

St. Mark's BETHANY



April 19, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. We will be kicking off our annual Faith Promise Drive to support ministries all over the world. We will have a special speaker Janie Thomas who is the East Central Campus Minister.

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 Sunday morning](#) or at [10:55 Sunday morning](#).



New Bible Study 6 weeks starting April 26

Wednesdays 1:30 pm Room 18



Let's be honest. How many times have you fallen short at being a good friend, a wise parent, or a self-giving spouse because you didn't love—truly love—at the highest level? It's tough. We're bound to fail. The bar is so high, especially if you aspire to love like Jesus. But it's not impossible.

As followers of Jesus, we were meant to radically love those around us and give the world a glimpse of what God is like. But this is easier said than done. What does it actually mean to love like Jesus? And why do we so quickly get bogged

down in our own selfishness, sin, and futile efforts?

In this 6-part Bible study series, Dr. Les Parrott examines Jesus's life and character traits to give practical definition to what it means to love like Jesus. The Holy Spirit invites us to trade detachment, exclusivity, judgment, fear, and self-concern for mindfulness, approachability, grace, boldness, and self-giving. He empowers us to love like Jesus, and frees us to experience genuine joy.

Sign up on church counter - [Click her to register](#) - or contact Kathi Fisher



A special event for new members and those interested in knowing more about St. Mark's. The plan is to have a meal together on April 30th, following second service (around 12) and enjoying a meal, meeting the staff and getting to better know one another and all the opportunities that are available. If you are new to the church we would encourage you to join us. For more information or to RSVP, contact the church office 405-789-9033 or email pat@stmarksbethany.com You can also register by using the qr code.



DAWN - Dinner & Worship Night

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

Schedule:

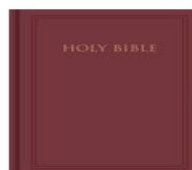
5:30-6:15 Meal (family style)

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



Come & Go Prayer Time
Wednesdays 5-6 pm (starting March 8)

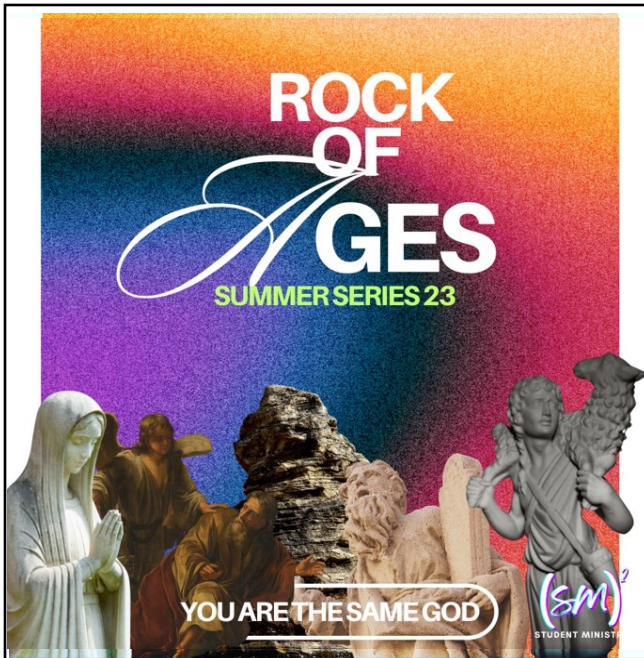
*Be Prayed
For/With*

Pray Alone

You are invited to spend time with God

SENIOR 2023

We want to be sure and honor all our seniors this year. If you know of someone that needs to be recognized please contact the church office.



St. Mark's Student Ministry Prepares for Summer

As school winds down our student ministry is preparing for an amazing summer. The focus of the summer will include their summer series "Rock of Ages". Be in prayer for the ministries as these students grow together in Christ. Below are the special ministries of the summer that covet your prayers

Disciple Camp June 1 - 4

Youth Force Ardmore June 18 - 23

Dayspring Camp July 8 - 14

NOTICE

**TEMPORARY
CHANGE OF
OFFICE HOURS**

Over the next two weeks the office will have temporary hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

St. Mark's Dodger Outing

All You Can Eat Group Outing - May 20th



Satisfy your hunger for OKC Dodgers baseball and ballpark fare with our All-You-Can-Eat seats! Hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks are included. There's no better way to catch a game than with a full stomach, an OKC Dodgers hat and the company of your favorite people! If you are interested in going contact Mike Fisher. (405) 826-3844 Boppimike@gmail.com

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.righnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/stmarksbethany> and do so now. If you have questions please contact the office and we will help you get started.

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.





KIDMIN NEWS

Staying Up to Date with the Latest Happenings

Sign Up
today!

St. Mark's Kids Camp Declare Camp 2023

Camp dates: June 8th - 10th.

Cost: \$ 200.00 per person

Register online or thru church center

[Click here to register](#)

scholarship for every child \$ 50.00

If interested in helping sponsor a child to
camp please contact Sharon Hunt

Reserve your spot today.
Everyone registered by
4/15/2022 for a \$ 25.00 credit



Tues. & Thurs.
June and July

[Click here
to register](#)

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Kids

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SUPERSTART!



Father loved us so much
When we didn't know
Jesus gave His life
And He died

Easter



Just for fun



BOWLING WITH THE BOYS



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.

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)

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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)

ROC Still Needs Your Help

Our food drive through Lent was a great success. It was a great benefit to the ROC Food Pantry which serves the hungry among us. We will keep the grocery cart set up in the narthex for your donations of canned and boxed food for a couple more weeks. 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!



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 Year to Date 2022	14,053
Rec'd toward offering (thru 4/18/23)	162,315
Expenses (thru 4/18/23)	144,592

Attendance

Sunday, April 9 Total	321
Traditional Worship	167
Modern Worship	86
Online Worship	68

Prayer Box

Beverly Blake	Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Frank & Nadine)
Curtis Corbin (daughter of Beverly Blake/	Paula Galt
Hazel Bremmer	Rita Wurzer
Cheryl Andrews	Jim & Judy McMinn
Norma & Dan Boland	Earl Moore
Lavina Bonifield (DIL Margaret Bonifield)	Tiffany Montesano
Chris Brehm	Roger Pautsch
Hank Brueggen	Donna Percival (sister of Jane Foreman)
Marty Croy	Curtis Scott (SIL Jim Brown)
Jeff & Dianna Davidson	Dorothy Sipes
Bob Denton (Sandy Kelly brother)	Beverly Tully
Jared Denton (SIL of Davidson's)	Greg Wells
Mary Desmukes	Barbara Homer
	Andrea Frehley (Barbara Homer daughter)