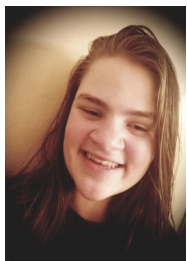


Sunday Mornings

Confirmation Sunday - May 5th

This Sunday we are excited to have our confirmation class of 2018 finish their 13 weeks of study on the Christian faith. Kelsey Evans will be baptized and then be joined by Samantha and Draven to reaffirm their faith and make a public profession of Christ. Ashlyn will reaffirm her faith on the 27th of May at the "Remember Your Baptism" event (see details on pg. 7). Pray for these students as they take this stem in their faith.



Kelsey Evans



Samantha Miller



Draven Montesano



Ashlyn Sears

Senior Recognition Sunday

Just a quick look back at this great groups of Seniors we recognized last week during both services. Thanks for your service and our prayers go out for each of you as you take those next big steps in life.



"Become a part of 50 Days of Prayer"



During the fifty days leading to Pentecost, you are invited to participate in "50 Days of Prayer." Each week the devotions for that week will be loaded to our website (www.stmarksbethany.com), through links posted on the website home page. From there you will be able to read or download the devotions in a device-friendly .pdf format.

Council Grove Elementary Teacher Appreciation

Cookies for Teachers

Thanks to everyone for signing up for cookies for the teacher appreciation bags. Please remember that we need to have all cookies by this Sunday March 6th.

Bring cookies on Sunday, May 6.



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!



Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the graduation of Cody Hunt and Tyler Funk on May

5th from 3-5pm. The event is come and go and is just an opportunity to visit with them, pray for them or just share some of the stories that you have had with them.



Upcoming Special times of worship

May 6th - Confirmation Sunday

May 13th - Mother's Day

May 20th - Pentecost

May 27th - Combined Worship

(All Church Picnic, Remember your baptism, Hollon's send off)

June 3rd - UMW Sunday



We hope to see you all men on Saturday morning at 8AM. We will have eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy. I also have an idea I am excited to share with you guys and get your feedback on.

Brad Cromwell

**Register now for
Mark'd Kids
Day Camp
June 5-July 26
9:30-2:30
Tuesdays/Thursdays**

To get all information and rules and fill out registration for summer 2018 just by click on "Day Camp" logo below.



Invites everyone
To join them to
learn this month

Second Winders will meet at noon on Thursday, May 10th. **We want to invite everyone in the church and their guests to join us.** We will be having a person from the Alzheimer's Association bring our program. We all probably know someone who is dealing with this disease and this will be a great way to hear the latest information on research, developments and how to deal with it. The information is something we can all use. The meal will be a covered dish, so bring your favorite dish.



**Recognizing
Graduating
College Students**



We want to acknowledge all the hard work of graduating college students and need everyone's help. If you know of any persons graduating this spring please let us know in the church office as soon as possible. We sometimes lose track of students as they leave for college but want to recognize their accomplishments. Your help is needed. Thanks.



We Need YOU!

This summer St. Mark's is hosting
B.A.S.I.C. Elements Science VBS
June 4-8, 5:30-8:30.
Dinner served at 5:00.

In order to pull off this amazing week of hands-on science, crazy skits and devotional teaching, we

need YOU! It is only through the work and dedication of volunteer servants that we can provide such a memorable, gospel-focused experience for kids in our community.

We're looking for volunteers in all areas — VBS set up, room teachers, skit performers, musicians, prayer team, and more.

If you have older children not attending VBS, consider signing up to volunteer together. A recent research study showed that 75 percent of kids who are part of a strong evangelical church will leave the church and any connection to Christ from age 18-29. BUT, one common factor among the 25 percent who DO NOT leave the church was serving with their families in a faith-based ministry.

This summer could be the perfect opportunity for you to begin serving together as a family.

Contact Alicia Schneider to volunteer.

REGISTER YOUR KIDS FOR VBS

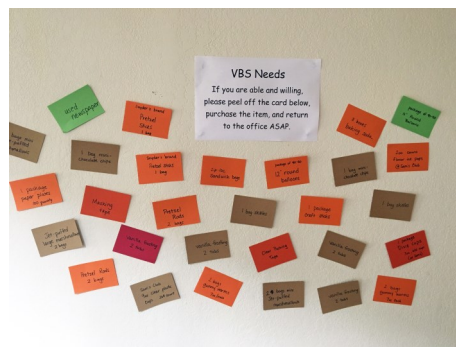
Registration is now available on-line for St. Mark's VBS June 4-8. BLAST into summer with an EXPLOSIVE VBS program like you've never experienced.

Your Kids will explore the world of science — from launching rockets to squishing slime — while walking through five BASIC elements of faith — Believe, Ask, Serve, Impact, Celebrate.

To register go to click on "basic Elements" below.



VBS Supplies Needed



We are looking for a few supplies for VBS and you can help. Outside the office you can find the display

shown here with cards for you to take. If you can then pick up what's on your card and bring it back to the church in the next week or so it would be great appreciated. Thanks to everyone who is making VBS special!



Kings and Queens
next respite will be
held on Friday, May
11th. Please be in

prayer for this ministry as it continues to
reach through the community to meet spe-
cial needs.

The next Kings & Queens Special Needs
Family Bible Study will be May 16th. They
will close this year out with a party on the
26th. If you know a family that this would be
helpful for let them know of this opportunity.

New Church Directories in!

Our long awaited directories are in and if you
had your portrait
made you can pick
one up in the church
office at your conven-
ience. Please mark
your name off the list
when you pick your
directory off so we
know who still needs
to get theirs.



STUDENT MINISTRY

I hope you were able to join us for our Senior Sunday worship services yesterday. Our seniors did a fantastic job and I am so proud of who they are becoming. I know God has great plans for them and will use them to do tremendous things. If you get a chance ask them about where they are headed and what God has called them to in this life. Now we will get on to our happening this week.

Wednesday, May 2nd-We have youth small groups and worship this week from 6:30-8pm. We are excited as we are studying putting others first and becoming more Christ like in our actions. As always there is \$2 dinner before from 5:30-6:15pm. please make sure and reserve your spot.

Sunday, May 6th-Confirmation Sunday!!! Come worship with us as we welcome these Confirmants into membership in the church and they take a really important step on their discipleship journey. This along with communion will be our focus at the 10:55am worship service. We hope to see you there!

Important Information:

Parent Meeting-If you missed our parent meeting yesterday, click here for a copy of important camp dates and Summer information.

Please let me know if there is anything you need you from me. I am looking forward to a great finish to my season at St. Marks and am thankful for all of you who have been part of the journey!

John Hollon
Youth Pastor





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

Tonight at TeamKID, children will learn that being LOYAL often means putting another's feelings and needs ahead of their own. Being loyal means staying faithful through good times and bad, and we will review ways to show loyal to family and friends. Memory verse is Zechariah 7:9

"Here is what the LORD who rules over all said to his people. "Treat everyone with justice. Show mercy and tender concern to one another." See you all tonight! ~Miss Alicia



May 2: Be Loyal

MV - Zechariah 7:9

May 9: Be Hospitable

MV - I Peter 4:9

May 16: Be Polite

MV - Luke 6:31

May 23rd: Summer Break begins

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Sunday, May 27th - A Day of Celebration



What a day is in store for St. Mark's as we join together to worship, fellowship, eat, and proclaim our faith in a variety of ways. The day will begin with a combined worship service at 10:00 am. Following worship we will move to the lawn on the east side of the church to have a time of fellowship as we everyone brings their favorite picnic items to share together. The church will provide the meat but your dishes will round out the rest of the menu. As the fellowship continues there will be a time of baptisms and remembering of baptisms in the yard as well as a reaffirmation of faith by one of our confirmation class members. Thrown in with everything else we will also be having a reception for the Hollon family as they make finalize their move to Ardmore where John will be taking over the task of associate pastor at Ardmore FUMC. Don't know that we could squeeze a whole lot more into the day but I'm sure that with that much excitement going on that spontaneous celebrations will be taking place. If you would like to take part in the baptism celebration please contact Pastor Keith. Mark that calendar and be ready to join the St. Mark's community on this epic day.



Remember Your



Magomano Water Project

If you were not at church Sunday (or just want to watch it again), the Fogleman's brought us an update on the Water well project which was the focus of our Christmas Eve offering. You can see the video of progress on the well by clicking on picture below.

How exciting to be a part of this life changing event.





Facts and Figures

2018 Budget
590,255
Rec'd toward Operating 4/29/2018
4,807

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 4/29/2018
.....190,731

Expenditures 4/29/2018.....
....170,125

Attendance

Maci	Attalla	Jessica	Swedlow	Phyllis	Mosher
Brecken	Cromwell	Nancy	Ward	Sonya	Penalosa
Debbie	Fallon	Esther	Withers	Adalyne	Perry
Michelle	Funk	Michele	Young	Eleonore	Price
Lee	Harder	Miles	Collins	Pamela	Ramirez
William	Hughes	Asher	Fields	Bea	Rhea
Kaitlin	Kiespert	Gavin	Mumme	Hardy	Sears
Emily	Kilby	Kalvin	Peters	Logan	Sears
Patrick	Lee	John	Schneider	Jeff	Shenold
Helen	McEachern	Iselle	Streetman	Megan	Shenold
David	Miller	Kevin	Swedlow	John	Simon
Samantha	Miller				

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles	Don Wonderly
Kieth Ballard	Montesano family
Betty Miller	Beverly Clark
Funk family	John Baumeister
Kyle (Joey Pedigo nephew)	Vic Gammill
Dale & Jan Johnson	Ed & Gina Boerner
Carolyn Bright	Connie Petillo family
Kason Knutson & family	Billie Blake family
Larry Kelly	Cheryl Pavelko
Cheryl Andrews	

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Kaleb Siler, 9:45 Leaders of Worship
Roger Pautsch, 11:00 Organist
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