



**Things to Remember!**

- † Wednesday, June 5 6:15 PM - SPRC Committee (FH)
- † Thursday, June 13 7:00 PM - Trustees Meeting (FH)
- † **Vacation Bible School**  
June 17-21, 5:30 - 8:00 pm - Everywhere Fun Fair!
- † BBQ Fundraiser benefitting the church, Saturday, June 15th — 11:00 AM
- † Food Truck - Thursday, June 27th 9:00 am
- † Praise/Bilingual Worship Service - Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm (FH) (Except June 19th!)

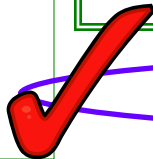
**Thank you, Arnold Eagles!**

St. Mark's and the Charles A. Arnold Elementary School are working together on several activities that benefit many lives in the Dellview neighborhood. The most recent is a food drive held at Arnold in which all of the canned goods were donated to the St. Mark's Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry provides free sacks of food to people in need who come by the church and ask for assistance. This may be someone just passing through the area who needs a snack and something to drink until he can reach his destination. For others, a family may need food for several people for a couple of days until a paycheck is received.

One student, Katie, even held a food drive with her soccer team and brought the food to school for the St. Mark's Food Pantry.

Thank you, Arnold staff and students, for your thoughtfulness and generosity!



Check out the new updates to the website!! Thanks, Mary!!

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# STATE OF THE CHURCH

## ATTENDANCE

<u>Sunday School</u>	05/05	05/12	05/19	05/26
Children	3	5	2	3
Youth	5	7	4	5
Adults	40	45	40	38
Leaders	1	1	1	1
<b>Total SS</b>	49	58	47	47
<u>Worship</u>	90	116	98	84



### GREETERS FOR MAY

- † Louise Chaffin
- † Lois Gordon

### TAPE MINISTRY

- † Daniel Wilke



### USHERS FOR MAY

- † Tom Jack
- † Bob Bailly
- † Jeff Brown
- † Bob Mace



## Finance Committee Reflections: Sounds From the Bean Counters

It seems that, after a very short spring, we have quickly entered the summer season.

Our April contributions surpassed both the budget and April 2012. Year-to-date contributions lag both the budget and 2012; however, only \$687 less than budget.

April operating expenses are higher than 2012 and the budget. The most significant variances were Mission Giving and Trustee Expenses. As a result of the Easter collection being designated for apportionments, we paid over \$8,000 towards apportionments (Mission Giving). Trustee expenses were higher, primarily the result of parking lot repairs. Year-to-date operating expenses are greater than 2012, but less than budgeted. Lay Personnel expense and Trustee expenses are the most favorable to the budget.

For the month of April, we had a cash inflow of \$2,211 while year-to-date then inflow is \$4,962.

Through April, we have paid \$13,022 towards our apportionments. This is still \$1,760 lower than budget, but exceeds the amount paid through April 2012 by \$3,850.

Our operating cash balance at the end of April was \$9,346 compared to \$7,699 at the end of March.

Our financial condition continues to be good. We have a positive cash flow and a positive operating cash balance. Without your financial support, this would not be possible. We thank you all very much and we pray the strong support continues through the summer months.

## UMW Happenings...

June 5	Esther Circle 7:00 P.M.
June 18	Martha Circle 1:00 P.M.
June 19	Dorcas Circle (The Meadows) 9:30 A.M. meet at the Church at 9:00 A.M. to carpool
June 28	Deadline to register for School of Christian Mission (now called Mission u)
July	No meetings

## Vacation Bible School 2013



### EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR

### Where GOD'S WORLD Comes Together

*Where: At St. Mark's UMC*

*When: Monday - Friday -*

*June 17 - June 21*

*Each evening from 5:30 to 8:30 PM*

*Everyone is invited!*

*There will be a **FREE** light supper starting at 5:30 PM.*

*Classes for the children will include Arts & Crafts, Music  
Bible Stories, and Discovery [Science] activities.*

*Classes are designed for Children from 4 to 13 years of age*

*An Adult Class will be offered.*

**COME JOIN THE FUN!!**



## A Note from the Pastor...

I hope that everyone has been following the daily devotion and prayer time that is so much a part of the book "Catch Fire in 50 Days". I passed 70 copies of this book out at the end of last Sunday's worship service, one per family with the instruction for us to read and pray from this guide daily throughout the season of Pentecost (50 days). If you were absent that day or just somehow missed out on this gift, please give me a call at the church office and I'll make sure you get one. It seems that most of the people that I've talked to have, indeed, taken the challenge to be transformed by God's Holy Spirit through the means of grace we call prayer. At every gathering I'll ask, "Are y'all reading this faithfully, daily?" and hands shoot up with nods of "yes!" and I'm just delighted. Something powerful and miraculous takes place when the people of God pray!

What I like about the book, besides just the daily activity of reading Scripture (which we can get from so many sources: the Bible, the Upper Room, other devotionals, etc) are the types of reflective questions that are asked each day. They are not complicated; pretty simple and direct...and yet, if we truthfully answer them, I believe that there is a level of depth and honesty that demands a level of growth beyond just a casual reading of text. Questions like: "What would you have to let go of in order to allow for an in-breaking of Christ in your life?" or "What role does fear play in your struggle to be an agent of God's mission in the world?" or "What is the evidence in your life that you have been raised with Christ?"...you know, things like that!

It only takes me a few minutes (barely) to read each devotion...but I reflect on the questions and my answers all day! I hope that you do, too. It will be exciting to see the vision that God brings to us at the end of these 50 days. It will be awesome to sense the depth and growth that we will experience as companions who have committed to each other and Christ to pray together. "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place! I can feel His mighty power and His grace! I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face...surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!"

Hallelujah! Amen! God bless you, I'll see you in church,

Jay

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# June 2013

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### NEW CHURCHES

To reach persons for Christ by providing churches where they live.

also. Isn't there anywhere we can go to escape?" The Circuit Rider laughed. "I'm sorry my friend, but even if you were to go to heaven or hell, there would be a Methodist Preacher their first!"

A century ago, a man on the east coast had finally had more Methodist preachers than he could stand. They had converted his wife and daughter, and they were working on him. He was tired of it, so he packed his wife, daughter, and their belongings on a wagon and headed west.

After a year on the road and across prairies when the road ended, he thought he was about ready to begin a new household. That evening while he was considering setting up his home where he camped, a young man rode up to their campfire and introduced himself as a Methodist Circuit Ride.

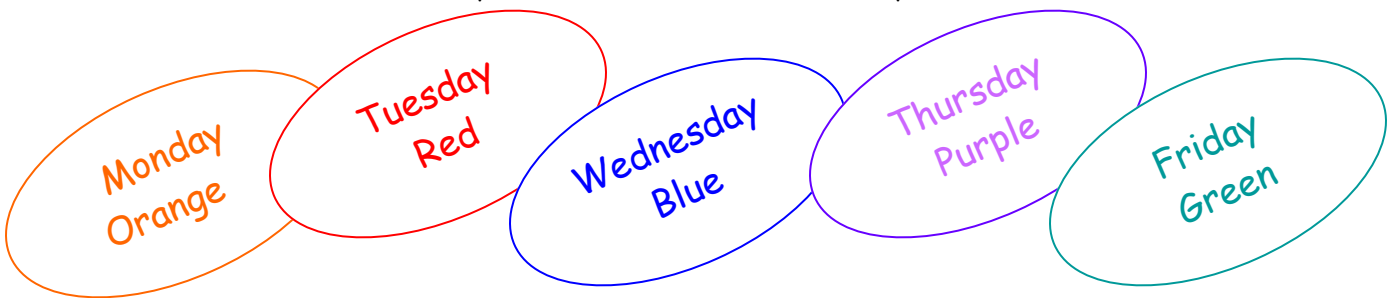
The man's anger was something to see. "I left the east to get away from you Methodists, and you are here

Going where the people are to start new churches and transform existing congregations is one of the four ministry goals of the Council of Bishops. This is precisely the purpose of this apportionment.

The Southwest Texas Conference continues a long history of going to where the people are through new churches. We now have a goal of starting 3 new churches each year. This apportionment along with the Offering Christ Today for Tomorrow Campaign is intended to make this happen.

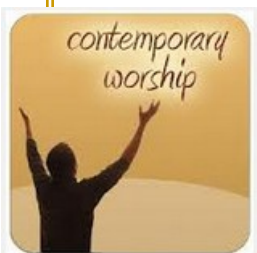
But the apportioned funds go beyond new churches. They are also used to transform existing churches so that they are able to minister to the next generation.

During Vacation Bible School, there is a focus color for each night.  
If possible, wear the color of the day!



### Looking for a Mid-Week Pick-Me-Up?

Our Wednesday Night service is growing!!  
Come join us as we sing praises to God,  
hear the Word and  
share in Fellowship and Communion.



7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

# What's Going On at The Learning Center?

Greetings from your friends at the Learning Center!

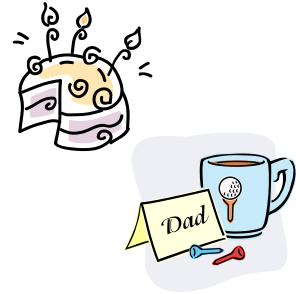
During the month of June, we will be learning all about summer and all of the "HOT" themes that come with it. The children will be learning all about the beach, the ocean, ocean animals, summer games like baseball, and summer foods. They will also be hard at work with their Father's Day crafts. Also, with summer in mind, the teachers will also be teaching the children all about sun safety and how they should always avoid the sun when possible, wear plenty of sunscreen and drink plenty of water.



## Birthdays & Important Dates in June

- June 15th - Mrs. Evelyn's birthday
- June 16th - Melanie Moreno's birthday
- June 18th - Father's Day

Note: The Learning Center will be CLOSED on Thursday, July 4th!



### CHILDREN'S PRAYER: I Give Today

Oh Jesus, I give you today,  
All that I think and do and say.  
Oh Jesus, I love you,  
And pray more love today than yesterday.  
Oh God, be with me I pray,  
Be by my side forever to stay.  
Amen.

### WATERMELON CHANT

First you take a seed and you plant it, plant it.  
Then, you see a sprout and you water it, water it.  
Then, you see a vine and you watch it, watch it.  
Then, you see a watermelon and you pick it, pick it.  
Then, you slice it up and you eat it, eat it.  
If you find a seed, then you plant it, plant it.  
And then you start all over again!

Adapted Traditional

### THERE WAS A LITTLE TURTLE:

There was a little turtle. (Make a fist in one hand)  
He lived in a box. (Make a box with both hands)  
He swam in a puddle. (Make swimming motions)  
He climbed on the rocks. (Have the fingers on one hand climb up the other arm)  
He snapped at a mosquito. (Clap hands)  
He snapped at a flea. (Stick out a tongue)  
He snapped at a minnow. (Dip hands down to catch a fish)  
He snapped at me. (Point to self)  
He caught the mosquito. (Grab with hand)  
He caught the flea. (Grab with hand)  
He caught the minnow. (Grab with hand)  
But he didn't catch me! (Run away)

Jean Warren

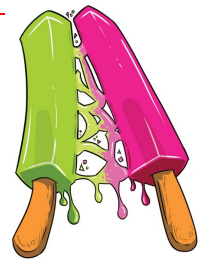
### WATERMELON POPSICLES:

#### Ingredients:

- 1-cup seedless watermelon chunks
- 1 cup unsweetened orange juice
- 1-cup water

#### Directions:

Blend all ingredients together in a blender.  
Pour into small paper cups. Place in freezer and, when partially frozen, insert Popsicle sticks or small plastic spoons for handles.  
When completely frozen, unmold by pouring hot water over bottoms of cups.





## St. Mark's UMC - In Mission...

### Help Needed!

Jerri Ecclestone is relocating back to the Northwest and we are in need of someone who would be interested to take over her pet food ministry. The Food Bank will provide free pet food, but someone will need to pick it up from the Food Bank on the day prior to our Food Bank day (every 4th Thursday), and then distribute it as needed on the following day.

Perhaps there are two people who might work together... one to pick up and one to distribute... If you are interested at all, please let Jerri or Patti Gardner know as soon as possible.

And to Jerri, Vaya con Dios! You will be missed! Thank you for your dedication to this mission project!



Thank you, St. Mark's members! Your response to the request for help restocking our Food Pantry on May 12 was overwhelming. In addition to bringing much-needed cans of food, you really filled those "noisy" cans! In fact, cash donations amounted to \$671.61.

With our buying food from the San Antonio Food Bank, your contributions will purchase around \$3,000 worth of food if bought at a regular grocery store. That will make a significant impact on the number of people we can assist when they come to St. Mark's asking for help.

Thank you for caring and for your generous giving!

Thanks again to all the volunteers who come to help with the food distribution from the San Antonio Food Bank truck! In May, we served more than 200 families. This would not be possible without so much support!

Volunteers are *always* needed for our monthly distribution. If you would like to help, just **show up** on the *4th Thursday of the month* between 8:30 and 9:00 am.

There are all kinds of opportunities for service in-

cluding helping with vouchers, unloading the truck, packaging and distributing groceries, helping load groceries in vehicles and often chasing down more grocery carts!

Wear comfortable shoes and come be the hands and feet of Jesus as we work together in this ministry!

God bless,  
Patti Austin



### Update on the St. Mark's UMC Community Garden

Our group of interested persons did meet and decided to plan to start with 4 raised beds over by the Scout Hut and behind Lovely Lane Hall. Our plan is to have the beds completed by end of summer and work toward having a fall garden. Additionally, Linda Jimenez & Ann went to Chapel Hill UMC to see their garden & got lots of great ideas and advice. Watch for more details! If you would like to be included in future discussions, please contact:

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# ST. MARK'S BUZZIN'S . . .





Jill Anderson  
 Kylee Brown  
 Megan Brown  
 Margaret Broxton  
 Bill & Isabel Centeno  
 Bucky Coley

Esdras Cuervo  
 Gladys Johnson  
 Mary Krwawicz  
 Bee Kunkel  
 Clay Laster  
 Michael Mendoza  
 Charles Mixon  
 Pastor Cheryl Owens  
 Comfort Quesnell  
 Gloria Reedy  
 Steve Reyes Sr.  
 Mike Ross

Ed Setterfield  
 Will Schuetze  
 Kirk Tomerlin  
 Abraham Wamah  
 Crystal  
 Peggy Ortiz  
 April Rodriguez  
 Dolores Munoz  
 John Petty  
 The Hawthorne Family  
 Phillip  
 Jenna Goss

Shannon Young  
 Joe D Saucedo & family  
 Ramona Bissett  
 Diane Hagg  
 Pamela  
 Joe Martin  
 Ann Garcia  
 Chris Baird  
 Steven Pasterchick  
 Ed & Helen Setterfield  
 Karen Williams  
 Tim Chambers



June 10 Dallas Horner	June 21 Jake Durick
June 11 Robert Mace	June 24 Imogene Brown
June 12 Joanne Green	June 26 Braden Somerville
June 15 Rosa Rodriguez	
June 19 Mary Norman Helen Smith	

*Happy Anniversary*

*Dennis & Kathy Wilson - June 4*  
*Lynn & June Swatzell - June 11*  
*Ron & Imogene Brown - June 14*  
*Joe & Mary Jo Price - June 18*

## Welcome to our Newest 2013 Members!

January - Kimberly Molina & Jacob Durick  
 February - John & Jan Brown  
 Daniel Dugan  
 March - Steven Cervantes  
 Jessica Holt  
 April - Bruce & Joan Siebert  
 Ashley Alcala  
 Renia, Carmen & Rene Alcala  
 May - Moses Lopez  
 Jazzmyr Lopez



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- TO NURTURE THEM IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THROUGH OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, WORSHIP, AND STUDY
- TO STRIVE TO IDENTIFY AND SERVE THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL TO LIVE IN THE WORLD AS CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES

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