

March 11, 2020

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St. Mark's**

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Lent Reflections

If you missed the Ash Wednesday service this is the information they were given to use for devotions through the Lenten season. Hopefully, you can join us as we search the scriptures through the Lenten season.

Scriptures

Week 1 (Thru March 7) Exodus 14:9-18

Week 3 (March 15-21) Ps. 46:1-11

Week 5 (March 29-April 4) Mark 9:2-8

Week 2 (March 8-March 14) Ps 37:1-9

Week 4 (March 22-28) Mark 6:7-13, 30-34

Week 6 (April 5-11) Luke 10:38-42

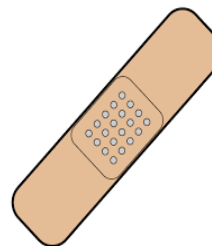
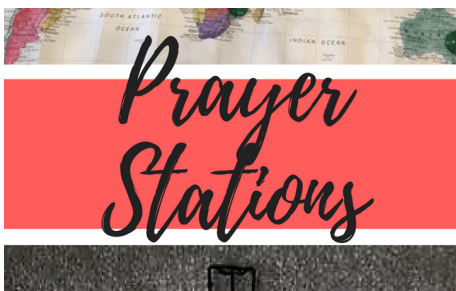
Questions for each week

What is God doing in the text?

What are the people doing or instructed to do?

What choices does this text offer you as you follow Jesus?

What will it take to implement the better choices in your life?



You may have noticed the prayer stations set up in the Foyer and hallway at front of church. Over the next few weeks of Lent we will have a new station set up in the Narthex and hallway each Sunday. We encourage you to take a couple of minutes for reflection and prayer as the stations will give you the opportunity to spend a moment with God and respond in a simple way.

Wednesday Night

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

This Week: Pizza Night

\$3/ person.



6:00 Prayer Team

6:15 Indescribable (Children)
Adult Studies
Student Ministries

6:30 Choir Rehearsal

New Directories Are In

Anyone whose picture in the directory is welcome to pick up a copy of the new directory in the church office. They are located on church counter. Please note on the sheet next to the box when you pick yours up. We have several people that are not in the directory that would like a directory that did not get their picture taken, so please only take one per family. Thanks!



NSO Properties tour



NEIGHBORHOOD
SERVICES ORGANIZATION

On April 6th the St. Mark's United Methodist Women will be taking a tour of some of the properties that NSO (Neighborhood Service Organization) manages in the area. We will meet at the church at 9:30 am to travel for the 10:00 am tour. The tour will be about 2 hours long seeing as many facilities as possible during that time. Following the tour we will go out for lunch together. Anyone is invited to join us. Please let Joey Pedigo know if you are planning to attend or if you have any questions. Come learn more about the many arms of ministry of the United Methodist Church.

Looking Ahead to Holy Week & Easter Events

Ongoing—Prayer Stations in Narthex

March 28 - Trip to Cross, Groom TX

April 5 - Palm Sunday

April 8 - Messy Easter

April 9 - Maundy Thursday Services

April 11 - Community Easter Egg Hunt

@ Overholser

April 12 - Easter Morning Services

Trip to the Cross

If you are interested in going on a trip to Groom, TX to see the largest cross in the Southwest and view the Passion Story, please sign up. The trip will be on March 28th, Saturday, leaving in church van at 8AM, return to church around 4PM. RSVP by March 21. Additional info, please contact Shab Jupiterwala.



**FALL 2020
ST. MARK'S TO HOST**

Whiz Kids

BE A VOLUNTEER!

St Mark's will host another ministry opportunity this fall...Whiz Kids! So just what will we be doing? That is a great question!

We will be hosting several 2nd thru 5th grade students from Overholser Elementary immediately after school, one day a week throughout the 2020/2021 school year. Each of these students will have been identified by their respective teacher as reading below his or her grade level. We will provide one-on-one tutoring to each of them in order to improve their reading skills.

So what is the need? Separate conversations with individual teachers at Overholser indicate that as many as 30% of their 600-plus students may be "at-risk" relative to their reading level.

Additionally, statistics show that students who still read below their grade level by the time they enter 6th grade are 40% more likely to spend time in the Oklahoma penal system as an adult than are those who are reading at or above their grade. The gap is huge, the need is real and it is right in our backyard! The principal, Marj Iven, and all the teachers are excited that St Mark's has stepped forward to help close this gap. But Whiz Kids is much more than a tutoring program.

Whiz Kids also is a "faith-based" mentoring program. Each of the 34 Whiz Kids sites throughout the metro area is hosted by a church; thus the "faith-based" part of the program. And the fact that each student receives one-on-one attention from the same tutor throughout the year highlights the mentoring aspect of this vital ministry.

The tutoring day each week is still to be determined. We know that the time of day will be right after school dismisses: 3:45pm - 5:45pm.

Do not be concerned if you lack tutoring experience: training will be provided. The only tools you need are a deep faith founded on the grace and salvation of Jesus Christ and the resulting heart to touch lives in a meaningful, Christian manner.

So if you are looking for a way to give back...a way to impact both the children of our community as well as our community at large, this is a great ministry opportunity! These students are simply waiting for you to step forward! Please contact Mark Walpus at 405.887.6067 if you are interested in helping these students change the trajectories of their lives! Remember these children and volunteer ministers in your prayers.

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.

- ♦ Toilet Paper
- ♦ Pepper
- ♦ Crackers
- ♦ Uncooked unflavored Pasta noodles



rightnow MEDIA

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

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

EASTER LILIES



There is a sign-up sheet on the counter outside the church office for ordering Easter Lilies. These lilies will decorate our sanctuary Easter Sunday, April 12th. Please indicate on the sheet if you are donating the lily in honor or memory of your loved ones. Orders and payment of \$15.00 is due by Sunday, April 5th, for each lily you donate. You may take your lilies home after services on Easter Sunday.

Women's Bible Study

This coming Monday the Women's Bible Study will begin the Lenten study "It Is Finished" back at the Gannon's. Please contact Kayla Gannon for more information. This is a great group for fellowship, accountability and anyone is welcome to attend. Along with Bible study the group has a monthly fellowship activity to build relationships and have fun. Here is a picture of some of the group from our last outing to eat together. Come join us.



Comunidad After School Program

On Thursdays afternoons Comunidad has it's weekly after school tutoring program for children from Overholser.



The program has started small but is showing great possibilities. On March 12th we will be putting together an art show displaying the work of some of the children from the school.. Several tutors are also working in classes at the school to help children with reading. 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

8:15 am
Room 17
Sonshine Class
Room 18
New Life Class
9:30 am
Room 18
Discipleship
Class
Room 17
Young Adult

10:40 am
Choir Room
Good News Class
10:45 am
Room 19
R.O.C.K. Class
10:55 am
Room 5
Promise Class
Room 18
Faithbuilders Class

Eggs for Community Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Community Egg Hunt is on its way and we need eggs with individually wrapped candy in them for 300+ kids.

Ways You can Help:

Bring Easter eggs filled with candy

Bring candy that will go in eggs

Pick up some empty eggs in foyer and fill them with candy.

Pick up envelope in foyer to help with special treats for

Kings & Queens Egg Hunt

Volunteer to help with Egg Hunts

(contact Alicia Schneider or Kayla Gannon)

THANKS!



Second Winders

Second Winders will next meet on March 13th at noon. We will be having a traditional Irish Stew for the meal. Steven Harris from the Oklahoma City fire Department will be our speaker.



Also, mark your calendar for April 23rd when we will have an outing to the National



Our next Men's Breakfast will be April 4th. 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.

MEXICAN CUISINE SPANISH & COOKING CLASS

COME AND JOIN US MAKING

*Mexican
Huaraches*

WHILE LEARNING SOME BASIC CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

BRING \$5 AND ENJOY YOUR MEAL!



MARCH 26, 2020
BARNETT HALL
FROM 5:45-7:00 PM

EMAIL TO RSVP:
BEQUER@STMARKSBETHANY.COM
OR SIGN-UP ON THE CHURCH COUNTER



STUDENT MINISTRY

SPRING BREAK MISSION!

The mission has changed from a high school trip to a local mission that will include both middle school and high school! I am currently in contact with several ministries in the area to co-ordinate what that week will look like. I'll get you those details as soon as I have them! In the meantime, you can expect that there will be 3-4 days of service projects followed by a fun activity, whether that be a small trip or something fun and local. More info coming soon!

WEDNESDAYS!

Dinner is at 5:30 for \$3/person and programming begins at 6:15.

The next several Wednesdays, the topic is **Forgiveness** - understanding God's forgiveness for us and how to extend that to those around us. My hope is that this will be a challenging and healing topic, and that it will also provide practical ways for the students to deal with past, present, and future hurts.

The night of **Wed, March 18**, there will be no youth programming because of spring break. If there is something that evening involving the spring break mission, I will let you all know once those plans are finalized.

SUNDAYS!

Sunday School is at 9:45 and Big Church is at 10:55.

Sundays just keep rolling along thanks to our amazing teaching team, Sally, John, Adrienne, Gwen, and Mike!

JESUS UNIVERSITY!

JU is a scholarship program funded by our STRIVE fundraiser. Students enrolled in JU receive credit for attendance at weekly programming, camps, retreats, etc. Scholarship money is granted based off the credits students earn, and students may use this money to go towards continuing education after graduation. Signup happens each fall!

JU attendance continues to be taken for this school year, so make sure you're coming to everything! Also, remember to arrive by 9:55 on Sunday mornings to receive full credit. **The banquet date is July 26th!**

OFFICE TALKS!

This is a new thing! On Wednesdays that we have programming, from 5-5:30, I'll be available in my office for students to speak with me individually or in groups for 15-30 minutes. We can discuss fun things, hard things, or whatever! I'll have a signup sheet outside my door!

UPCOMING MISSIONS, CAMPS, ETC!

Spring Break Mission!

- 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

See you at church tomorrow at 3:15!

Lydia Cressman

Director of Student Ministries

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

"Held Captive"



Each Bible accounts of people who were held either in

jail, or by someone (Saul escapes in a basket) or something (Jonah in a whale).

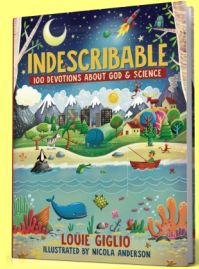


EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY DIRECTOR:
Sharon Hunt
Phone: 789-9033
Email: sharon@stmarksbethany.com

WEDNESDAY EVENING:

D.O.W.N. Dinner - 5:30-6:15
INDESCRIBABLE - 6:15—7:30

St. Mark's children, ages 4-5th grade, are learning about our Indescribable God, based on *Indescribable Devotions* by Louie Giglio. Each week we will discover a different part of God's creation, from space, to earth, to animals, to people. We will look at real-life pictures and illustrations, learn scientific facts, and pray to our Creator God together. Each week, children will recite a memory verse that correlates to the lesson.



Coming: March 11 Mountain Climbing MV Psalm 3:4
March 18 Spring Break (No Programming)
March 25 Somebody's Watching You MV Psalm 121:8
April 1 Light Up Your Life MV Matthew 5:16
April 8 MESSY EASTER

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:
Alicia Schneider
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Email: alicia@stmarksbethany.com



This year we will be taking a new spin on Messy Easter with all new interactive family

stations. Join us on April 8th as we take a journey through Holy Week highlighted with great stations for learning, reflecting and experiencing Holy Week with a new perspective. It kicks off at 6:15 pm following D.O.W.N. dinner. Bring family, friends and neighbors

Registration Now open for this Summer's **MARK'D KIDS DAY CAMP**

Mark'd Kids will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 9 - July 30th, from 9:30 am through 2:30. Each week will include learning activities and field trips. The theme this year is "The Big God Story". To learn more about Day Camp and to get your registration forms for your kids [Click here.](#)

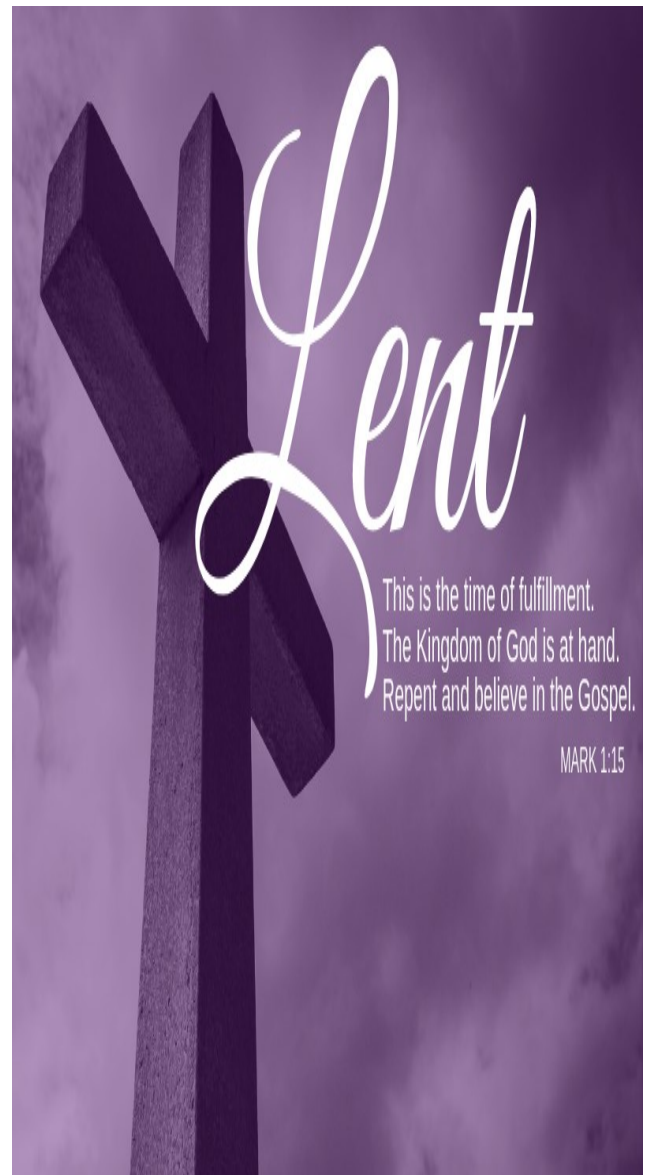
To the generous loving
friends at St. Mark's

Our family has many blessings
to be grateful for in our
lives. You folks top our
list. Your awesome
generosity at this time
of our need has shown
us yet again God is
with us, even though our
struggles continue. Your
commitment to us has
renewed my spirit to pray
that much harder. We thank
God for you all daily. May God Bless
you all

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This Lenten season we will have the opportunity to make a difference in amazing kids lives. Rice bowls is an amazing organization feeding, orphaned and hungry children. You can pick up your bowls anytime. Challenge your friends, members in your family, give up a drink a day and drop that change in the rice bowl and we will gather them all together on Easter morning and make a real difference. Watch for stories, and more information about the many ways Rice Bowls can make a difference and then start filling those Rice Bowls.



Kieth	Ballard	Becky	Harned	Nevada	Norvell
Nicholas	Bentin	Darlene	Hickman	James	Parker
Ed	Boerner	Kruse	Holliday	Mary	Parker
Chris	Brehm	Megan	Johnston	Roger	Pautsch
Carla	Brueggen	Harold	Kessler	Brian	Ray
Adrienne	Cressman	Christopher	Knowles	Avery	Reimers
Brad	Cromwell	Dorothy	Lynch	Preston	Risinger
Jeff	Davidson	Ruth	Martyn	Jenny	Shenold
Jillian	Ferguson	Claire	Moates	Zoey	Stanfill
Victor	Gammill	Dave	Moore	Esther	Underwood
Patty	Groves	Don	Nobles	Lauren	Wurzer
Brianna	Hardin	Ivy	Norvell	Evelyn	York

Facts and Figures

2020 Annual Budget620,218
 Rec'd toward Operating 2/9/20204,653

YTD 2020

Rec'd toward Operating 3/1/202087,712
 Expenditures 3/1/202089,879

Attendance

Sunday, March 8

Worship 255

Sunday School 189

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles

Votaw family

Barbara Homer

Beverly Clark

Pam Barnes

John Baumeister

Andre Frehley

Penny & James Hays

Marilyn Cook

Cheryl Pavelko

Boerner family

Wenona Shaw

Sherry Chesley

Sharon Dean

Dorothy Lynch

Coral Snider family

Mike Spiser