

St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 19, 2022



Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's, Randy will begin a new series that you don't want to miss entitled "All You Can". The first in the series will be "Gain All You Can" and is based off of Matthew 25:14-30.

Traditional services are at 9:30 am and Modern services are at 10:55 am. 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 Room 18, Good News Choir, R.O.C.K Rm. 19

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 at: <https://youtu.be/cQiC1gGlm8A>



Volunteers Needed for:

Trunk or Treat
Food Serving
Setup and Breakdown
Providing candy

You can sign up for any
of these in Narthex or
go online on planning
center

Let's make it the best
Fall Fest yet!

Wednesday Night Fall Programming

Fall programming is back in full gear after fall break at St. Mark's. The prayer team will meet at 6 pm in the prayer room. The choir will be having rehearsal starting at 6:30 pm. All other programming has also begun. Children, Youth and adult studies will follow our meal together which kicks off at 5:30 pm. Check below for more information about our adult Bible Studies

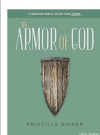
DAWN - Dinner & Worship Night
Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

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



Adult Studies on Wednesday



Armor of God - 6:15 pm Room 17
Beverly Ray & Casey Cassidy leading the study.



Bible Study, Letter to the Romans 6:15 pm Room 18
Clayton Croy leading the study.



Epic Of Eden Jonah Study 1:30 pm Room 28
Kathi Fisher leading the study.

Willow Pregnancy Center here in Bethany has a great need for the items below for young women who are pregnant. You can drop your items off in the church office and we will get them there. Thanks so much for all you have already done.

Boy's toddler winter clothes sizes 3 to 6
Boy's shoes sizes 2 to 8 1/2

You can learn more about the great work they are involved with at:
willowpregnancy.org



Your Voice is important and with elections coming soon. Wanted to put a little reminder out to make sure you are registered to vote. If you aren't, here important dates and links to help

Elections are coming soon!

Make your voice heard. Simply go to:

<https://www.stmarksbethany.com/vote>



Important dates

REGISTER TO VOTE

Absentee ballot

Request ballot October 24

Return ballot November 8

Early Voting November 2-5

In Person Voting Nov 8

Transitional Prayer Needs October 16-22

This week we are joining with the Oklahoma Wesley Covenant Association in prayer. The following is their Prayer Guide for October 16-22. We encourage you to join together with them this week in prayer and fasting.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. Isaiah 43:2



By: Cali Eck

"I will be with you." These are comforting and encouraging words for us to hear as we journey closer to the Special called Annual Conference for the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church. I don't know about you, but it certainly feels like we are in the middle of a raging river and cannot pass over. The undercurrent seems very strong. It is easy for me to look at the raging river around me and not look to Christ Jesus, who has walked with me through every trial in my life. This one is no different. I believe God has His hand upon us, and God is working it out in ways unknown to you and me. It is the way of faith.

In the grand scheme of the Methodist/Wesleyan movement, there have been times when those who seek to experience the leading of the Holy Spirit have faced a "raging river." The situation in our denomination seems difficult to understand, much less manage. I am encouraged, however, by the Scripture and the history of the Wesleyan movement. Time and time again, we are reminded that God will be with us. All of us. It is vital that we hold fast to the Biblical standard of how we are to treat one another. This will be very important in the weeks and months ahead. As we look toward this Special Session of the Annual Conference, we ask that you be in prayer.

On Wednesday, October 19, we ask you to fast and pray. Would you consider fasting a meal if you cannot fast the entire day? Wesley practiced fasting every Wednesday and Friday from dawn to 3 pm. The purpose of our fast is to be open to the Spirit, and I believe this will help us in conversation and during the business sessions.

(Guide for daily prayer follows on next page)

Ministry Highlight



There is an active AA group taking place weekly at St. Mark's. The group kicked off last month and is being held each Thursday morning. It is great to have a healthy AA group meeting here as a way to provide support to the community around us. If you would like more information on the group feel free to contact Fred Dalton and he will get you up the information you need.

(Transitional Prayer Needs October 16-22 Continued from previous page)

Below is a guide for your daily prayer time leading to the Special Called Annual Conference.

Sunday, October 16: Thank God for his faithfulness. The God of love and mercy is still the GOD of justice and holiness. Pray that we may not be faithless and that we may encounter Jesus in life-altering ways. (2 Timothy 2:11-13)



Monday, October 17: Pray for Bishop Nunn. Pray that he may continue to be led by the Holy Spirit. (1 Timothy 2: 1-4)

Tuesday, October 18: Pray for the pastors and laity that will be attending the Special called Annual Conference. Pray that God's presence will be with them as they meet and seek God's will for all of the churches of the Oklahoma Annual Conference. (Psalm 25:4-5)

Wednesday, October 19: Fast with us today. Pray for the Special called Annual Conference. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be present and that all who come will work together, seek healing, and bless those congregations choosing to leave the denomination. Pray that the work of the Kingdom of God will be done in and through the sessions.

Thursday, October 20: Pray for all conference leadership. Pray that all will seek God and that the work of the Kingdom of God will prevail. (Matthew 6:33)

Friday, October 21: Pray that we will be faithful witnesses for the Kingdom of God. Jesus prayed that we would point others to Christ. John 17: 15-19

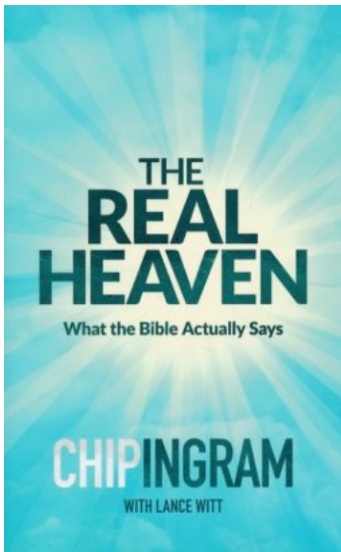
Saturday, October 22: Pray that our local churches will be places of healing and hope. Pray that congregations in the Oklahoma Annual Conference will seek to be guided by God first. (Luke 11:9-10)

O Holy Father, you have created all things. We are grateful for your Holy Spirit and seek to walk faithfully. Grant that as congregations and individuals discern your will for them, they will find peace and assurance. We pray for our leaders, both local and connectional. May you strengthen and guide them as they lead your people. May we seek to honor you with our faithful living. Hold us to the Truth of your Word. Please help us be as Paul instructed Timothy; able to present ourselves to you as approved workers who need not be ashamed and correctly handle the word of truth. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

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. This Sunday we will be giving a quick overview of it. 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.





New Bible Study - The Real Heaven

November 2 thru December 14

1:30 pm Room 18

Kathi Fisher Leading

Sign up on church counter or contact Kathi Fisher

Heaven is a hot topic on today's bestseller lists. But what does the Bible tell us about the afterlife? What happens the moment after we die? And what will our redeemed relationships be like? Ingram digs into Scripture to reveal what God wants us to know about the hereafter—and how it affects our decisions today. Come join us for some great fellowship and study.

St. Mark's United Methodist Women are now named St. Mark's Bethany Women

Our UMW has voted to change their name and wanted to invite all women to join them on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10 am as they kick off a new era in St. Markians in mission to our community and world.

CDO Spaghetti Dinner



Admit One

November 17, 6-8 PM

CDO Fundraiser

Grab your family, friends and neighbors for an all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner being put on by CDO to support the children in getting supplies and other needed items. CDO has been an important part of St. Mark's for a long time and has always been well supported. This is a great way to support it while having a great meal. All families with CDO kids have tickets available and there is a special treat in that the class that has the most sales gets to put a pie in the face of the teacher of the class with the least sales.



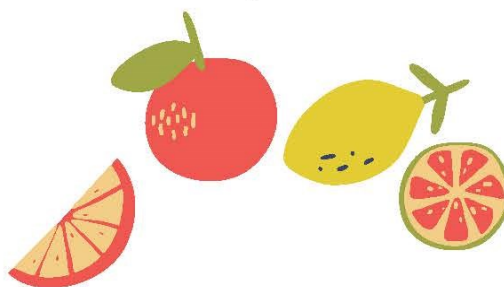
KIDMIN NEWS

Staying Up to Date with the Latest Happenings

Sunday Mornings: Children's and Wee Worship



Discovering the Fruit of the Spirit:
Teaching kids how to be filled with the Holy Spirit so they can live out the Fruit of the Spirit.



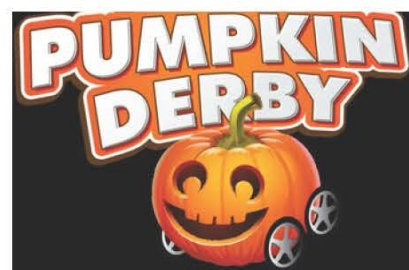
NEW DATE!

Saturday, Oct 22, 2022
9 am to 3 pm



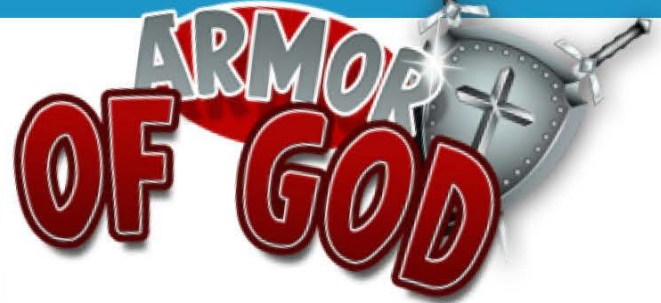
Bible Bootcamp gives 3rd-5th graders an opportunity to discover how to use their **Bible.**

Register in Church Center under Signups or use the QR code.



Save the Date
Nov 6th
Details to come

Wednesday Nights



"Put on the full armor of God, so that we will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil."

Ephesians 6:11



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY®

BRING YOUR BIBLE
TO SCHOOL DAY®



Thursday, Oct 6th

Access the resources
through the QR code.

Mark Your Calendars

December 18th, 7:30 to 1:30



RIGHT NOW MEDIA

Hopefully you have been taking advantage of the Right Now Media for personal, group and family opportunities offered by Right Now Media. But with COVID having us all at home and isolated more than usual we hope you take advantage of the service to use the videos, studies and other resources to use this time to strengthen your faith. If you have not signed up go to <https://www.righnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/stmarksbethany> and do so now.

Staff Emails

If you have questions please feel free to contact the staff.

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Facts and Figures

2022 Annual Budget 635,934

Rec'd toward Operating 10/9/2022 16,489

Year to Date 2022

Rec'd toward offering (thru 9/25/22) 357,157

Expenses (thru 9/25/22) 380,871

Attendance

Sunday, October 9 Total 246

Traditional (with children)... 138

Modern 65

Online 43

Prayer Box

Cheryl Andrews

Tiffany Montesano

Lavina Bonifield (DIL Margaret Bonifield)

Ina Walker (sister Bobbi Pinkerton)

Mike Kolar (son of Ruth Martyn)

Danny Payne

George Kloss

Judy McMinn

Marty Croy

Patsy McDowell

Dianna & Jeff Davidson

Paula Galt

Esmeralda Manuel

Mat Hickman

Mary Desmukes

Barbara Byrd (sister of Dot Lyon)

David Roman

Ronnie Williams (Hickman friend)

Frank Wilkerson

Jane Kitchens

David Kamenesky

(Becky Chessmore brother)

Roger Pautsch

Charlie Killman (friend John Evans)

Chris Brehm

Wyatt Hendrickson

Everett Jarvis

Bill Rosenthal (BIL Elaine Talbot)

Carol Rosenthal (SIL Elaine Talbot)