



# “BUILDING” EXCITEMENT

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## IT'S TIME TO MOVE IN!

There was excitement all-around as St. Mark's Episcopal School received its first shipment of furnishings and instructional materials for its August 2014 grand opening. The excitement increased as the school hosted its first Open House for potential students and their family members. Our school is currently enrolling classes for two- and three-year-olds with the options of a two-day, a three-day and a five-day program. Four-year-olds



At the School Open House, future students experienced the educational hands-on activities.



From left to right: Jerri Carington, Tracey McMahon, Bud Little, Dwayne Dawlearn, and Lee Leaman begin the move into our new school.

will experience a five-day licensed Pre-kindergarten program, and the school will also offer a five-day Bridge to

Kindergarten program. All St. Mark's students will benefit from excellent instruction by certified teachers, state-of-the-art classroom technology, and a fabulous outdoor learning center. Come visit!



## SUNDAY, JUNE 8 IS OUR RED-HOT SUNDAY!



On Pentecost, Benno Scheibner will be defending his title as "First Place Salsa Maker".

Sunday, June 8, 2014 is Pentecost Sunday, a commemoration of when the Holy Spirit, like a mighty wind and like tongues of fire, descended upon the Apostles.

Since Pentecost is also known as "the birthday of the Church", we will jubilantly rejoice in two ways:

1. St. Mark's will celebrate this wondrous event with our annual **The Tongues of Fire Salsa Contest**. Do you have a tried-and-true family recipe for salsa or have you recently developed your own special, secretly-spiced recipe? Go for the win! Salsa contest entries will be judged on the appropriate amount of "kick", the flavor, and the presentation.
2. Just like the Apostles so long ago, all of us at St. Mark's will gather together. Pentecost is represented with the color **red**, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit. We will wear the **fire-red** of our shirts with the St. Mark's logo and get our picture taken as a church family. **Join us for our annual family portrait.**

## IN THE BEGINNING, THERE WAS ADAM...AND HE QUICKLY FORMED A MEN'S GROUP

An invigorated Men's Ministry is being launched at St. Mark's, and all men are invited to participate in the design of this new brotherhood. At its first get-together, fourteen men discussed fresh and innovative ways for spiritual growth designed specifically for men, occasions for fun and recreation, the breaking of bread together, and outreach activities. Goals for this new group are now being set. The next men's meeting will be held Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Light refreshments will be served. Let's grow together in Christ in relevant ways! Questions? Contact Benno Scheibner at 281-565-2466.



The men's group will help men grow as better dads, husbands & followers of Christ.



The new men's ministry will continue its tradition of hosting fish fry dinners.



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Don't worry...it's going to be okay. Father Bert's on the job!



## BY FAITH THE WALLS OF JERICHO ... AND THE SAME IS TRUE AT ST. MARK'S!



The wall separating our main church building from our new Education Building will soon come tumbling down! In the picture to the left, The Rev. Bert Baetz is seen getting ready to connect our buildings to become one glorious structure dedicated to Christ. Progress on the new building has been steady with the ceiling tiles, carpet, elevator, plumbing trim, electrical trim, wall dividers, fencing, cabinetry, and irrigation all on the schedule to be installed by early June.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE *GROWING IN GRACE* CAMPAIGN

#### PROGRESS TO DATE

Amount of capital campaign pledges: \$521,310  
Total pledge contributions to date: \$341,716  
Amount given as one time contribution: \$604,678

#### EXPENSES

Total Estimated Expense: \$2,279,497  
Total of Expenses to date: \$1,892,305

**"Our vision of a new Education Building has become a reality!"**