



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Faith Promise - What It Takes to Build the Kingdom – "It Takes Heart"

Join us for worship this Sunday as we continue our Faith Promise series, *What It Takes to Build the Kingdom* with this week's message, *It Takes Heart*. Through 2 Corinthians 4:1 and 8-18, we'll reflect on what it means to serve with faithful hearts—giving not out of obligation, but out of love, trust, and a willingness to keep going even when the journey feels difficult. We'd love to worship with you this Sunday.

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 both services.

To watch the live streams, please join us at:

9:30 am Sunday morning 11:00 am Sunday morning



Sunday School Classes

We have classes for all ages and interests

CHILDREN

Nursery (Ages 0-3 yrs)	9:30 - 12:00
KidMin (Age 3 - 5th grade)	9:30 - 10:35
Wee Worship (Age 3- Kdgtn)	10:45 - 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



Faith Promise: Building the KINGDOM Together

Faith Promise is a way we step out in trust, asking God what He would have us give toward missions—not based on what we already have, but on what we believe He will provide. It's a commitment made in faith, trusting that as we give, God will supply and use our gifts to build His kingdom both near and far. Through Faith Promise, every gift becomes part of a bigger story—sharing the hope of Christ and reaching others with His love.



Second Winders May Gathering and Covered Dish Lunch

Second Winders will gather on May 14 for a special time of fellowship, featuring a covered dish lunch and program. To help provide a good variety of food, please bring a dish for eight or more based on your last name:

A - H Please bring a Casserole or Main Dish

I - R Please bring a Dessert

S - Z Please bring a Vegetable or Salad

The gathering begins at 11:30 am and will include visiting, devotions, announcements, a meal, and a program.

Come enjoy a wonderful time together!

St. Mark's Bethany Women Monday, May 11th | Room 18

Join us at 10:00 am to share in fellowship, refreshments, and program at our next meeting.

Shiloh Adventures is a local non-profit group that has a mission dedicated to transforming our inner city with the love of Christ through sports, arts, and meaningful relationships.



Come share in fellowship and explore the local missions in our area.



ST. MARK'S BETHANY

We are hiring for paid children/youth 2026 summer internships now!

Apply Here!

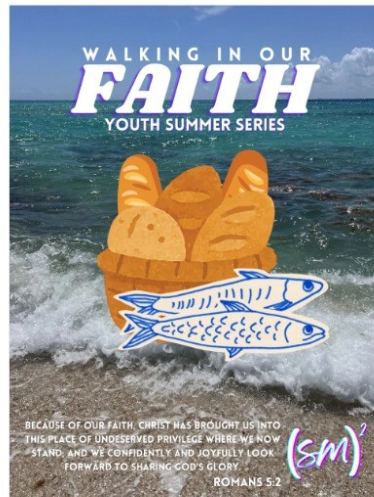


St. Mark's Bethany is a place for children/youth to build a foundation of faith and equip kids to KNOW God, GROW to be like Him, and GO serve Him. At St. Mark's, students come first! Our summer interns must have a heart to serve our church and love working with children and youth!

Interns are people who are interested in exploring ministry in the local church. They are selected because of their demonstrated leadership among their peers and students, maturity in their Christian faith, and a desire to see others come to know Jesus Christ. This would be an unforgettable and valuable experience for someone with a heart for students and wants to be involved with them.

Youth Summer Series

This summer, our youth will be diving into *Walking in Our Faith*, a series focused on what it means to trust God and live out our faith each day. Through Scripture, discussion, and fellowship, students will be encouraged to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and confidently walk the path He has set before them.



Our Local Missions

At St. Mark's, we love being part of what God is doing not only around the world, but right here in our own community. Through partnerships with ministries like Willow Pregnancy Support and ROC, we have the opportunity to share Christ's love in meaningful, hands-on ways.

Because of your prayers, generosity, and willingness to serve, lives are being touched, needs are being met, and hope is being shared—right here at home.



We're excited to share that Willow Pregnancy Support has moved to a new location at 4107 N. Council in Bethany! Willow continues to be a place of care, encouragement, and practical support for families in our community.



They currently welcome donations of children's clothing (newborn through size 6), shoes (up to size 13), diapers (sizes 4-6), as well as bottles, bath wash, lotion, and Good Start formula.

Thank you for being part of the love and support we're able to share through this ministry!



Our partnership with ROC continues to be a simple but powerful way to care for neighbors in need. One of the main ways we support ROC is through donations of canned and boxed food.

Right now, canned meats like tuna and chicken are especially needed, but any nonperishable food items are greatly appreciated. Donations can be placed in the Grocery Basket in the narthex.

Thank you for helping us make a difference—one meal, one family at a time.

Creative Night with Miss Sondra

Tonight Miss Sondra is bringing a special KidMin program all about compound art—and the kids will create their own project!

Join us for dinner, then bring the kids from 6:00-7:00 PM for a hands-on, creative night.



ROBOTICS CAMP IS COMING June 29 - July 2



Plans are underway as we finalize details. Families and volunteers are encouraged to save the date!

The camp will be open to
students finishing 1st - 5th grade
Fee: \$25 per child

We want every child who wants to attend to be able to come—scholarships are available.
For more information, see Sharon Hunt.

Registration opens soon in Church Center!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Showering Our Sweet Moms-to-Be with Love

We have two precious moms in our first service who are preparing to welcome little ones soon—one baby will be here in less than a month! As their church family, we'd love to help lighten the load in a practical way. During the month of May, we're collecting diapers, wipes, and other baby essentials to bless these growing families as they prepare for their newest arrivals. Donations can be dropped off at the church office.

Whether it's a pack of diapers, a box of wipes, or simply a prayer for these mothers and their babies, every gift is a meaningful way to show love and support. Thank you for helping us celebrate these sweet new lives and care for these families in such a tangible way!

"Children are a gift from the Lord..." —Psalm 127:3

MIEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday
May 9th
8:00 am**

Have Extra Canning Jars?

Do you have any extra canning jars you're not using? One of our St. Mark's Bethany Women lovingly makes homemade jelly for the craft fair and would appreciate any clean, empty canning jars you'd be willing to donate. You may drop them off by the church office -- thank you for supporting her ministry!

Monday Morning Gardening

Would you enjoy helping keep our church grounds beautiful?

Mondays, from 10 :00 am to 12:00 noon, Leslie Sipes will be in the garden.

Come join us for planting, watering, weeding, or whatever is needed. Every helping hand makes a difference.

Come when you can.
No commitment required.

We're Hiring!

Part-Time Assistant Youth Minister

Do you know someone who:

- Has a heart for students?
- Loves Jesus?
- Is willing to serve?

We'd love to talk with them!

Contact the church office.



Men's Bible Study Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Men of St. Mark's gather each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in Room 17 for a time of Scripture, conversation, and prayer.

This group offers a welcoming space to grow in faith, encourage one another, and explore how God's Word speaks into our daily lives. Whether you've been attending for months or are joining for the first time, you are invited to be part of the conversation.

Bring your Bible and come as you are — all men are welcome.

For information, contact

Fred Dalton (405-823-7264) or
Rev. Allen Smith (405-620-1861)

Youth Bible Reading Challenge Don't Break the Streak!

The Youth Bible Reading Challenge is going strong, and our students are continuing to build their streaks! Each day spent in God's Word is another step toward growing a steady, lasting faith.

Students -- keep that streak going! Even a few minutes in Scripture each day can make a big impact.

Parents, a simple question like, "What did you read today?" can encourage consistency and open the door for meaningful conversations at home. Let's continue cheering them on as they grow, learn, and deepen their connection with God each day!



Kigoma Women's Center Dedication Mission Trip

Preparations are being finalized for the June 7, 2026 dedication of the Women's Center in Kigoma, Tanzania. Travel plans are in place, and the team is actively preparing for this meaningful journey.



Eight participants will attend from St. Mark's and David and Becky Roman will be meeting them there. As they gather supplies and make final preparations, this trip continues to be a powerful opportunity to celebrate God's work through long-term mission partnerships and to stand alongside those serving faithfully.

The mission team will depart from Oklahoma City on May 29th and return on June 10th.

Please continue to keep this mission opportunity, the team, and the Women's Center in your prayers.

Calling All CRAFTERS!

Do you enjoy sewing, painting, woodworking, jewelry-making, quilting, or creating handmade items? The St.

Mark's Bethany Women's group is preparing for our Arts & Crafts Show on **October 3** and would love your help!

We're inviting crafters to donate handmade items to be sold in our booth. Proceeds from the booth will go back into our community to support local charities.

**If you'd like to participate,
please contact:**

Carol Brown | 405-823-1345

Explore Our New GLOBAL MISSIONS PAGE

We're excited to launch a new Global Missions page in Church Center featuring the missionaries and ministries supported through Faith Promise giving. You can learn about each mission partner, read updates from the field, and see how God is working through St. Mark's around the world.

Take a few moments to explore the page, pray for these ministries, and stay connected to the work your generosity makes possible .

[FIND IT IN CHURCH CENTER >](#)

Have one of these just sitting in your garage?



Our youth ministry is looking for Little Tikes Cozy Coupe-style cars to use for an upcoming youth camp activity!

If you have one that is no longer being used and would be willing to donate it, we would greatly appreciate it. Gently used is perfectly fine.

Please contact Bequer or drop it off at the church office.

Thank you for helping make this a fun and meaningful experience for our students!

2026 SUMMER CAMPS

Helping Every Child Attend

We want every child to have the opportunity to participate in summer camps and activities. If you would like to help support children this summer, donations are always welcome. See Sharon Hunt for more information.



Learn Character. Learn Independence. Learn Truth.

KIDS NEED CAMP.

www.newliferanch.com

St. Mark's Children's Summer Camp SAVE THE DATE!

We're excited to share information about a fantastic children's camp at New Life Ranch this summer for kids entering 2nd-6th grade!

Junior Camp runs June 14-20 (Sunday-Saturday) with the fun theme, "Superheroes."

Camp at New Life Ranch is an incredible opportunity for children to grow in faith, build friendships, and experience God's love in a fun and encouraging environment.

Scholarships are available to help make camp possible for every child.

Youth Summer Camps 2026!!!



Check out the Youth Newsletter
for camp sign-up links!

Mark your calendars for our 2026 summer camps! These camps are wonderful opportunities for students to grow in faith, build friendships, and have fun in a Christ-centered environment.

DAYSRING May 26 - 30

This is our high school camp for students entering 9th grade through graduating seniors. Camp will be held at New Life Ranch - Frontier Cove. The cost is \$325 per student, and Strive funds may be used for camps and retreats!

Deadline is approaching! Have you signed up?

YOUTH FORCE TULSA - June 14 - 19

DISCIPLE CAMP - July 22-25

We encourage families to start planning now and prayerfully consider which camp opportunities are right for their students.

Upcoming Events

May 6 - Wednesday Night Meal - PIZZA

5:15 Prayer
 6:15 KidMin
 6:15 Youth Ministry
 6:30 Choir Rehearsal

May 7 - CDO Lunch with Parents

May 9 - Men's Breakfast

May 8 - Kings & Queens Kids

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 11 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

May 12 - Administrative Council

May 14 - Second Winders

May 18 - Wrapped in Love

May 20 - Aloha Shaved Ice POP-UP

May 24 - Combined Service

May 26 - Dayspring Camp Begins

May 26 - Men's Bible Study

May 28 - Kings & Queens Plus

May 29 - Mission Trip to Tanzania leave



Come pray with us – whether you prefer quiet, personal prayer, would like someone to pray with you, or feel led to pray for others. Explore simple prayer tools, spend time in God's presence, or come and go as needed.

All are welcome in this peaceful space.

Join us Wednesdays • 5:15-6:00 pm
 Prayer Team gathers at 5:15 pm

We would love to pray with you.



COMMUNION SERVERS May 10, 2026

Traditional: Jeanelda & Shab Jupiterwala
 David & Kathy Moore

Modern: Clay & Marty Croy
 Allen Smith

FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget	684,155	
Rec'd toward Operating 5/02/2026		10,619
Year to Date 2026 Rec'd toward offering (thru 5/02/26)	191,833	
Expenses (thru 5/02/26) ..	224,577	

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 3	Total	328
Traditional Worship		191
Modern Worship		59
Online Worship		78



Prayer Board

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| Danny Payne | Greg Tyler (friend of Loretta Wright) |
| Roger Pautsch | Coy Sue Tyler (best friend of Loretta Wright) |
| Jo Manharth (mother of Lisa Hutchison) | Norma and Dan Boland |
| Gerald Grady | Tony Pellegrini |
| Emily & Gordon Denton (sister and BIL of Joey Pedigo) | Evelyn Moore |
| Penny and James Hager | Bill Underwood |
| Nichole Norberto | Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes) |
| Abbey (Evans) Stowe | Sandy Rutherford |
| Judy Knight | Barbara Hill |
| Paul Moon | Elmer (Barbara's friend) |
| Carol Hall | Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes) |
| Brandon Kilpatrick (friend of Steve Ross) | Judy McMinn |
| Norma McMurtry | Tiffany Montesano |