



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

To Spread Scriptural Holiness "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

This Sunday, we begin a new five-week sermon series, **To Spread Scriptural Holiness**, as we explore what it means to live a life shaped by the holiness and grace of God. We begin with **"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty,"** based on **Revelation 4:1-11**, and a powerful glimpse of worship around the throne of God. Come worship with us as we turn our hearts toward the One who is worthy of all honor, glory and praise. **We hope you'll join us 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 our Traditional service.

To watch the live stream, please join us at:

9:30 am Sunday morning



Sunday School Classes

We have classes for all ages and interests

CHILDREN

"Seeds" (Ages 0-18 mos)	9:30 - 12:00
"Sprouts" (Ages 18 mo-3 yrs)	9:30 - 10:35
Kidmin 1 (Elementary)	9:30 - 10:35
Kidmin 2 (Elementary)	11:00 - 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

ENCOUNTER

A 4-WEEK JOURNEY
INTO WORSHIP

TONIGHT

Four weeks ago we began **Encounter**, a four-week journey into what worship really means, why we do what we do, and how it shapes our lives beyond Sunday morning. Each week we have explored a different part of worship. Tonight is the last evening -- The Lifestyle of Worship!

Come enjoy **dinner at 5:30 p.m.**, then join us for **Encounter from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

No matter where you are in your understanding of worship, this is a chance to go deeper into both the what and why behind what we do, while discovering how worship connects us more deeply with God.

Come for dinner. Stay for Encounter.

Family Life Center Closed Next Week

Beginning **Monday, September 21**, installation of the new gym floor will begin! During the installation and finishing process, **both doors to the gym will be locked, and the gym will be completely closed to everyone.** Please do not attempt to enter the gym while this work is underway. We appreciate everyone's cooperation as this exciting part of our renovation is completed, and we look forward to seeing the finished floor!

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, green beans, corn and soup are especially needed, but any nonperishable food items are greatly appreciated. Grocery items 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.

The ROC thrift store and drop-off center has moved. The new address is:
5107 N. MacArthur
Warr Acres

St. Mark's Fall Picnic Sunday, September 20

St. Mark's Fall Picnic is this **Sunday, September 20**. We'll provide the grilled hamburgers and hot dogs -- you bring a covered dish to share, along with your lawn chairs and blankets.

Come ready for good food, great fellowship, and plenty of fun! We'll have games and activities for the kids and lots of time to relax, visit, and enjoy being together as a church family.

Save the date and plan to join us!

ST. MARK'S PICNIC

BURGERS AND HOT-DOGS - MUSIC - GAMES - AND OTHER SURPRISES

COME JOIN US!

SEPTEMBER 20TH FROM 5-7PM

BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE



St. Mark's is looking for someone special to lead our Kings and Queens Ministry! Perhaps that person is already part of our church family--or perhaps you know just the right person. If you're interested or know someone who might be a great fit, please let us know.

We're Hiring!

St. Mark's Bethany Global Methodist Church

Ministry Leader

Kings and Queens Ministry

St. Mark's is seeking a compassionate and organized Ministry Leader for the Kings and Queens Ministry to develop, coordinate, and grow a biblically based ministry serving children with special needs and their families. This role will focus on faith formation, family support, volunteer coordination, and respite care programming, while partnering with church leadership to ensure the ministry reflects the mission and vision of St. Mark's.

Focus Areas

- Faith Formation
- Family Support
- Volunteer Coordination
- Respite Care Programming

Help families feel seen, supported, and loved.

Resumes may be emailed to lenita@stmarksbethany.com

Called to Serve

Rooted in Faith

Together in Love

Welcome, Rachel Rose!

We rejoice with Laura and Dale German as they welcome their beautiful baby girl, Rachel Rose, born September 10, 2026, weighing 5 pounds, 14 ounces. Rachel is already surrounded by lots of love from her proud big brother, George, and her grandmother, Carla Brueggen. We celebrate this precious new life with the German family and pray God's richest blessings over Rachel Rose as she grows! 



For you created
my inmost being;
you knit me together
in my mother's womb.

I praise you
because I am
fearfully and
wonderfully made.

Psalm 139:13-14, NIV



Please Return Borrowed Tables

The St. Mark's Bethany Women are preparing for the Arts & Crafts Fair on October 3rd and will need all of the church tables for the event.

If you have borrowed a table from the church, please return it as soon as possible so we can be sure everything is ready for the fair.

Thank you for helping us prepare for this special day!



≡ *Save the Date!* ≡ 

SMBW

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

 **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026**
 **10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

 **SHOP** |  **CREATE** |  **CONNECT**

Vendor Applications
AVAILABLE NOW!

ST. MARK'S BETHANY GMC

 ≡ *Lunch Available* ≡ 
(Pulled Pork Sandwich, chips, brownie and drink - **\$10**)

Wrapped in Love ♡



Through loving hands and generous hearts, this group creates baby blankets, caps, and other handmade items for babies. Whether you knit, crochet, sew or simply enjoy helping with these special projects, come share in a morning of fellowship and service as we wrap little ones in love--one handmade gift at a time.

Monday, September 21st
10:00 a.m. ♡ Room 18



Mark your calendar for Friday, October 23, and join us for Fall Fest! Volunteer opportunities will be posted soon. If you would like to participate in Trunk or Treat by decorating a trunk and handing out candy, a sign-up sheet will be available on the counter.

We hope you'll plan to be a part of this fun night!

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 3RD** 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

♡ Thank you for using your talents to make a difference! ♡

If you are donating a handmade craft for the **St. Mark's Bethany Women's table** at the Arts & Crafts Fair, please bring your donation to the church on **Wednesday, September 30, or Friday, October 2, at 5 pm**. The women will be here setting up for the fair and will be happy to receive your donated items at that time. You can also bring them earlier to the church office. **Thank you for sharing your talents and helping make the fair a success.**

JOIN US FOR
METRO WORSHIP!

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STUDENT MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 27TH 5:30-8:30 PM

WE'LL BE GOING TO ST. LUKE'S TO HAVE WORSHIP WITH OTHER YOUTH GROUPS IN THE METRO FROM CAMP.

KidMin sprouts

 Ages 18 Months–3 Years

 Beginning September 13

 9:30 Worship Hour

Led by

Miss Christie Couch

Something new is sprouting in KidMin! Beginning **September 13**, KidMin Sprouts will provide a special place for our littlest ones, ages **18 months through 3 years**, during the **9:30 a.m. worship hour**. Led by **Miss Christy Couch**, Sprouts will give young children an opportunity to begin learning about God's love in a fun, nurturing, age-appropriate environment. We're excited to watch these little ones **sprout and grow in faith!**



Growing in God's Love Every Week!

Join us in **KidMin 2** (during the 11:00 a.m. service) and on **Wednesday nights** as we discover how the Fruit of the Spirit helps us live more like **Jesus!**



LOVE



GOODNESS



JOY



FAITHFULNESS



PEACE



GENTLENESS



PATIENCE



SELF-CONTROL



KINDNESS

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

ONE SUNDAY a Month. AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE.

Follow Jesus. Make a Difference.

Jesus welcomed children
with open arms—
and you can help us
do the same.

Our KidMin ministry is looking
for a few caring volunteers to help
create a safe, fun, and Christ-centered
environment where children can learn
about God's love. Whether you can
serve once a month or be available as
a substitute, your time makes an
eternal difference.

DIFFERENCE MAKER OPPORTUNITIES



KIDMIN SEEDS (BIRTH–18 MONTHS)

- Volunteers needed during 1st and 2nd hour
- Serve the 3rd Sunday of each month



KIDMIN SPROUTS

- Assistant needed during the 9:30 a.m. service
- Commitment: Once each month



KIDMIN 2

- Assistant needed during the 11:00 a.m. service
- Serve the 2nd Sunday of each month



KIDMIN RESPONSE TEAM

We also need a few volunteers who are willing to step in
when someone is sick or unable to serve. If you're flexible
and enjoy helping wherever you're needed, we'd love to
have you on our Response Team.



Every smile, every hug, every story, and every prayer
helps plant seeds of faith that can last a lifetime.



EVERY CHILD.
EVERY STORY.
EVERY LIFE.
ETERNALLY
IMPACTED.

Ready to make
a difference? ♥



Contact Sharon
to learn more or sign up to serve.

The Gathering

A COMMUNITY FOR MOMS
of babies + toddlers

Moms, you're invited! ♥

Join us each **Wednesday** morning
from **9:30–11:00 am** in **Room 19**
for The Gathering, a welcoming time
for moms to connect, encourage one
another, and grow in faith while your
little ones are lovingly cared for by our
Titus 2 volunteers. Whether you're a
first-time mom or have older
preschoolers, we'd love to have
you join us! ♥

We can't wait to see you! ♥

Help Build Our Titus 2 Team



We're looking for caring adults who enjoy
spending time with babies and toddlers while
parents participate in Bible studies and church
activities.

No teaching required. Just a caring heart and a
willingness to love our youngest children.

If you'd like to learn more about serving on the
Titus 2 Team, **contact Sharon Hunt.**

Team ION Parent Informational Meeting

Parents of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are invited to an informational meeting on
Sunday, September 20, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 18 to learn more about **Team ION**,
our leadership training opportunity for preteens.

Come hear what Team ION is all about, what your child will be learning, and how this program
will help equip our young people to grow as leaders, serve others, and put their faith into action.

We hope you'll join us and discover how your 4th, 5th, or 6th grader can be part of **TEAM ION!**
Questions? Contact Bequer or Sharon.



Upcoming Events

Sept 16 - TONIGHT!

**5:30 pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL
Taco Bar**

6:00 pm Encounter Worship

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sept 20 - Team ION Parents Mtg

Sept 20 - Fall Picnic

Sept 21 - Wrapped in Love

Sept 23 - The Gathering/Titus 2

Sept 27 - Youth Metro Worship

Sept 28 - Administrative Council

Sept 30 - The Gathering/Titus 2

Oct 3 - St. Mark's Women's Craft Fair

Oct 10 - Men's Breakfast

Oct 12 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

Oct 13 - Finance Meeting

Oct 23- Overholser Fall Festival

Communion Servers - September 20

Traditional Sara, Emma & Adam Votaw
Gregg & Kathy Miller
Shab & Jeanelda Jupiterwala

Modern TBD

FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget 684,155

Rec'd toward Operating
9/12/2026 10,445

Year to Date 2026
Rec'd toward offering
(thru 9/12/26) 437,344
Expenses (thru 9/12/26) .. 449,231

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 13 Total 313

Traditional Worship 186
Modern Worship 52
Online Worship 75

Need Someone TO WALK WITH YOU?



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**
Christ caring for people through people

You are not alone.



WE CARE.

Stephen Ministers are caring members of St. Mark's who are trained to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian support during life's difficult times.



WE LISTEN.

Whether you're experiencing grief, illness, loneliness, caregiving, or another life challenge, we are here to listen.



WE WALK WITH YOU.

We will encourage, pray, and walk alongside you—every step of the way.



Hope begins with a conversation. ♥



CONTACT ONE OF OUR
STEPHEN MINISTERS

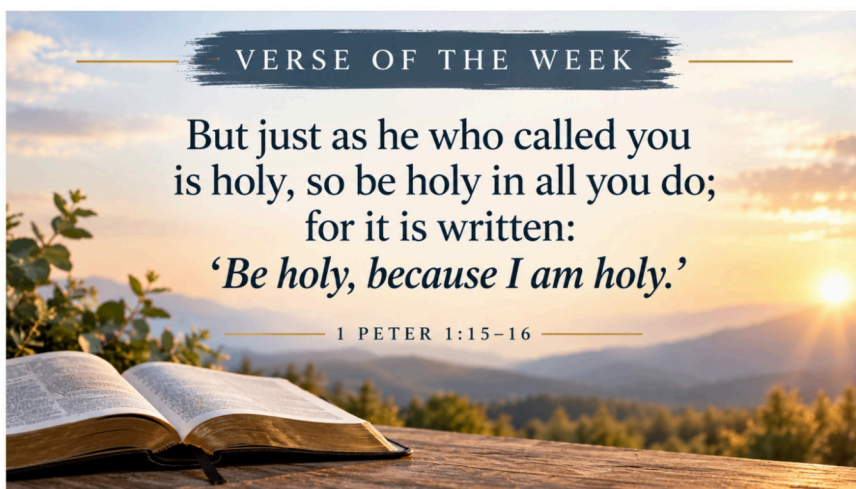


CALL THE
CHURCH OFFICE

VERSE OF THE WEEK

But just as he who called you
is holy, so be holy in all you do;
for it is written:
'Be holy, because I am holy.'

1 PETER 1:15-16



Prayer Board

Kyle Baisden
Jason Jupiterwala
Karen Hall (Friend of Sandy Kelley)
Bobbie Gaston
Mary Jane Svejovsky
Tamara Spear Kerr (friend of Dot Lyon's daughter, Lori)
Lucas (12 yr old nephew of Carolyn Grady's supervisor)
Laurie Buckholtz
John Evans
Danny Payne
Gordon Denton (BIL of Joey Pedigo)
Nichole Norberto
Judy Knight
Carol Hall

Brandon Kilpatrick (friend of Steve Ross)
Brittany (Friend of Robin Bratcher)
Coy Sue Tyler (best friend of Loretta Wright)
Tony Pellegrini
Evelyn Moore
Bill Underwood
Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Sandy Rutherford
Barbara Hill
Elmer (Friend of Barbara Hill)
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano