



Coming This Summer!

Our Preschool (Age 2 to PreK 5), Younger Elementary (Kindergarten to 2nd Grade), and Older Elementary (3rd to 5th Grade) children will gather for Summer Sunday School from 9:15 to 10:15. These classes will explore the Godly Play curriculum together. Each week, children will engage in a time of storytelling, wondering, response work, snack, and a closing blessing before they depart. Classes will begin in Room 304. Parents and caregivers can pick up Preschool-age children in Room 305 and Elementary-age children in Room 214.



GODLY PLAY

Summer Sunday School

Preschool and 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 way.



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.



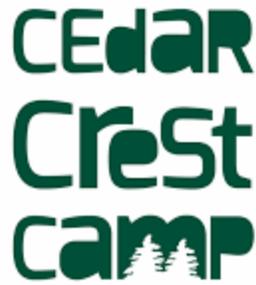
Focuses on learning at their level

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.



Cedar Crest Camp Summer Registration

If you have registered your child/youth for Cedar Crest Camp this summer, please click [here](#) to inform us which week they are attending. We will send camp scholarships for the students listed on this list!

FATHER'S DAY PHOTO MONTAGE

EMAIL YOUR PICTURES AND NAMES
TO PHOTOS@STMARKSTN.ORG
BY TUESDAY, JUNE 10



Father's Day Slideshow Pictures are due June 10!

Email your Father's Day pictures to Photos@stmarkstn.org TODAY. Please include the names of those in the picture.

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 23-26, 9 AM - 12 PM



VBS Registration is OPEN!

Get ready for *Road Trip VBS: On the Go with God!* Registration is now open, and we'd love for you to join the journey.

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to attend. Younger children of VBS volunteers and kids enrolled in St. Mark's Preschool's Summer Fun program are also welcome.

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

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

I invite you to pray for all our leaders, helpers, and children throughout the week as we seek God's guidance, help and strength. If your Sunday school room is being used during the week of VBS, please make sure all items are put away. Thank you to those who have donated funds, prayed for VBS, invited children, and volunteered their time and gifts. This would not be possible without YOU!!

Youth VBS Orientation is next Wednesday Night!

- **Wednesday, June 18th at 6:00-7:00 PM in the Youth Wing- Youth Volunteer Orientation**

Water Bottle Caps Needed!

Our Elementary craft team has requested water bottle caps for VBS. Please bring them to Hannah Pratt in a Ziploc bag.



2025 VBS Mission

Throughout VBS, we will be highlighting and supporting the Ronald McDonald House in Nashville. When children and their families are on the road, traveling to receive care at Vanderbilt Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House offers a welcoming and supportive place to stay. This helps ease the burden during difficult times. St. Mark's is excited to support their mission through our VBS mission this year!

You can support the VBS Mission during this Sunday's Children's Coin Offering!

ORDER YOUR VBS SHIRTS NOW!



ORDER HERE!

\$10 PER PER SHIRT DUE JUNE 16TH!



FRONT **BACK**

Order Your VBS T-shirt by Monday, June 16!
Click [here](#) to order your VBS t-shirt! The cost is \$10 per shirt, and you may pay online or in the church office.

Upcoming Events!



July Little Lights and G.L.O.W. Kids Meet-Ups!

Stay tuned for a list of July meetups coming soon!



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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Ways you can help:

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- Sign children in and out of classrooms
- 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 Pratt 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!

