

December 31, 2019

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

Light of
the World

**"Light of the World"
Messy Epiphany
Sunday, Jan. 5th 4-6pm**

"Light of the World" is our focus as we explore and experience Epiphany together and come to the infant Jesus. We will worship and experience hands-on stations that help us to be a light in the world. Activities, crafts and great family moments will all take place in this adventure. Bring the whole family and invite your friends. Sign up to be a part on church counter.



— HAPPY NEW YEAR —

Christmas Eve Offering Update



So far we have received over \$17,525 from our Christmas Eve Offering for the



well in Kenya and YSF. You still have the opportunity to share in this gift if you missed it. Just mark your check Christmas Eve offering.

Reminder for end of year giving

- Any donations received by the church office or in the offering through Dec 31 can be coded to 2019
- Any checks received in January must be postmarked on or before 12/31 to be dated 2019 in the software. Gifts placed in the offering in January 2020 will be entered in as 2020 **regardless of the check date**. (IRS doesn't allow backdating checks)



Our next Men's Breakfast will be on January 4th. We will have breakfast will be at 8:00 am and should be done by 9 am. Feel free to invite a friend, or bring your kids.

Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to be a part of this great study. It is on Monday evenings. Even if you can't make it to every session we encourage you to join us and keep caught up on RightNow Media It will begin at 7:00 pm at Kayla Gannon's home.

Growth Opportunities



You may be wondering how you can become more involved or join St Mark's. Thus I write, inviting you to join me for what we call the "Membership Class."

We will meet three Wednesday evenings 6:15-7:20'ish beginning January 15 and ending January 29. A meal will be available in Barnett Hall beginning at 5:30. Nursery, children and student ministries will be underway; there will be a place for your children.

I want to share some specific information with you, but the topics will be driven by your questions and interests. Some of the congregational leaders will be dropping in to introduce themselves and answer questions you may have for them.

Please sign up at the counter outside the office of call Pat Morford or me at the church (405-789-9033) to let us know to look for you.

I look forward to getting to know you better.

Pastor Keith

Teach Us How To Pray

A seven week class will begin January 15th

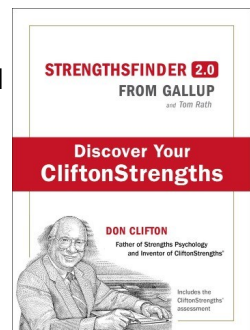


at 2:00 pm in room 18. The study will be a deeper look into the Lord's prayer. Through this study and discussion, we will learn that the Lord's Prayer can be understood as a pattern of

how to pray. It gives us the fundamental components that can go into our prayer time as we converse with God. You can sign up for the class on the church counter.

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.



Mission & Service Opportunities

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.

FALL 2020
ST. MARK'S TO HOST

Whiz Kids

BE WATCHING FOR DETAILS AND MORE
INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN BE A PART!

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.



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.

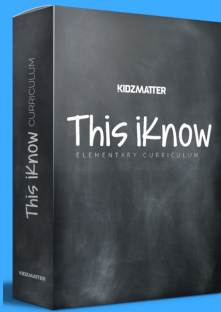
If you have interest in being a part of the team from St. Mark's grab a brochure at the Welcome Center and learn the details of the trip.



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



"THIS I KNOW"

Current lesson Plan :
"Look at the Mess"
Each Bible account high-
lights someone who got in
a mess and how God was

faithful to them through the
entire experience. God real-
izes our lives can
get messy and God is not in-
timidated in the least by
them.



EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY DIRECTOR:
Sharon Hunt
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Email: sharon@stmarksbethany.com

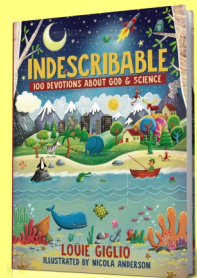
WEDNESDAY EVENING:

Programming kicks off January 8th
D.O.W.N. Dinner - 5:30-6:15
INDESCRIBABLE - 6:15—7:30

God has different plans for us and your children
so we are going to try something different this
year and will begin "Indescribable" Please pray
for us as we plan and develop lessons around
Louis Giglio's - Indescribable - devotionals for
children. Something new and exciting as we
hope to challenge the kiddos to experience our
God in Indescribable ways.

Four keys areas will be explored as we look
at how indescribable our God is.

Space
Earth
Animals
People



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:
Alicia Schneider
Phone: 789-9033
Email: alicia@stmarksbethany.com

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.

- ♦ Sugar
- ♦ Saltine Crackers
- ♦ Cereal



rightnow MEDIA

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

[https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/
stmarksbethany](https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/stmarksbethany)

STUDENT MINISTRY

Winter Retreat registration forms are out!! Pick one up in the youth room or print the attached form.

- Retreat is Feb 14-16 @ Sky Ranch
- \$115
- **Forms and payments are due Jan 15!**
- Leaders, please, let me know if you're available to come with us!

Upcoming Stuff

- Today - Christmas Eve services at 5:30 and 7
- Sun, Dec 29 - Plaid Sunday! - Combined Worship at 10:00, no Sunday School
- Wed, Jan 1 - Happy New Year! - No youth
- Sun, Jan 5 - Regular Sunday! - Sun School at 9:45, Big Church at 10:55
- Wed, Jan 8 - Annnd we're back - Dinner at 5:30, Youth at 6:15 - We're goal-setting for the New Year!

Lydia Cressman

Director of Student Ministries

MEXICAN CUISINE SPANISH & COOKING CLASS

COME AND JOIN US MAKING

*Green Chicken
Enchilada Casserole*

WHILE LEARNING SOME BASIC CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

BRING \$5 AND TAKE YOURS HOME!

**JANUARY 23, 2019
BARNETT HALL
FROM 5:45-7:00 PM**



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

St. Mark's Leadership January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2022 Church Council

Chair	Jay Sears		
Lay Leader	David Miller		
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Lydia Cressman		
SPRC Chair	Steve Couch		
Hospitality & Outreach SHIFT team leader	Dorothy Lynch		
Mission & Service SHIFT team leader	Kathy Hamilton		
Discipleship & Formation SHIFT team leader	Joey Pedigo		
Committees	2019	2020	2021
Trustees	Ruby Wilkey	John Evans	Miller Gerardy
Finance	Christel Longoria	Mal Bucholtz	Mike Kilby

Pastor: Keith Cressman

Additional areas of service not on Church Council

Committee on Lay Leadership

Chair: Keith Cressman

2019	2020	2021
Rod Sipes	Lori Evans	Sharon Kilby
DJ Gannon	Brandy Miller	Brad Cromwell
Beverly Ray	Mike Fisher	

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chair: Steve Couch

2019	2020	2021
Becky Chessmore	Karen Kapka	Sally Kilby
Steve Couch	Julia Bevers	Kellen Brooks
Lorna Garner	Bobbie Gaston	Mike Bevins

Here is a full slate of church officers for 2020 as elected at Charge Conference. Our new format provides more opportunities for everyone to be involved in hands on ministry of the church. Pray for these leaders and seek God's direction in where you can serve Christ and his kingdom in 2020.



Alice	Bentin	Kayla	Gannon	Cheryl	Pavelko
Reed	Brooks	Barbara	Gardner	Sophia	Preston
Jerry	Calvert	Lorna	Garner	Kim	Preston
Adalynn	Cheatham	Dale	German	Dylan	Reimers
Bravery	Clemenceau	Kathy	Hamilton	Ethan	Sandburg
Mary	Collins	Tristan	Hickman	Samuel	Schneider
Steve	Couch	Cody	Hunt	Gwen	Sears
Keith	Cressman	Joy	Imel	Dale	Stafford
Letha	Davis	LaDonna	Mathews	Ella	Stiffler
Vonnie	Deal	Shelley	Meisenburg	Chris	Teague
Jennifer	Fallon	Austin	Miller	Beverley	Tully
Joely	Ferguson	Merrick	Mullin	Chris	Ulmer
Royden	Freeland	Houston	Norvell	Emma Lee	Votaw
Nevaeh	Gannon	Valerie	Pautsch	Rita	Wurzer

Facts and Figures

2019 Annual Budget605,361
 Rec'd toward Operating 12/22/20196,743

YTD 2019

Rec'd toward Operating 12/22//2019....507,420
 Expenditures 12/15/2019513,176

Attendance

Sunday, December 29
 Worship 247

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
 Votaw family
 Mark Summers family
 Barbara Gardner
 Barbara Homer
 Alyson Smith
 Edith Chilcutt
 Mary Wyman family
 Darryl Lapointe
 Ronnie Thomas
 Lindell Warren
 Stacy Morgan

Larry Kelly
 Vic Gammill
 Pam Barnes
 Bremmer family
 Hutchisons
 John Baumeister
 Betty Underwood
 Beverly Clark
 Frankye Flemins
 Ray York
 Chris & Kelly Pavelko
 Sharon Dan
 Adrienne Cressman
 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