

February 19, 2020

## E-Messenger

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# We Are St. Mark's

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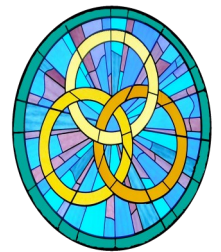
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### Ash Wednesday Service Set for 6:15 pm , February 26th



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.



St. Mark's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual

# DADDY daughter DANCE

Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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

## Wednesday Nights

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

This Week:  
\$3/ person.

6:00 Prayer Team

6:15 Indescribable (Children)  
Student Ministry  
Adult Studies



**BOWLING WITH THE BOYS**

March 1  
6:00 - 8:00pm

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

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  
friend, or bring your kids.

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

## 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!





**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 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.

For everything you've done...

for being the special people

that you are...

thank you so very much.

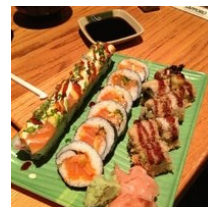
I am so blessed and grateful to all of you for the love and prayers during the last couple of years of Garri's life with us. Thank you for the support shown to us. The flowers sent were beautiful and all the food was so wonderful and enjoyed by my family. Love - Sandy

## Women's Bible Study

This coming Monday the Women's Bible Study will be meeting at Shiki Japanese Res-

taurant at 6:30 pm for a time of food and fellowship. Everyone welcome. Please

contact Kayla Gannon to RSVP so we can make reservations.



The following week we will be doing a Lenten Study





# 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](mailto:dbjkni@gmail.com).



## Comunidad After School Program



On Thursday, February 13th, 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 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 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.



Guest Speaker  
**Kara Powell**

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.

**REGISTER AT**  
[SERVANTOKC.ORG/PARENTING](http://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](http://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

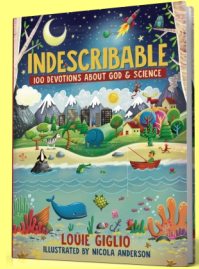
jail, or by someone (Saul escapes in a basket) or something (Jonah in a whale).



## 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: February 19	Ears to Hear	MV James 1:22
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)	

## 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!**

## St Marks Family.

My husband, Robert, and I joined St Marks March 13, 1999. We were welcomed with open arms. The Holy Spirit was so alive here that we knew we had found our church.

It is with a sad heart that I tell you all good bye. I am moving to Atlanta the end of February. I will be nearer my daughter.

I will miss each of you very much but I look forward to meeting new Christian friends.

Sincerely,

Esther Withers

**Aspire**

Author & Bible Teacher  
**MARY SHANNON**

Comedy by  
**ANITA RENFROE**

Worship with  
**KENDALL PAYNE**

**1 night - 3 hours  
Just for Women**  
An evening full of laughter,  
learning, stories & music

**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 does not 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 Compassion Extreme Faith Productions

## 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.



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 Budget .....620,218  
Rec'd toward Operating 2/9/2020 .....18,720

### YTD 2020

Rec'd toward Operating 2/9/2020.....59,776  
Expenditures 2/8/2020 .....47,378

### Attendance

Sunday, February 16

Worship ..... 235

Sunday School ..... 190

## Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles  
Votaw family  
Henthorn family  
Barbara Homer  
Lindell Warren family  
Vic Gammill  
Ilene Mills  
Larry Kelly family  
Duane Pavelko  
Becky Roman family

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