

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

Sunday, May 27th - A Day of Celebration



What a day is in store for St. Mark's as we join together to worship, fellowship, eat, and proclaim our faith in a variety of ways. The day will begin with a combined worship service at 10:00 am. Following worship there will be a time of baptisms and remembering of baptisms in the yard as well as a reaffirmation of faith by one of our confirmation class members. We will then move to the lawn on the east side of the church to have a time of fellowship. The church will provide fried chicken and everyone can bring their favorite picnic items to complete the meal. Along with the great food there will be a variety of good old fashioned games on the lawn that are approved for all ages. We will also be having a reception for the Hollon family as they prepare for their move to Ardmore where John will be taking over the task of associate pastor at Ardmore FUMC. Don't know that we could squeeze a whole lot more into the day but I'm sure that with that much excitement going on that spontaneous celebrations will be taking place. If you would like to take part in the baptism celebration please contact Pastor Keith. Mark that calendar and be ready to join the St. Mark's community on this epic day.



This is a great opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor or someone you haven't seen in a while to be a part of a friendly relaxed time of great fellowship.

Remember Your



Graduating College Students

We want to recognize the hard work of the following students as they finished their work on their degrees. Great Job!

<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Degree</u>
Austin Baker	UCO	
Joshua Coats	Asbury Seminary	Masters of Theological Studies
DJ Gannon	UCO	Electrical Engineering
John Hollon	Asbury Seminary	Masters of Divinity
Jesse Johnston	ORU	Bachelor of Science in Leadership Studies
Chad Meisenburg	UCO	Master of Business Administration
Ethan Pedigo	Frances Tuttle	Orthotic Prosthetic Technician
Abigail Ramirez	OSU	Communication Science & Disorders



Service Opportunity – Spring Cleaning St. Mark's Kitchen!

Come next Friday morning, May 18th, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

We will be cleaning and organizing the drawers, cabinets and storage areas including the refrigerator. If you have gloves or other supplies you like to use, please bring them with you. Supplies will also be available in the kitchen. Entry to the church will be the south door of Barnett Hall.

Your service is needed and appreciated – **many hands make light work!**



Dinner On Wednesday Night

This Wednesday from 5:30-6:15 we will be having our final DOWN meal of the school year. The meal will be special as Jeff Montesano prepares his homemade Italian spaghetti. Great place to get fed and fellowship before programming.

Everyone welcome.

Cost is only \$2. a person.

Tonight!



Thank you



Dear Ones,

Your kind treats put a huge smile on my face. Your commitment to our children and your generosity to all of us is a reflection of just how wonderful you are. Thank you for everything. All of you are a gift to us. Love
Tina Hawkins
Council Grove Reading Coach.

Register now for Mark'd Kids Day Camp

June 5-July 26 9:30-2:30

Tuesdays/Thursdays

To get all information and rules and fill out registration for summer 2018 just by click on "Day Camp" logo to the right.



Upcoming Special times of worship

May 20th - Pentecost

May 27th - Combined Worship

(All Church Picnic, Remember your baptism, Hollon's send off)

June 3rd - UMW Sunday

June 10th - Faith Promise Kickoff



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.

REGISTER YOUR KIDS FOR VBS

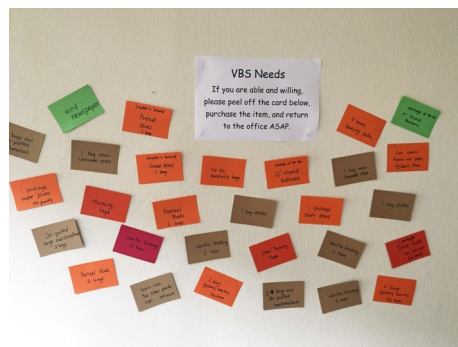
Registration is now available on-line for St. Mark's VBS June 4-8. BLAST into summer with an EXPLOSIVE VBS program like you've never experienced.

Your Kids will explore the world of science — from launching rockets to squishing slime — while walking through five BASIC elements of faith — Believe, Ask, Serve, Impact, Celebrate.

To register go to click on "basic Elements" below.



VBS Supplies Needed



We are looking for a few supplies for VBS and you can help. Outside the office you can find the display

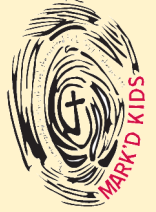
shown here with cards for you to take. If you can then pick up what's on your card and bring it back to the church in the next week or so it would be great appreciated. Thanks to everyone who is making VBS special!



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 - **"Record Setters"** Children will study various stories from the Bible in which something extraordinary happened - Jesus being resurrected from the grave, David defeating Goliath, and the extravagant love of the woman who anointed Jesus, to name a few. Children will be challenged to expect BIG things from God in their lives and to be bold in Christ.

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.

11:00-11:15 - 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.

TeamKID

This is our LAST TeamKID until this fall! Time has flown by, and this year has been super fun! This week, we will learn that God wants us to be **PO-**

LITE. Children will learn importance of practicing mannerly behavior. Memory verse is Luke 6:31 "Do to others as you want them to do to you." Looking forward to our last evening together! ~Miss Alicia



May 16: Be Polite

MV - Luke 6:31

May 23rd: Summer Break begins

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:

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STUDENT MINISTRY

I hope you were able to celebrate and honor your moms in a great way yesterday and it was a glorious day of refreshing in the Lord! I wanted to let you know this will be my last Youth Update at St. Marks UMC. Future communication will be coming from your new Student Minister Lydia Cressman, who I know will keep you well informed and God will work mightily through her ministry. Thank you so much for your great kindness and love you have shared with my family. Please know you are deeply loved and cherished in our hearts. Now enough with the goodbyes and on the important news!

Wednesday, May 16th-This will be our last Wednesday evening of the school year! We will meet from 6:30 -8pm to appreciate our wonderful leaders, who have served us all year long. This means we will have food, games, and great fellowship with each other. You will not want to miss this special last Wednesday event. See you there!

Sunday, May 20th-Breakfast will be served before Sunday School. So please plan to be here by 9:15 for some delicious grub.

Sunday, May 27th-We will have one worship service at 10 am and a remember your baptism bash along with a picnic following worship. I hope as many of you will come as are able, this will be the Hollon family's last Sunday and we hope to see and spend as much time with you all as possible!

Disciple Camp and Summer Schedule-If you did not sign up for Disciple, but would like to, please get me your forms no later than Thursday this week. We would love to have your student in this incredible week of ministry.

John Hollon
Youth Pastor



St. Mark's Faith Promise 2018 Kick Off June 10th

St. Mark's
United Methodist
Church
Faith Promise

2018



How Shall They Hear?

Romans 10:14

St. Mark's Welcomes New Student Minister - Lydia Cressman

It is with excitement and anticipation that we welcome Lydia Cressman as our new Student Minister as of June 01, 2018.

Lydia Cressman has been involved in student ministry at St. Mark's both as a student and as a sponsor. She has participated in and helped lead every one of our major student ministries and missions. After graduating from college, she returned to St. Mark's where she re-engaged student ministry as a mission trip sponsor, small group leader, worship team mentor, camp planner and mission organizer. Lydia is also a volunteer in the modern worship band and participant in young adult ministries. During this time, she has been employed by New Covenant UMC Student Ministries in the areas of communication, planning and ministry coordination.



2018 Oklahoma Annual Conference

May 29-31 will be the dates for this years Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church of Oklahoma. This is the general meeting of all the Oklahoma UMC churches. Teaching, workshops and church business are the key elements of this time. Please be in prayer for all the clergy and delegates who will be working that week on the business of the church. Pastor Keith and John Hollon will be our clergy reps and Lydia Cressman and Joey Pedigo will be our lay delegates. One important part of the weeks will take place on Wednesday evening at St. Luke's UMC. The Service of Commissioning and Ordination will take place. John Hollon and Josh Coats will be commissioned and Patricia Johnson will be ordained. You are welcome to come and celebrate this with them in a time of worship. There will be a reception for all the candidates following the service .

Adult Sunday School Discipleship Classes Schedule

8:15 am

Room 17 - Sonshine Class

Room 18 - New Life Class

9:30 am

Room 18 - Discipleship

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



The next meeting of Arise will be June 3rd, 5:00 pm. Everyone welcome to join us as we grow together and seek God in looking at who God is calling us to be at St. Mark's.

UMW Sunday - June 3rd

Make plans now to be a part of this special time of worship as we celebrate the extraordinary work of the United Methodist Women. There will be a special speaker that morning. Read more about Rev. Derrek Belase - Director of Discipleship, OKUMC below:

Rev. Derrek Belase - Director of Discipleship, OKUMC

After serving 16 years under appointment in local churches, Rev. Derrek Belase was appointed the director of discipleship for the Oklahoma Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in August 2016. In that position, he is responsible for assisting the 500 churches build their capacity to make disciples in their local settings.

Before being appointed to the conference office staff, Derrek served Wakita/Manchester, Stillwater Highland Park and Prague/Arlington.

A lifelong Oklahoman, Derrek graduated from Carnegie High School, University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma City University and Saint Paul School of Theology. He also studied at the Center for Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford University. He has degrees in criminal justice and theology and was a certified police officer in Oklahoma. Before entering full-time ministry, he was the criminal justice coordinator at the Caddo Kiowa Technology Center in Fort Cobb. He was student body president at UCO, named Citizen of the Year in Carnegie and was awarded the Community Service Award by the Interfaith Dialogue Student Association at OSU.

Derrek is married to Rev. Rebekah Belase, director of funds development for Church World Service and an ordained deacon in the Oklahoma Conference. They are the proud parents of Madison (age 10) and Elizabeth (age 2). They reside in Edmond and are active in New Covenant UMC.



Facts and Figures

2018 Budget 590,255

Rec'd toward Operating 5/13/2018 8,452

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 5/13/2018213,791

Expenditures 5/13/2018.....191,168

Attendance

Sunday May 13, 2018

Worship 230

Sunday School191

Maci	Attalla	Jessica	Swedlow	Phyllis	Mosher
Brecken	Cromwell	Nancy	Ward	Sonya	Penalosa
Debbie	Fallon	Esther	Withers	Adalyne	Perry
Michelle	Funk	Michele	Young	Eleonore	Price
Lee	Harder	Miles	Collins	Pamela	Ramirez
William	Hughes	Asher	Fields	Bea	Rhea
Kaitlin	Kiespert	Gavin	Mumme	Hardy	Sears
Emily	Kilby	Kalvin	Peters	Logan	Sears
Patrick	Lee	John	Schneider	Jeff	Shenold
Helen	McEachern	Iselle	Streetman	Megan	Shenold
David	Miller	Kevin	Swedlow	John	Simon
Samantha	Miller				

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
Kieth Ballard
Betty Miller
Funk family
Kyle Hobbs
Dale & Jan Johnson
Carolyn Bright
Kason Knutson & family
Mike Spiser

Don Wonderly
Montesano family
Beverly Clark
Jennafer Marchant
Vic Gammill
Ed & Gina Boerner
Connie Petillo family
Billie Blake family
Kelli Pavelko