

ALL Wednesday night programming cancelled at St. Mark's

The Lighthouse

Even though we live in the middle of the country far from an ocean, we are familiar with the purpose of a lighthouse. A lighthouse helps guide ships around dangers and into safer waters. During relatively calm times, the lighthouse seems not to be needed. But at night or in a storm, the light is life-saving.

The Church can be thought of as a lighthouse. Our light is the light of Jesus Christ. We help people find their way through dangerous times and circumstances and into eternal security.

When the world or culture seem to turn away from the ways of God, it is imperative that the Church be the beacon in the darkness and that we shine brightly.

As we journey toward Easter, be aware of the condition of Jesus Christ's light in you. Has darkness crept in? What sin has become comfortable in your home? What darkness are you permitting? We are constantly urged to confess, repent and live for Jesus. Do so while the opportunity is here. John 12:35-36

Prayer: Dear Lord, Show us our sin to lead us to confession and repentance. Help us love you more than anything or anyone else in our lives. Strengthen us, your Church, to live for you. Amen.





We will be doing a men's breakfast and looking at the a series called Wild Life with John Eldredge We have plans to meet February 24. We will have breakfast at 8, and should be finished around 9:15. There is no cost for the study, but donations taken to cover breakfast costs. Contact Brad Cromwell for more information.

"So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world." 1 Peter 1:13



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



Next meeting March 4th, 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. This session we will analyze the demographic data from our mission area and the interviews conducted by team members. Mike will bring a teaching on prayer and praying to hear God's ministry direction.

Mom & Son - Bowling with the Boys



Sunday, March 11th at 6:00 pm St. Mark's will be having a special night for mom's and sons (Grandmother/grandson; aunt/ nephew; etc.). The

price is \$10. a person (2 hours bowling and shoes). The event will be held at the AMF Bowling alley at 23rd and Meridian. You can sign up in the Narthex if you would like to attend. We need registrations by February 26th to reserve enough lanes. Take advantage of this exciting time together.

Lent





Need to get reservations in so if you might be interested contact the church office or Sharon Hunt.

When you attend Faith Night you get to enjoy one of the most popular nights at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark. From start to finish, your group gets a VIP experience! You will receive early entry to the ballpark to watch the band **Unspoken** perform at 5 p.m.! Upon entering our dedicated concert space, you'll get to pick up your limited edition OKC Dodgers hat and find the perfect spot for the concert.

Unspoken will take the stage and perform a special set just for the groups in attendance! Songs you may hear include *Who You Are*, *Lift My Life Up*, *Good Fight* and *Start A Fire* that have been all over Christian radio.

After **Unspoken** performs the last song, you'll find your seats and get ready for an exciting OKC Dodgers game that starts at 7:05 p.m.! Make sure to keep an eye on the video board to see your group name up in lights!

We've got the perfect group outing for your congregation or small groups to start the summer off with a hit! We guarantee there's nothing better than joining together in fellowship at an **Unspoken** concert and then cheering on the OKC Dodgers to victory!

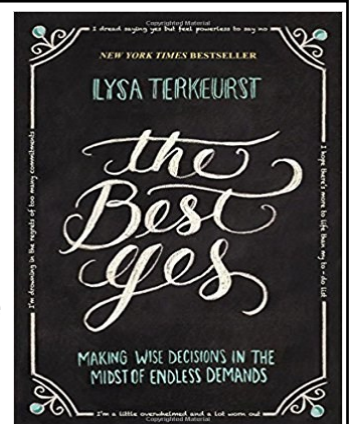
Groups of 10 or more can enjoy **Unspoken** in a special pregame concert, the OKC Dodgers game, plus receive a limited edition OKC Dodgers hat for just \$15 per person!

June 2nd



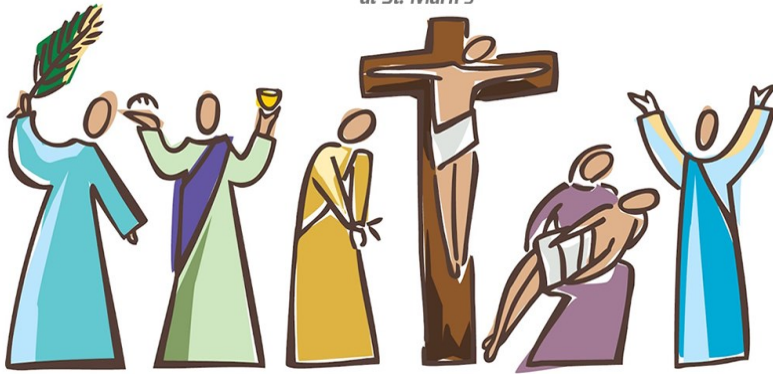
St. Mark's Women's Bible Study

The next meeting for the Women's Bible Study will be this Friday, March 2nd 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.



Experiencing Holy Week

at St. Mark's



"Experiencing Holy Week" will be our direction for this year's Holy Week with an emphasis on making the week special through several hands on events. Here is one of the ministry opportunities we are doing. We encourage everyone to take part in this and be watching for details on other exciting ways to 'Experience Holy Week' this year..

We are going to try something new at St. Mark's this year for the lenten season and want your family to be a part of it. It is called **Project Easter**. I have divided holy week into 5 main events. They are:

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

You and your family will pray about and talk over which specific part you would like to delve into during this Lenten season. You are welcome to talk about and study them all, but then choose ONE of the events to create a family project that represents that event. 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.

Then, on Palm Sunday, March 25, each family that created a project will bring it to church and all will be on display for the entire congregation. That gives your family 6 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. I will be in touch throughout the following weeks to update on how many families are involved and on which events have been chosen.

Thank you for giving this your thoughts, prayers, and consideration.



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

This week in TeamKID we will study the Godly character trait of being DEPENDABLE. Children can

learn that they can be dependable by keeping their word. They can say they will do something and they will do it. Kids will realize that parents are responsible for their task. This will lead them to learn that they can be trusted. Verse is Luke 16:10 "Suppose you can be trusted with something very little; how can you be trusted with something very large?" See you tonight!

**February 21 Wednesday Night
Programming Cancelled**

February 21 Be Dependable Memory verse

Feb 28: Be Kind Memory Verse

Luke 16:10

Ephesians 4:32

~Ms. Alicia

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STUDENT MINISTRY

This week we are busy as we wind down the month of February and get ready for all March has in store for us. I pray you are taking time this lent season to find out what needs to die and how you might move closer to our Lord as we prepare for Easter.

Wednesday, February 22nd - We will have a \$2 dinner served from 5:30-6:15. Please remember to reserve your spot.



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Sunday, February 25th - It's time for our paperwork meeting for Mission Mexico! We will meet in Barnett Hall at 12:15PM and lunch will be provided. Please remember if your student is a minor it would best if both parents can be there. As soon as we are done with paperwork you are free to leave. Please let me know if there are any questions. Thank you!

John Hollon
Youth Pastor



Ryan	Agyemang	Katrina	Harkey	Chase "Bear"	Nichols
Todd	Attalla	Bill	Harned	Fran	Nobles
Mike	Benton	Joy	Hicks	Danny	Payne
Dan	Boland	John	Hollon	Greg	Pinkerton
Darell	Brehm	Blake	Hull	Kelsey	Pope
Nikala	Bremmer	Beau	Jackson	Hunter	Reimers
Pat	Brock	Emerson	Jenks	Lori	Shenold
Asher	Cromwell	Judy	Knight	Irene	Stafford
Colt	Fletcher	Garrett	Mackey	Jackie	Swedlow
Ethan	Fletcher	Brock	McClaren	Mia	Teague
Mika	Foster	Lauren	McClellan	Betty	Underwood
Chris	Garner	Grant	Merhib	Brisa	Valdez
Janna	Greve	Jeff	Montesano	Quintavion	Washington
Red	Groves	Steve	Mullins	Grace	Watson
Juanita	Hancock				

Facts and Figures

2018 Budget 590,255
 Rec'd toward Operating 2/11/2017 23,332
Year to Date
 Rec'd toward Operating 2/11/2018 71,123
 Expenditures 2/11/2017 49,047
Attendance
 Sunday February 18, 2018
 Worship 268
 Sunday School 189

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles	Kason Knutson & family
Don Wonderly	Kieth Ballard
Montesano family	Betty Miller
Greg Spiser	Beverly Clark
Funk family	Joanna Ryan
Vic Gammill	Monte Tull family
Sherri Fiaher	Bill Joe Watson
Kellye Bates	Judy Hopper\
Sharon Kerr	Steve Harriot
Ed & Gina Woerner	