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We Are St. Mark's

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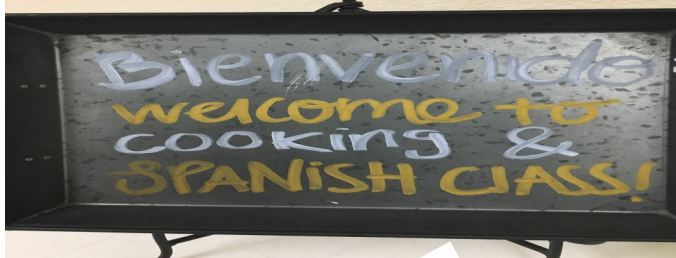
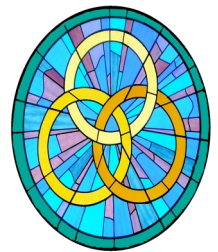
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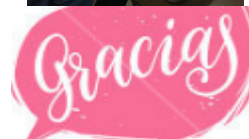
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Great Evening
of Food, Fun
and learning a
little Spanish



St. Mark's 14th Annual

DADDY daughter DANCE

Saturday, February 22nd

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: Lasagna
\$3/ person.

6:00 Prayer Team

6:15 Indescribable (Children)
Student Ministry
Adult Studies

6:30 Choir Rehearsal



Pancake Breakfast Boy Scout Troop 553

February 8,

7:00 am - 11:00 am

Come out and support our troop. Tickets for this all you can eat event are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 and will be available on Scout Sunday, February 2nd and also at the door.



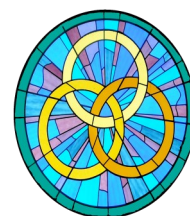
Our next Men's Breakfast will be on February 1st. We will have breakfast will be at 8:00 am and should be done by 9 am. Feel free to invite a friend, or bring your kids.



Mom - Son / Grandmother - Grandson / Aunt Nephew / Etc.
watch for the Date and watch for more details



Second Winders



Second Winders will next meet on February 13th at noon Details on the meal coming. Don and Jan Greve and Miller Gerardy will speak about the church and building history of St Mark's.



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. A special service will also take place for the children.

**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.

- ♦ Sugar
- ♦ Saltine Crackers
- ♦ Cereal



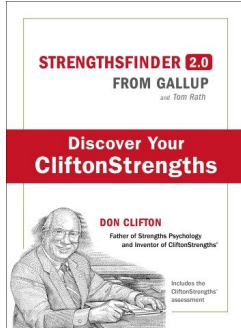
rightnow MEDIA

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

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/stmarksbethany>

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

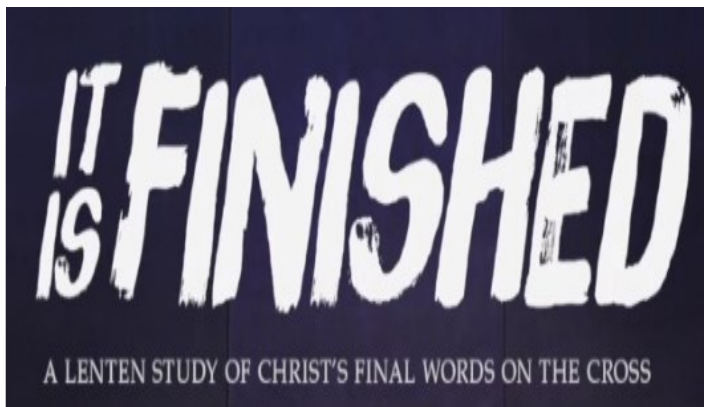
Wednesday evenings from 6—7 pm. If you have not taken the strength finders inventory let us know and we will assist you in that prior to class. Sign up on church counter.

Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to be a part of this great study. It will take place at 7:00 pm on Monday evenings starting January 20th and runs for 4 weeks.



They will meet in the home of Kayla Gannon. You can sign up on the church counter or contact Kayla. Even if you can't make it to every session we encourage you to join us and keep caught up on RightNow Media. Invite a friend and join us for this great time of study and fellowship



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.

Services Set

Services for Larry Kelly will be on Saturday, February 1st at 11:00 am at St. Marks.

Services for Barbara Gardner will be on Thursday, February 6th at 2:00 pm.

In Lieu of flowers memorials can be given to the following:

Hendrick Hospice Care of Abilene
1651 Pine Street Abilene Texas 79601

Salvation Army

St. Marks United Methodist Church

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.



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.

Adult Sunday AM Classes

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| 8:15 am Room 17 Sonshine Class | 10:40 am Choir Room Good News Class |
| Room 18 New Life Class | 10:45 am Room 19 R.O.C.K. Class |
| 9:30 am Room 18 Discipleship Class | 10:55 am Room 5 Promise Class |
| Room 17 Young Adult | Room 18 Faithbuilders Class |



STUDENT MINISTRY

Here's what's coming up soon!

WINTER RETREAT - Feb 14-16 @ Sky Ranch Cave Springs in E Oklahoma

- Get to church by 5pm on Feb 14
- We'll be back around 5pm on Feb 16
- Bring money for one fast-food meal
- Bring weather-appropriate clothes, toiletries, bedding, towel, Bible, journal, flashlight, water bottle, snacks
- Don't bring illegal things :) Also, feel free to bring your phone but keep it mostly put away.

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.

We are continuing our "Greater Than" series by Francis Chan from RightNow media until through Feb 12.

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.

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.

Guest Speaker
Kara Powell

REGISTER AT
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

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



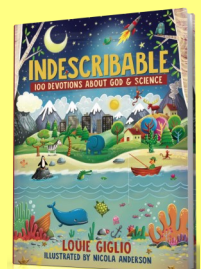
WEDNESDAY EVENING:

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



Coming: January 29 Great Balls of Fire MV II Tim. 1:7
February 5 Thick & Thin MV John 15:5
February 12 God is Love MV I John 4:8
Valentine's Party
February 19 Ears to Hear MV James 1:22

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| 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

2019 Annual Budget605,361
 Rec'd toward Operating 1/5/20209,819

YTD 2019

Rec'd toward Operating 12/31/2020....530,076
 Expenditures 12/31/2020534,544

Attendance

Sunday, January 26
 Worship 244
 Sunday School 186

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
 Votaw family
 Mark Summers family
 Barbara Gardner family
 Barbara Homer
 Lindell Warren
 Vic Gammill
 Ilene Mills
 Larry Kelly family
 Tammy Van Dyke

Pam Barnes
 Hutchison's
 John Baumeister
 Betty Underwood
 Chris & Kelly Pavelko
 Beverly Clark

St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST
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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