

September 25, 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

### The Shorts

Our sermon series on some of the shorter books of the New Testament will wrap up this week. Philemon and Titus may be overlooked during our regular study and reading times but they are full of truth and guidance. It has been illuminating to see what these books share with us. This week we will finish looking at the book of Jude. Join us as this series wraps us. And, as always, invite a friend!



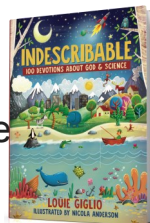
### Wednesday Nights

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

6:00 Prayer Team



6:15 Children Indescribable  
Student Ministry  
Adult Studies



6:30 Choir Rehearsal





## PC West Football team Ministry Outreach

We still need cookies for feeding the PCW football team. If you would like to help bring them to church by no later than Thursday morning. **THANKS!**

We will serve four meals to the team (spaghetti, Sloppy Joes, Chicken Alfredo and Spaghetti. Anyone is welcome to help. We will be asking for cookies and desserts from the congregation. The meals will be 9/26; 10/9 & 10/31. Work will begin at 3 pm on each of the days. If you would like to be a part of the team contact Shab Jupiterwala. This is a great community outreach project. Excitement is high!



## STRIVE Drive coming soon

Be watching for students seeking STRIVE money on Sunday, October 6th. STRIVE is the key fund raiser for student ministries and your pledges make it possible for students to take part in camps, retreats, mission trips, etc. throughout the year. Be praying for what God would have you share.

### **Life Groups of St. Mark's**

*Life Groups* is small group ministry launching in the Fall of 2019. *Life Groups* meet anywhere, anytime and anyway people would like to get together. The name refers to a family of friends with whom you can share our lives and grow in faith. *Life Groups* provide time to join other sisters and brothers who are also trying to follow Jesus. The purpose of *Life Groups* is to help each of us strengthen as disciples of Jesus Christ.

*Life Groups* may meet as often as weekly or as infrequently as monthly as decided by participants.

### **Life Groups include four personal growth elements gathered around the cross**

- 1) Mission & Ministry  
Plan a mission or ministry to accomplish within an agreed timeframe – both personal and group plans are shared.  
Your *Life Group* may be a Mission team.
- 2) Prayer/Relationship  
Share prayer needs related to conquering sin and experiencing spiritual transformation.  
Experiment with types and ways of praying that are described in Scripture.
- 3) Study Scripture  
This should usually be a study of Scripture.
- 4) Accountability  
Encourage each other to keep striving toward growth goals previously set by the group and individuals.

## St. Mark's Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Food Pantry for Overholser is not open each Wednesday from 11 am - 1 pm and on Sundays from 4pm - 6 pm.

As we get kicked off we expect to see a lot of families and know that supplies will begin to dwindle. St. Mark's has done a great job as we prepared and hope that everyone is able to kick in and help make this ministry meet a real need in our community and be sustainable and giving us an opportunity to share the love of Christ.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the pantry contact DJ Gannon or the church office.



## Church Directory Update Set

On November 18th, we will be having an update day for our church directory. If you are new to St. Mark's, could not make the last dates, or have had a change in your family, and would like to have your picture taken for the church directory this is a great opportunity. In the next few weeks we will be setting up times and if you want to make sure you have a time slot please let us know at the church office. After the updates are done we will have a new directory to help us all know one another better.

## 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"

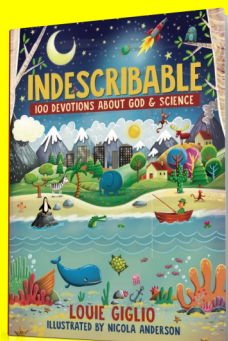
Current lesson Plan :  
"Look at the Mess"  
Each Bible account highlights someone who got in a mess and how God was

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



### 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





# STUDENT MINISTRY

I hope you all are well! It's incredible how quickly time is going by! Here's the update on what's coming our way soon in this ministry! If you've been waiting to learn camp dates, I have a couple listed below!

## Sundays

- JU attendance is being taken! Keep coming to Sunday School at 9:45 to receive credit!  
(Remember, if you arrive after 9:55, you will receive half credit for that day)

- Big Church is at 10:55!
- Bring all your friends!

## Wednesdays

- Youth is from 6:15-7:30. Dinner is available at 5:30 for \$3/person. JU attendance is being taken.
- We've been studying Apologetics by Matt Chandler through RightNow Media. Feel free to check it out, as you all have access to RightNow Media through St. Mark's.
- So far, we've discussed why God allows pain and suffering and how science interacts with our faith. Upcoming topics are, "Is Jesus Really the Only Way?" and "Why are Christians So Hypocritical?"
- Bring all your friends!

## STRIVE

- Our annual fundraiser will begin Oct. 2, so make sure you come to youth that Wednesday!!
- Students will be allowed to ask church members to donate on Oct. 6 and 13! The rest of the time, they will ask teachers, relatives, and others in the community.
- The deadline to turn in earnings and have it count towards a particular individual is Oct. 31.
- The STRIVE Workday is Nov. 2 and it is mandatory! If you can't make it on this day, let me know ASAP and we will find another way for you to meet that service requirement.
- As Jesus University is funded by STRIVE, participation in the fundraiser and the workday is mandatory for those enrolled in JU.

## SUMMER CAMPS/MISSION

I have not received all the summer dates yet, but I have two of them!

- Youth Force (mission for middle school and high school) will be June 21-26 in Ardmore!
- Dayspring (camp for high school) will be July 20-24 at Sky Ranch!

Leaders, please, let me know which summer things you'd like to help with and let me know once you've officially received those vacation days! I understand and appreciate the sacrifice you all make to serve at these camps. I'm so thankful, because we couldn't do it without you!

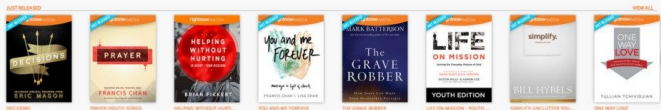
## LYD@LUNCH

- I love getting to have lunch at schools with students!
- Many students have already signed up on the signup sheet in the youth room!
- If you're open to me visiting your kid's school for lunch, please, let me know!
- Also, I love going to their extracurricular things, so please, let me know when something is coming up!

You all are great! Let me know if I can help you or pray for you in any way!

**Lydia Cressman**

*Director of Student Ministries*



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

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

# Adult Sunday AM Classes

<b>8:15 am</b>	<b>10:40 am</b>
<b>Room 17</b>	<b>Choir Room</b>
<b>Sonshine Class</b>	<b>Good News Class</b>
<b>Room 18</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
<b>New Life Class</b>	<b>Room 19</b>
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>R.O.C.K. Class</b>
<b>Room 18</b>	<b>10:55 am</b>
<b>Discipleship Class</b>	<b>Room 5</b>
<b>Ascent Room</b>	<b>Promise Class</b>
<b>College Age</b>	<b>Room 18</b>
<b>Room 17</b>	<b>Faithbuilders Class</b>
<b>New Class</b>	

## Facts and Figures

2019 Annual Budget .....605,361  
 Rec'd toward Operating 9/15/2019 .....5,704

YTD 2019  
 Rec'd toward Operating 9/15/2019.....365,743  
 Expenditures 9/15/2018 .....390,911

Attendance  
 Sunday, September 22  
 Worship ..... 263  
 Sunday School .....176



Autumn	Swedlow	Hadley	Davis	Mike	Penny
Barry	Foster	Ingrid	Morrison	Pam	Barnes
Becky	Bates	Jim	Brewer	Patricia	Wonderly
Ben	Longoria	Joey	Pedigo	Patsy	McDowell
Brandy	Miller	Josiah	Gustafson	Richard	White
Carolyn	Bright	Judy	Browning	Scott	Nobles
Christel	Longoria	Kelsey	Evans	Stephanie	Agyemang
Cooper	Brooks	Korey	Gannon	Sue	Price
Ella	Epely	Madison	Knowles	Teresa	Kruta
Emersyn	Crouch	Maggie	Hill	Tony	Pellegrini
Finleigh	Miller	Markus	Mullin	Vicki	Pellegrini
Gary	Davis	Matt	Risinger	Wren	Hance
George	Kloss	Max	Collins	Wyatt	Walters

<b>Prayer Box</b>	Votaw family
Kieth Ballard	Charez family
Beverly Clark	Mark Summers
Funk family	Barbara Gardner
John Baumeister	Hutchison family
Don & Fran Nobles	Travis Merklin
Frankye Flemins	Penny & James Hays
Betty Underwood	Barbara Homer
Greg Spiser	Keyshaun Dudley
Chris & Kelli Pavelko	Marty Croy
Andre Frehley	Pam Barnes
Brian Black family	Eldon Lyon
Ingrid Morrison	Rachel Hilton family
Chris Johnson	Dawn Haight
Boemer& Savill families	Josh Pavelko