

February 5, 2020

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We Are St. Mark's

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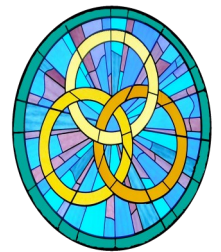
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New Directories Are In

Anyone whose picture in the directory is welcome to pick up a copy of the new directory in the church office. They are located on



church counter. Please note on the sheet next to the box when you pick yours up. We have several people that are not in the directory that would like a directory that did not get their picture taken, so please only take one per family. Thanks!





**Pancake Breakfast
Boy Scout Troop 553
February 8,
7:00 am - 11:00 am**

Come out and support our troop. 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 2nd and also at the door.

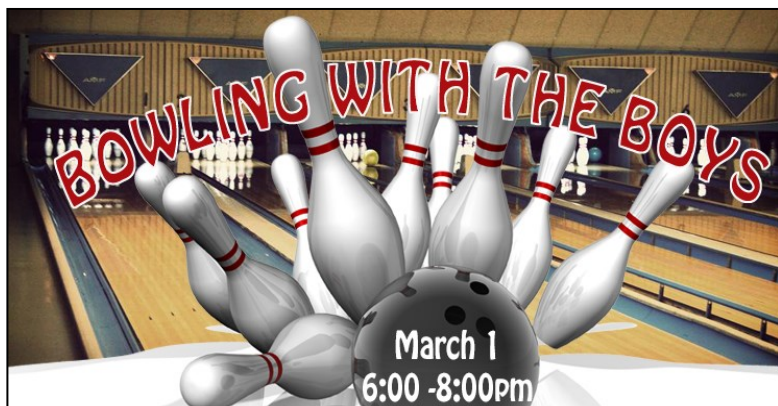
Wednesday Nights

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

6:00 Prayer Team

6:15 Indescribable (Children)
Student Ministry
Adult Studies

6:30 Choir Rehearsal



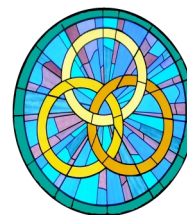
Mom - Son / Grandmother - Grandson / Aunt Nephew / Etc.
Save the Date and watch for more details
Mustang Broncho Bowl \$8/person (2 games and shoes)
Sign up in Narthex by February 23rd



Second Winders

Second Winders will next meet on February 13th at noon Details on the meal coming. Don

and Jan Greve and Miller Gerardy will speak about the church and building history of St Mark's.



St. Mark's 14th Annual

DADDY daughter DANCE

Saturday, February 22nd
6:30 – 8:00 pm
Family Life Center

DJ . Snack . Photo Opportunities

Cost is free. Donations accepted and appreciated

A special event for dads, granddads, uncles, older brothers and others to honor daughters

Contact David Miller for more information (405)850-4500

MEXICAN CUISINE SPANISH & COOKING CLASS



COME AND JOIN US MAKING

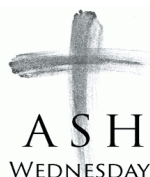
*Chicken & Cheese
Tamales*

WHILE LEARNING SOME BASIC CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH
BRING \$5 AND TAKE YOURS HOME!

FEBRUARY 27, 2020
BARNETT HALL
FROM 5:45-7:00 PM

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

Ash Wednesday Service Set for 6:15 pm , February 26th



Join us for this special service as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. The service will be brief and will involve receiving the sign of the Cross. A special service will also take place for the children. During Lent we will be doing rice



**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.

- ♦ 24 oz. Veg. Oil
- ♦ 20 oz. Mustard
- ♦ 24 oz. Ketchup
- ♦ 10 oz. Mayo
- ♦ Spaghetti Sauce



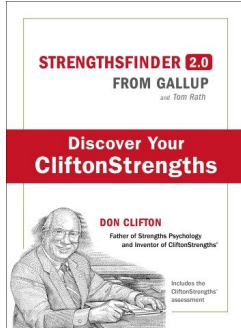
rightnow MEDIA

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

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

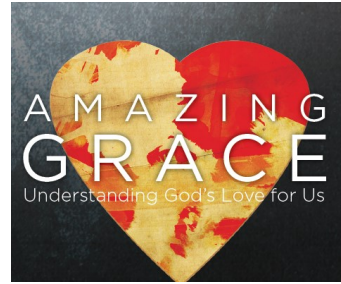
Strength Finders Class

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.



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

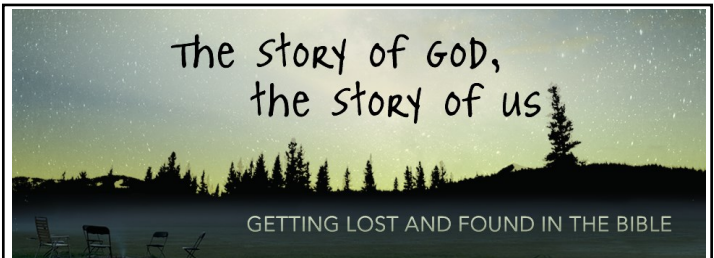


IT IS FINISHED

A LENTEN STUDY OF CHRIST'S FINAL WORDS ON THE CROSS

The Faithbuilders class will be doing a Lenten study on Sunday mornings beginning March 1st, at 10:45 am. Anyone is welcome to join us for this study by David Dorn on Christ's final words on the cross. You can sign up on the church counter or just come and join us. The class will meet in room 18.

The "It Is Finished" study will also be available on Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 pm starting February 26th and running through April 8. You can sign up on the church counter or just come and join us. The class will meet in room 18.



The Story of God, The Story of Us
Rev. Nancy (Hamilton) Johnson will be leading a Lenten study beginning Wednesday March 4th - April 8th. We will meet after dinner for six weeks on Wednesday's.

We all have a story, a story of how we got to where we are now. God's story is no different. The cost of the book it is \$17.00 if you would like the book ordered for you. Please sign up on the church counter by Feb 16th to receive your book by Feb 26th. Books will be distributed Ash Wednesday so we can start reading. Looking forward to journeying together with you.

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.

Adult Sunday AM Classes

8:15 am
Room 17
Sonshine Class
Room 18
New Life Class
9:30 am
Room 18
Discipleship
Class
Room 17
Young Adult

10:40 am
Choir Room
Good News Class
10:45 am
Room 19
R.O.C.K. Class
10:55 am
Room 5
Promise Class
Room 18
Faithbuilders Class



STUDENT MINISTRY

Here's what's coming up soon!

WINTER RETREAT - Feb 14-16 @ Sky Ranch Cave Springs in E Oklahoma

- Get to church by 5pm on Feb 14
- We'll be back around 5pm on Feb 16
- Bring money for one fast-food meal
- Bring weather-appropriate clothes, toiletries, bedding, towel, Bible, journal, flashlight, water bottle, snacks
- Don't bring illegal things :) Also, feel free to bring your phone but keep it mostly put away.

WINTER JAM - Feb 29

- Details coming soon!

Sundays

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

On Feb 16, most students will be away on Winter Retreat. However, there will still be Sunday School available in the youth area for anyone in town.

Wednesdays

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

We are continuing our "Greater Than" series by Francis Chan from RightNow media until through Feb 12.

Feb 19 - Valentine's Party!

Feb 26 - Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary

Further Down the Road

- Spring Break Mission: HS @ McAllen, TX - March 16-21
- 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

Lydia Cressman

Director of Student Ministries

EVERY PARENT'S GUIDE
TO HELPING TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS
THRIVE IN THEIR FAITH, FAMILY, AND FUTURE

GROWING WITH

SERVANT NEXTGEN AND DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES PRESENT A

PARENTING SEMINAR



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.

Guest Speaker
Kara Powell

REGISTER AT
SERVANTOKC.ORG/PARENTING

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

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

"Held Captive"



Each Bible accounts of people who were held either in

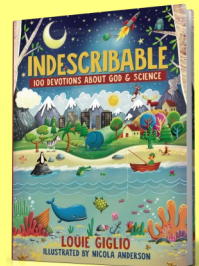
jail, or by someone (Saul escapes in a basket) or something (Jonah in a whale).



WEDNESDAY EVENING:

D.O.W.N. Dinner - 5:30-6:15
INDESCRIBABLE - 6:15—7:30

St. Mark's children, ages 4-5th grade, are learning about our Indescribable God, based on *Indescribable Devotions* by Louie Giglio. Each week we will discover a different part of God's creation, from space, to earth, to animals, to people. We will look at real-life pictures and illustrations, learn scientific facts, and pray to our Creator God together. Each week, children will recite a memory verse that correlates to the lesson.



Coming: January 29 Great Balls of Fire MV II Tim. 1:7

February 5 Thick & Thin

February 12 God is Love

Valentine's Party

February 19 Ears to Hear

MV John 15:5

MV I John 4:8

MV James 1:22

EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY DIRECTOR:

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Alicia Schneider

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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.

Services for Barbara Gardner will be on Thursday, February 6th at 2:00 pm.

In Lieu of flowers memorials can be given to the following:

St. Marks United Methodist Church
Hendrick Hospice Care of Abilene
Salvation Army

Aspire

Author & Bible Teacher
MARY SHANNON

Comedy by
ANITA RENFROE

Worship with
KENDALL PAYNE

**FRIDAY
APRIL 3, 2020**

**CROSSINGS
COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
14600 N. PORTLAND AVE.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73134

7:00PM SHOW
6:30PM GA DOORS OPEN
6:00PM VIP DOORS OPEN

ADVANCE TICKETS
\$25 Gen Admission | \$35 VIP
\$20 Groups of 10 or more.
Group sales call 480-812-1100

VIP tickets include early entry for preferred seating and Q&A session with all the speakers and artists.

Purchase tickets at **480-812-1100**
or online at:
ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com

Abingdon Women | Compassion | EFP Extreme Faith Productions



Ryan	Agyemang	Bill	Harned	Jeff	Montesano
Todd	Attalla	Joy	Hicks	Steve	Mullins
Mike	Benton	John	Hollon	Chase	Nichols
Dan	Boland	Beau James	Jackson	Fran	Nobles
Darell	Brehm	Emerson	Jenks	Danny	Payne
Nikala	Bremmer	Joey	Keck	Greg	Pinkerton
Pat	Brock	Sandy	Kelley	Kelsey	Pope
Walter	Correia	Judy	Knight	Hunter	Reimers
Asher	Cromwell	Parker	Lincoln	Jaylen	Riser
Colt	Fletcher	Garrett	Mackey	Lori	Shenold
Christopher	Garner	Addelyn	Manhart	Irene	Stafford
Janna	Greve	Carson	Manharth	Jackie	Swedlow
Red	Groves	Mat	Mathews	Mia	Teague
Juanita	Hancock	Lauren	McClellan	Betty	Underwood
Katrina	Harkey	Brock	McLaren	Grace	Watson

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 26

Worship 244

Sunday School 186

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
Votaw family
Barbara Gardner family
Barbara Homer
Lindell Warren
Vic Gammill
Ilene Mills
Larry Kelly family
Tammy Van Dyke
Duane Pavelko
Linda Pollock

Pam Barnes
Hutchison's
John Baumeister
Betty Underwood
Chris & Kelly Pavelko
Beverly Clark
Fisher family
Boemer family
Savill family