

November 6, 2019

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Our Mission Statement To build a family of believers who glorify God and help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

Stewardship Campaign Kicks Off

Over the next 3 weeks our annual stewardship campaign will be going on. Our theme this year is "We are St. Mark's" emphasizing how important each of us are to making St. Mark's fulfill God's mission here in Bethany, Oklahoma, and around the world. Each of our unique gifts, and talents helps us together to live out our vows of supporting the ministry of St. Mark's with our prayers, presence, gifts and service. Listen for God speaking to you during this time and respond as a faithful servant of the body of Christ we call St. Mark's.

Love

Disciple

Worship

Serve

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Church Directory Update Set

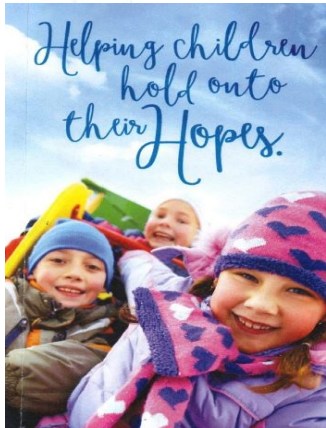
On November 18th, from 2 pm to 9 pm we will be having an update day for our church directory. If you are new to St. Mark's, could not

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make the last dates, or have had a change in your family, and would like to have your picture taken for the church directory this is a great opportunity. You can go to the

church webpage and click on link on the home page or you can call the church office to set up a time. Getting your picture in the directory helps prayer teams, new people, and many others to get to know one another better. Thanks!





We will be doing CareShare again this year and you can take children's names starting this Sunday in the Narthex.

These children need you to have a great Christmas. They are all affiliated with Overholser Elementary and have been screened by the Put-

nam City School Foundation. St. Mark's will be taking care of all the children from Overholser. If you, your family, class, or other group would like to adopt a child pick up a card. It will have the child's name and a list of wants, needs and sizes. Gifts must be new items only and the amount to be spent on each child will be \$75-\$100. All items must be back by December 1st. We have 36 children that are a part of 16 homes. Make a child's Christmas!



Second Winders will meet Thursday, November 14th for our annual

Thanksgiving dinner. The turkey and dressing will be prepared at church; please Bring your favorite holiday dish to add to the meal.



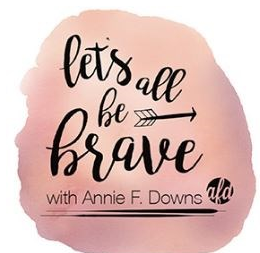
Our program will be a visit to several counties in Africa with Esther Winters and Becky Horrigan.

MONDAY, November 18th we will leave the church at 10:00 to go to the Braums Farm and tour their ice cream plant. We will eat lunch in Mustang afterwards. There is a signup sheet on the office ledge.



Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to be a part of this great study. It is on Mondays, starting November 4 and runs for 6 weeks. 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.

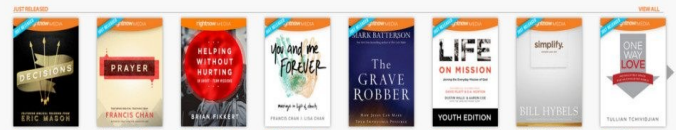


"How often does fear hold us back from the very things we most want to taste, touch and experience? The call to be brave isn't just for one person - it's for everyone. In this series, author - Annie F. Downs will challenge us to live boldly, call us to step into those places that require courage, and gives us help to take that next step forward - even when it's scary. Join Annie, and *Let's All Be Brave*."



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Please join us on November 24th following 1st and 2nd services for an exciting and educational talk by Thrivent. We will hear briefly from Jason Jupiterwala, a Financial Advisor with Thrivent, who will be sharing their mission of inspiring generosity to improve communities, and some of their different programs that we can utilize to further support the ministries of Saint Marks. Thrivent will be providing breakfast following 1st service and lunch following 2nd service for this event in Barnette Hall. We hope to see you there!



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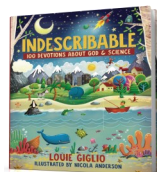
Wednesday Nights

5:30 D.O.W.N. Dinner
This Week: Potato Bar

6:00 Prayer Team

6:15 Children Indescribable
Student Ministry
Adult Studies

6:30 Choir Rehearsal



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.

- ◆ Canned Fruit
- ◆ Saltine Crackers
- ◆ Canned pinto beans



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 Roman at church or via email at:

dbjkn1@gmail.com.

Grace and peace,
David Roman



Advent Study Life Group

Wednesday Nov. 13 - Dec. 11, 2pm

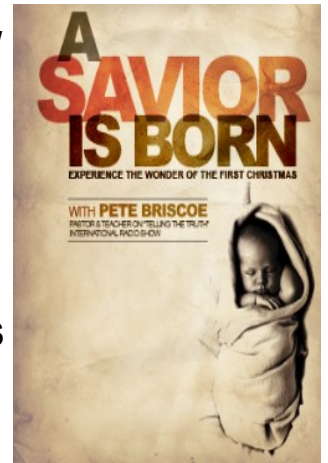
“A Savior is Born” Experience the wonder of the first Christmas.

Has Christmas lost its significance?

It's one of the most familiar stories in human history: the birth of Jesus in a lowly manger in Bethlehem. A Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Yet, how can we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior in our frantic, consumer-driven society? How do we make sure the Christmas holiday remains a Holy Day?

In each of these four Advent sessions in this video Bible study, viewers will experience cinematic short films that capture events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. Then Pete Briscoe will open up Scripture to bring us back to the roots and heart of our faith in Christ.

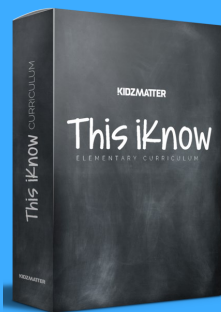
Sign up on church counter



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”

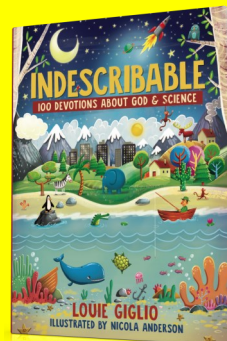
Current lesson Plan :
"Look at the Mess"
Each Bible account highlights someone who got in a mess and how God was

faithful to them through the entire experience. God realizes our lives can get messy and God is not intimidated in the least by them.



WEDNESDAY EVENING:

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

STUDENT MINISTRY

On Wednesday nights, we just finished up a series about the Bible! We've begun doing Bible challenges, pushing the students to read and memorize Scripture. Congrats to Ashlyn, Logan, Kelsey, and Autumn for completing the first challenge! The second challenge (memorizing Phil. 2:5-11) will be due on Nov. 6!

Sunday mornings are rolling right along with MS and HS Sunday School at 9:45 and Big Church at 10:55. Keep coming by 9:55 for that JU credit!

Campfire Worship!

Wed., Nov. 6

- Come dressed for the weather!
- Dinner is at 5:30.
- Starting at 6:15 we will have worship and s'mores around a fire pit on the back lawn of the church!

Food Bank!

Wed., Nov. 13

- We are going to serve our community by helping meet hunger needs!
- Get to church by 5:30, we'll take the church vans to the Regional Food Bank, and we'll be back about 9 (we'll text rides when we're headed back).
- Feel free to meet us there.
- Either grab food very quickly from DOWN to eat in the van or eat beforehand.
- *Students/Guardians must fill out the waiver attached in this email.*
- [You must give your waiver to me and let me know you are coming by Sun, Nov. 10.](#)
- Invite friends!
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Metro Worship!

Sun., Nov. 17

- Come worship with our youth community!
- Meet at St. Mark's at 4:45pm, we'll take the vans to St. Luke's, and we'll be back about 8:00 (we'll text rides when we're headed home).
- We will eat a fast-food meal on our way to St. Luke's, so bring \$\$.
- Invite friends!

Frozen Turkey Olympics!

Wed., Nov. 20

- Come for dinner at 5:30!
- At 6:15, we will begin epic competitions with frozen turkeys...
- We'll also decorate the youth area for Christmas!
- Invite all your friends!

No Youth!

Wed., Nov. 27 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

CAMP/RETREAT/MISSION DATES - **SOME NEW INFO!**

- Winter Retreat: MS-HS @ Sky Ranch - Feb. 14-16
- Spring Break Mission - details coming soon
- 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 21-26
- Dayspring: HS camp @ Sky Ranch - July 20-24

That's about it! FYI I'm loving coming out for school lunches! If I haven't been to your school yet, don't worry. I'm headed your way! If you need anything, don't hesitate to ask.
See you all Sunday!

Lydia Cressman

Director of Student Ministries

CDO Looking for volunteers

CDO is in need of a couple of people who would be willing to come in occasionally to assist with babies who need a little extra love and care. The regular teachers are having to spend a lot of their time individually with kids and missing opportunities for teaching. If you would be willing to come in on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 10am to noon contact Sharon Hunt.



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



Facts and Figures

2019 Annual Budget605,361
Rec'd toward Operating 10/20/2019 .13,0741

YTD 2019

Rec'd toward Operating 10/20/2019.....411,801
Expenditures 10/20/2019.....442,640

Attendance

Sunday, November 3

Worship 234
Sunday School182

Christie	Agyemang	Nina	Gerardy	Nate	Meisenburg
Camryn	Allen	Randal	Hancock	Sherry	Mullins
Wayne	Barnes	Julie	Harlow	Connie	Reed
Connor	Benton	Jeanellda	Jupiterwala	Alicia	Schneider
James	Bowman	Sam	Kapka	Donna	Shriver
Kellen	Brooks	Freya	Lautzenhiser	Kaleb	Siler
Darlene	Calvert	Declan	Longoria	Emmanuel	Sinnathamby
Lydia	Cressman	Eliana	Maigari	Timothy	Smith
Genie	Funk	Antonio	Manuel	Carson	Teague
Kevin	Galindo	Clarity	McKinney	Jax	Verdalette
Aliyah	Gannon	Breanna	Meisenburg	Isla	Wiseman

Prayer Box

Kieth Ballard
Beverly Clark
Funk family
Don & Fran Nobles
Kelly Pavelko
Votaw family
Mark Summers
Mat Mathews
Greg Gerardy

Chris Pavelko
Barbara Gardner
Barbara Homer
Marty Croy
Pam Barnes
Bremmer family
Sandy Rutherford
Hutchison's
John Baumeister