

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

September 15, 2022

## Upcoming Events

### Access Plus Ramp Build

9/17 Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

### [Un] Apologetic Evangelism Conference

9/17 Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### Sunday Funday

9/18 Sunday, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

### Spiritual Retreat in Recovery

9/30-10/2 Thursday-Sunday

### Cursillo #286 Mustang Island Conference Center

10/6-9 Thursday-Sunday

### Fr. Doug Wasinger's First Sunday

10/9 Sunday

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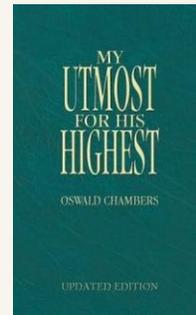
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## God's Promises



### Excerpt from *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers

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*"... the simplicity that is in Christ"*  
2 Corinthians 11:3

Simplicity is the secret to seeing things clearly. A saint does not *think* clearly until a long time passes, but a saint ought to see clearly without any difficulty. You cannot think through spiritual confusion to make things clear; to make things clear, you must obey. In intellectual matters you can think things out, but in spiritual matters you will only think yourself into further wandering thoughts and more confusion. If there is something in your life upon which God has put His pressure, then obey Him in that matter. Bring all your "arguments and . . . every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" regarding the matter, and everything will become as clear as daylight to you (2 Corinthians 10:5). Your reasoning capacity will come later, but reasoning is not how we see. We see like children, and when we try to be wise we see nothing (see Matthew 11:25).

Even the very smallest thing that we allow in our lives that is not under the control of the Holy Spirit is completely sufficient to

## Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m.--Morning Prayer-Sanctuary

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account for spiritual confusion, and spending all of our time thinking about it will still never make it clear. Spiritual confusion can only be conquered through obedience. As soon as we obey, we have discernment. This is humiliating, because when we are confused we know that the reason lies in the state of our mind. But when our natural power of sight is devoted and submitted in obedience to the Holy Spirit, it becomes the very power by which we perceive God's will, and our entire life is kept in simplicity.

**Be Still, Believe, and Pray!**

## September Guest Speakers

### Two Guest Speakers during September



Two guest speakers from ministries that are supported through our St. Mark's Outreach Fund have been scheduled to speak to us Sundays 9/18 and 9/25. Our Outreach Ministry is almost completely funded by your weekly gifts because we tithe 10% on all income that is received to the Outreach Fund.

Tony Reyes, Director of Mission 911, will be our first guest speaker THIS Sunday. The agency was started in 2000 as a shelter for homeless men but has since evolved into a mentorship program helping individuals and families get ahead in life. Click on the link to learn more about [Mission 911](#).



Tina Canary, Operations Manager of New Life Refuge Ministries, will be with us September 25th. The agency's mission is to provide a REFUGE of hope and healing for child survivors of sex trafficking, to provide EDUCATION to the community on the issue, and to establish PARTNERSHIPS with other organizations in the fight against modern-day slavery. To learn more about [New Life Refuge](#), click on the link.

## New Beginnings

### St. Mark's Welcomes Fr. Doug Wasinger Sunday, October 9th

Put a big red star on your calendar on Sunday, October 9th. That will mark the beginning of the next chapter in the life of our St. Mark's Church family because Fr. Doug Wasinger will begin his ministry with us that day.

**We're looking forward to a wonderful celebration!**



## Texas Favorites Potluck



### What's Your Favorite Texas Dish?

We're going to welcome Fr. Doug Wasinger and his wife Kellie with a Texas Favorites Potluck Sunday, **October 9th**. Start thinking about what you want to bring. You can sign up on the back of your Connection Card this Sunday or contact Judy in the office at (361) 994-0285, or email her at [judy@stmarksgc.org](mailto:judy@stmarksgc.org), to let her know what you'd like to bring.

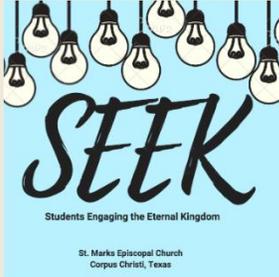
## Ramp Build

### Access Plus Ramp Build THIS Saturday, 9/17 8:00 a.m. 3221 Sarita St.

Ramp builds for 2022 will resume this month after a break from the heat in July and August. The September ramp will bless Francesca with the ability to safely go in and out of her home.



## SEEK Youth Group



### No Youth Group THIS Sunday

Youth Group will not meet this Sunday because of the Sunday Funday event in the afternoon. Make plans to come.

Coming up:

September 18 - **Sunday Funday** party at the Wandel House 3-6

September 25 - Meet after church with Mrs. Molly

## Sunday Funday

**Sunday Funday for the Whole Parish**  
**THIS SUNDAY 9/18, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**44 Hewit Place**

Come spend the afternoon with your St. Mark's family. We'll have swimming, ziplining, football on TV, and good conversation. Bring a towel, a friend, and a snack to share.



## Name Tags



### Lose Your Name Tag? Never Had One?

If you don't have a name tag, let Judy know. She'll make one for you and put it on a name tag tree in the sanctuary entryway. You can reach her at the office at (361) 994-0285, or email her at [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org).

Wearing your name tag will be a tremendous help to Fr. Doug!

# Local Evangelism Conference

**[UN] APOLOGETIC**  
EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

PERSUADING OUR GENERATION WITH TRUTH

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

LEE STROBEL    MARK MITTELBERG    ERIC HERNANDEZ

**BREAKOUT SPEAKERS**    **SPANISH TRACK**

AMY DAVISON    KURT JARDS    MIKE MILLER    JORGE GIL    ROLANDO RODRIGUEZ

**CONFERENCE RATES**

<b>ADULT RATES</b>	early bird through September 2	\$35	beginning September 2	\$45
<b>STUDENT RATES</b>	early bird through September 2	\$25	beginning September 2	\$35

Visit [texasapologetics.org](http://texasapologetics.org) to see a list of all the topics and to register online.

TEXAS BAPTISTS Center for Church Health    FBC    CCBA    [texasapologetics.org](http://texasapologetics.org)

## [Un] Apologetic Evangelism Conference September 17 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Last year the course "Making Your Case for Christ", by Lee Strobel and Mark Mittelberg, was presented via Zoom for our congregation. Both authors, along with Eric Hernandez, will be keynote speakers for the [Un] Apologetic Evangelism Conference to be held 9/17 at the Second Baptist Church, 6701 S. Staples Street.

The cost before 9/2 is \$35 for adults and \$25 for students. After the 2nd the cost will be \$45 for adults and \$35 for students. For more information about the breakout sessions and to register go to [www.texasapologetics.org](http://www.texasapologetics.org).

# Diocesan Events



## Upcoming Diocesan Events

**Spiritual Retreat in Recovery #118** 9/30-10/2 at the Mustang Island Conference Center. Click on the link for more information.

**Cursillo #268** 10/6-9 at the Mustang Island Conference Center. Registration of \$210. Click on the link for more information.

There are scholarships available through the diocese if you'd like to go but need a little help.

# Ways to Support God's Kingdom through St. Mark's

## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!

Is the Lord blessing you? Are you grateful for what He has done in your life? Remember His Church. Though we have experienced limitations for worshiping together, we still have ministries to support and salaries and bills to pay. Give out of faith, thanksgiving, and generosity, and never out of guilt. If you are blessed to be able to give, here are several ways to do that:



- Online through our website. There is a blue "Giving" button at the bottom of each page. Just click on that and it will take you to our online EGiving page. You will need to set up a user profile, and then you can set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts. You can also give through the "[Donate to St. Mark's](#)" link.
- Through your cell phone using the app, **Vanco Mobile**. To get the app, go to the app store and search for "Vanco Mobile". The icon background is dark purple with a white circle and a purple letter "V" in the center. Download the app and follow the prompts. You can use it to set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts.
- Mail in your check to: St. Mark's Church, 2727 Airline Rd, CC, TX 78414. We have a drop-in mailbox that is locked at all times. We check the mail every day, so your check will be secure.
- Drop your check off at the church. Just put it in the locked mailbox to the left of the red doors at the fellowship hall.
- Bequest giving is another way to give to St. Mark's with a gift through your estate. Simply list St. Mark's in your will.

**THANK YOU for helping spread the Kingdom  
through your continuing support  
of St. Mark's Church.**

# Weekly Calendar

## Calendar & Ministry Schedule

Here is the [link](#) to the September schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

### September 17 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--3221 Sarita St.

9:00 a.m. - Financial Review--Fellowship Hall

### September 18 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer Service--Sanctuary--Tony Reyes

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - NO SEEK Youth Group

3:00 p.m. - Sunday Funday--Wandel House, 44 Hewit Place

### September 19 - Monday

6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Online via Zoom

### September 20 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Fellowship Hall Library

6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

### September 21 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys - Luciano's Italian Restaurant, 1821 S. Alameda

12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall

## Helpful Links

Below you will find several links to websites or Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.

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[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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