

November 20, 2019

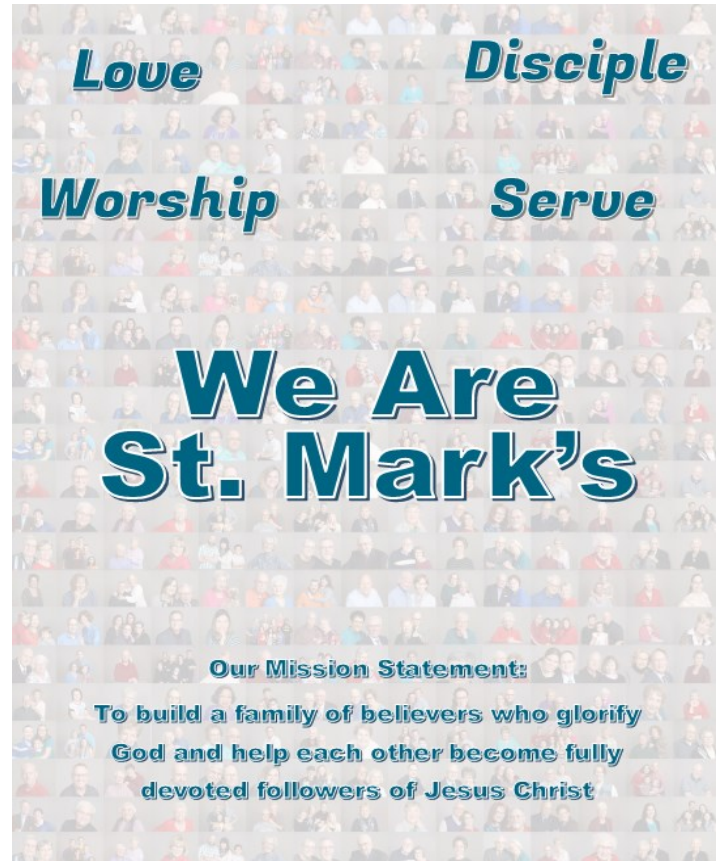
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Our Mission Statement To build a family of believers who glorify God and help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

Stewardship Campaign

Our annual stewardship campaign is in full swing. 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.

Commitment Sunday is November 24th.



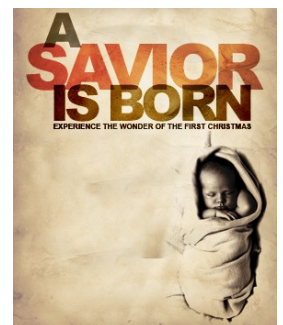
Advent Series Kicks off A Savior is Born"

December 1: HOPE

December 8: PEACE

December 15: LOVE

December 22: JOY



9:30 am Classic Service
10:55 am Contemporary Service

We are St. Mark's

During 2020, I commit with the grace and help of God, to know Jesus better and support the ministries of St. Mark's with my prayers, presence, gifts, service & witness.

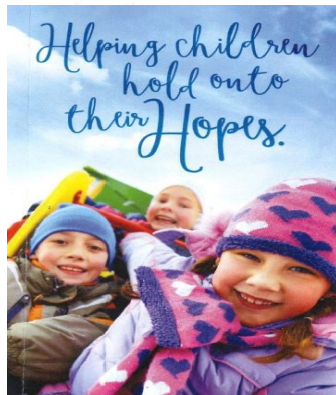
The amount I intend to

give during 2020 is:

yearly ☐

monthly ☐

Prayers Study Presence Witness Service Gifts



Great Job St. Mark's All CareShare children have been taken by groups and families in the church.

Your generosity has assured to be a little better for our neighborhood Overholser children. Just a reminder that all gifts need to be returned to the church by Monday, December 2nd.

Wednesday Nights

5:30 D.O.W.N. Dinner

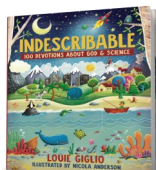
This Week:

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 - 6pm.

Currently the following items are needed in the pantry.

- ♦ Canned Fruit
- ♦ Saltine Crackers
- ♦ Canned pinto beans



Christmas St. Mark's 2019

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 1 9:30 & 11 am
Children - What is advent?
Services - HOPE

Wednesday, December 4
DOWN Dinner 5:30 pm
Symbols of Christmas 6:15-7:30

Sunday, December 8 9:30 & 11 am
Children - The angel visits Mary
Services - PEACE

Wednesday, December 11
DOWN Dinner 5:30 pm
Symbols of Christmas 6:15-7:30

Sunday, December 15 9:30 & 11 am
Children - A baby named John
Services - LOVE

Sunday, December 15 5:15 pm
"Walk Through Bethlehem"
Church of the Servant

Wednesday, December 18
DOWN Dinner 5:30 pm
Caroling 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 22 9:30 & 11 am
Children - Jesus is born
Services - JOY

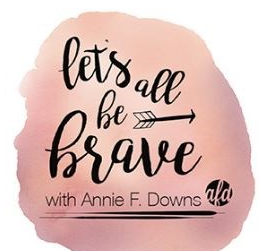
Tuesday, December 24 5:30 & 7 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service

Sunday, December 29th
Combined Services - 10 am
Plaid Sunday

Sunday, January 5 4-6 pm
Messy Epiphany
"I AM THE LIGHT"

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.



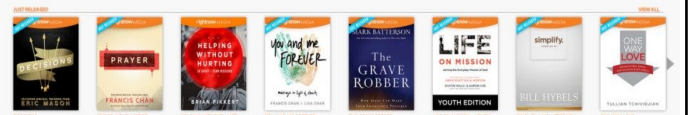


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Please join us this Sunday, November 24th, following either the 1st or 2nd services for an exciting and educational talk by Thrivent. We will hear briefly from Jason Jupiterwala, a Financial Advisor with Thrivent, who will be sharing their mission 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!



Our next Men's Breakfast will be on December 7th. 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.



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Adult Sunday AM Classes

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

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: dbjkni@gmail.com.

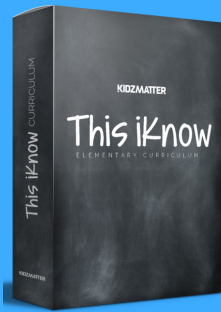
Grace and peace,
David Roman



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

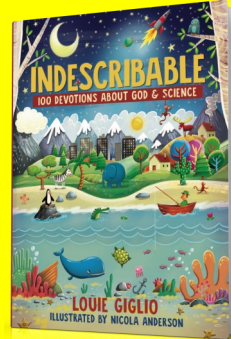
faithful to them through the entire experience. God realizes our lives can get messy and God is not intimidated in the least by them.



EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY DIRECTOR:
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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

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Spring Semester for Perspectives

January 14-May 6, 2020

Quail Springs Baptist Church

In a Perspectives class you get to experience 15 powerful lessons that have equipped thousands of every day believers with greater vision, hope and passion. You study scripture, history, culture, and strategy to reveal the unfolding of God's redemptive purposes. He is on a mission to bless the peoples of the earth, and you're invited to join him. You can learn more and sign up for the class at perspectives.org. If you are an alumni remember that you can attend any or all sessions at no cost. If you haven't been check it out. It's a life-changing experience.

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!

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 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

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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.





Facts and Figures

2019 Annual Budget605,361
 Rec'd toward Operating 11/10/20197,431

YTD 2019

Rec'd toward Operating 11/10/2019...444,532
 Expenditures 11/10/2019.....460,557

Attendance

Sunday, November 17

Worship 271

Sunday School196

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

Funk family	Vic Gammill
Don & Fran Nobles	Pam Barnes
Votaw family	Bremmer family
Mark Summers	Sandy Rutherford
Mat Mathews	Hutchisons
Greg Gerardy	John Baumeister
Chris Pavelko	Mike Henthorn
Barbara Gardner	Betty Underwood
Barbara Homer	Gina Boerner
Marty Croy	Beverly Clark
Betty Underwood	