \$2 dinner served from 5:30-6:15pm every week. This week we are having potato bar with all the fixings. Please RSVP your spot a head of time.

Parent Meeting-Colin and Lydia are planning and organizing a parent meeting regarding camps and Summer schedule for the student ministry. They would love to have all parents or students representing their parents at this meeting. The meeting will be Sunday, April 29th at 12:30 in Barnett Hall. Lunch will be provided please RSVP no later than Wednesday, April 25th with your number attending. Thank you!

Senior Sunday- April 29th we will celebrate our seniors in the 10:55am worship service. Plan to attend and worship with this wonderful group of students!

Confirmation Sunday-May 6th we will usher in our new Confirmands, please plan to attend this special day as we welcome this new group into the church at large!

John Hollon
Youth Pastor

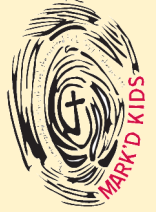




CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

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

Sunday School for elementary aged children:

9:30-10:45 - "This I Know: dial 911: emergency!" Children will study various stories from the Bible in which there was an emergency or a scary moment. Children will be challenged to fix their eyes on Jesus, and walk in His ways.

We teach in a large group/small group format; we begin with worship and the Bible lesson in large group, then children are dismissed to small groups divided by grade/age to do activities such as games, crafts, Scripture memorization, or prayers to further understand how our lesson applies to their day to day lives.

11:-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.

During this last hour, 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.

TeamKID

This week at TeamKID, we will be looking at how God wants us to be a GOOD LEADER. We will identify characteristics of a good leader and understand that godly leaders can have a strong positive influence on others. We will consider ways they can influence their friends and families to do the right thing. Memory verse is 1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure." See you tonight! ~Miss Alicia



April 18: Be a Good Leader

MV - 1 Timothy 4:12

April 25: Be Helpful

MV - Galatians 6:2

May 2: Be Loyal

MV - Zechariah 7:9

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Staff Changes: John Hollon

We appreciate those who serve St. Mark's as members of our staff team. We are blessed with a dedicated and committed group of leaders. From time to time there will be changes. A change is coming.

John Hollon serves as minister with mid- and senior-high students. John is a valued member of our leadership team. Many of us know John not only as Student Minister, but also for preaching once a month or because of his wonderful family. As of June 1, he will begin new responsibilities as Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church-Ardmore. This new position will provide John with opportunities to continue to use and develop his ministry. We will miss the entire Hollon family.

There will be a special time of recognition and appreciation during the all-church picnic on Sunday, May 27. In the meantime, when you see John, congratulate him and wish him, Emily, and their children the very best.



April

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jay	Sears	Gerald	Miller	Elaine	Talbot
Julia	Bevers	Q'juanta	Prince-Sadler	Ginger	Lusk
David	Bremmer	Marie	Wolfgang	Candace	Crisswell
Jesse	Johnston	Amy	King	Abram	Hollon
Judy	Ferguson	Andrew	Schneider	Kaede	Montesano
Jim	McMinn	Alexander	Gannon	Tyler	Funk
Crystal	Corbin	Sally	Kilby	Morgan	Weber
Mary Ann	Desmukes	Abigail	Garrison	Hazel	Bremmer
Leslie	Graham	Jackson	Rackley	Edith	Chilcutt
Bruce	Hunt	John	Talbot	Lynne	Kanary
Lorelei	Lusk	Sydney	Jacobsen	A'Tawjae	Sadler
Sarah	Penland	Isabella	Ramirez	Adam	Votaw
Stacey	Risinger	Zoe Beth	Vaughn	Rod	Sipes
Lori	Evans	Kevin	Moore	Jack	Butler
Penny	Woolery	Mary	Svejkovsky	Lori	Knowles

Facts and Figures

2018 Budget 590,255
 Rec'd toward Operating 4/15/2018 8,029
Year to Date
 Rec'd toward Operating 4/15/2018168,894
 Expenditures 4/15/2018.....157,658
Attendance

Sunday April 15, 2018

Worship 233

Sunday School188

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
 Kieth Ballard
 Betty Miller
 Funk family
 Kyle (Joey Pedigo nephew)
 Doris Saxon
 Dale & Jan Johnson
 Ed & Gina Boerner
 Kason Knutson & family
 Larry Kelly
 Cheryl Andrews

Don Wonderly
 Montesano family
 Beverly Clark
 John Baumeister
 Vic Gammill
 Laurie Buckholtz
 Connie Reed
 Dot Lyon
 Billie Blake
 Cheryl Pavelko

