

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

Experiencing Holy Week

at St. Mark's



"Experiencing Holy Week" will be our direction for this years Holy Week with an emphasis on making the week special through several hands on events. We encourage everyone to take part in the opportunities below as a ways 'Experience Holy Week' this year.



Messy Easter is an opportunity for our church family to come together for an intergenerational experience that includes creativity, community, worship, food and celebration. All ages will work together to have fun and express the creativity that God has given us all in a relaxed setting. We will join together for on Wednesday, March 28th, for the D.O.W.N. meal at 5:30 and then move into the celebration at 6:15. Sign up on church counter or contact office to let us know you can be a part. A great place to invite friends, encourage others to take part and get on board for this time of living out the St. Mark's church community together.

Project Easter

Palm Sunday, Luke 19:36-40

Last Supper, Matthew 26:26-30 and John 13:1-17

Gethsemane, Matthew 26:36-56

Good Friday, Luke 23:20-49

Easter Resurrection, John 20:1-16

These 5 main events from Holy Week will be emphasized as we encourage everyone (families, couples, singles, SS classes, etc.) to take one of these 5 areas discuss it, study it and then create way to share those thoughts. It could be a 3-D diorama scene from the story, a poem or prayer, a painting or drawing, a sculpture, an object that reminds you of that event, etc, etc.... The sky is the limit.

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Thursday, March 29th
Living reenactment of Last Supper

Project Easter

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Then, on Palm Sunday, March 25, each group that created a project will bring it to church and all will be on display for the entire congregation. That gives your family 4 weeks from now to work on this. The projects will be put on display throughout holy week, including Easter Sunday. I encourage your family to write a reflection on your study and/or your project - what did you learn, how did you decide to make this particular project, or something that the congregation/observers could take away for themselves. The written reflection is optional.

The overall goal is for you and your family to have a meaningful discussion about these events that happened to Jesus in the week leading to His death and resurrection, and to help focus our hearts and minds on following Jesus and allowing him to be Lord of our lives. Will you take the challenge?

Please pray about this opportunity to connect with God in a special unique way this Lenten season, and please let me know if you decide to participate and on which event you will focus. You can sign up in the Narthex, contact Alicia Schneider or the church office if you are willing to help will be in touch throughout the following weeks to update on how many families are involved and on which events have been chosen.

**Community
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31st
Overholser Elementary
7900 NW 36th St.
10:30 Kings & Queens
11:00 am Community**

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!



The Great Easter Invite

We will be doing the Great Easter Invite this year. Our goal is to invite our friends, neighbors, and co-workers to celebrate Easter with us. It takes all of us for this to happen. Be thinking about who you can invite. Watch for the baskets in the Narthex starting March 18th.



Easter Eggs & Candy

We need people willing to bring sets of 100 filled Easter eggs for the community egg hunt we are having at Overholser Elementary. If you cannot get eggs stuffed we are still in need of individually wrapped candy. Drop off at office anytime in the next couple of weeks.

SECOND WINDERS

Our trip on the 15th will be to the Oklahoma History Center. We will meet at the church at 10:30 am.

We may make a return to Florence's Restaurant if there is interest. Admission cost at the History Center: \$5.



EASTER LILIES

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter outside the church office for ordering Easter Lilies.

These lilies will decorate our sanctuary Easter Sunday, April



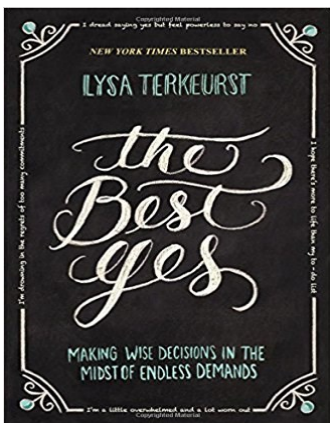
1st. Please indicate on the sheet if you are donating the lily in honor or memory of your loved ones. Orders and payment of \$15.00 is due by Sunday, March 25th, for each lily you donate. You may take your lilies home after services on Easter Sunday.

Lent



St. Mark's Women's Bible Study

The next meeting for the Women's Bible Study will be this Friday, March 16th at Christel Longoria's home. We will continue on the study "The Best Yes" by Lysa Terkeurst (sessions 5&6). You are encouraged to join this group of women seeking to grow in Christ and in fellowship with one another. For more information contact Kayla Gannon.



Easter morning, April 1st, we will be providing a selfie station for taking pictures of you, your family, and friends. It will be in the narthex and you can take your own picture or someone will

be available to take pictures for you. This is a great opportunity to catch the moment and a memory together with your favorite people.



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.



Student Ministry Rio Bravo, Mission

The Student ministries of St. Mark's UMC and New Covenant in Edmond will be in Rio Bravo, Mexico the week of March 17-23. The team of 40 students and their leaders will be working on an elementary school project in Rio Bravo. Pray for this team as they work, build relationships and grow together in Christ.



The next Kings & Queens Special Needs Family Bible Study will be March 14th. If you know a family that this would be helpful for let them know of this opportunity.

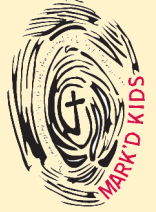
The Kings and Queens special Easter egg hunt will be March 31st at Overholser Elementary at 10:30 am . Another great place to invite families this would be meaningful for.



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, we will learn that being **WISE** is different from being knowledgeable. Children can learn they are wise when they follow God's teaching just as Daniel did. Kids will learn that God is wise and wisdom comes from God. Bible verse for tonight is Proverbs 8:33 "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it." Hoping to see all the 4 year olds up through 4th graders tonight!

March 7: Be Humble

March 14: Be Wise

March 21: Spring Break No Team KID

Matthew 18:4

Proverbs 8:33

~Ms. Alicia

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Adult Sunday School Discipleship Classes Schedule

8:15 am

Room 17 - Sonshine Class

Room 18 - New Life Class

9:30 am

Room 18 - Discipleship Class

Ascent Room - College Age

10:55 am

Room 5 - Promise Class

Room 17 - Faithbuilders Class

Room 19 - R.O.C.K. Class

Choir Room - Good News Class

Volunteers needed



We are in need of 2 volunteers to assist in the nursery on Wednesday, March 28th, from

6:15 to 8:00 pm during the "Messy Easter" event. Our regular staff will be taking part in the event and we need people to free them so they can participate. Contact Sharon Hunt if you would be willing to help watch the babies.

STUDENT MINISTRY

We have a great week planned and are fast and furious gearing up for our mission to Rio Bravo, Mexico. Please be in prayer for our team with traveling mercies and that we are ready to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We know He will do great things and your prayers are much appreciated as we do the work of the Lord and share in God's goodness. Now to the very important information.

Wednesday, March 14th-We will have youth small groups and praise and worship from 6:30-8pm. Please remember our \$2 dinner before programming that is open to everyone. This week we will be having pizza. Please RSVP by Wednesday morning if you wish to have some pizza.

NO PROGRAMMING NEXT WEEK-Enjoy your Spring Break!

Mission Mexico- You will find attached a travel itinerary and packing list. Please remember to bring your passport and know that we will collect them before we leave. Also please remember that you need money for meals in transit. If you would like to participate in our school supply offering, please purchase those and pack them away in your stuff. They need notebooks, pencils, markers, paper, scissors, pens, highlighters, sharpies, scotch tape, etc. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Thunder Up-We are going to watch the Thunder play on March 25th against the Portland Trail Blazers. We will meet at church at 5pm and return as soon as the game is over. Cost is \$10 a ticket and you will need to bring money for concessions at the game. Tickets are limited so please reserve your spot ASAP.

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John Hollon
Youth Pastor





Facts and Figures

2018 Budget 590,255

Rec'd toward Operating 3/11/2018 10,957

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 3/11/2018117,551

Expenditures 3/11/2018.....98,580

Attendance

Sunday March 11, 2018

Worship 249

Sunday School187

Kieth	Ballard	Brianna	Hardin	James	Parker
Nicholas	Bentin	Becky	Harned	Mary	Parker
Ed	Boerner	Darlene	Hickman	Roger	Pautsch
Chris	Brehm	Kruse	Holliday	Connie	Petillo
Carla	Brueggen	Cali Rose	Howard	Jess	Prince
Matt	Chaney	Megan	Johnston	J.B.	Rackley
Trevion	Collins	Harold	Kessler	Brian	Ray
Shelby	Cranford	Christopher	Knowles	Avery	Reimers
Adrienne	Cressman	Dorthy	Lynch	Preston	Risinger
Brad	Cromwell	Ruth	Martyn	Kyphla	Sadler
William	Daniel	Lia	Michali	Jenny	Shenold
Jeff	Davidson	Dave	Moore	Kimberly	Truitt
Jillian	Ferguson	Don	Nobles	Esther	Underwood
Kiyarra	Gonzalez	Ivy	Norvell	Lauren	Wurzer
Patty	Groves	Nevada	Norvell		

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles

Kieth Ballard

Betty Miller

Genie Funk

Vic Gammill

Dale & Jan Johnson

Jim Howerton family

Lola Willis

Rosemary Nimo family

Billy Joe Watson

Tre & Mi'kaya Collins

Don Wonderly

Montesano family

Beverly Clark

Jack Martyn

Doris Saxon

Frank Wilkerson

Ed & Gina Boerner

Dot Lyon

Carl Hendrix

Maisie Kelley