

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

St. Mark's to honor graduating Seniors this Sunday

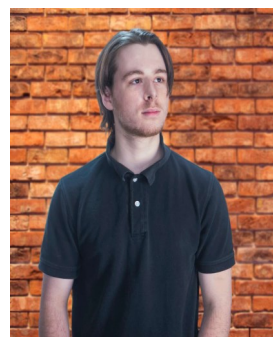
During services this coming Sunday morning we will be honoring the Seniors of the Class of 2018. They will be recognized for their accomplishment and prayed for as they move on to the next phase of their life. The Senior class of 2018 includes the following students.



Ryan Agyemang



Lauren Epely



Donovan Funk



Tyler Funk



Kiyarra Gonzalez



Cody Hunt



Nathan Meisenburg

CLASS
of
2018

"Become a part of 50 Days of Prayer"



During the fifty days leading to Pentecost, you are invited to participate in "50 Days of Prayer." Each week the devotions for that week will be loaded to our website (www.stmarksbethany.com), through links posted on the website home page. From there you will be able to read or download the devotions in a device-friendly .pdf format.

Council Grove Elementary Teacher Appreciation

Cookies for Teachers

St. Mark's will again be taking part in distributing thank you bags to teachers and staff at Council Grove Elementary School. We need cookies to for the thank you bags. We will distribute 54 gift bags May 7 for Teacher Appreciation Week.



Sign up this Sunday, April 29 to bring cookies.

Bring cookies on Sunday, May 6.

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!

**Pulled Chicken, Fires
and Green Beans**



Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the graduation of Cody Hunt and Tyler Funk on May

5th from 3-5pm. The event is come and go and is just an opportunity to visit with them, pray for them or just share some of the stories that you have had with them.



Upcoming Special times of worship

April 29th - Sr. Recognition

May 13th - Mother's Day

May 27th - Combined Worship (All Church Picnic, Hollon's send off)

June 3rd - UMW Sunday

May 6th - Confirmation Sunday

May 20th - Pentecost

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 BAISC elements of faith — Believe, Ask, Serve, Impact, Celebrate.

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



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 below.



VBS Items Needed

With the theme of VBS being science based we have a few specialty items that are needed. If you have any of the items below that we can use it would be very helpful.

A variety of size (3" and up) of Styrofoam balls. Can be any color, used, dented are ok. Will be painted and used as planets in displays

Pool noodles - any color, used are ok.

(all items for decorations— children will not be using them.)

New Church Directories in!

Our long awaited directories are in and if you had your portrait made you can pick one up in the church office at your convenience. Please mark your name off the list when you pick your directory off so we know who still needs to get theirs.



STUDENT MINISTRY

April is coming to and end and May is coming on strong and the next few weeks we have some great things happening at St. Marks that directly involve our wonderful student ministry. I hope you will take advantage of these events and look forward to many more to come.

Wednesday, April 25th-We will have worship and small groups from 6:30-8pm. There is also \$2 dinner served form 5:30-6:15pm, the menu this week is pulled chicken, french fries, and green beans. Please remember to RSVP.

Sunday, April 29th-Senior Sunday!!! Please come worship and support our seniors as we honor them and they serve in both our worship services this Sunday. We hope to see you at either 9:30am or 10:55am.

At 12:30pm in Barnett Hall a special Summer camp and Summer youth ministry meeting. Colin and Lydia have put this together and request your presence at this important informational meeting. If you have not done so yet please RSVP by WEDNESDAY so we can have enough food. If you do not reserve your spot you may still come, but there may or may not be enough food for you. Thank you!

Sunday, May 6th-Confirmation Sunday, please plan to be here as we worship and celebrate this giant step in faith of these incredible youth. Hope to see you at the 10:55am service.

John Hollon
Youth Pastor

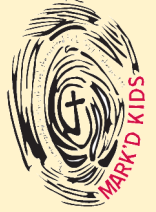




CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

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 at TeamKID, we will be looking at how God wants us to be HELPFUL. We will identify characteristics of a good helper and understand that godly helping can have a strong positive influence on others. We will consider ways they can make a difference with friends and families to do the right thing. Memory verse is Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." See you tonight! ~Miss Alicia



April 25: Be Helpful

May 2: Be Loyal

May 9: Be Hospitable

May 16: Be Polite

MV - Galatians 6:2

MV - Zechariah 7:9

MV - I Peter 4:9

MV - Luke 6:31

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Magomano Water Project

If you were not at church Sunday (or just want to watch it again), the Fogleman's brought us an update on the Water well project which was the focus of our Christmas Eve offering. You can see the video of progress on the well by clicking on picture below.

How exciting to be a part of this life changing event.



Baptism & Reaffirmation of Baptism

We are planning a service of baptism (for those never baptized) and reaffirmation of baptism (for those previously baptized). It will be outside during the all-church picnic May 27th.

Please contact Pastor Keith to visit about your participation.

pastorkeith@stmarksbethany.com
Or 789-9033

April

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jay	Sears	Gerald	Miller	Elaine	Talbot
Julia	Bevers	Q'juanta	Prince-Sadler	Ginger	Lusk
David	Bremmer	Marie	Wolfgang	Candace	Crisswell
Jesse	Johnston	Amy	King	Abram	Hollon
Judy	Ferguson	Andrew	Schneider	Kaede	Montesano
Jim	McMinn	Alexander	Gannon	Tyler	Funk
Crystal	Corbin	Sally	Kilby	Morgan	Weber
Mary Ann	Desmukes	Abigail	Garrison	Hazel	Bremmer
Leslie	Graham	Jackson	Rackley	Edith	Chilcutt
Bruce	Hunt	John	Talbot	Lynne	Kanary
Lorelei	Lusk	Sydney	Jacobsen	A'Tawjae	Sadler
Sarah	Penland	Isabella	Ramirez	Adam	Votaw
Stacey	Risinger	Zoe Beth	Vaughn	Rod	Sipes
Lori	Evans	Kevin	Moore	Jack	Butler
Penny	Woolery	Mary	Svejkovsky	Lori	Knowles

Facts and Figures

2018 Budget 590,255

Rec'd toward Operating 4/22/2018 17,154

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 4/15/2018168,894

Expenditures 4/15/2018.....157,658

Attendance

Sunday April 22, 2018

Worship 264

Sunday School194

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
Kieth Ballard
Betty Miller
Funk family
Kyle (Joey Pedigo nephew)
Dale & Jan Johnson
Carolyn Bright
Kason Knutson & family
Larry Kelly
Cheryl Andrews

Don Wonderly
Montesano family
Beverly Clark
John Baumeister
Vic Gammill
Ed & Gina Boerner
Connie Petillo family
Billie Blake
Cheryl Pavelko