



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

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

Join us this Sunday as we begin our Faith Promise series, *What It Takes to Build the Kingdom*. This week's message, *It Takes Everyone*, comes from Nehemiah 4, where we're reminded that God's work is not meant for a few, but for all of us—each person playing a part, standing together, and trusting Him to strengthen what we build. Come and be encouraged as we discover how God calls each of us to join in His work.

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.

Church Construction Update from Pastor Randy

These are exciting times for St Mark's. As you have probably noticed, there are many changes to the building taking place and more to happen soon.

A couple of these changes are not related to our capital campaign. One change that happened so quickly that many of you may not have noticed was the new roof put on the sanctuary and narthex. We knew that the roof would need to be replaced soon, but had hoped to put it off a few more years. However, the storms this spring caused leaks and we were not able to wait any longer. So, thanks to some money that we didn't even know we had, we were able to move forward and get that roof replaced this week. God does indeed provide. Another change that you will notice in the near future will be the re-stripping of our parking lots. This has been needed for some time and we will be having it done soon.

In regard to the improvements that are funded through our capital campaign, those projects are moving ahead well. Most of the preparatory work is now completed and we are moving forward on the more "interesting" parts. Work to paint, tile, and finish the bathrooms in Barnett Hall will begin soon. The bathrooms in the Family Life Center and the new Family Bathroom in the main hallway are also ready to begin similar finishing. In the Family Life Center gym, painting has already begun. The footings for the mezzanine have been dug and are awaiting concrete. The steel for this project will be delivered soon. The steel will take up some parking spaces for a few weeks as we wait for the concrete footings to cure. We sent out year one giving updates recently, if you did not receive yours please let Lenita know. Thank you for your patience as the work has progressed and thank you for your continued generosity that allows us to keep moving forward.

Randy

Capital Campaign Update

106 Pledges	1,318,719
Rec'd toward Pledges 04/26/2026	1,108,811

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
SUMMER POP-UPS!

ALOHA SHAVE ICE
MAY 20TH 5:30 – 7:00 PM
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ANDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD
JUNE 10 6:00 – 8:00 PM
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YUKON CITY SPLASH POOL
JUNE 27 5:30 – 7:00 PM
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CICI'S PIZZA
JULY 12 AFTER CHURCH

St. Mark's Bethany SAFE CHURCH Policy

At St. Mark's Bethany, we prioritize the safety and well-being of our children and youth. In accordance with our commitment to maintaining a secure environment, we have established the following access policy for the children's programming areas:

****Authorized Access:****
Only children, parents, or approved caregivers are permitted to enter or traverse through the designated children's areas during the following hours:

****Sunday:**** 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM
****Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday:**** 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
****Wednesday:**** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

****Restricted Access:****
For the safety of our children, we kindly ask that all other individuals refrain from entering or passing through these areas during the specified hours, except in cases of emergency or to access emergency exits.

This policy aligns with St. Mark's Procedure for the Implementation of the Safety Policy for Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults (Refer to Paragraph 2.c.).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring a secure environment for our children.



ST. MARK'S BETHANY

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

Apply Here!

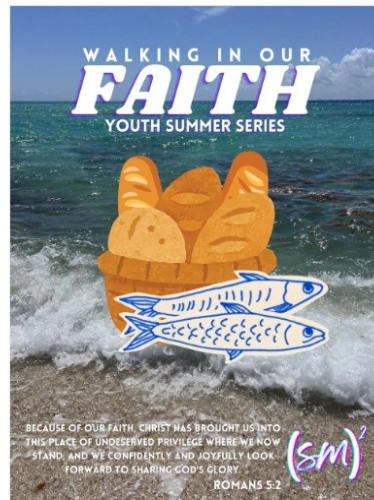


St. Mark's Bethany is a place for children/youth to build a foundation of faith and equip kids to KNOW God, GROW to be like Him, and GO serve Him. At St. Mark's, students come first! Our summer interns must have a heart to serve our church and love working with children and youth!

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!



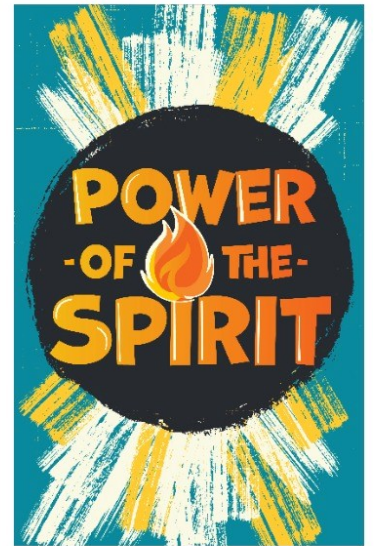
Our partnership with ROC continues to be a simple but powerful way to care for neighbors in need. One of the main ways we support ROC is through donations of canned and boxed food.

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.

New Sunday Series

God gives His Holy Spirit to everyone who believes—and that includes our kids! In this new series, children will learn that the Holy Spirit is not far away, but with them every day—guiding, helping, and giving them courage to follow Jesus. Through stories of the early church, they'll discover how God's Spirit works in their lives, helping them grow in faith and live boldly for Him.



Your Thoughts Matter! A Sweet Finish to a Meaningful Journey

This week, our SM Kids will wrap up their spring program as we celebrate all they've learned together. They'll focus on one of Jesus' most important truths: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life"* (John 14:6).



As they explore what it means to follow Jesus, they'll discover that He is the one who guides us, shows us what is true, and leads us into life with Him.

To celebrate this special "sweet spot" of truth, we'll finish with an ice cream party—a joyful way to mark the end of a meaningful season of growing in faith together.

sm
kids

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!



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.



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.



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!

MOMENTUM CAMPUS MINISTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars! Join us for the Momentum Campus Ministry Golf Tournament on Monday, May 4, 2026 for a day of golf, community, and supporting what God is doing on campus.

- Date: Monday, May 4, 2026
(two flights)
- Location: Oak Hills Golf & Country Club, Ada, Oklahoma

All proceeds go toward helping Momentum continue its mission of impacting students' lives for Christ.

CONTACT RANDY IF INTERESTED

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.

Youth Donation Request



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!

Creative Night with Miss Sondra

Next Wednesday, 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.

We Are Children of God



A beautiful new display in our SM Kids hallway reminds us of a powerful truth: **We Are Children of God**. Each piece reflects the creativity and uniqueness of our children as they learn how deeply they are loved.

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" — 1 John 3:1

Take a moment to stop and enjoy it — you'll be blessed!

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

April 29 - Wednesday Night Meal -
TATER TOT CASSEROLE

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

April 30 - KidMin Team Meeting

May 3 - Faith Promise Begins
"WHAT IT TAKES TO BUILD
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May 4 - Momentum Golf Tournament

May 5 - Men's Bible Study

May 7 - CDO Lunch with Parents

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

FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget	684,155
Rec'd toward Operating 4/25/2026	9,036
Year to Date 2026 Rec'd toward offering (thru 4/25/26)	181,214
Expenses (thru 4/25/26) ..	206,453

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 26	Total	455
Traditional Worship		204
Modern Worship		66
Online Worship		185



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 3, 2026

Traditional:

Terry & Elle Gather
Robin Stephenson-Bratcher &
Penina Barrett

Modern:

Larry & Bobbie Gaston



Prayer Board

Gerald Grady
Emily & Gordon Denton
(daughter and SIL of
Joey Pedigo)
Penny and James Hager
Nichole Norberto
Abbey (Evans) Stowe
Judy Knight
Paul Moon
Carol Hall
Brandon Kilpatrick (friend
of Steve Ross)
Norma McMurtry
Greg Tyler (friend of
Loretta Wright)

Norma and Dan Boland
Tony Pellegrini
Evelyn Moore
Bill Underwood
Billy Joe Watson (friend of
Wayne Barnes)
Sandy Rutherford
Barbara Hill
Elmer (Barbara's friend)
Lief Hill (son of a friend of
Wayne Barnes)
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano