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Upcoming Events

Town Hall Meeting

2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 18
Plan to attend this important meeting, where church leaders will provide an update about St. Mark facilities, ministries and finances.

Secret Prayer Sister Luncheon

11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 24
Ladies of St. Mark are invited to the Secret Prayer Sister Fall Luncheon. The theme is "Think Pink." RSVP to Dottie at 480-

ST. MARK CONNECTIONS

Connecting People to Jesus

September 2011



Dear St. Mark,

As we look toward the 10 year anniversary of 9-11, I believe it can be a time to give us pause ... and be thankful for all the protection God continues to give us here in the United States. And with all the uncertainty with the economy, and job situations, and the wars and revolutions in the Middle East, it is a time to take a step back and realize just how amazingly blessed we are to have grown up here.

With that backdrop, I know almost all of you know are back into the full swing of the things with this fall's agenda. So, I just wanted to highlight a couple of things that will be going on this month at St. Mark.

First, toward the end of the month, we will be adding about 40 new parking spots by the portables. It will, for the time being, be a gravel based parking area, but this should give our 9:30 folks a lot better opportunity to find a spot on Sunday morning. There have been times this month already, and especially last spring, where there wasn't a parking spot to be found during that time frame. So our hope is that this will help.

Secondly, we will also be adding some more grass (about a hundred yards deep) behind the portables. This, we hope, will provide us with the opportunity to host more things on our site as well as afford our Children's and Youth Ministries more flexibility with their programming in the cooler months.

And third ... the Diamondbacks are still in first place. You would have guessed that?

And perhaps lastly, have fun, stay focused on Jesus, apply His ways to your life, and live the life that He has in store for you. For He truly does provide for you ... a much better way.

Pastor Mike Sheldon

563-1308, Diane at
602-375-3557 or Karen at
480-443-8990.

Career Adults Event:

Museum Tour & Dinner

3:30 p.m., Saturday Sept. 24
Heard Museum Tour
2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
(on Central Avenue, four blocks
north of McDowell Road)
The tour will last about 45
minutes and the cost to attend
is \$15, with admission of
\$13.50 for those 65 and older.
5 p.m. Dinner at
Macayo's Restaurant
4001 N. Central Ave.
You are welcome to attend one
or both portions of the event.
Please specify by Sept.
21 whether you will attend one
or both activities. RSVP to
cfetty@cox.net or 602-992-
7568.

Flu & Pneumonia Shot Clinic

Sunday, Oct. 2
7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Mullen Immunizations will be
offering flu and pneumonia
shots in the Fellowship Hall at
St. Mark. Medicare Part B and
many insurance policies cover
the clinic. To check if your
insurance is covered, visit
www.flushotsusa.com. Without
coverage, the cost is \$25 for a
flu shot and \$70 for a
pneumonia shot.

Life Line Screenings

Tuesday, Oct. 4
in the St. Mark Fellowship Hall
Vascular screenings are
available for \$60 each. Five
screenings - including
stroke/carotid artery screening,
heart rhythm screening,
abdominal aortic aneurysm
screening, peripheral arterial
disease screening and
osteoporosis risk assessment -
are available for \$149. For
more information or to pre-
register (which is required), call
1-800-679-5192.

Third Grade Bible Giveaway

St. Mark will be presenting Bibles during the 11 a.m. service on
Sunday, Sept. 18, to all of our 3rd graders in what is part of our
"Stepping Stones" program to encourage them to continue the
process of getting to know God in a personal way. "Stepping Stones"
is celebrating stages of a child's faith walk, in between baptism and
confirmation. If you have a student now in third grade, please contact
Pamela Hardy at Ext. 2 or phardy@stmarkphx.org.

CONNECT Group Start-ups

If you have not yet signed up for a CONNECT group, there is still
time. To register, click [HERE](#) and scroll down to the signup for the
specific class you wish to join.

Here is a complete list of the fall studies and when they begin:

Sunday Classes:

SN02 - A Study of Revelation: Begins Oct. 16

Leader: Wayne Wilke
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

SN03 - The Truth Project: Begins Sept. 18

Leader: Duane and Mary Lynn Sheldon
Sundays at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Monday Classes:

M01 - Men's 12-Step Group: Begins Sept. 19

Leader: John Hubeler
Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

M02 - The Book of Acts: Begins Sept. 19

Leader: Dale Nelson & John Hubeler
Mondays 7-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

M03 - Women's 12-Step Group: Begins Sept. 19

Leader: Michele Hubeler
Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in Modular 1

Tuesday Class:

T02 - Men's 12-Step Group: Begins Sept. 20

Leader: Jack Waiting
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Modulars

Wednesday Classes:

W01 - Senior Seekers A Study of John: Began Sept. 7

Leader: Pastor Mike Sheldon
Wednesdays, Fellowship-10 a.m., Study-10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

W02 - A Study of Romans: Began Sept. 7

Leader: Pastor Mike Sheldon
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

W03 - Couples: The 5 Love Languages

Leader: Jeff Davis

**Men's Retreat
Planning Meeting**

10:30 a.m., Sunday Oct. 9
Bring your ideas for location,
cost and involvement to this
meeting in Modular 2.



Ministry Links



Preschool

Children's Ministries

Junior High

Senior High

CONNECT

Celebrate Recovery

Mission Ministry

Christian Care

Prayer

Women's Ministry

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Davis' home

Thursday Class:

TH01 - God's Love in Action: Begins Sept. 15

Improving your Communication Skills
Leaders: Doug Ills and Jane Nelson
Thursdays, Time TBA, in the Fellowship Hall

Friday Class:

F01 - The Holy Spirit: Begins Sept. 23

Leaders: Duane and Mary Lynn Sheldon
Fridays from 7- 8:30 p.m. in homes

Saturday Classes:

ST01 - Fall Study: Begins Sept. 24

Leaders: Dwight and Paula Stoup
Fourth Saturday at 6 p.m. in homes

ST02 - Men's Study: Parables: Began Sept. 10

Leader: John Gripp
Second and Fourth Saturdays 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Save the Date: Fall Festival

Join us for some fall-time fun from 3-6 p.m. Saturday, October 29, on the St. Mark grounds. The event will include music, games, food, raffles, and trunk-or-treating for the children. Feel free to come in costume. Invite your neighbors and friends!

Children's Ministries Update

Many exciting things are happening in Children's Ministries at St. Mark:

- 11 a.m. JAM on Sundays moves to a Sunday school format.
- Our Third Grade Bible Giveaway at 11 a.m. Sept. 18
- Tuesday Night JAM continues to grow
- Operation Christmas Child

With our church growing and an 11 a.m. CONNECT group being added on Sunday, we want to make sure all of our children benefit from time spent in Sunday school. So, we are now adding a new format to the 11 a.m. JAM program. The same format that has been in place at 9:30 a.m. JAM, which includes learning about Jesus through stories, memory verses, crafts, music and mini plays, will now be available also at 11 a.m. The program is for children ages 3 through fifth grade. Remember, our nursery is also available for children under 3 at all services. Come, join us!

Night JAM continues to meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday for third, fourth and fifth graders. We have fellowship, devotion time and games. Bring a friend!

Late next month, we will be promoting Operation Christmas Child. The Samaritan's Purse project, which St. Mark supported last year, brings the Good News of Jesus Christ to hurting children around the world. Consider packing a shoe box full of goodies for a child in a desperate

situation. Boxes and instructions will be available in late October and early November. Collection of packed boxes will be Nov. 14-21.

Youth Ministry Update

This has been one of the most exciting few weeks in our student ministry! Our high school students have been transformed by Jesus this summer, and then God brought several new confirmation students to our junior high group.

This fall we are keeping up the momentum, providing opportunities for students to invite their friends and to grow in their faith. If you want more info, email Mike Edge at mikeedge@stmarkphx.org or logon to our High School page [HERE](#) or our Junior High page [HERE](#).

Our High School group will go see David Crowder in concert October 6, and our Junior High group will go to Laser Quest October 14 and Camp ALOMA October 7-9.

Celebrate Recovery

Join us on Friday evening for Celebrate Recovery:

6:15 - Cafe Fellowship
7:00 - Worship and Training
8:00 - Open Share Groups (Men's & Women's)
9:00 - Cafe Fellowship

Celebrate Recovery is for all types of problems and addictions which are unhealed, unmet or unresolved. They may include, but are not limited to over-eating, over-spending, over-working, sexual addiction, depression, divorce, co-dependency, drug/alcohol addiction, grief and anger.

In addition to Friday night meetings, Celebrate Recovery at St. Mark offers weekly 12-Step groups. The women's group will begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19 in Modular 1. The men's group will resume at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19 in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information, contact John Hubeler at jhubeler@stmarkphx.org or 602-992-1980 Ext. 3.

Contact Information

Do you have a need for assistance? Contact John Hubeler in the church office at 602-992-1980 Ext. 3 or jhubeler@stmarkphx.org. If you have an emergency and are needing to contact someone at the church, please call 623-640-1280. For information on the email newsletter, St. Mark Connections, including submissions, please email newsletter@stmarkphx.org or call the church office at 602-992-1980. The deadline for September submissions is September 26.

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