

St. Mark's

BETHANY



March 29, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. Randy will begin his Lenten series "Jesus Christ and Him Crucified". This week's message will be "The Victor". Colossians 2:5-18 will be the scriptural basis. All Sunday school classes will be at their regular time and area. If you don't attend a class drop by one and try it out.

Sunday School classes: 8:30 New Life Rm. 18, Sonshine Rm. 17

9:30 Books of the Bibles Rm 17,

Disciple Rm. 18,

Young Adults Rm. 5

10:45 Faithbuilders Rm 18,

Good News Choir,

R.O.C.K Rm. 19

Traditional services are at 9:30 am and Modern services are at 10:55 am. If you are not able to attend Worship services there will be a live streaming of worship. To watch the live stream, you can join us at:

[9:30 am Traditional Service](#)

Or [10:55 am Modern Service](#)

Holy Week Opportunities

Family Easter Event	April 5 6 pm
Maundy Thursday Service	April 6 7 pm
Good Friday Service	April 7 7 pm
Sunrise Easter Service	April 9 7 am
Traditional Worship Service	April 9 9:30 am
Easter Egg Hunt	April 9 10:40 am
Modern Worship Service	April 9 11:00 am

EASTER LILIES

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter outside the church office for ordering Easter Lilies. These lilies will decorate our sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 9th. Please indicate

on the sheet if you are donating the lily in honor or memory of your loved ones.

Orders and payment of \$20.00 is due by Sunday, April 2nd, for each lily you donate.

You may take your lilies home after services on Easter Sunday.





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All

Church WORKDAY



April 1st 9 am to noon

No Skills Needed, All Ages,

**Give a few minutes or several
hours of your time. All Supplies
will be on hand. WE NEED YOU!**

HEYA!!! COOKING CLASS

**COME AND JOIN US MAKING
RED ENCHILADAS**

WHILE LEARNING SOME BASIC CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH
BRING \$5 AND ENJOY YOUR MEAL!



March 28, 2023
BARNETT HALL
FROM 5:45-7:00 PM

EMAIL TO RSVP:
BEQUER@STMARKSBETHANY.COM
OR SIGN-UP ON THE CHURCH COUNTER



Ladies of St. Mark's,
You are cordially invited to join us for a come and go baby shower to celebrate the coming birth of precious baby girl, Amelia, into the family of DJ & Kayla Gannon. The shower will be held in the Narthex of St. Mark's on Sunday, April 16th, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Kayla is registered on the AMAZON gift life and also at Target. She is requesting a "stroller wagon" from AMAZON which holds four toddlers. It will easily hold her two toddlers and baby Amelia in her car seat. It is expensive, so if you can give an AMAZON gift card directly to Kayla or contribute directly to her [AMAZON registry](#).

Please come and join us for this joyful and blessed upcoming event for Kayla, DJ and their family. We hope to see you there.

God Bless,
Hosted by Amanda Peters, Jimmie Sears, Margaret Bonifield and Sherry White.

RIGHT NOW MEDIA

St. Mark's offers a wonderful opportunity offered through Right Now Media. Right Now Media offers family devotions, Bible Studies, Christian Children's programming and so much right in your own home. Through Right Now you can take advantage of the service to use the videos, studies and other resources to strengthen your faith. If you have not signed up go to <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/stmarksbethany> and do so now. If you have questions please contact the office and we will help you get started.



Easter Egg Hunt – April 9th 10:40 am East Lawn

In need of candy to put in plastic eggs. Bring by church or make a donation Marked candy for Easter Egg Hunt



DAWN - Dinner & Worship Night

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

Schedule:

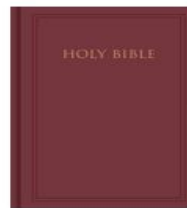
5:30-6:15 Meal (family style)

6:00-6:30 Prayer Team

6:15-7:30 Children's & Student Ministry

6:15-7:30 Adult Bible Studies

6:30-8:00 Choir Practice



CHURCH CENTER

We need you to sign up if you haven't. Imagine being able to have the church calendar, directory, giving and financial records, access to latest news, live services and more available at one spot.

On your phone, pad or computer you will always be up to date. To download the app just click on this link and it will walk you through step by step instructions. [Download Church Center](#) The whole process should take just a few minutes.

Once you have it on your device, we encourage you to take a minute to edit your information for the directory so that we can all get to know one another better.

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March Global Methodist Prayer Guide



Photo: John Wesley's prayer kneeler – The birthplace of Methodism.

Each morning at 4 a.m., John Wesley would kneel in prayer in his London home. It was in this place that the fires of Methodism began. As we seek to reconnect to our Wesleyan heritage, it seems the best place we can begin is in prayer. Join us in our monthly prayer series: The Way to the Kingdom.

The Way to Scriptural Prayer By: Terry Teykl

John Wesley said, “God will do nothing but in answer to prayer. Whether we think of, or speak to God, whether we act or suffer for him, all is prayer, when we have no other object than his love, and the desire of pleasing him. Proceed with much prayer, and your way will be made plain.”

Recently I had the privilege of writing a history of prayer in the Christian tradition. It was quite clear that the Lord's Prayer was the benchmark of prayer. Throughout the centuries Christians dropped their “plumb bob” on this prayer. And they got their bearings. This prayer was the basis and model for prayer. It was a summary of the Gospel. This prayer was the most memorized, quoted, and sung by the church. It was the center piece of prayer for the church fathers.

Plus, the prayer was so unique. For example, Jesus told us to pray for our daily bread. The word he used was “epiousios.” This word was not in the classical Greek of the New Testament. Scholars thought perhaps Jesus made up the word. Until it was discovered on some domestic parchments. The word literally meant grocery list! I wonder if mother Mary would give Jesus a grocery list as in “epiousios” to go to the market. In other words, He is not only concerned with meeting our deepest spiritual needs, but He wants to be our source for the commonplace necessities of life. How amazing is His love for us.

Rev. Dr. Terry Teykl has pastored local Houston churches for more than 28 years. He has taught churches across the country how to pray and invite the Holy Spirit. The ultimate goal is to awaken evangelism all over the country with one element being praying the Lord's Prayer at noon.

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A Suggested Pattern of Prayer

As you pray through the following prayer points, invite the presence of the Lord into your time of prayer. Each day's prompt has a Scripture reference for you to pray through. As you pray allow time also to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you. When you have prayed through the Scripture and prayer point, you may be led to add your own prayers. Pray and consider what action steps you might take in response to the Lord's leading. Repeat this prayer pattern weekly for the month.

Praying the Scripture: The Lord's Prayer is Scripture and to pray it, is to pray truth. And the Father hears those who call on Him in truth. It can be used as an index prayer to be applied in all aspects of life.

Prayer points:

Sunday: Pray -- **"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

Praise Him for He is a good Father. (Psalms 145:9)

Pray that God's name would be Hallowed in Sunday morning worship before and after and that the Name of Jesus is foremost.

Pray that we speak the Name of Jesus often and in awe. (Hebrews. 1:1-4)

Monday: Pray -- **your kingdom come,**

Pray for your local schools, city leaders, and first responders. (Name leaders and first responders.)

Pray for God's authority over the crime and gang activities in your city. (1 Corinthians 15:33)

Intercede for young people.

Tuesday: Pray -- **your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Pray for the lost because it is His will that none shall perish. Say their names as you pray for them to be saved. (II Peter 3:9)

Wednesday: Pray -- **Give us today our daily bread.**

Pray for the needs of the poor, immigrants and oppressed people in communities and the world.

Pray expectantly that God would meet their needs.

Pray that God would favor the Global Methodist Church leaders with what is needed now.

Give thanks for God's bountiful goodness. (Psalm 100)

Thursday: Pray -- **And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

Pray that we repent of not repenting. (I John 1:9)

Pray for forgiveness for attitudes of pride.

Pray for forgiveness for the corporate sins of commission and omission in our nation and church.

Pray for honor and blessings on the leadership of the United Methodist Church.

Friday: Pray -- **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'**

Pray that we are not led into selfish gain, self-deception, lust, unbelief, judgmental attitudes, inordinate affections, etc.

Pray the captives are set free to be saved and enable the GM Church to grow by conversions. (II Corinthians 4:3-4)

Pray for protection from evil, especially for our pastors. (Psalm 91)

Saturday: Pray -- **For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.** (NKJV)

Pray that we are filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8)

Pray that supernatural signs and wonders are the norm in GM Church congregations. (Luke 9:1-2)

"This, then, is how you should pray:..." (NIV)

During Lent, many Christians observe
a period of fasting, repentance,
moderation, self-denial, and spiritual discipline.



St. Mark's is having a food drive from now until Easter to benefit the ROC Food Pantry which serves the hungry among us. A box will be set up in the narthex for your donations of canned and boxed food. Ramen noodles, pasta, any type of canned beans and cake mixes have been requested. Plastic and paper bags are always needed to pack the food. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Thank you!





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PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Now Collecting Donations for:

- Winter Coats (newborn to 8)
- Winter Clothes (newborn to 6)
- Boys' Shoes (sizes 2 to 8 1/2)
- Blankets
- Baby Carriers & Bouncy Chairs
- Bankers Boxes
- Toys & Books



Thank You !

Facts and Figures

2023 Annual Budget	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating 3/26/2023	15,869
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 3/21/23)	118,668
Expenses (thru 3/21/22)	101,831

Attendance

Sunday, March 26 Total	289
Traditional Worship	162
Modern Worship	71
Online Worship	56

Prayer Box

Cheryl Andrews	LaDonna Mathews
Norma & Dan Boland	Jim McMinn
Lavina Bonifield (DIL Margaret Bonifield)	Earl Moore
Chris Brehm	Tiffany Montesano
Hank Brueggen	Roger Pautsch
Marty Croy	Donna Percival (sister of Jane Foreman)
Jeff & Dianna Davidson	Bobbie Pinkerton
Bob Denton (Sandy Kelly brother)	Curtis Scott (SIL Jim Brown)
Mary Desmukes	Dorothy Sipes
Jane Foreman	Beverly Tully
Jason Gage (son of Sheila Gage)	Greg Wells
Paula Galt	Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Wilkerson's)