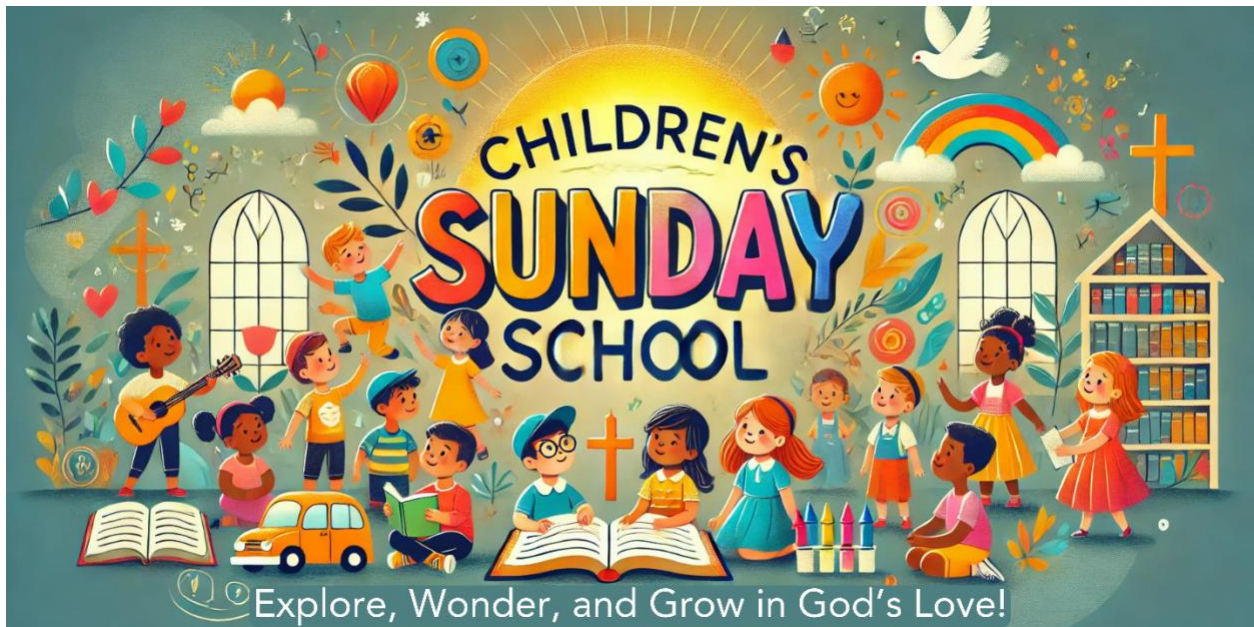




Children's Sunday School!

Our Preschool (Age 2 to PreK 5), Younger Elementary (Kindergarten to 2nd Grade), and Older Elementary (3rd to 5th Grade) children will meet for Sunday school to explore Bible stories, engage in meaningful activities, and grow in their faith through age-appropriate lessons and hands-on learning. The preschool class will meet in Room 305, the younger elementary class will meet in Room 214, and the older elementary class will meet in Room 212.



GODLY PLAY

Preschool and Younger Elementary Sunday School

Preschool and Younger Elementary classes will use the Godly Play curriculum to explore Bible stories through imaginative and interactive storytelling. Classes will begin in Room 304 and end their time in their separate classrooms.

What is Godly Play?

Godly Play is a Montessori-inspired approach to children's faith formation that invites them to explore Bible stories with wonder and imagination.

How It Supports Children's Spiritual Growth:

- **Engages Through Storytelling:** Uses hands-on materials to bring Bible stories to life.
- **Encourages Reflection:** Prompts children to wonder and connect personally with God's story.
- **Fosters Spiritual Growth:** Builds foundational skills for prayer, worship, and lifelong faith.
- **Creates a Safe Space:** Provides a calm, welcoming environment for creativity and community.

Godly Play nurtures children's faith by helping them see themselves as part of God's story in a meaningful and joyful way.



Older Elementary Sunday School

Our Older Elementary (3rd Grade to 5th Grade) children will meet for Sunday school to explore Spark: Activate Faith lessons. An activity-filled Sunday school curriculum that follows the salvation story from start to finish, helping kids explore key Bible stories from both the Old and New Testaments. **The older elementary class will meet in Room 212.**



Spark helps kids learn at their level

Interact with the Bible in every lesson, helping kids navigate the story and begin to compare what they learn to their own life.



Focus on hands-on learning

Engage kids in the Bible story with lessons packed with activities, interactive games, and creative crafts.



Experience the Salvation Story arc

Help kids experience the Salvation story each year by exploring the Old Testament in the fall, and the New Testament in the winter and spring.



Frolic Nursery: Little Steps, Big Faith

Our Nursery aged children (Birth to 1 year) will explore Frolic Nursery lessons. Drawing on brain science as well as theology,

Frolic was designed by early childhood experts to build faith through play in babies, toddlers, and young children from birth to age five. Frolic uses Bible lessons, music, and play to help build a firm Faith foundation.



Start faith formation at birth

Uses a curriculum-based on early childhood best practices to help your little ones to take little steps to big faith—starting at birth.



Focuses on learning at their level

Frolic's curriculum focuses on helping young children explore faith concepts in the way they know best— through play!



Equips caregivers to nurture faith

Equips leaders and parents to nurture faith in many ways—through storytelling, prayers, and music.



Confirmation Classes are this Sunday!

Confirmation classes are on Sunday mornings **at 9:15-10:15 AM**. They are located in the banquet hall.

Save the date for the confirmation retreat on April 24-25 at Cedar Crest Camp. Confirmation Sunday will be May 17th.



Kids Connection is this Wednesday!

Need a break from a hectic week? Don't feel like cooking? Searching for community? Bring your family to Wednesday Night Together! Children will meet from 6:00-7:00 for a time of connection, fun and games, and life application in Room 304.



VBS Registration is Open!

Get ready for *Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS: Find Your Strength in God!* June 22-25 from 9 a.m. to noon.
Registration is open!

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to attend. Younger children of VBS volunteers and kids enrolled at St. Mark's Preschool are also welcome. Invite a child in your life!

👉 [Click here to register your child](#)

👉 [Adult and youth volunteers can register here](#)

If you feel led to serve in this ministry area, please email Hannah at hannah@stmarkstn.org.



Important VBS Volunteer Dates!

- **Sunday, May 3rd at 2-4 PM in the Banquet Hall-**
VBS Leader Orientation
- **Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30-8:00 PM in Room 503/505-** Safe Sanctuaries Training for any volunteers working with children, youth, or any other vulnerable persons. New volunteers and those whose training has expired are strongly encouraged to attend. Safe Sanctuaries training must be renewed every 5 years.
- **Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30-8:00 PM in the Banquet Hall-** VBS Orientation for Shepherds

SAVE *the* DATE

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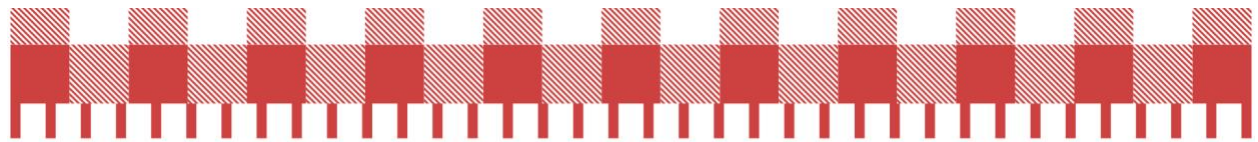
Save the Date for Cokesbury's VBS Recording at St. Mark's!

Cokesbury will be recording their 2027 Vacation Bible School videos at St. Mark's! This is an exciting opportunity, and we need your children to participate! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 16th from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.** More information to come.

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Cedar Crest Camp Summer Registration

If you have registered your child or youth for Cedar Crest Camp this summer, please click [here](#) to let us know which week they'll be attending. We will send camp scholarships for the students on this list!



ST. MARK'S CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

APRIL 26TH, 11:30 AM-1 PM

Bring a family-size side dish or dessert to share.
The Family Ministries team will provide the meat.

ENJOY THE RED BIRD YOUTH CHOIR FOLLOWING THE MEAL!



**Join us for the Church-wide Picnic on
Sunday, April 26th!**

You and your family are invited to the Church-wide picnic!
Please bring a family-sized side dish or dessert to share.
The Family Ministries Team will provide the main course.

RSVP by Sunday, April 19th by clicking [here](#) or calling
the church office. Stay after the meal to enjoy a
performance by the Red Bird Youth Choir! An exit offering
will be received.



April Little Lights and G.L.O.W. Kids Meet-Up!

Little Lights

This service/fellowship group is for families with children age birth to 2nd grade. This is a family friendly group! Adults must remain with their child throughout the duration of the event. Invite a friend! Click [here](#) for the Spring 2026 schedule.

- **April 19th at 4-5 p.m.-** Little Light families will gather at the Old Fort Park Trailhead to paint Love Rocks. RSVP in the GroupMe by **Thursday, April 16th**.
- **Save the Date-** May 17th at 4-5 p.m. – Popsicles and St. Mark's Playground. More information to follow.

G.L.O.W. Kids

This service/fellowship group is for children in 3rd – 5th grade. Invite a friend! Click [here](#) for the Spring 2026 schedule.

- **April 18th at 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. -** Cedar Crest Camp Clean Up Day. We will meet at the church and depart at 8 a.m. to assist Cedar Crest in their summer camp preparations! We will return by 1 p.m. This would be a great confirmation project if a confirmand is still searching! RSVP to Hannah by April 14th.
- **Save the Date** – May 25th at 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Daytrip to Chattanooga. More information to follow.



SAFER SANCTUARIES

Nurturing Trust within Faith Communities

Help St. Mark's be a Safe Sanctuary to all people entrusted to our care!

- Keep empty rooms locked
- Sign children in and out of classrooms
- Supervise your children at all times
- Accompany your children to the Restroom

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- Supervise your children at all times
- Accompany your children to the Restroom
- Help us observe the two-adult rule at all times by serving as a Safe Sanctuaries helper
- If you see any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate, inform a ministry leader

Please contact Hannah Underwood at hannah@stmarkstn.org if you have any questions. Follow our St. Mark's Children's Ministry Facebook page and Instagram @stmarkstnkids for more information!

