



November 30, 2022



Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. Randy continues the Advent series, "Your Light Has Come"

This week the message will be "As the Waters Cover the Sea" and is based off of Isaiah 11:1-10



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

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 at: <https://youtu.be/vs0EK1s13Lc>

*Your Light Has Come*

Save the Dates

December 11 – Choir Christmas Music program 9:30 am

December 14 – Church Wide Caroling 6:00 pm

December 24 – Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm Family Friendly

7:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service (with choir)

11:00 pm Special Music, midnight service

December 25 – Combined Worship 10 am

January 1 – Combined Worship 10 am



# St. Mark's Stewardship Drive Continues



## St. Mark's Bethany

During 2023, I commit with the grace and help of God, to know Jesus better and support the ministries of St. Mark's with my prayers, presence, gifts, service & witness.

ALL YOU CAN  
Gain All You Can  
Save All You Can  
Give All You Can

The amount I intend to give during 2023 is:

yearly ☐  
monthly ☐

Prayers Presence Gifts Service Witness

My financial commitment  
to St. Marks for 2023 is:

yearly ☐  
monthly ☐

Our annual commitment drive is still underway and you hopefully have your pledge card by now. If not let us know and we will get one to you. Great things are ahead for St. Mark' Bethany. **Read the letter from pastor Randy for more information on page 7.**

## Wednesday Night Fall Programming

Fall programming is in full gear 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



The Willow Pregnancy Center continues to support young women who are pregnant, and your ongoing gifts truly make a difference. Right now, there are several items needed. Bring any of the items to the church and place them below sign and we will get them to the Center right away. Thanks for your continuing support!

### Current Needed Items

Winter Coats	Newborn to 8
Winter Clothes	Newborn to 6
Boy's Shoes	Sizes 2-8 ½
Blankets	
Baby Carriers & Bouncy Chairs	
Bankers Boxes	
Toys & Books	





Great job St. Mark's.  
All the children are taken.  
Remember \$75 limit for gifts  
**All gifts must be turned back in  
by Sunday, December 4th.**  
Place gifts under Christmas Tree in  
Narthex (or in office)  
Do not wrap gifts!



**St. Mark's Bethany Women  
Will have their Christmas Salad Luncheon  
Barnett Hall, Monday, December 12th at 11:00 am  
All Women are invited**

## Mexico City Mission January 14-21, 2023

Our mission trip to Mexico City has been rescheduled and we are looking for team members who want to be in ministry and build relationships with our ministries in Mexico City. This is a great opportunity to share your faith. If you are interested in being a part of the team contact Becky Roman!



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STUDENT MINISTRY

COME JOIN US IN OUR  
**YOUTH  
LOCK-IN**

FRIDAY DEC. 16 6:30 PM  
TO SATURDAY AT 8:00 AM

DINNER, GAMES, FOOD,  
WORSHIP AND BREAKFAST

COME AND DISCOVER  
WHY JESUS IS  
CHAMPION!

REGISTER HERE

A QR code for registration.

CHAMPION





## Help Needed

3 rooms in the children's area need painting. On December 17-21, a team will gather to paint those rooms. If you would like to be a part of the team, contact Kayla Gannon.



### St Mark's Bethany Helping Hand Project

Need a ride to the doctor? Your battery need a jump? Need a few groceries? Let us help you. Please contact Pat at St Mark's (405-789-9033) or Elle Mysinger (469-323-1560).

Requests for help will be posted on the Helping Hand Project. Notification of the request will go out to the members of the Helping Hand Project. Whoever can help with the project will notify the group that they will manage the request and then reach out to the person who needs the helping hand.

We welcome anyone who would like to join the Helping Hand Project. Please contact Elle or Pat at the Church.

### Lost and Found

A pearl earring was found at church last week. If you are missing one or know who's it might be contact the office so we can get it back to it's rightful owner.

## CHURCH CENTER

We need you to sign up if you haven't. Imagine being able have the church calendar, directory, giving and financial records, access to latest news, live services and more available one spot. On your phone, pad or computer you will always up to date. This Sunday we will be giving a quick overview 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.



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# THE MANGER PROJECT





# Christmas Eve Offering

St. Mark's has had a wonderful history with our Christmas Eve offerings. Each year money collected during Christmas Eve Services goes somewhere in the world to make a real difference in the world for the kingdom. This year we will be assisting the Taylor Christian Community Center as it transitions from a school to a Community Center. They are heavily involved in the community from children, to youth, adults, and seniors. Opportunities such as clothes closet, food pantry, prayer groups, worship meetings, community outreaches and so much more take place in the McAllen area of Texas through the ministries. Start praying about how God would lead you into being a part in making a real difference.



## • SECOND WINDERS

Thursday, December 8

- 11:00 Gather in sanctuary for CDO Christmas Program
- 12:00 Lunch (Beans & Cornbread)
- Christmas will come to the Second Winders following lunch ???
- Optional Cookie Sharing  
bring 2 dozen cookies w/ recipe

## Facts and Figures

2022 Annual Budget	635,934
Rec'd toward Operating 11/27/2022	13,659
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 11/27/22)	441,792
Expenses (thru 11/27/22)	464,908

### Attendance

Sunday, November 27 Total	249
Traditional (with children)...	141
Modern	62
Online	46

## Prayer Box

Cheryl Andrews  
Tiffany Montesano  
Lavina Bonifield (DIL Margaret Bonifield)  
Ina Walker (sister Bobbi Pinkerton)  
Mike Kolar (son of Ruth Martyn)  
George Kloss  
Judy McMinn  
Marty Croy  
Patsy McDowell  
Dianna & Jeff Davidson  
Paula Galt  
Esmeralda Manuel  
LaDonna Matthew

Mary Beth's family  
(cousin Frankye Flemins)  
Mary Jane Svejkovsky  
Mary Desmukes  
Kathi Fisher  
David Roman  
Jan Johnson  
Roger Pautsch  
Chris Brehm  
Gerald Grady  
Greg Spiser (brother of Mike Spiser)  
Brent Lawrence (nephew Mike Spiser)  
Ron Norvell  
Amy Anderson family  
Glenn Graham family



## St. Mark's Bethany

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November 7, 2022

Greetings, St Mark's,

### St. Mark's Mission Statement

To build a  
family of  
believers who  
glorify God  
and help each  
other become  
fully devoted  
followers of  
Jesus Christ

This has been an amazing year at St Mark's. God has blessed us richly in every way imaginable and we rejoice with His goodness. Over the past few months we were able to raise nearly \$400,000 to gain our freedom from the United Methodist Church. That process is now behind us and, as of November 4, we are now a Global Methodist Church. Because of the uniqueness of this year, we decided to do a "low key" finance drive. After having asked so much and received so much from the people of St Mark's, we felt it was right to make our "ask" for 2023 very simple and straightforward. With what is behind us, now is the time to look ahead. And part of looking ahead is budgeting for the ministries God would have us do. And for this we need your help. The first thing we need you to do is pray. Please prayerfully ask God what he would have you give to his work through St Mark's in 2023. The second thing we need you to do is, when you have an answer to your prayers, indicate that amount on the enclosed pledge card. And finally, when you have filled out that card please bring it back to the church or mail it to the church office. It's that simple. No one will call you and harass you. In fact, since there are no names required, we won't even know who made which pledge. That is between you and God, and the card is simply a tool to help us accurately budget.

The question often asked is, "How much should I give?" In God's dealing with the children of Israel in the time before Jesus, the standard amount of giving expected, also known as "the tithe", was set at 10% of income. Neither Jesus, nor any other New Testament writer, speak directly to an amount or percentage of giving expected. The challenge of the New Testament in regard to giving is to do so "generously, faithfully and sacrificially". So, the short answer to the question is only you and God together can decide what to give. 10% remains a good measuring stick – for some as a goal to strive and plan toward, and for others as a baseline to build from toward ever greater generosity and sacrifice – but ultimately the decision is yours.

Thank you for your past generosity and all it has enabled. Thank you for your current generosity and the ministry it is bringing forth. Thank you for your future generosity and the ministry it will fund for the glory of God. It has indeed been an amazing year and I'm grateful for your partnership in the ministry God has given us here at St Mark's.

Grace, Peace, & Joy,

Randy Wade  
Sr. Pastor

**Love. Disciple. Worship. Serve.**