

September 12, 2018

E-Messenger

Our Mission Statement To build a family of believers who glorify God and

Dinner On Wednesday Night Tonight!

Every Wednesday's from 5:30-6:15
Great place to get fed and fellowship before programming.
Everyone welcome. Cost is only \$3. a person.



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

Emmaus Gathering!

Emmaus community - The September gathering will be held here at St. Mark's UMC on Saturday, September 15th with a pot luck supper at 5:30 pm and worship at 7 pm.



I need help setting up Barnett Hall about 4:30 pm and clean up at 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish, salad, desert, or beverage to share (Ice tea and coffee will be provided).

If you are interested in what Emmaus is all about please come and share a meal with us and/or join us in worship at 7 pm.

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Kathy Hamilton

Church Beautification

If you can plant a flower or pull a weed, please come help beautify our landscape. Work days are scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 9-12; Saturday, September 29, 9-12; and Sunday, September 30, 2-4. Monetary donations are also needed for mulch and plant materials.



Second Winders, St. Mark's retiree group, will meet for a noon meal on Thursday, September 13th. Come early for coffee and conversation. "Wild Bill Hiccup", otherwise known as Dow Dozier, will present our program. The meal will be ham and beans and vegetable soup. Cost: \$5. Those with names beginning with A-G, please bring dessert.

**WILD BILL
HICCUP**

St. Mark's UMC CHURCH GARAGE SALE

The Garage Sale a huge success with around \$1500 raised. All funds from the sale will go towards UMW Mission projects. The UMW would like to thank the MANY people who helped in so many ways. Donating items, setting up, picking up items, pricing, and so much more. The left over items were given to a very grateful "Hearts and Hands" ministry.

Prayer Targets 2018-19

Council Grove Elementary

Overholser Elementary

Yukon newer residents

House groups

Outreach

**Your neighbors
and neighborhood**

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study group has kicked off and will next meet on Friday, September 21st at 7:00 pm. The group will meet the first and 3rd Friday of each month. They will be reading and discussing the book "Wait and See" by Wendy Pope. 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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



SUNDAY MORNING:

Age Nursery - Kindergarten

Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Age Kindergarten - 5th grade

Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday School for elementary aged children:

9:30-10:45 - **"Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives"** Each lesson has food mentioned in it in some way. We will study Bible events like: Elijah fed by the ravens, Naboth's vineyard, Daniel is the King's court, Manna in the desert, and Jesus feeding the disciples breakfast on the beach, to name a few of the 13 lessons. We will learn that our needs are truly met by relationship with Jesus.

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 kindergarten through 4th 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



September 12: Lesson 2 - God calls a people of faith, Ephesians 2:8

September 19: Lesson 3 - God delivers His people, Exodus 14:14

September 26: Lesson 4 - God offers atonement, Leviticus 16:24b

October 3: Lesson 5 - God provides a substitute, Numbers 9:5b

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STUDENT MINISTRY

I am so excited for fall programming! This past Wednesday, we had a great time playing games and shooting the STRIVE announcement video. This Wednesday we're kicking off our first series of the fall (and my first series ever as a youth pastor)!

Wednesday, Sept. 12

D.O.W.N. (Dinner on Wednesday Nights) is at 5:30, \$3/person and Youth is from 6:15-7:30. **We are beginning a series called Untitled.** We'll talk about some of the misconceptions we have about God and we'll learn to replace those with the truth of who He actually is.

Sunday, Sept. 16

Sunday School is at 9:45 and big church is at 10:55!

METRO WORSHIP is Sunday evening! We're going out to dinner beforehand and then we're heading to St. Luke's for a worship time with other youth groups from the metro area. This is a great time to build community, see old camp friends, and worship God in a different setting. Meet at the church at 4:45 and we'll be back about 8.

JU signup is happening now!

With Jesus University, students have the opportunity from 6th-12th grade to earn scholarship money, which can be used after graduation for continuing education. They earn money based on their participation in camps, mission trips, and retreats. Sunday morning attendance is vital, as the majority of JU credit comes from attending regularly. STRIVE is mandatory, because that's where JU funds come from. To be a part of JU for this school year, **sign up no later than Sunday, Sept. 16!** There is a *\$20/person enrollment fee*.

I strongly encourage everyone to sign up for JU, because I, as well as many others who graduated from St. Mark's student ministries, have benefited greatly from this program. It's well worth it. Also, students who sign up get a t-shirt, which is always fun.

STRIVE begins on Sept. 19!

STRIVE is our ministry's annual fundraiser. The earnings go towards camps, retreats, mission trips, and the JU fund. Students ask people to donate, and as a thank you, the students will serve for 8 hours on the STRIVE workday.

The **STRIVE workday is Oct. 13** and it is mandatory for those who participated in the STRIVE fundraiser. Others who didn't participate in the STRIVE fundraiser are also more than welcome to join us for this service day!

STRIVE has been the student ministry fundraiser at St. Mark's for nearly two decades, and our church family has been extremely generous over the years. STRIVE is an incredible opportunity for our students to meet people in our church and to experience perhaps the easiest fundraiser they will ever participate in. I know some of our students are shy about asking for money, but they can feel much better knowing that **our St. Mark's family really *wants* to give!**

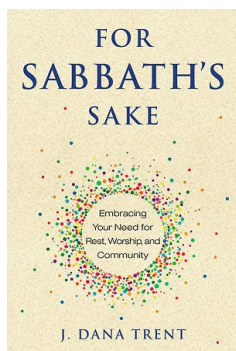
Also, those who do STRIVE get a t-shirt. So if you sign up for JU and STRIVE, that's two t-shirts. It doesn't get much better than that.

I care about you guys and I'm praying for you! See you Wednesday!

Lydia Cressman

Director of Student Ministries

Sign Up for Adult Studies available this fall

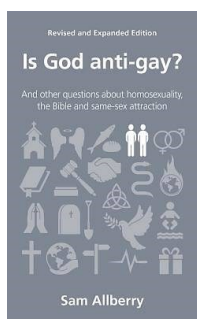


Many Americans balk at the idea of setting aside an entire day for worship, rest, and time with those who matter most to them. In a culture of constant busyness, the lines have blurred between our work and personal lives, and we feel pulled in many directions.

Yet we long for more time well spent—unrushed time to be alone, relax with friends and family, and grow closer to God. Many of us seem to have forgotten the ancient spiritual practice that can help us regain balance in our lives: Sabbath.

For Sabbath's Sake dives into the heart of what keeps us from Sabbath.

Class will be held on **Thursday evenings @ 6:30 pm** starting September 13, with Joey Pedigo leading the group. Learn more and sign up for the class at the Fall Launch on August 29th.



It's the hot topic of the moment. Christians, the church and the Bible seem to be out of step with modern attitudes towards homosexuality. And there is growing hostility towards those who hold a different view. So is God homophobic? And what do we say, and how do we relate to both Christians and non Christians who experience same-sex attraction.

Class will be held on **Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 pm** with Pastor Keith leading the group.

Discover your God-given talents and find fulfillment by serving your community. *Living*



Your Strengths combines research with Biblical insight to help you identify and live from your natural talents.

Class will be led by Don Greve and will set meeting times following sign up at Fall Launch. Date and Time to be determined.



The Keys to Freedom study teaches a biblical model for freedom from beliefs and behaviors that prevent us from fully experiencing the love and light of Christ. See page 3 for more details on this study.

The study will meet on **Wednesdays starting September 5th, from 6:15 to 7:30 pm** for 12 weeks

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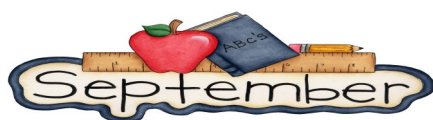
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Finleigh	Miller	Patricia	Wonderly

Facts and Figures

2018 Budget 590,255

Rec'd toward Operating 9/9/2018 12,345

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 9/9/2018 376,207

Expenditures 9/9/2018 384,304

Attendance

Sunday, September 9

Worship 227

Sunday School 190

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
Kieth Ballard
Betty Miller
Dale & Jan Johnson
Kelli Pavelko
Kason Knutson & family
Kruse & Mary Holliday
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