

January 30, 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

### Personal Spiritual Growth Opportunities

#### UMC General Conference Informational Class

This will be a 5 week study led by Pastor Keith. It will **run through February 17**. The first and last week will be focused on updates on the direction the United Methodist Church is taking as they meet in a special charged conference to make critical decisions. The middle three weeks will focus on the book "Is God anti-gay?" and how it ties in with the understanding and theology of many of the issues the conference is working through. You are welcome to join us for any or all of the sessions as we all seek to understand and grow in our faith. So if you have questions or just want to be informed join us. You can sign up on church counter.



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

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. There will be two groups to be a part of in February.

**Wednesday, starting Feb 6**  
**Room 17 - R.O.C.K. Class**  
**Adrienne Cressman Leader**

**Monday, starting February 11**  
**Room 5 - Promise Room**  
**Leaders: Beverly Ray & Julia Bevers**

Both will run 10 weeks and will be from 6:15-7:30 pm. For more details you can contact Beverly Ray, Adrienne Cressman or Julia Bevers. You can sign up for classes on the church counter.

Wednesday Nights 6:15 –7:30 pm

Men's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study



**MY ONE WORD**  
CHANGE YOUR LIFE WITH JUST ONE WORD

**Check following pages for more opportunities**

# LIGHT

2019 Oklahoma Women's Retreat  
April 12-13

Falls Creek Convention Center

Registration \$75 through March 4

Register at:

[www.bgcocomen.org/okretreat](http://www.bgcocomen.org/okretreat)

Group Leader Name: Kayla Gannon

E-mail [Kala@stmarksbethany.com](mailto:Kala@stmarksbethany.com)

## SPEAKERS



Lysa TerKeurst



Rosaria Butterfield



Caleb Freeman



Point of Grace



For All Seasons

Optional to buy the t-shirt on registration.\

St. Mark's is going to have their own t-shirt for the event.

For more information contact Kayla Gannon or Sharon Hunt

We hope you take advantage of this great event at a great price.

Sign up Today!



Our next Men's Breakfast will be on the 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.

## Dinner On Wednesday Night



Every Wednesday from 5:30-6:15  
Everyone welcome. Cost is only \$3.

### Wednesday Programming

5:15 Strength/Stretch Class

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

6:00 Prayer Team

6:15 Adult Studies

6:15 KID Team

6:15 Student Ministry

6:15 Adult Studies

6:30 Choir Rehearsal



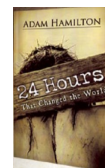
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
your young men will see visions. Joel 2:28

## Sign Up For a Lenten Study

There will be four different opportunities this Lenten season to be a part of a Bible Study. Sign ups will be on church counter.

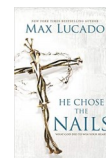
**Sundays** "24 Hours that Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton

Start February 10th 4:00 pm Led by Esther Withers at the Lyons home



**Tuesdays** "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado

Start February 12th 6:30 pm Led by Karen Kapka Rm. 17



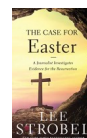
**Wednesdays** "On the Road to the Cross" by Rob Burkhardt

Start February 13th, 6:15 pm - Rm. 18 Class Led by Larry Gaston



**The Case for Easter" by Lee Strobel**

Watch for details.



## Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study group has changed their meeting times to the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. They are still reading and discussing the book "Wait and See" by Wendy Pope. Their next meeting will be February on February 4. 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](mailto:kayla@stmarksbethany.com). Watch the facebook page for latest information St Marks Women's Bible Study

## Pancake Breakfast

### Boy Scout Troop 553

**February 9, 7:00 am - 11:00 am**

Come out and support our troop. They will be serving chocolate chip, blueberry and traditional pancakes along with the side stuff. Tickets for this all you can eat event are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 and will be available on Scout Sunday, February 3rd and also at the door.



## Crossroads District

Oklahoma Conference of  
The United Methodist Church

This event is for Crossroads and Heartland District Clergy and Laity. This is a Church Leadership Training Event and all Church Leadership are highly encouraged to attend.

- **WHEN:** Saturday February 2, 2019. 9:30am-3pm.
- **WHERE:** Church of the Servant OKC

The Registration fee is \$10.00 per person. We encourage our Churches to invest in their leadership by paying the Registration fees for this training. The fee will cover lunch and materials.

You are also invited to attend an optional breakfast event with discussion on General Conference which will take place the same day, from 8:30am-9:15am.

To register [Click Here](#) or call District office. **Deadline to Register is January 31, 2019.**



*Sweets for the Sweet  
February 10, 2019*



## Getting to know some of our newest members



### Judy Browning

Judy is retired from Oklahoma Gas and Electric. She enjoys taking walks, playing cards and other games. She likes to watch football and the Cowboys are her favorite team. She is always up for a shopping trip and loves to eat out!



### Mat & Ladonna Matthews

Mat is a retired photographer. He loves music and teaching children. He was a lay leader in his church. He enjoys fishing and watching the cowboys play football.

LaDonna also retired as a photographer of 45 years. She teaches art, sews and makes stain glass. She also enjoys doing outside gardening. Together they enjoy working in the church and helping the church grow.



### Evelyn A. York

Evelyn is an asset Recovery Supervisor in loss prevention for Hobby Lobby. She loves to cook & eat, read, sew, do crafts and play board games. She enjoys watching basketball and football particularly OU and Kentucky. She has a Grand Kitty (Main Coon) and four rabbits.



It's a Happy New Year! I am really thankful to start out 2019 with all of you. It's going to be a great year! Our ministry has so many things to look forward to!

### Wednesdays

We're picking up youth again this week! Dinner is \$3/person at 5:30 and youth is from 6:15-7:30.

### Sundays

Sunday School is at 9:45! This Sunday, most students will be gone at Winter Retreat, but there will still be Sunday School for those who are in town.

Pretty soon, I'll have details on some special things that are coming up, such as the Spring Break Mission, service days, Winter Jam, and a Thunder game!

I hope to see you all on Wednesday! If you have any thoughts or questions, please, let me know!

### **Lydia Cressman**

*Director of Student Ministries*



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



### SUNDAY MORNING:

Age Nursery - Kindergarten

Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Age 1st - 5th grade

Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday School for elementary aged children:

9:30-10:45 "Extreme" – studying Bible events that are extreme - extremely hard to believe in many instances. We will study a series of events from the Old Testament and New Testament that will guide us to learn that God's love is extreme for us. God goes to great lengths to reach us, love us, and guide us. A few extreme events we will study are: Saul's Road to Damascus, Elijah and the chariots of fire, Jesus' temptation, and the extreme love of Jesus to go to the cross for us. Memory verse for this unit is 1 Corinthians 2:9 "It is written that no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human mind has known. God has prepared these things for those who love him."

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 1st grade through 5th 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

Jan 30: Lesson 16 - God Rebuilds the Broken, Ezra 7:27

Feb. 6: Lesson 17 - God has a Plan, Nehemiah 4:20

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# February



## Facts and Figures

2018 Budget ..... 590,255  
 2019 Annual Budget ..... TBD

Rec'd toward Operating 1/13/2019 ..... 7,695

### YTD 2019

Rec'd toward Operating 1/13/2019 ..... 19,060  
 Expenditures 1/13/2018 ..... 5,485

### Attendance

Sunday, January 27

Worship ..... 243

Sunday School ..... 196

Juanita	Hancock	Fran	Nobles
Katrina	Harkey	Danny	Payne
Bill	Harned	Greg	Pinkerton
Emerson	Jenks	Kelsey	Pope
Judy	Knight	Lori	Shenold
Mat	Mathews	Irene	Stafford
Lauren	McClellan	Jackie	Swedlow
Brock	McLaren	Mia	Teague
Jeff	Montesano	Betty	Underwood
Steve	Mullins	Grace	Watson
Chase "Bear"	Nichols		

## Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles	Barbara Homer
Kieth Ballard	John Baumeister
Beverly Clark	Cheryl Pavelko
Harold Kessler	Mike Kinsella
Greg Spiser	Boerner family
Mike Fisher	Teresa Kruta
Knutson/Pavelko family	Betty Underwood
Funk family	Dale Johnson family
Laurie Bucholtz	Ronnie Russell family

# St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST  
 CHURCH  
 8140 NW 36th Street

## St. Mark's Staff

**Keith Cressman, Pastor**

**Becky Roman, Mission & Music Director**

**Sharon Hunt, Early Childhood Ministries Director**

**Alicia Schneider, Children's Minister**

**Kayla Gannon, Kings & Queens Coordinator**

**Lydia Cressman, Student Minister**

**Pat Morford, Administrator, Communications**

**Christy Kiespert, 8:30 Keyboardist**

**Kaleb Siler, 9:45 Leaders of Worship**

**Roger Pautsch, 11:00 Organist**

**Jackie Swedlow, Accountant**

**Gwen Sears, Accountant Assistant**