

July 31, 2019

## 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

### "More Than Enough" wrap up this Sunday

The "More than Enough" series wraps up this Sunday. It's been a great challenge as we have looked at the book of Acts. On August 11th we will be kicking off a new series "Whisper. Take Advantage of getting even more from the study by attending a Sunday school class or a Life Group that will be doing sessions that tie to the series (details page 3).

New Series Kicks Off Sunday August 11th



### Fall coming - Let's Grow for it!

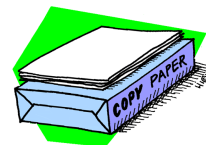


### Life Groups

Sign up coming soon  
See page 3 for more info

### Paper Drive for schools!

This isn't your old fashioned paper drive. We are not collecting old newspapers but instead copy paper. One of the biggest needs that schools have these days is having enough copy paper. Between announcements, art projects, reports, assignments and so many other places. In our work with our local schools we are asking people to bring reams of copy paper on Sunday August 18th. We will get it Overholser and Council Grove to help them get ready for the coming school year. To maximize your gift we encourage you to work with your class, friends, study group or others to get together and by it in cases where savings can be well over 50%.



# Key Events on Fall Calendar (mark your calendars)

With all the heat it's hard to believe Fall is just around the corner. St. Mark's has a lot of exciting things on the horizon and wanted to get some of the key dates out for you.

Fall Kick Off	August 21
Ministry Fair	August 24
St. Mark's Food Pantry Kickoff	August 28
Wednesday Night Programming Resumes	August 28
DOWN, Prayer Team, Adult Studies, Student, Children, Choir	
Combined Worship	September 1
Emmaus Walks Men	September 5-8
Emmaus Walk Women	September 19-22
PCW Football Dinners	Sept. & Oct.
Life Groups	various
STRIVE	October 6 & 13
Kings & Queens Fall Festival	October 29
Fall Festival	October 30
STRIVE Workday	November 2



## COMING Sunday, August 4th

A Special gift from St. Mark's  
for you and your family.

Join us in worship on August 4th

As we reveal this gift that we  
Hope will make a real difference  
In your life.



## Life Groups (from page 1)

### ***Life Groups of St. Mark's***

*Life Groups* is small group ministry launching in the Fall of 2018. *Life Groups* meet anywhere, anytime and anyway people would like to get together. The name refers to a family of friends with whom you can share our lives and grow in faith.

*Life Groups* provide time to join other sisters and brothers who are also trying to follow Jesus. The purpose of *Life Groups* is to help each of us strengthen as disciples of Jesus Christ.



*Life Groups* may meet as often as weekly or as infrequently as

***Life Groups* include four personal growth elements gathered around the cross**



#### 1) Mission & Ministry

Plan a mission or ministry to accomplish within an agreed timeframe – both personal and group plans are shared.

Your *Life Group* may be a Mission team.

#### 2) Prayer/Relationship

Share prayer needs related to conquering sin and experiencing spiritual transformation.

Experiment with types and ways of praying that are described in Scripture.

#### 3) Study Scripture

This should usually be a study of Scripture.

#### 4) Accountability

Encourage each other to keep striving toward growth goals previously set by the group and individuals.

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Along with several Sunday School classes there will be other opportunities to dive in deeper with the whisper series. Currently a group is starting on August 7th at 1:00 pm. It will be led by Dorthy Lynch. We are looking at other groups kicking off. You can sign up for the upcoming class on church counter. If you are interested but that class doesn't work for you, you can sign up for more information as groups form.



# Small Group Leaders

With fall approaching we are in need of small group leaders in these areas:

Preschool

1st & 2nd grade

3rd-5th grade

We are looking for a one semester commitment and will provide everything you need to make a difference. Please pray about it and then contact Alicia Schneider or Sharon Hunt.

## St. Mark's Food Pantry

On Wednesday, **August 28th doors will open** for the food pantry. They will then be open each Wednesday from 11 am - 1 pm and on Sundays from 4pm - 6 pm.

**TRAINING**— On Sunday, August 11th at 1:00 pm we will be having a training for those who will be working in the food pantry. We hope all who are signed up and anyone else interested joins us as we look at important details regarding the food pantry.

As we get kicked off we expect to see a lot of families and know that supplies will begin to dwindle. St. Mark's has done a great job as we prepared and hope that everyone is able to kick in and help make this ministry meet a real need in our community and be sustainable and giving us an opportunity to share the love of Christ.



Our next Men's Breakfast will be on August 3rd. 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.

## Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study group is gearing up to get things going again. If you are a woman hunting for great fellowship, Bible study, fun, and food you need to check this out. To kick off the reboot they will be having a fun night together of fellowship, creativity and fun at Pinot's Palette. We will meet on Monday, August 12th from 7 - 9 pm and go to Pinot's Palette for a night of painting Auroras. Pinot's is at 115 E. California Ave., Suite 100 in Bricktown. You will need to register on line at:

<https://www.pinotspalette.com/bricktown/event/339723> Cost is \$35. If you have questions contact Kayla Gannon at 789-9033 or [kayla@stmarksbethany.com](mailto:kayla@stmarksbethany.com). We will also be looking at Bible study material that we will use this fall. Come join us!



## Pastor Keith to lead Bible Study on Gifts, Passion, and Personal Ministry Style

network

the right people | in the right place | for the right reasons | at the right time

Pastor Keith will take an in depth look at how we can all better understand God's call to into specific ministry. Through discovery of gifts, passion and ministry style we gain insight to being more effective and confident as we serve.

The group will meet on Sunday August 25, September 1 & 8 from 2:00 - 5:30 pm. You can sign up to be a part on the church counter. This event will help us all better understand who we and the church are called to be.

THE SERVANT PROFILE		
SPIRITUAL GIFTS indicate:	WHAT you do best	You will be <b>COMPETENT!</b>
PERSONAL STYLE indicates:	HOW you best serve	You will be <b>CONFIDENT!</b>
MINISTRY PASSION indicates:	WHERE you best serve	You will be <b>MOTIVATED!</b>



# 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

Current lesson Plan  
"Extreme"

Studying Bible stories that are extreme. God goes to great lengths to reach, love and guide us.



### EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY DIRECTOR:

Sharon Hunt  
Phone: 789-9033  
Email: sharon@stmarksbethany.com

## WEDNESDAY EVENING:

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

**Returns  
August 28th**



### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:

Alicia Schneider  
Phone: 789-9033  
Email: alicia@stmarksbethany.com

## COMING SPECIAL EVENTS



*Bear one another's burdens*

Summertime is here, but sadness and stress do not take a vacation when death, illness, divorce, loss of job or any other problem happens. Your Stephen Ministers are ready and willing to walk along with you this summer as always. Please contact the office at the church or any of your Stephen Ministry leadership, Jan Greve, Dorthy Lynch, Carla Brueggen or Bobbi Pinkerton for a referral. Your request will be handled with complete confidence and assigned to a Stephen Minister after careful and prayerful consideration.



# STUDENT MINISTRY

Thank you, everyone, for coming to the J.U. Breakfast yesterday! Congrats on raising that scholarship money!

## HERE'S WHAT'S COMING SOON!

### **Wed, July 31 - Painting**

Come from 6:15-7:30 to help paint the youth room!

We'll have pizza!

### **Sun, Aug 4 - Regular Sunday Morning!**

RSVP for the Escape Room.

### **Wed, Aug 7 - Escape Room!**

Meet at the church at 6:15.

It's \$20 per person.

**RSVP that you're coming by the end of Sunday, Aug. 4.**

Which escape room we go to depends on the RSVP number, so I'll let you know exactly where we're going and when we'll get back to the church after I receive the RSVPs.

Everyone will have to fill out a waiver, which I will also send out after I have the RSVPs.

### **Sun, Aug 11 - Regular Sunday Morning!**

### **Wed, Aug 14 - Wed Night Leaders Meeting!**

Meet at church at 6:15.

There will be no youth this night.

### **Sun, Aug 18 - Promotion Sunday and Community Kickoff!**

We will welcome our incoming 6th graders!

Sunday School and Big Church will happen at the normal times.

There will be a picnic on the lawn (hot dogs, inflatables, etc.) from 5-7:30.

RSVP for the Aug. 25 parent/leader meeting.

### **Wed, Aug 21 - Wednesday Kickoff!**

- From 5:30-6:30, we will have dinner together and see a preview of everything offered by the church in the fall.

### **Sun, Aug 25 - Parent/Leader Meeting and JU Enrollment!**

- The parent/leader meeting will be right after church.
- Lunch will be provided.
- **RSVP for the meeting Aug. 18.**
- *This is the last day to enroll in Jesus University for the 2019-2020 school year!*

### **Wed, Aug 28 - Wednesday Night Programming Begins!**

- Dinner is at 5:30.
- Youth is from 6:15-7:30!
- Bring all your friends!

## JESUS UNIVERSITY:

In the next couple of weeks, I will send out all the Jesus University updates for this next year. In the meantime, just know that the it's a \$15/person enrollment fee (\$10/person for three or more people). The enrollment deadline is August 25th.

## STRIVE:

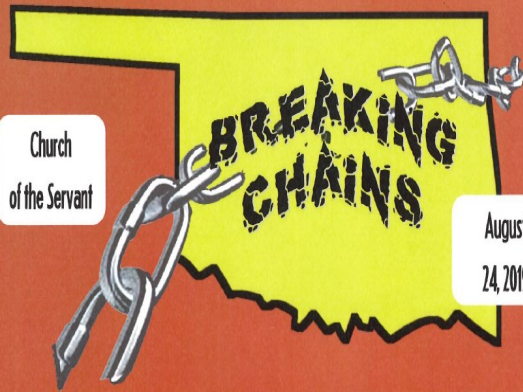
Go ahead and throw these dates on your calendars. The STRIVE fundraiser begins Wednesday, October 2nd. The Sun-days students will be able to ask at church are Oct. 6th and 13th. The mandatory STRIVE Workday is Nov. 2nd.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our final summer events and I'm excited for what the fall will bring for our ministry. Praying for you all! Please, let me know if I can help you in any way!

**Lydia Cressman**

*Director of Student Ministries*

He brought you out of the deepest darkness and broke your chains.  
— Psalm 107:14



August  
24, 2019

Mark your calendars  
and save the date

— Examining incarceration issues in Oklahoma through the eyes of the church —

United Methodist Women + Board of Church and Society + Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (CJMM)

*Thank  
you!*

Esther Withers wants to say thank you to everyone who reached out and showed love to her during her recent medical event. She thanks God for the loving community St.

Mark's provides for her and appreciates the many kind words and acts of kindness. God Bless each of you.

## Adult Sunday AM Classes

**8:15 am**

**Room 17**  
**Sonshine Class**

**10:45 am**

**Room 18**  
**New Life Class**

**Room 19**  
**R.O.C.K. Class**

**9:30 am**

**Room 18**  
**Discipleship Class**

**10:55 am**

**Room 5**

**Ascent Room**  
**College Age**

**Promise Class**

**Room 18**

**10:40 am**

**Choir Room**  
**Good News Class**

**Faithbuilders Class**

## Facts and Figures

2019 Annual Budget .....605,361  
Rec'd toward Operating 7/21/2019 .....4669

### YTD 2019

Rec'd toward Operating 7/21/2019.....291,008  
Expenditures 7/21/2018 .....304,328

### Attendance

Sunday, July 28

Worship ..... 268

Sunday School ..... 178

*August Birthdays!*

Austin	Baker	Samuel	Harkey	Roman	McClintock
Alicia	Benton	Barbara	Homer	Judy	McMinn
Beverly	Blake	Keile	Homer	Sara	Miller
Norma	Boland	Becky	Horriggan	Tessa	Miller
Phillip	Bond	Lily	Hummel	Geodano	Montesano
Zaidyn	Bui	Clint	Hutchison	Nick	Montesano
Ella	Cantwell	John	Imel	Ethan	Pedigo
Beverly	Clark	Paul	Jaehnen	Barbara	Pinkerton
Lori	Correia	Jan	Johnson	Madelynn	Risinger
Owen	Curtis	T.J.	Johnson	Roger	Rogers
Dianna	Davidson	Karen	Kapka	Jimmie	Sears
Parker	Davis	Ann	Kessler	Wenonah	Shaw
Frankye	Flemins	Amy	Kilby	Nathan	Swedlow
Jane	Foreman	Mary	King	Susan	Teague
Paula	Galt	Willa	Knight	Bill	Underwood
DJ	Gannon	Jessie	Lamb	Sally	White
Laura	German	Jack	Martyn	Ruby	Wilkey
Jad	Hanner				

## Prayer Box

Kieth Ballard

Beverly Clark

Funk family

John Baumeister

Edith Chilcutt

Wenonah Shaw

Don & Fran Nobles

Frankye Flemins

Dennis Graham

Janice Brown

Tiffany Montesano

Teresa Kruta

Darin Smith

Cindy McMurtry

George Johnson

Betty Underwood

Greg Spiser

Jennafer Marchant

Votaw family

Charez family

Mark Summers

Barbara Homer

Savill family

Jason Talbot

Idabella Whaley

Derwin Jones

Boerner family

Phillip Gaines

Beverly Keun