

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

let the
church

Arise

Hello Arisers!

Our next meeting is scheduled for **January 21, 5:30**. The topic is *The Gap*, a discussion of the generations. I look forward to what Mike will be sharing with us.

Simple Supper on the 21st will be provided by J & G Sears, the Risingers, the Sipes, and the Teagues. Thanks!

If you are not already involved in ARISE and would like to be a part of shaping the future of St. Mark's please contact Keith or the church office and we will bring you up to date on what all is involved.

Thanks for helping discern the **present** ministry opportunities and begin to chart a path for St. Mark's **future**.

Sunday Mornings

Our look at Epiphany continues this week. The focus will be on Jesus first miracle at the wedding in Cana this Sunday. John 2:1-12 is the scripture. John Hollon will speak on January 28th. On February 4th

 we will wrap up the Epiphany series looking at communion.

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!



PIZZA NIGHT

St. Mark's Leadership
January 1, 20118 - December 31, 2020

Church Council

Chair	Monte Tull		
Lay Leader	Chris Teague		
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Sally Kilby		
SPRC Chair	Steve Couch		
Hospitality & Outreach SHIFT team leader	Dorothy Lynch		
Mission & Service SHIFT team leader	TBD		
Discipleship & Formation SHIFT team leader	Joey Pedigo		
Committees	2018	2019	2020
Trustees	Miller Gerardy	Dot Lyon	Ruby Wilkey
Finance	Terry Pope	Gerald Miller	Bernadette Bishop

Pastor: Keith Cressman

Additional areas of service not on Church Council

Committee on Lay Leadership

Chair: Keith Cressman

2018	2019	2020
Gwen Sears	Emily Hollon	Rod Sipes
Stacey Miller	Darlene Hickman	Kayla Gannon
Ben Longoria	Carla Brueggen	Beverly Ray

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chair: Jim McMinn

2018	2019	2020
Kevin Moore	Randy Reed	Becky Chessmore
Kathy Hamilton	Steve Couch	Susan Teague
Jim McMinn	Matt Risinger	Lorna Garner



We are excited to welcome our newest members to the St. Mark's family. This past Sunday Clint and Lisa Hutchison and Ed & Gina Boerner became the newest members of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. They have been active for some time and we are excited to have them join. If you have not had the opportunity to get to know them we encourage you to do that soon. Watch the newsletter next week to get to know them a little better. Welcome Clint, Lisa, Ed & Gina

Prayers for Ministry

We hope you take some time to pray for these special opportunities for growth and discipleship.

Children's Pastors Conference

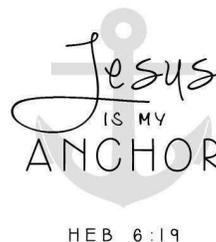
We have a team of Children Ministry leaders from our church attending this nationwide event for children's workers to gain skill, and be rejuvenated. January 16-19 in Florida.



Student Ministry Retreat

'Anchor' is the theme for the Student Ministry retreat being held at Canyon Camp with 2 other churches January 19-21. Pray for the students and their leaders as they seek to grow in

their faith.



Pray

St. Mark's Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study group will not meet in December. The next meeting for the Women's Bible Study will be on Friday, January 19th. It will be a fun outing to a restaurant. We will continue on the study "The Best Yes" by Lysa Terkeurst on February 2nd. 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.

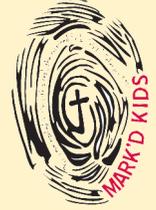




CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

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

Beginning January 7, elementary children will be studying EPIPHANY - the unveiling of the incarnate Jesus Christ. We will be exploring different events from the life of Jesus, along with his promise to return again as clues to what our One True God is like and what he has in mind for his people - us.

January 7: Finding/Seeking/Discovering Jesus

January 14: Named/Adopted/Identified through baptism

January 21: Jesus unveiled in miracles

January 28: Jesus unveiled in healings

February 4: Jesus' return

Children ages Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to attend Sunday school from 9:30-Noon. At 9:30, the main lesson is presented, followed by small group time to apply the lesson to their personal lives. At 11:00, children are taken to the sanctuary to experience integrated worship with the rest of the congregation. After the children's moment is presented, Pastor Keith will then dismiss those children who wish to return to more children's Sunday school with Ms. Alicia, or they are welcome to stay with their parents in service for the remainder of the worship hour.

We value the presence of children in worship with the rest of the congregation, and encourage parents to model worship through singing, tithing, liturgy recitation, prayer, communion, and all parts of Sunday worship. The children will be learning the same topics that Pastor Keith preaches on, so families can go home discussing what they have all learned and will strive to live out in their lives. Blessings to our children and their families!

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TeamKID

Tonight at TeamKID, we will look at having Godly virtues. These are many qualities and characteristics that God wants us to demonstrate, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Memory verse is Proverbs 20:11: "Even small children are known by their actions, so is their conduct really pure and upright? Looking forward to seeing everyone tonight!

~Ms Alicia



STUDENT MINISTRY

WINTER RETREAT- Please let me know today if you are coming on the Winter Retreat with us this weekend. I really need to get my final count in. You may bring the from by this week, but I really need to know my numbers. Thank you!

If you are coming this weekend you need to be at church at 5:30pm and bring dinner with you or eat beforehand. We will not stop on the way to camp, so please make sure you eat dinner or bring something with you. We should be home no later than 1pm on Sunday. Please bring clothes for play and regular activities, toiletries, sleeping material for twin bed, bible, pen, tennis shoes, and towel. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Wednesday, January 17th- We will have youth worship and small groups from 6:30-8pm. Dinner will be served before from 5:30-6:15pm for \$2, pizza will be served this week. Please let me know if you would like a spot reserved for dinner.

Mission Mexico- Our first required team meeting will be Sunday, January 28th at New Covenant UMC. We will gather after church and caravan in the church vans. Lunch will be provided. If you are planning on attending please plan to join us for this meeting. This is for both youth and sponsors, if you are interested in coming as a sponsor and need to know more please feel free to contact me. We would still like one more female sponsor to join our team.

John Hollon
Youth Pastor



Looking Forward to February

We have several exciting events ahead in February. Below is just a quick look at a few of them that you may want to get on your calendar.



Special Services
6:00 pm
February 14th



Saturday, February 17th
6:30 - 8:00 pm
\$5 suggested donation



Scout Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 17th
7 - 11 am
\$7 adults \$4 children
Scout Sunday February 11

Facts and Figures

2018 Budget TBD
 Rec'd toward Operating 1/14/2017 5,987
Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 1/14/2018 23,578
 Expenditures 1/14/2017 6,143

Attendance

Sunday January 14, 2018

Worship 261

Sunday School 193



Richard Bassett	Kathy Hamilton	Dylan Reimers
Alice Bentin	Everly Hance	Ezra Riverol
Nick Brown	Tristan Hickman	Wesson Rohlman
Jerry Calvert	Harrison Hughes	Ethan Sandburg
Bravery Clemenceau	Cody Hunt	Samuel Schneider
Steve Couch	Joy Imel	Gwen Sears
Keith Cressman	Shelley Meisenburg	Iva Smith
Letha Davis	Austin Miller	Dale Stafford
Vonnie Deal	Merrick Mullin	Maxon Steel
Jennifer Fallon	Houston Norvell	Ella Stiffler
Joely Ferguson	Will Parker	Chris Teague
Nevaeh Gannon	Valerie Pautsch	Beverley Tully
Kayla Gannon	Cheryl Pavelko	Chris Ulmer
Barbara Gardner	Mahala Pershica	Emma Lee Votaw
Lorna Garner	Sophia Preston	Rita Wurzer
Dale German	Kim Preston	

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles	Kason Knutson & family
Don Wonderly	Jo Manharth
Kieth Ballard	Tiffany Montesano
Betty Miller	Jennafer Marchant
Wyatt Pedigo family	Beverly Clark
Jim Brewer	Genie & Brandon Funk
Becky Horrigan	Robin Frey