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St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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February 8, 2012

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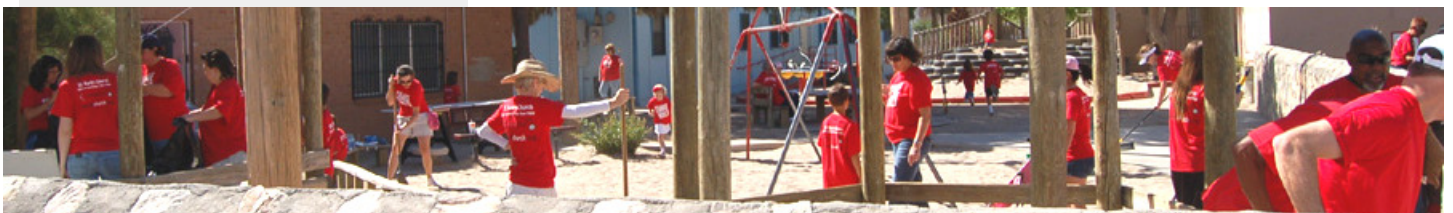
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SHARE

FAT *Tuesday* *Pancake Supper*



February 21, 5-7:30pm



Supper proceeds will go to our outreach mission events

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February 21, 5-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall

St. Mark's Missions Committee will be serving up fun along with the pancakes in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 21. Live music will be from Jazz Unlimited and as the evening progresses, there will be drawings for prizes, ranging from restaurant gift cards and Starbucks Coffee cards to pet pampering. Batter for the fluffy pancakes is being donated by IHOP.



As you enjoy the evening, you will be helping to raise money for our vibrant missions events that will be taking place through the year. Some of those projects are our second annual "Change the World" Day in May, the Senior High Mission Trip to Belize, and ongoing support to our global outreach: helping to feed, clothe, house and educate the needy.

ASH Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 22

Choose 12noon or 7pm

Both Services will be held in our sanctuary

Getting Down to Business

Monday, February 13

Endowment Board Meeting	6:00pm
Missions Comm. Meeting	6:30pm

Tuesday, February 14

Program Staff	9:15am
Plan 5:30, 8 & 10 Worship	11:30am

Wednesday, February 15

St. Mark's School PSC	8:30am
Plan 9 & 11 Worship	12:30pm

Worship Services This Weekend

Saturday 5:32pm Worship

Sunday 8:00am Word & Table
9:00am Praise & Worship
10:00am Traditional Worship
11:00am Praise & Worship

Sermons

Sermons are now available online at www.loveroad.org/sermons. Expect a few days delay for processing and uploading.

Our Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor Rev. Jon Moore

Senior Associate Pastor

Rev. Felicia Hopkins

Associate Pastor Rev. Matt Bridges

Pastoral Intern Josh Kouri

PHAT SOUL

This Friday, February 10, 7-10pm

Sponsored by

CONN3CT THREE Ministries

With an overwhelming response, our third annual Phat Soul concert and dance is

SOLD OUT

We will NOT accept walk-ins the night of the concert/dance

DUE TO LACK OF SPACE

YOU MUST HAVE A RESERVATION

Save the Date!

September 15, 2012

St. Mark's Arts Market

Vendors Welcome

Reserve your space early,
Space is limited.





This I Know

I saw the movie the “ Red Tails “ last week and was awestruck at how it was supposed to be a war movie, but right in the middle of it was

a sweet story about love. One of the Red Tail pilots, while stationed in Italy, took it upon himself to begin courting a beautiful Italian young woman. They could not speak the same language, their skin color was different, and their food and traditions were literally continents apart. But they knew love when they saw it and after months of time spent together with each other, their beautiful love affair blossomed into an engagement. The pilot actually learned enough Italian to get down on his knees and say, “Vuoi Sposarmi?” (Will you marry me?)

So here is my question? Do you know love when you see it? Paul has elegantly reminded us year after year that (1 COR 13:4-8a):

- Love is Patient
- Love is Kind
- Love is not Envious
- Love does not Boast
- Love is not Proud
- Love is not Rude
- Love is not Self Seeking
- Love is not easily Angered
- Love keeps no record of Wrongs
- Love does not delight in Evil
- Love delights in the Truth
- Love Protects
- Love Trust
- Love Hopes
- Love Perseveres
- Love NEVER Fails

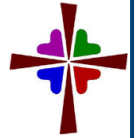
Is this love for you? What does love really look like to you? If you could describe the love of your life in five words what would you say? As Valentine’s Day approaches, why not make a simple gift of the five words of love and give them to someone meaningful. You can even email me your five words and a quick story. I would love to hear what love looks to you. You can email webresponse@loveroad.org

Until then, have a very Happy and blessed Valentine’s Day.

In His Peace,
Felicia

Membership Class

This Sunday, February 12
2-4pm



Please come if you have been thinking of joining St. Mark’s or if you would just like to know more about the United Methodist Church and about St. Mark’s. We will meet in the Choir Room and childcare is available.

Prime Timers

This Monday, February 13, at 11:30am

Sit and visit over a potluck lunch and then go on your way or stay to play table games. This is a retirement age group, but they welcome anyone who would like to share in this once-a month social time.

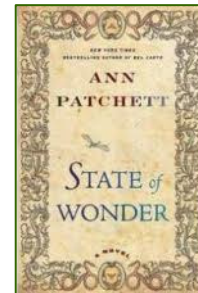
Readers Book Chat

Next Monday, February 13 at 10am

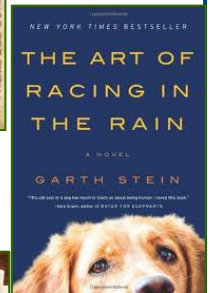
Secular and sacred books are read and discussed at Readers Book Chat. You are invited to join in the conversation with others who love to read.

Current selections:

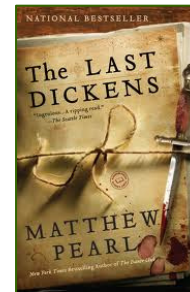
February
State of Wonder
by Ann Patchett



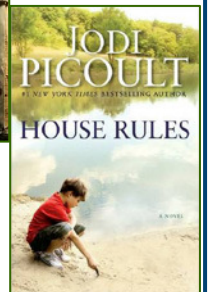
March
The Art of Racing in the Rain
by Garth Stein



April
The Last Dickens
by Matthew Pearl



May
House Rules
by Jodi Picoult



Monthly on Second Mondays at 10am
in the Conference Room

Monday Night Couples Studies

“Words with Friends” Study

Robert & Lisa Lacktis, facilitators

Each week a different word study and discuss how God speaks to us through these words.

Mondays at 6pm —RSVP for childcare

Marriage Matters

by Winston Smith

Gene & Joyce Yellock, facilitators

Learn to live out God’s extraordinary love in your most intimate relationship.

Mondays at 7pm —RSVP for childcare



Tuesday Night Study

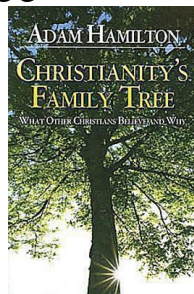
Christianity’s Family Tree

Which Christian tradition believes that at communion, Christ isn’t only present, but that the bread and wine become Christ’s Body and Blood in substance?

Based on the book by Adam Hamilton.

For more information, contact Josh Kouri at the church office 581-4444

Tuesday nights at 7pm in the Office Annex!



New Thursday Study

Choose a Morning or an Evening Class

Christ Jesus:

High Priest and Coming King

Sharon Owen, facilitator

Discover more about the person and ministry of Messiah Jesus. The focus is on the depth of Christ’s never-ending intercession for us and the joyful hope of His promised return.

Thursdays, choose 10am or 6:30pm

Thursday Study Over Lunch

Open to All—

Follow the Doctor’s Orders

Join us at 12:15pm for

Thursday Lunchtime Bible Study!

We’re following Doctor Luke to learn about the life of Jesus and the story of the early church. Come for great discussion, great company and great food!

Meeting at Great American Land & Cattle S. Mesa Hills at Cromo (near Sunland Park Mall)

You are invited to classes/groups that offer help. The range of courses help adults and children deal with divorce, grief over the loss of a loved one, and support for those affected by cancer.

Help for the

ROUGH

parts of life



DivorceCare for Kids

DivorceCare for Kids helps children learn to cope and to understand their feelings about their parents’ divorce/separation.

Tuesdays at 6:30pm, until April 10



DivorceCare is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced.

Tuesdays at 6:30pm, until April 10



GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of a loved one. Choose either:

**Tuesdays at 6:30pm, until April 10 or
Thursdays at 10am, until April 26**

Cancer Care



Is cancer affecting your life? Consider joining the Cancer Care support group.

Tuesdays at 6:30pm, until April 10



If you’re a single parent, you’re probably tired, overwhelmed and feeling a bit unappreciated. Single & Parenting will share tips and parenting wisdom to help you find rest, hope and encouragement.

Wednesdays at 6:30pm, until April 18

**Contact Frances at
581-4444 ext. 287
or email ccm@loveroad.org**

LOL

post high school
(ages 18-24)

That's right, we laugh out loud, but it's also a *Life Of Light*. "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, you whole body will be full of light." Matthew 6:22



Join LOL!

Current Study at 6:30pm on Wednesdays:

What it means to be "Dead to Sin ... Alive in Christ."
Tonight Pastor Jon will hang out with us and lead us in an awesome study.

Faith & Fellowship

We will sit together Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday Service
S.W.I.F.T. Young Adult work retreat, April 20-22
Contact one of us to find out more about LOL!

Team Contacts

Micah Smartt **Kellsey Stevens**
Bill Hull **Jennifer Smith**
Rev. Matt Bridges 581-4444 matt@loveroad.org

C.I.A. Group

Christians in Action

"We try to live in such a way that no one will be hindered from finding the Lord by the way we act, and so no one can find fault with our ministry." 2 Corinthians 6:3, NLT

Wednesday Bible Study

We meet at 5:45pm in Fellowship Hall for dinner. **At 6:30pm we meet in Race Parlor.**
Boundaries by Dr. Henry Cloud is our current study and Verlena is our study leader.

February Fellowship

This Friday, Feb. 10, 7-10pm

Valentine Concert/Dance at St. Mark's to the music of Phat Soul
THIS HAS SOLD OUT — only those with existing reservations will be admitted.

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2:30pm **Lute** at UTEP *Adult Activity*

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 4:30-7pm *Family Activity* **FAT Tuesday Pancake Dinner**
In St. Mark's Fellowship Hall. Singles will support St. Mark's Mission Team.

March Fellowship

Wednesday, Mar. 14 *Family Activity* **Bowling**

If You Have Questions

Please feel free to contact someone on the Singles Leadership Team
or you may email Saranda at shurst@elp.rr.com

Saranda (lead) Mike Verlena Nancy Sue

Brenda Smith (staff) 581-4444 bsmith@loveroad.org

BTW Singles

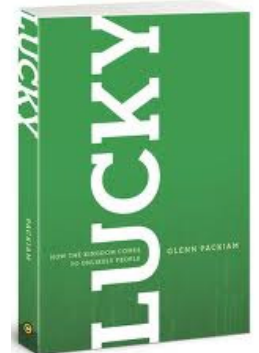
Built to Withstand

Open to post-college singles in their 20s and 30s

"Finally be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power... Ephesians 6:10-11

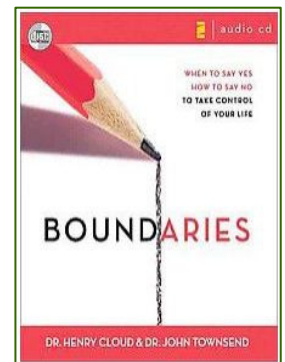
Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Zumwalt Hall

Join us for *Lucky* by Glenn Packiam. He uncovers how the poor, hungry, mourning, and persecuted are blessed because of the Kingdom of Heaven. This is Christ's announcement: the Kingdom of Heaven has come to unlikely people. Now is the perfect time to join the group.



For more information contact:
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YOUTH MINISTRY

Jachin Ford, Youth Director

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Senior High Youth

Sundays at 10am class
studying the book of 2 Corinthians,
verse by verse

Tuesdays at 5:45pm Youth Group

CCYM Reminder

All CCYM campers meet at the bus at 5pm this
on Friday to depart for camp.

Mid-High Youth

Sundays at 11am Class
Current study is *Student Life*

Sundays at 1pm Youth Group

ROC Camp Forms Are Due This Sunday!

ROC Camp for Mid-High students will be held the
weekend of March 2-4. The NMSU Wesley
campus ministry team is sure to offer a great and
exciting experience. **Registration forms and fee
is due by this Sunday, February 12.**

Wow! Go Team!



St. Mark's Youth offers grateful thanks to our
church family for such a generous outpouring of
support for our Souper Bowl fundraiser. Because of
your donations we made

\$1600.00

Special thanks go to our soup makers:

Frances Gonzalez

Paula Morris

Rhonda Bartlema

Daniel Miller

Souper Bowl at St. Mark's



Live music added to the fun as St. Mark's Youth sold soup to fund some of their mission projects



Spring Family Faith Fling

March 31, 9am-12noon
Faith Theme: "Spring Into Service"

Family and Children Crafts
Pazos Entertainment of Rides and Slides
Easter Egg Hunts for All Children
Fresh Grilled Lunch by the Youth Group

There are no admission fees! Celebrate Easter as a family and grow your faith!

Volunteers are needed
Contact Brenda Smith at the church office.
Sponsored by St. Mark's School, Early Education,
PSC, and Children's Ministry

Check Out Our Kids Church Calendar!

**Sundays at 10am
and again at 11am**

February 12
David Defeats
Goliath with God

February 19
David Becomes King

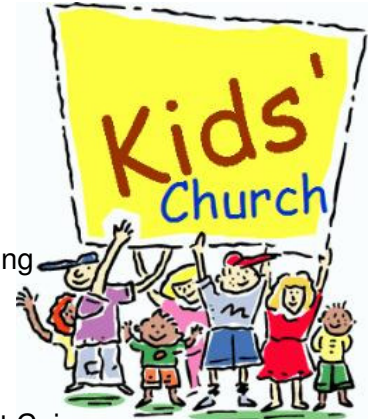
February 26
Daniel

March 4
Parable of the Lost Coin

March 11
Parable of the Foolish Rich Man

March 18
Parable of the Two Sons

March 25
The Good Samaritan



Wednesdays through April 25,
6:30-8pm, in Springstead Gym
A family dinner option
is available at 5:45pm in Fellowship Hall.

Our Mission has begun! Only \$20 for the whole year includes a T-shirt and a lifetime membership for first-timers. The cost is less for those returning. **YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT A COUPLE OF WEEKS BEFORE DECIDING TO JOIN.**



We have a use for your gently-used or extra party supplies!

The party supplies that you donate for this use will be combined into birthday party kits.

Our goal is to help provide birthday parties for children of homeless families.

Our plan is to take party kits to several transitional living centers around town for their use as needed.

Our current project is to give a birthday party for children with February birthdays at Salvation Army. We hope our birthday party kits will become an on-going project.

For more information about Mission Possible Kids
or about our need for party supplies,
call Staff Liaison Brenda Smith at 581-4444 ext. 237.



February

Sundays

- Youth CCYM Event (Feb. 10-12)
8:00am Word & Table Worship Service
9:00am Praise & Worship Service
9:00am Children through 6th Grade & Adult Classes
10:00am Traditional Worship Service
10:00am Children through 6th Grade, Sr. High & Adult Classes
11:00am Praise & Worship Service
11:00am Children & Mid-High Classes
1:00pm Mid-High Youth
2:00pm New Member's Class (Feb 12)
3:00pm Children's Musical Rehearsal

Mondays

- OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 20
9:00am *Fathered by God* Women's Study –Chesley (not Feb. 20)
10:00am Reader's Book Chat (Feb. 13)
11:00am **Primetimers** (Feb. 13)
6:00pm *Words with Friends* Couples Study –Lactis (not Feb. 20)
7:00pm *Marriage Matters* Couples Study –Yellock (not Feb. 20)

Tuesdays

- 6:15am Men's Devotional/Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
5:00pm **Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner** (Feb. 21)
5:45pm **Dinner at the Church** (except Feb. 21)
6:00pm Sr. High Youth
6:30pm *Christianity's Family Tree* –Morris
6:30pm DivorceCare Help Group
6:30pm DC4K Help Group
6:30pm GriefShare Help Group
6:30pm Cancer Care Help Group

Wednesdays

- 9:00am *Having a Mary Spirit* Women's Study –Garibay
9:00am *James* Women's Study –Ayoub
12noon **Ash Wednesday Service** (Feb. 22)
1:00pm Intercessory Prayer
5:45pm **Dinner at the Church** (except Feb. 22)
6:30pm Mission Possible Kids (except Feb. 22)
6:30pm LOL Life of Light Young Adults (except Feb. 22)
6:30pm *BTW* Young Career Singles (except Feb. 22)
6:30pm CIA 40+ Singles (except Feb. 22)
6:30pm Single & Parenting (except Feb. 22)
7:00pm **Ash Wednesday Service** (Feb. 22)

Thursdays

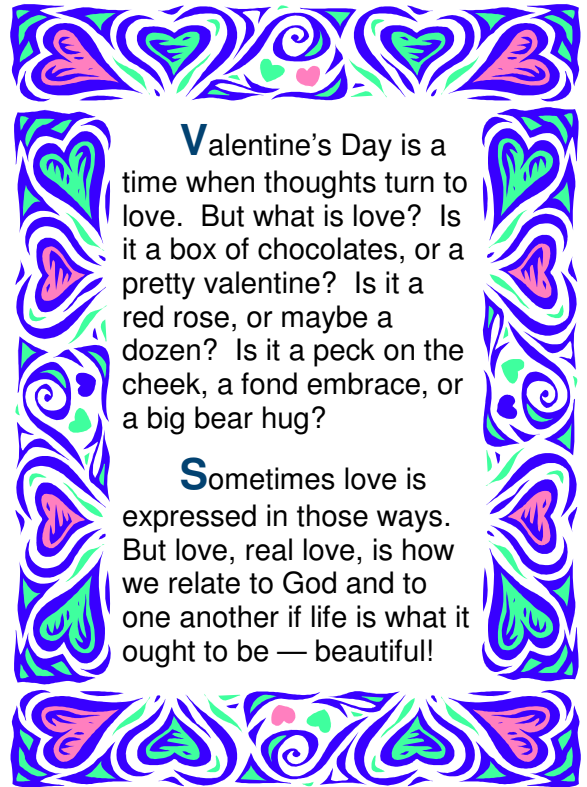
- 10:00am GriefShare Help Group
10:00am *Christ Jesus High Priest* Women's Study-Owen
12:15pm "Following Doctor Luke" Study —Kouri
Great American, S. Mesa Hills near the Mall
6:00pm Confirmation Class
6:30pm *James* Women's Study –Rash
6:30pm *Christ Jesus High Priest* Women's Study-Owen

Fridays

- Youth CCYM Event (Feb. 10-12)
6:30pm Lay Speaker school (Feb. 17-18)
7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous
7:00pm **Phat Soul Dance** (Feb. 10)

Saturdays

- Youth CCYM Event (Feb. 10-12)
8:30am Lay Speaker school (Feb. 17-18)
5:32pm **Worship Service**



Valentine's Day is a time when thoughts turn to love. But what is love? Is it a box of chocolates, or a pretty valentine? Is it a red rose, or maybe a dozen? Is it a peck on the cheek, a fond embrace, or a big bear hug?

Sometimes love is expressed in those ways. But love, real love, is how we relate to God and to one another if life is what it ought to be — beautiful!

Congratulations!

Emilio Mesa, senior at Coronado High School, is participating in the Texas Music Educators Association All State Music Festival in San Antonio this week. Emilio is one of only two alto saxophonists in the state to be selected for the Texas All State Jazz Band.

The Upper Room

Daily Devotional Guide

Our subscriptions to *Upper Room Devotional Guide* have not been renewed. To continue receiving these daily devotional guides you can:

◆ Go to www.upperroom.org and subscribe to a free daily digital copy. Have the devotionals delivered daily to your email address or download an app to your smart phone.

◆ Go to www.loveroad.org/worship each day and click the link for that day's guide.

◆ Call 1-800-972-0433 to order a paper subscription. Choose from traditional or large print and English, Spanish any other of 38 languages.

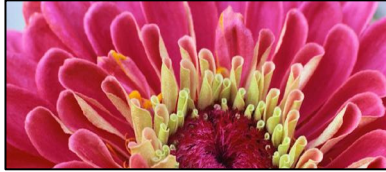
The Music Box

Rehearsals this week

Wednesday, Feb. 8	St. Mark's Choir	6:00pm
Thursday, Feb. 9	Hearts of Praise	6:00pm
Sunday, Feb. 12	Children's Music	3:00pm
Tuesday, Feb. 14	Jazz Unlimited	6:00pm

Altar Flowers

To offer altar flowers, call the church office for information or go online to www.loveroad.org/flowers.



Join us Sat. at 5:32, Sun. at 8 & 10 for a sermon series by Pastor Jon

ADDICTED to the RUSH?

Enjoyed Christmas but found it a bit draining?
Wanted to make a fresh start last year, but got...
carried away?

Join us for our 1st sermon series of 2012 as we look at some of the ideas we buy into that actually drive us away from God's Peace, and keep us addicted to the wrong RUSH!

- Jan. 14, 15 I Have the Need for Speed
- Jan. 21, 22 I Work Best in a Clutch
- Jan. 28, 29 I Don't Check My Blind Spots (Rev. Bridges)
- Feb. 4, 5 I Slow Down with my Emergency Brake
- Feb. 11, 12 I Never Bother with Turn Signals
- Feb. 18, 19 I Don't Care How the Engine Really Works

Request a Prayer

To request prayer you may send a prayer request at www.loveroad.org/prayer, turn in a prayer request card, email Frances Gonzalez at ccm@loveroad.org or call her at 581-4444 ext. 287.



Help 4 Survivors

A seminar for male and female survivors of abuse and those who care about them. Presented by award-winning authors, Cec Murphey and Sue Cameron

February 11, 9am-2:30pm

Coronado Baptist Church, 501 Thunderbird

\$15 for: Lunch and book:

When a Man You Love Was Abused

Free without lunch or book – registration required

Childcare to age 5

Must RSVP by February 7 Registration required

915-373-2706 help4survivors.com

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Please email nwatters@loveroad.org if you will receive your statement by email or drop a note in the offering plate with your current email address on it.

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