

September 5, 2018

## E-Messenger

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

# St. Mark's on Wednesday Nights for Fall kicks off tonight!

Regular scheduled programming will begin today for Wednesday nights. The times have changed a little this year trying to be more sensitive to families. The evening will kick off at 5:30 pm with DOWN (Dinner On Wednesday Night). Each week there will be a meal provided that will range from Taco Bar to Potato Bar. The price will be \$3.00 a person. We are still looking for help in setup and cleanup for the meals and if you could be available please contact Sharon Hunt or Kayla Gannon. Following the meal the schedule for the evening is:

**6:15 - 7:30 pm Discipleship Junction (children),**

**Student Ministry, and adult studies**

**6:30 - 8:00 pm Choir**

**St. Mark's UMC  
CHURCH GARAGE  
SALE**  
**Friday, September 7, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

It's Coming! The annual UMW Garage Sale. You can bring your items for the sale this evening, September 5th from 8-9 pm and all day long on Thursday, September 6th.

We are hunting for people who would be willing to volunteer with setup and running of the garage sale. If you are interested you can sign up on the church counter.

Each year this event is a success because of everyone's participation.

Bring your items, volunteer or just come and invite your friends and neighbors

## "Keys to Freedom" Study Coming This Fall

Do you long  
for a deeper  
relationship  
with God  
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tended?

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.  
Men and women wanting to be  
equipped with tools for lifelong free-  
dom will dig into a new key each  
week, encountering freedom at new  
levels and experiencing life as Christ  
intended. The study will meet on  
Wednesdays starting September 5th,  
from 6:15 to 7:30 pm for 12 weeks

### For more information contact:

Beverly Ray, 789-1273  
Adrienne Cressman, 728-2332,  
or Julia Bevers, 202-8097

Please sign up on the sheet posted  
on the ledge outside the church of-  
fice. . The cost of the study guide is  
\$10, payable at the first meeting.



## Dinner On Wednesday Night Kicks Off Tonight!

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



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 vege-  
table soup. Cost: \$5. Those  
with names beginning with A-  
G, please bring dessert.



## Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study will kick back off  
starting Friday, September 7th at 7:00 pm.  
They will meet at Kayla Gannon's home.  
The group will meet the first and 3rd Friday  
of each month . They will be reading and  
discussing the book "Wait and See" by Wen-  
dy 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 Gan-  
non at [kayla@stmarksbethany.com](mailto:kayla@stmarksbethany.com)

*Finding Peace in God's Pauses and Plans*  
Wendy Pope

# 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

## Making a Difference

Are you looking for a place to serve? Will you listen to a child read aloud? We are expanding our work with elementary schools to Overholser Elementary @ the corner of 36th & Council. If you have any interest contact Becky Chessmore @ 405.659.5610



### Prayer Targets 2018-19

**Council Grove Elementary**

**Overholser Elementary**

**Yukon newer residents**

**House groups**

**Outreach**

**Your neighbors  
and neighborhood**

let the  
church



Our next Men's Breakfast will be on the September 8th instead of the first Saturday. 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.

The next scheduled ARISE meeting is on Sunday, September 9th at 5:00 pm.





## 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



Sept. 5: Lesson 1 – God Created, Colossians 1:16b

Sept. 12: Lesson 2 – God calls a people of faith, Ephesians 2:8

Sept. 19: Lesson 3 – God delivers His people, Exodus 14:14

Sept. 26: Lesson 4 – God offers atonement, Leviticus 16:24b

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# STUDENT MINISTRY

Everyone seems to be getting in the swing of things now that we're a bit into the school year! Please, continue to be in prayer with me for those in our ministry who are dealing with surgeries and the loss of loved ones. Let me know if I can pray for you all in any way!

Here's what's coming next!

## Wednesday, Sept. 5

Come for D.O.W.N. (Dinner on Wednesday Nights) at 5:30, \$3/person. YOUTH WILL BEGIN at 6:15 and end at 7:30! See you all there!

## Sunday, Sept. 9

Sunday School begins at 9:45 followed by big church at 10:55!

## JU begins on Sept. 9.

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.

## 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!

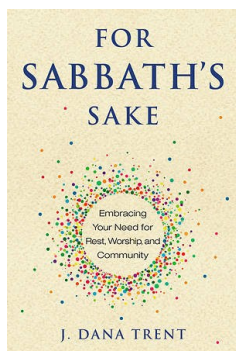
STRIVE has been the student ministry fundraiser at St. Mark's for nearly two decades, and our church family has been extremely generous over the years. STRIVE is an incredible opportunity for our students to meet people in our church and to experience perhaps the easiest fundraiser they will ever participate 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!**

There's so much to look forward to! Let me know how I can serve you!

**Lydia Cressman**

*Director of Student Ministries*

# Sign Up for Adult Studies available this fall

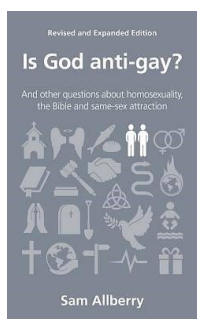


Many Americans balk at the idea of setting aside an entire day for worship, rest, and time with those who matter most to them. In a culture of constant busyness, the lines have blurred between our work and personal lives, and we feel pulled in many directions.

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.



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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Has God been nudging you to serve in the church? "In Touch" just might be the program that fits your abilities. There are many people who for whatever reason, health or crisis, are unable to attend church regularly but still need the loving care of St. Mark's. "In Touch" is designed to call or visit people who have attended St. Mark's and are no longer able to do so. This program is designed to alleviate some of the loneliness of being homebound and also a way to share the love of God to these people. St. Mark's has a robust Stephen Ministry program, and this would be a unique way to allow closure of care receivers no longer needing the more structured care of a Stephen Minister but could still benefit from an occasional visit or telephone call.



## Sharing God's Love...

"Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."

1 CORINTHIANS 13:7 (NLT)

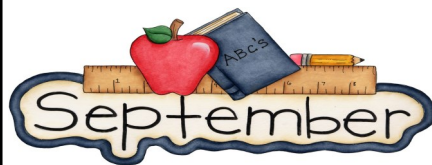
If you are interested in attending one short training class and feel that this is how God is leading you, please contact any of the Stephen Ministry Leaders listed below or you can contact the church office.

Jan Greve - 405-641-5863

Dorothy Lynch - 405-630-5677

Carla Brueggen - 405-495-3295

Bobbi Pinkerton - 659-8728



Stephanie	Agyemang	Barry	Foster	Brandy	Miller
Pam	Barnes	Korey	Gannon	Ingrid	Morrison
Becky	Bates	Wren	Hance	Markus	Mullin
Jim	Brewer	Maggie	Hill	Scott	Nobles
Carolyn	Bright	George	Kloss	Joey	Pedigo
Ridley Seay	Brock	Madison	Knowles	Vicki	Pellegrini
Judy	Browning	Teresa	Kruta	Tony	Pellegrini
Emma	Burton	Ben	Longoria	Mike	Penny
Max	Collins	Christel	Longoria	Sue	Price
Ma'Kiya	Collins	Madeleine	Lopez	Tatianna	Prince-Sadler
Gary	Davis	Grady	Mackey	Matt	Risinger
Hadley	Davis	Vega	Martinez	Autumn	Swedlow
Ella	Epely	Patsy	McDowell	Richard	White
Kelsey	Evans	Finleigh	Miller	Patricia	Wonderly

## Facts and Figures

2018 Budget ..... 590,255

Rec'd toward Operating 9/2/2018 .. .... 11,443

### Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 9/2/2018 .....363,920

Expenditures 9/2/2018 .....383,780

### Attendance

Sunday, September 2

Worship ..... 280

## Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles	Don Wonderly
Kieth Ballard	Montesano family
Betty Miller	Beverly Clark
Dale & Jan Johnson	Sherri Fisher
Greg Spiser	Kelli Pavelko
Kason Knutson & family	B Kaye Fillips family
Kruse & Mary Holliday	Lee Hughes
Robert Thompson family	Linda Moon
Brandon Funk	