

# St. Mark's

## BETHANY



November 8, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. This Sunday begins a new series titled, "Fully Committed". This week the message will be "Time". The scripture reference is Matthew 13:18-23; 44-46.

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 room,  
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 life stream, you can join us at:

[9:30 am Sunday morning](#) or at [10:55 Sunday morning](#).

## Wednesday Night!



5:00 pm



5:30 pm



6:00 pm



6:15 pm



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# Esmeralda Manuel Baby shower

November 12, 2 pm

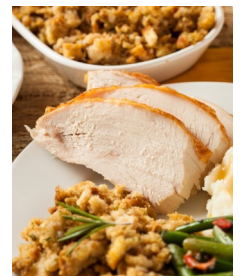
St. Mark's Narthex

[Link to registry at Target](#)



## Second Winders Meet November 9th for meal and program

Come join us for a tasty Turkey and Dressing Dinner, fellowship and a great program. We start gathering around 11:00 am in Barnett Hall and then eat at noon, with the program to follow. Second Winders will provide turkey. Everyone bring a prepared favorite Thanksgiving dish for 8-10 people.



*Come & Go Prayer Time  
Wednesdays 5-6 pm*

*Be Prayed  
For/With*

*Pray Alone*

*November 8 Prayer Emphasis  
Kids*


*You are invited to spend time with God*

Wednesday night prayer time has been a powerful time of coming before God and being filled with his love and presence. Each week the regular prayer time will continue but there will be an area set aside for a prayer emphasis. There will be materials and guides to assist you if you would like to spend some time in prayer for the special emphasis. On the November 8th the emphasis will on children. Part of the time will be given to letting people put children's (of any age) names on beads that will be prayed for at altar and then put on strings.

**God works in the midst of our prayers!**



# PUMPKIN DERBY




Pumpkin Derby 1st Place -  
Tour Bus, Rylee Goff  
2nd Place - Squirrel Power,  
Lorelei Lusk  
3rd Place - TJ, Declan  
Longoria




Please join us for  
**ST. MARKS CHILDRENS DAY OUT 2ND ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
**Fundraiser**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH**  
From 6:00 to 7:00 pm  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT! SPAGHETTI, GARLIC BREAD, DRINK, SALAD AND DESSERT.**  
WE WILL ALSO HAVE A SILENT AUCTION WITH 4 BASKETS TO CHOOSE FROM  
*Tickets on sale now!*  
**\$10 PER ADULT**  
**\$5 PER CHILD**  
All proceeds will help get new toys and books for our classrooms!  
*Take out available!*  
Questions? Please call or text Kayla @ 405.397.9872

## Exciting New Outreach Ministry Wrapped in Love

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month at 10 am Room 18, come join us as we crochet and knit shawls and caps for newborns. We are partnering with Willow Pregnancy Support ministry. Along with a crocheting & knitting we will have a devotion and an amazing time of fellowship. This is open to all, young and old, male and female.



**Come Join us on November 19!**





## St. Mark's Bethany Women Meet

The St. Mark's Bethany Women will have their monthly meeting Monday, November 13th, at 10 am in room 18. Program will be with Lt. Margaret with the local Salvation Army. All are invited to hear her tell us about the works of the Salvation Army.



# DOING THE MOST GOOD®

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Following services on Sunday, November 26th, we will be decorating the sanctuary and other parts of the church for Advent. If you would like to help you can either just show up or contact Becky Roman. There will be some light food available to tide you over until we complete the decorating. Thanks!



## ROC Still Needs Your Help



St. Mark's you have done a great job of meeting needs. 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!



**November 2023**

# Prayer Guide

The Way to the Kingdom



**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.

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## The Way to Awakening

**By David Thomas**

The Global Methodist Church is emerging at such an extraordinary moment when the desperation of our cultural crisis has been met by a stunning outpouring of the presence of God. We had been hopeful as we read our history and took inspiration from the majority world church to pursue a courageous restart and restructuring. But with the outpouring we now have a concrete hope, a sign of the Spirit that Jesus is hearing us, that He is coming to rescue Gen Z and extend His mercy once more. Everything that happened at Asbury University in February 2023 was the fruit of prayer. And if that is what God does when His people pray, we have never been more motivated to pray. Deep within we know that what our hearts, homes, churches, and cities are needing is not just a better Methodism. Long ago we left behind the times when denominational improvements were a sufficient hope. If ecclesial corrections alone were enough to stem the tide of societal decay and renew the church, it would have happened by now. We are the best-resourced Christians who have ever lived and look where we find ourselves. No, the urgency we face is confronting us with unambiguous proof of how human excellence is too small a thing. What we're needing is what only God can do. The genesis of the GM Church is an unrepeatable opportunity to pray for awakening.

The Methodist tree sown and husbanded by our forebears, the fruit and shade of which shaped our society, has deteriorated down to little more than a stump compared to the great "oak of righteousness" (Is 61:3) that we once were. In its deep taproot beneath that stump, however, Methodism was—and, I believe, still is—an awakening movement. We began as a protracted movement of God that produced deep wholeness in people, renewal of the church, evangelization of generations, and transformation of society. And that awakening sap still lies dormant in the cherished root system of what we are becoming. We steward the archetype in our story of what the Church can be when it expresses the fullness of "plain scriptural Christianity," in John Wesley's words.

"There is a wide-open door for a great work here," Paul wrote the Corinthians (I Cor 16:9 [NLT]), and we could say the same of our moment now. The stakes are too high for the Global Methodist Church to be about little more than cobbling together whatever remains of traditionalism in the hope that liberated affinity will revitalize us. We will have to dig deeper than that, beneath the surface, down to the sacred root system from which we came and where there is awakening life still into culture-change. It's all down there in our inheritance.

What we find there is not complicated. Thirst, heart cry, and holy love. Safe and honest soul-friendship among the faithful. Passionate concern for the unbelieving. Endurance married to urgency. Overflow into culture-change. It's all down there in our inheritance.

We can never squeeze new life out of this legacy any more than we can restructure ourselves back into vitality, now or at any other time. Awakening is not something we can manufacture. But we can remove impediments to it. We can position ourselves to receive it. We can crucify careerism and offer ourselves afresh to these hopes. And we can join hands and hearts to cry out to God for His new work of grace until He sends it. More than at any other moment in our lives, this could be the way to awakening.

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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 also allow time 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.

**Sunday:** Pray for personal awakening in all of us. Our awakening hopes emerge from our own fresh encounter with Jesus leading to the humility and repentance that opens all channels to His working. (Psalm 66:18)

**Monday:** Pray for deep embrace of a chosen desperation that defies any self-sufficiency and removes the veneer of abundance and capacity that can mask the actual urgency of our need for God. (Psalm 79:8)

**Tuesday:** Pray for a soaring vision of what the Christian movement has been at its best and can be again. Ask God to make the gap between that hope and our everyday experience of Church intolerable to our spirits. (Colossians 3:2)

**Wednesday:** Pray for a willingness to enter the posture and to receive the gift of travailing prayer. Ask God to give you in prayer a share of His burden for this world Jesus died to save, expressed from a heart filled with Gethsemane love. (Luke 22:44)

**Thursday:** Pray for the outpouring of the spirit of prayer in our hearts, homes, churches, and cities—that our petitions would be marked by a fervor and unity unexplainable in human terms. (Zechariah 12:10)

**Friday:** Pray for a renewal of evangelistic passion leading to boldness in the advance of Gospel, particularly among emerging adults. (Acts 4:29 / 28:31)

**Saturday:** Pray for a depth awakening—the healing and authenticity made possible in relationships formed from bonds of safety and courage. Ask God to breathe again on our inheritance in banded discipleship for the kind of relationship our world is craving and He could use to transform us from the inside out. (Galatians 6:2)

*"He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance! Acts 28:31*

David Thomas has served in leadership with Seedbed and New Room, initiatives of Asbury Theological Seminary, which exist to gather, connect, and resource the people of God to sow for a great awakening

## Facts and Figures

2023 Annual Budget	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating 11/4/2023	7,376
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 11/4/23)	463,597
Expenses (thru 11/4/23)	457,768
<u>Attendance</u>	
Sunday, November 5 Total	293
Traditional Worship	161
Modern Worship	72
Online Worship	60

## Prayer Box

Annie Imel (DIL John & Joy Imel)  
Pat Wonderly  
Esther Withers  
Kristen & Mike Musick  
Barbara Hill  
Billy Dollins (nephew Mary Hill)  
Winn & Ginger Lusk  
Diana & Jeff Davidson  
Judy McMinn  
Jane Foreman  
Dan & Norma Boland  
Cheryl Andrews  
Greg Spiser  
Mike Spiser  
Lee Spiser

Paula Galt  
Roger Pautsch  
Dorothy Sipes  
Karen Hall (friend of Sally Kelly)  
Jeff & Tiffany Montesano  
Geo Montesano  
Hank Brueggen  
Carol Hall  
Mary Jane Svejkovsky  
Beth Bidne  
Karen (daughter of Barbara Homer)  
Judy Knight  
Cindy Wilkerson  
Mary Desmukes  
Kelli Pavelko