

February 26, 2020

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We Are St. Mark's

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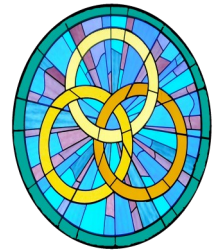
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Ash Wednesday Service Set for 6:15 pm , February 26th



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. Regular programming for students and adult studies will take place following the service. Children will go to their programming at normal time and it will include a special Ash Wednesday service for them.

During Lent we will be doing rice bowls again. You will be able to pick up your rice bowls following services. As in the past we encourage you to fill the Rice Bowls through the Lenten season. All funds raised by Rice Bowls will go to feed orphaned children around the world.



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!



Wednesday Night

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

This Week:

\$3/ person.



6:00 Prayer Team

6:15 Ash Wed. Service
Indescribable (Children)

6:45 Adult Studies
Student Ministries
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)

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!

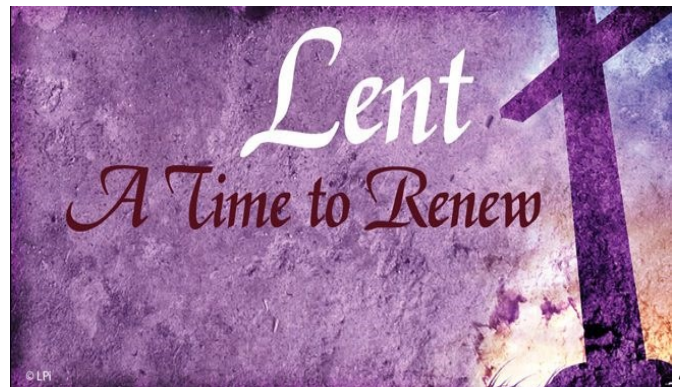
FEBRUARY 27, 2020
BARNETT HALL
FROM 5:45-7:00 PM

EMAIL TO RSVP:

BEQUER@STMARKSBETHANY.COM
OR SIGN-UP ON THE CHURCH COUNTER



Our next Men's Breakfast will be March 7th.
We will have breakfast will be at 8:00 am and
should be done by 9 am. Feel free to invite a



**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>

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

GETTING LOST AND FOUND IN THE BIBLE

The Story of God, The Story of Us
Rev. Nancy (Hamilton) Johnson will be leading a Lenten study beginning Wednesday February 26 - 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.

Women's Bible Study

This coming Monday the Women's Bible Study will begin the Lenten study "It Is Finished" back at the Gannon's. Please contact Kayla Gannon for more information.



Comunidad After School Program

On Thursdays afternoons Comunidad has it's weekly after school tutoring program for children



from Overholser. The program has started small but is showing great possibilities. One March 12th the will be putting together an art show displaying the work of some of the children from the school.. Several tutors are also working in classes at the school to help children with reading. 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	10:40 am
Room 17	Choir Room
Sonshine Class	Good News Class
Room 18	10:45 am
New Life Class	Room 19
9:30 am	R.O.C.K. Class
Room 18	10:55 am
Discipleship	Room 5
Class	Promise Class
Room 17	Room 18
Young Adult	Faithbuilders Class

Eggs for Community Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Community Egg Hunt is on its way and we need eggs with individually wrapped candy in them for 300+ kids.

Ways You can Help:

Bring Easter eggs filled with candy

Bring candy that will go in eggs

Pick up some empty eggs in foyer and fill them with candy.

Pick up envelope in foyer to help with special treats for
Kings & Queens Egg Hunt

THANKS!

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.



STUDENT MINISTRY

Here's what's coming up soon!

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.

Feb 26 - Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary

Further Down the Road

- Spring Break Mission: HS –MS @TBA 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



Second Winders

Second Winders will next meet on March 13th at noon.

We will be having a traditional Irish Stew for the meal. Steven Harris from the Bethany fire Department will be our speaker.



Also, mark your calendar for April 23rd when we will have an outing to the National Weather Center in Norman.

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

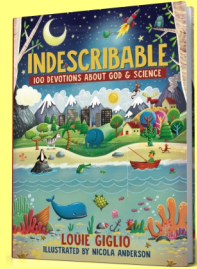
jail, or by someone (Saul escapes in a basket) or something (Jonah in a whale).



WEDNESDAY EVENING:

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

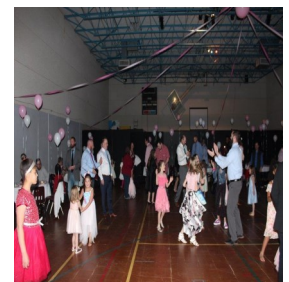
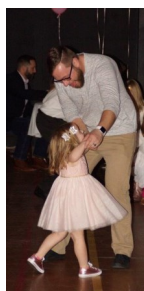
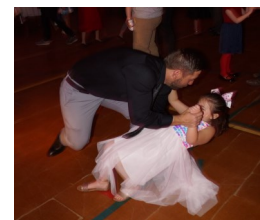
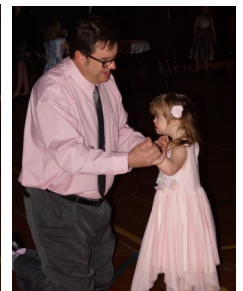
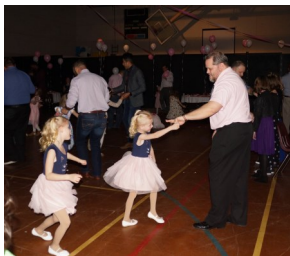
St. Mark's children, ages 4-5th grade, are learning about our Indescribable God, based on *Indescribable Devotions* by Louie Giglio. Each week we will discover a different part of God's creation, from space, to earth, to animals, to people. We will look at real-life pictures and illustrations, learn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



Coming: February 26 Packed w/Power MV I Cor. 6:19
March 4 Astronomical Guidance MV Romans 8:1
March 11 Mountain Climbing MV Psalm 3:4
March 18 Spring Break (No Programming)
March 25 Somebody's Watching You
MV Psalm 121:8

St. Mark's 14th Annual

DADDY daughter DANCE





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

2020 Annual Budget620,218
 Rec'd toward Operating 2/9/202018,720

YTD 2020

Rec'd toward Operating 2/9/202059,776
 Expenditures 2/9/202047,378

Attendance

Sunday, February 23
 Worship 257
 Sunday School 182

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
 Votaw family
 Barbara Homer
 Lindell Warren family
 Vic Gammill
 Ilene Mills
 Tammy Van Dyke
 Duane Pavelko
 Hazel Bremmer
 Patrick Hobbs
 Jerry & Bonnie Fisher
 Greg Spiser

Linda Pollock
 Pam Barnes
 John Baumeister
 Betty Underwood
 Chris & Kelly Pavelko
 Beverly Clark
 Andre Frehley
 Penny & James Hays
 Marilyn Cook
 Cheryl Pavelko
 Boerner family

St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST
 CHURCH

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St. Mark's Staff

Keith Cressman, Pastor

Becky Roman, Mission & Music Director

Sharon Hunt, Early Childhood Ministries

Alicia Schneider, Children's Minister

Kayla Gannon, Kings & Queens Coordinator

Lydia Cressman, Student Minister

Pat Morford, Administrator, Communications

Bequer Gomez, Comunidad liaison

Christy Kiespert, 8:30 Keyboardist

Jackie Swedlow, Accountant