

ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

Telling the Story of God's Work at St. Mark's

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

To Spread Scriptural Holiness "Pure and Spotless Let Us Be"
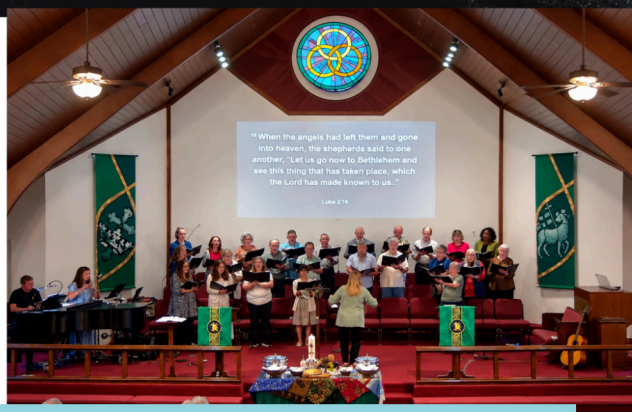
This Sunday, we conclude our *To Spread Scriptural Holiness* series with **"Pure and Spotless Let Us Be,"** based on 1 Peter 2:1-9. Peter reminds us that growing in holiness means putting aside malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and unkind words while longing for the spiritual nourishment that helps us grow in Christ. As living stones, we are being built together into a spiritual house, with Jesus as our cornerstone. God calls us His chosen people, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation--not because of what we have accomplished, but because of His mercy and grace. Join us as we discover what it means to grow in holiness, live as God's people, and proclaim the goodness of the One who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Service times —

The Traditional service will begin at 9:30 am, and the Modern service begins at 11:00 am. For individuals unable to attend in person, we are pleased to offer live streaming for our Traditional service.

To watch the live stream, please join us at:

9:30 a.m. Sunday morning on **YouTube** or on **FaceBook**



Sunday School Classes

We have classes for all ages and interests

CHILDREN

"Seeds" (Ages 0-18 mos)	9:30 - 12;00
"Sprouts" (Ages 18 mo-3 yrs)	9:30 - 10:35
Kidmin 1 (Elementary)	9:30 - 10:35
Kidmin 2 (Elementary)	11:00 - 12:00

ADULT

- 8:30 am
  - New Life — Rm 18
  - Sonshine — Rm 17
- 9:30 am
  - Books of the Bible — Rm 17
  - Disciple Class — Rm 18
  - Young Adults — Rm 5
- 10:45 am
  - Faithbuilders — Rm 18
  - Good News Class — Choir Room
  - R.O.C.K. — Rm 19
  - Understanding God's Word — Rm 17



Have you wondered what Second Winders is all about? Here's a great opportunity to join us, enjoy a delicious meal and get to know the group!

Second Winders will be heading to **Eischen's in Okarche** on **Tuesday, October 20**, for their famous fried chicken. We'll meet at the church and **leave at 11:30 a.m.** Our **reservation is for 1:00 p.m.**

You don't have to be a regular Second Winders participant to come along. Everyone is invited! Bring a friend and join us for a fun afternoon of good food, conversation, and fellowship.

To sign up or for more information, contact **Cheryl at (405) 249-1307**. If needed, leave a message with your name and phone number.

Come along--we'd love to have you join us!



To Spread Scriptural Holiness

As our *To Spread Scriptural Holiness* sermon series comes to a close, our Wednesday evening Bible study will conclude on October 21. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this meaningful time of learning and growing together in faith! **Join us tonight and next Wednesday!!**

Men's Bible Study Returns!

Men's Bible Study will resume on **Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 17** and will meet weekly. All men are invited to join us for Bible study, fellowship, and spiritual growth as we continue growing together in God's Word. Questions? Contact Fred Dalton or Allen Smith.

Our Local Missions

At St. Mark's, sharing God's love doesn't stop at our church doors! Through our partnerships with local ministries like Willow Pregnancy Support and Reaching Our City (ROC), we have opportunities to make a meaningful difference right here in our community.

Together, we're putting 9ur faith into action and showing Christ's love in practical ways!

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PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Willow Pregnancy Support is continuing its ministry of caring for families at its new location, 41 7 N. Council in Bethany! Through encouragement, practical assistance, and compassionate support, Willow helps families feel valued and cared for during important seasons of life.

Donations currently welcomed include: Children's clothing (newborn - size 6), Children's shoes (up to size 13), Diapers (sizes 4-6), Baby bottles, bath wash, lotion, and Good Start formula.

Every gift, large or small, is an opportunity to remind a family that they are loved and supported. Thank you for helping St. Mark's be part of this important ministry!

ROC
REACHING OUR CITY

Sometimes sharing God's love begins with something as simple as helping put food on a family's table! Through our partnership with ROC, St. Mark's continues to help provide food and encouragement to neighbors facing difficult circumstances.

Current food needs include green beans, corn and soup, although all nonperishable food donations are gratefully appreciated.

Please place your donations in the Grocery Basket in the Narthex.

The ROC Thrift Store and donation drop-off center is located at 5107 N. MacArthur in Warr Acres. Thank you for helping us make a difference--one meal, one family, and one act of kindness at a time!



FALL FEST IS COMING WE NEED YOU!



Mark your calendars for Fall Fest on Friday, October 23, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.! It's going to be a fun evening for our church and community, and now is the time to start getting ready!



TRUNK HOSTS, we need YOU!

Sign up to decorate your trunk and help us fill the parking lot with lots of fun stops for the kids. The sign-up sheet is available now, so please add your name soon and help us know how many trunks we can count on.



Candy donations are needed, too! We're collecting individually wrapped, small candies, along with fun non-candy treats such as stickers, pencils, erasers, small toys, or other kid-friendly goodies.

And there's more to come! The volunteer sign-up board for the rest of our Fall Fest activities will be out soon, so be watching for ways you can join in and help make this a great night!

Decorate a trunk, donate some treats, lend a hand--and come have some fall fun with us! 

Mexico Mission Trip

January 9-16, 2027



Our next **Mexico Mission Trip** is planned for **January 9-16, 2027.** The team will leave from Oklahoma City, and the estimated cost is $1,250 per person. Some scholarship help is available.

If you've ever considered being part of a mission trip, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn more! Let Bequer or Pastor Randy know if you are interested, or come to the upcoming Mission Meeting to hear more about the trip, ask questions, and find out what you can expect.

Interested? Come learn more--there's a place for you on the team!

Student Ministry Fundraiser STRIVE 2026

STRIVE is an opportunity for our students to raise money toward camps, retreats, and mission trips through donations and participation in an 8-hour workday. Anyone planning to attend a camp, retreat, or mission trip may participate. Participation is mandatory for students enrolled in Jesus University.

How It Works



Students will receive pledge cards and envelopes to share with potential donors. Donations may be made as a flat amount or pledged toward the hours a student works during the fundraiser.

Donors should complete their pledge cards, keep their receipts, and return donations in the pre-addressed envelopes or place them in Bequer's box in the church copy room. All pledge cards must be returned to Bequer's box by **November 1** to count toward a specific student.

Incentive Levels

- **$400** – Free retreat and mandatory amount for Jesus University students
- **$700** – Free camp or mission trip
- **$1,050** – Additional free camp or mission trip
- **$1,300** – Additional free camp or mission trip
- **$1,750** – Season pass

Important Dates

- **September 30–October 25**: Students ask for donations at church on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- **November 1**: Last day to turn in donations for a specific student.
- **November 7**: STRIVE Workday and Banquet (subject to change depending on weather)



Thank you for supporting our students and helping make these life-changing ministry opportunities possible!

WE STILL NEED DIFFERENCE MAKERS!

OUR GREATEST NEEDS:

KIDMIN SEEDS
Birth – 18 Months

- Volunteers needed during both worship hours
- Serve 1st and 3rd Sundays each month

Tiny seeds. Big impact!

KIDMIN SPROUTS
Ages 18 Months – 3 Years

- Assistant needed at the 9:30 a.m. service
- Commitment: One Sunday each month

Watch them sprout and grow in faith!

KIDMIN
- Assistant needed at the 11:00 a.m. service
- Serve the 2nd Sunday of each month

Building strong roots in Jesus!

FILLED!!! THANK YOU!

KIDMIN RESPONSE TEAM
We also need a few volunteers who are willing to step in when someone is sick or unable to serve. If you're flexible and enjoy helping where needed, we'd love to have you on our **Response Team!**

Every child. Every story. Every life. Eternally impacted.

Could you give one Sunday a month?

Contact Sharon to learn more or to say, **"I can help!"**



Growing in God's Love Every Week!

Join us in **KidMin 2** (during the 11:00 a.m. service) and on **Wednesday nights** as we discover how the Fruit of the Spirit helps us live more like **Jesus!**

- LOVE
- JOY
- PEACE
- PATIENCE
- KINDNESS
- GOODNESS
- FAITHFULNESS
- GENTLENESS
- SELF-CONTROL

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
GALATIANS 5:22-23

The Gathering

A COMMUNITY FOR MOMS of babies + toddlers

Moms, you're invited!

Join us each **Wednesday** morning from **9:30–11:00 am** in **Room 19** for The Gathering, a welcoming time for moms to connect, encourage one another, and grow in faith while your little ones are lovingly cared for by our Titus 2 volunteers. Whether you're a first-time mom or have older preschoolers, we'd love to have you join us!

Help Build Our Titus 2 Team



We're looking for caring adults who enjoy spending time with babies and toddlers while parents participate in Bible studies and church activities.

No teaching required. Just a caring heart and a willingness to love our youngest children.

If you'd like to learn more about serving on the Titus 2 Team, **contact Sharon Hunt.**

KidMin sprouts Is Growing!

Ages 18 Months–3 Years

9:30 Worship Hour

Led by

Miss Christie Couch

Little Seeds, Growing Faith!









KidMin 2





KidMin 1





From our tiniest **Seeds** to our growing **Sprouts** and **KidMin 1 and 2**, Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings are filled with laughter, learning, friendship, and love!

Whether they're hearing their first Bible stories, playing together, or discovering more about Jesus, every moment is an opportunity to plant seeds of faith that will grow for a lifetime.

What a blessing to watch these little hearts grow in God's love!

Sprouts







Seeds











Team ION is Getting Ready!





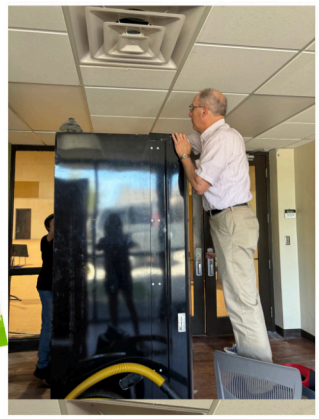




Team ION was hard at work after church on Sunday, cleaning and preparing their room for a new season of ministry! What a wonderful way to begin—working together, serving, and making their space their own.

We're excited to see what God has in store for these young people as Team ION gets underway on October 25!





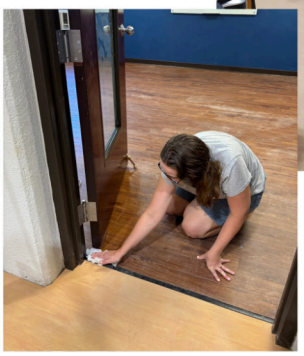
























Coming Up IN NOVEMBER

Holy Rollers! Youth Bowling Night!



Get ready for an evening of strikes, spares, and plenty of fun at our **All Saints Costume Bowling Night!**

Join us Sunday, November 1, for a fun-filled evening. We'll meet at the church at 4 p.m., head out for bowling and fun!

Bring $20, wear your costume, and get ready for a great night!

Get ready for the TURKEY OLYMPICS!

Who knew turkeys could be so competitive? **Turkey Olympics** is coming to St. Mark's Student Ministry on **Wednesday, November 18!** Get ready for an evening filled with crazy challenges, plenty of laughs, friendly competition, and maybe even a little turkey-themed glory.

Students, bring your friends, bring your competitive spirit, and come prepared to have a great time. **You won't want to miss this one - because at the Turkey Olympics, everyone has a chance to be a champion!**



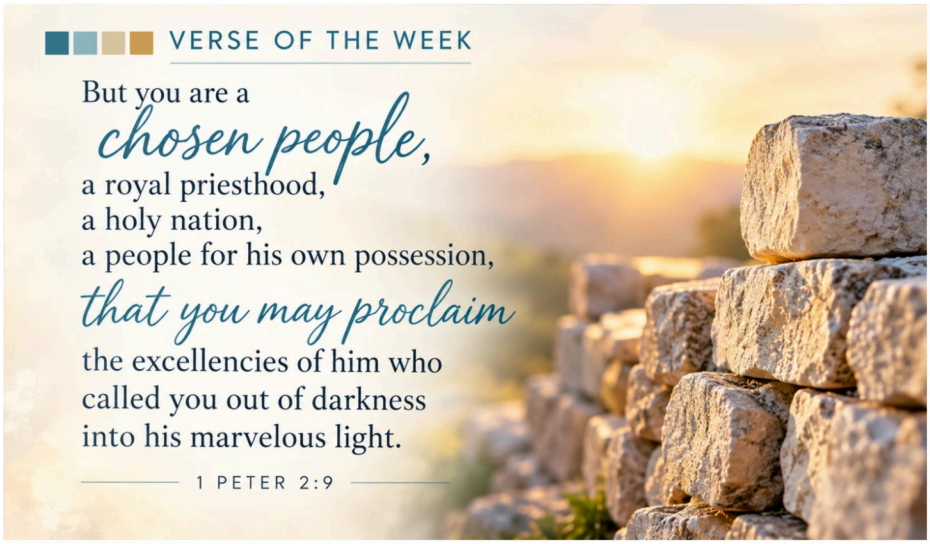
Upcoming Events

Oct 14 - TONIGHT!

5:30 pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL
Pizza

6:15 pm KidMin 2
6:15 pm Youth Ministry
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Oct 15 - Trustee Meeting
Oct 19 - Wrapped in Love
Oct 20 - Men's Bible Study
Oct 21 - Gathering/Titus 2
Oct 23- Overholser Fall Festival
Oct 27 - Finance Budget Meeting
Oct 28 - Gathering/Titus 2
Oct 29 - PC West Football Team Dinner
Nov 2 - Administrative Council
Nov 3 - Men's Bible Study
Nov 4 - Gathering/Titus 2
Nov 5 - Charge Conference





FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget	684,155
Rec'd toward Operating 10/04/2026	11,348
Year to Date 2026 Rec'd toward offering (thru10/04/26)	465,194
Expenses (thru 10/04/26) ..	491,006

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 11 Total 335

Traditional Worship	186
Modern Worship	40
Online Worship	109

Prayer Board

Family of Laurie Buckholtz
Christina Baisden
Barbara Homer
Donna Shriver
Jason Jupiterwala
Karen Hall (Friend of Sandy Kelley)
Bobbie Gaston
Mary Jane Svejkovsky
Tamara Spear Kerr (friend of Dot Lyon's daughter, Lori)
Lucas (12 yr old nephew of Carolyn Grady's supervisor)
John Evans
Danny Payne
Nichole Norberto
Judy Knight
Carol Hall
Brittany (Friend of Robin Stephenson-Bratcher)
Brandon Kilpatrick (friend of Steve Ross)
Coy Sue Tyler (best friend of Loretta Wright)
Tony Pellegrini
Evelyn Moore
Bill Underwood
Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Sandy Rutherford
Mark Stover (SIL of Sandy Rutherform
Barbara Hill
Elmer (Friend of Barbara Hill)
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano