

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

Experiencing Holy Week

at St. Mark's



"Experiencing Holy Week" will be our direction for this years Holy Week with an emphasis on making the week special through several hands on events. We encourage everyone to take part in the opportunities below as a ways 'Experience Holy Week' this year.

Project Easter

Palm Sunday, Luke 19:36-40

Last Supper, Matthew 26:26-30 and John 13:1-17

Gethsemane, Matthew 26:36-56

Good Friday, Luke 23:20-49

Easter Resurrection, John 20:1-16

These 5 main events from Holy Week will be emphasized as we encourage everyone (families, couples, singles, SS classes, etc.) to take one of these 5 areas discuss it, study it and then create way to share those thoughts. It could be a 3-D diorama scene from the story, a poem or prayer, a painting or drawing, a sculpture, an object that reminds you of that event, etc, etc.... The sky is the limit.

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Messy Easter is an opportunity for our church family to come together for an intergenerational experience that includes creativity, community, worship, food and celebration. All ages will work together to have fun and express the creativity that God has given us all in a relaxed setting. We will join together for on Wednesday, March 28th, for the D.O.W.N. meal at 5:30 and then move into the celebration at 6:15. Sign up on church counter or contact office to let us know you can be a part. A great place to invite friends, encourage others to take part and get on board for this time of living out the St. Mark's church community together.



Thursday, March 29th
Living reenactment of Last Supper

Project Easter

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Then, on Palm Sunday, March 25, each group that created a project will bring it to church and all will be on display for the entire congregation. That gives your family 4 weeks from now to work on this. The projects will be put on display throughout holy week, including Easter Sunday. I encourage your family to write a reflection on your study and/or your project - what did you learn, how did you decide to make this particular project, or something that the congregation/observers could take away for themselves. The written reflection is optional.

The overall goal is for you and your family to have a meaningful discussion about these events that happened to Jesus in the week leading to His death and resurrection, and to help focus our hearts and minds on following Jesus and allowing him to be Lord of our lives. Will you take the challenge?

Please pray about this opportunity to connect with God in a special unique way this Lenten season, and please let me know if you decide to participate and on which event you will focus. You can sign up in the Narthex, contact Alicia Schneider or the church office if you are willing to help will be in touch throughout the following weeks to update on how many families are involved and on which events have been chosen.

**Community
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31st
Overholser Elementary
7900 NW 36th St.
10:30 Kings & Queens
11:00 am Community**

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!



The Great Easter Invite

We will be doing the Great Easter Invite this year. Our goal is to invite our friends, neighbors, and co-workers to celebrate Easter with us. It takes all of us for this to happen. Be thinking about who you can invite. Watch for the baskets in the Narthex starting March 18th.



Mom & Son - Bowling with the Boys

Small change of plans! On Sunday, March 11th from 5-7 pm St. Mark's will be having a special night for mom's and sons (Grandmother/grandson; aunt/ nephew; etc.). The price is \$10. a person (2 hours bowling and shoes). The event will be held



Mom - Son / Grandmother - Grandson / Aunt Nephew / Etc.
Broncho Bowl (133 N Mustang Rd.)
\$10.00/ person (2 hours and shoes)
Sign up in church Narthex or call church office

at the **Broncho Bowl at 133 N Mustang Rd.**
Take advantage of this exciting time together.

Easter Eggs & Candy

We need people willing to bring sets of 100 filled Easter eggs for the community egg hunt we are having at Overholser Elementary. If you cannot get eggs stuffed we are still in need of individually wrapped candy. Drop off at office any-time in the next couple of weeks.

Spring Forward



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday

March 11, 2018



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

We have received word that Lane Ligon passed away on February 4th. Jane and his wife Jackie attended St. Mark's for many years and made many close friends while here.

Prayers for the family during this time. If you would like to send a note to Jackie you can reach her at 404 S. College Ave, Justin, TX 76247-9420.

SECOND WINDERS

Second Winders will meet on Thursday,



March 8th. Our noon meal will be lasagna. Cost: \$5. After the meal we

will take a program.



Our trip on the 15th

will be to the Oklahoma History Center. We may make a return to Florence's Restaurant if there is interest. Admission cost at the History Center: \$5.



Easter morning, April 1st, we will be providing a selfie station for taking pictures of you, your family, and friends. It will be in the narthex and you can take your own picture or someone will be available to take pictures for you. This is a great opportunity to catch the moment and a memory together with your favorite people.

EASTER LILIES

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter outside the church office for ordering Easter Lilies. These lilies will decorate our sanctuary Easter Sunday, April 1st. Please indicate on the sheet if you are donating the lily in honor or memory of your loved ones. Orders and payment of \$15.00 is due by Sunday, March 25th, for each lily you donate. You may take your lilies home after services on Easter Sunday.



Volunteers needed



We are in need of 2 volunteers to assist in the nursery on Wednesday, March 28th, from 6:15 to 8:00 pm during the "Messy Easter" event.

Our regular staff will be taking part in the event and we need people to free them so they can participate. Contact Sharon Hunt if you would be willing to help watch the babies.

Student Ministry

Rio Bravo, Mission

The Student ministries of St. Mark's UMC and New Covenant in Edmond will be in Rio Bravo, Mexico the week of March 17-23. The team of 40 students and their leaders will be working on an elementary school project in Rio Bravo. Pray for this team as they work, build relationships and grow together in Christ.



Join us on this Saturday, March 10th to help restore storms impacted by flooding in 2015. We will meet at the church at 8:00 am and return around 2:00 pm. Wear your work clothes and bring gloves. If you are interested in being a part of for more information contact Steve Chessmore at 370-8178.



The next Kings & Queens Special Needs Family Bible Study will be March 14th. If you know a family that this would be helpful for let them know of this opportunity.

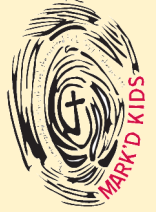
The Kings and Queens special Easter egg hunt will be March 31st at Overholser Elementary at 10:30 am. Another great place to invite families this would be meaningful for.



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 learn that God wants us to be HUMBLE. God wants us to be humble, not only so that he receives the praise, but also because we will be happier and others will better appreciate us. Children can learn what it means to be a good sport. Memory verse is Matthew 18:4

"Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."

See you tonight at 6:30!

Feb 28: Be Kind Memory Verse

March 7: Be Humble

March 14: Be Wise

March 21: Spring Break No Team KID

Ephesians 4:32

Matthew 18:4

Proverbs 8:33

~Ms. Alicia

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STUDENT MINISTRY

I hope March is starting off on the right foot for you and you are finding time to connect and search your heart for the areas you need to let go and prune as we continue in Lent. The Lord has great things for us to come and I am excited that we get to be a small part of that here at St. Marks. Now lets get to the happenings.

Wednesday, March 7th- We will be having praise and worship along with our small groups. Youth runs from 6:30PM-8:00PM. There is \$2 dinner before from 5:30PM-6:15PM and this week we are having taco bar. Please reserve your spot early if you want dinner.

Sunday, March 11th- This will be our last Mexico Mission meeting in Barnett Hall after church. Lunch will be provided and New Cov will be joining us. This is an important meeting for students and leaders on the trip. We will pray and worship and finalize last minute details. We will be getting commissioned at the 10:55AM service so please plan to attend and bring your passport if you have not gotten me a copy yet. Thanks

Thunder Up-We are going to watch the Thunder play on March 25th against the Portland Trail Blazers. We will meet at church at 5pm and return as soon as the game is over. Cost is \$10 a ticket and you will need to bring money for concessions at the game. Tickets are limited so please reserve your spot ASAP.

Please let me know if you need anything or have any questions. Praying for a great week for everyone.

John Hollon
Youth Pastor



Kieth	Ballard	Brianna	Hardin	James	Parker
Nicholas	Bentin	Becky	Harned	Mary	Parker
Ed	Boerner	Darlene	Hickman	Roger	Pautsch
Chris	Brehm	Kruse	Holliday	Connie	Petillo
Carla	Brueggen	Cali Rose	Howard	Jess	Prince
Matt	Chaney	Megan	Johnston	J.B.	Rackley
Trevion	Collins	Harold	Kessler	Brian	Ray
Shelby	Cranford	Christopher	Knowles	Avery	Reimers
Adrienne	Cressman	Dorothy	Lynch	Preston	Risinger
Brad	Cromwell	Ruth	Martyn	Kyphla	Sadler
William	Daniel	Lia	Michali	Jenny	Shenold
Jeff	Davidson	Dave	Moore	Kimberly	Truitt
Jillian	Ferguson	Don	Nobles	Esther	Underwood
Kiyarra	Gonzalez	Ivy	Norvell	Lauren	Wurzer
Patty	Groves	Nevada	Norvell		

Facts and Figures

2018 Budget 590,255

Rec'd toward Operating 3/4/2018 13,893

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 3/4/2018 106,595

Expenditures 2/25/2018.....91,000

Attendance

Sunday March 4, 2018

Worship 242

Sunday School188

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
Don Wonderly
Montesano family
Greg Spiser
Genie Funk
Vic Gammill
Steve Herriot
Frank Wilkerson
Jack Martyn
Ed & Gina Boerner

Kason Knutson & family
Kieth Ballard
Betty Miller
Beverly Clark
Jack Martyn
Doris Saxon
Dale & Jan Johnson
Jim Howerton family
Des Knutson
Lola Willis