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New Sermon Series

Begins May 1
Building a Faith That Will Last

Upcoming Events

High School Event: Jump Street

Saturday, April 16
4-8 p.m.

Meet at St. Mark for pizza,
followed by fun at Jump
Street.

Vacation Bible School

July 18-22
9 a.m. - noon
"Big Jungle Adventure"
For children ages 3 through
6th grade.

ST. MARK CONNECTIONS

Connecting People to Jesus

April 2011



Dear Mike,

Easter is Here! Well, maybe not quite yet, but it's certainly getting close. Why is that so exciting? Well, it's not because of the Easter bunny or candy or even because of the church "picnic" in the park. And while all those things are really awesome in their own way, especially the church picnic, the true meaning of Easter has always been found in this fact: that Jesus died and then He rose again. And when He rose, everything changed. Our relationship with our Heavenly Father instantly was healed, our sins forgiven, our victory over death and over satan won, and our place in heaven secured. It changed absolutely everything. And what it did was ... it gave us as second chance, it gave us hope, it gave us life. And because of that, I invite you to join us this Easter with your family and friends to celebrate the most amazing of days, to celebrate the day Jesus rose from the dead. Oh, and one more thing, because of how cool Jesus is and how transforming He is to know, it would be awesome if you would invite somebody to come and celebrate this day with you.

In Christ,
Pastor Mike Sheldon

Easter in the Park

Join the fun - and invite some friends - as we gather at Paradise Valley Park (40th Street, north of Bell) on Saturday, April 16. The church picnic will kick off at 11 a.m., with food, music and games for all ages. Meat, buns, condiments, drinks & table settings will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish to share. An egg hunt is planned for 1 p.m., and our goal is to have 1,000 eggs! If you would like to donate items for the picnic, it's not too late. Drop off donations by Friday at the church.

Holy Week Services



Ministry Links



[Preschool](#)

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Youth Ministry:

[Junior High](#)

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- Thursday, April 21: Maundy Thursday Service
7 p.m. - Traditional
- Friday, April 22: Good Friday Services
5:30 - Traditional & 7 p.m. - Blended
- Sunday, April 24: Easter Services:
8 a.m. - Traditional, 9:30 & 11 a.m. - Blended

Men's Retreat

It's not too late to register for the St. Mark Men's Retreat, set for April 29-May 1 in Pine. The cost to attend is \$50. For more details, contact John Hubeler at 602-992-1980 Ext. 3 or jhubeler@stmarkphx.org.

Women's Retreat

Visit the Women's Retreat table in the courtyard on Sunday to register for this year's retreat, "Running the Race," which will be May 13-15 at Living Water Retreat Center in Cornville. This Sunday (the 17th) is the deadline for registration. The cost to attend the two-night retreat will be \$95 for dormitory-like accommodations or \$115 for semi-private rooms. You won't want to miss this fun and spiritually uplifting event!

National Day of Prayer

You are invited to join a St. Mark prayer vigil, from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in the church sanctuary. Come when you can and leave when needed. Prayers will be provided, and a leader will be available during the vigil. Also, you can join a group that leaves St. Mark at 7 a.m. to participate at a prayer event at the State Capitol. For more information, contact John Hubeler at 602-992-1980 Ext. 3 or jhubeler@stmarkphx.org.

Confirmation

Celebrate with this year's confirmation students during the 11 a.m. service on May 8th (Mother's Day).

St. Mark Summer Fun Bible Camp for Kids

Making plans for your kids this summer? Bring them to St. Mark for Summer Fun Bible Camp! Our traditional camp - with flexible scheduling - kicks off May 17 with a zoo theme and continues weekly in May & June with "Under the Sea" and "Hop on Board Fitness and Fun" themes. During the month of July, we are excited to team up with local businesses for our Summer Fun Month. Join us:

July 5-8: Gourmet Kids Cooking (field trip to Safeway)

July 11-15: FatCat Dancing

July 18-22: VBS/Karate

July 25-29: Sunrays Gymnastics

Camp will conclude the first week in August with an Academic Readiness Review. Camp is for children ages 3 to 12. Summer hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Rates are \$6 hourly and \$610 for monthly full-day rate. Rates for 9 a.m. to noon are \$85 for five days, \$51 for 3 days and \$34 for two days a week. Before and after-school programs are \$6 an hour. To pick up a Summer Fun Bible

Camp registration form, stop by the Children's Ministries table in the courtyard on Sunday. For questions, contact Pamela Hardy at 602-992-1980 Ext. 2 or phardy@stmarkphx.org.

Contact Information

Have a submission for the next edition of St. Mark Connections? Please email newsletter@stmarkphx.org or call the church office at 602-992-1980. The deadline for May submissions is April 22.

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