



November 23, 2022

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

This week the message will be "He Will Bring Forth Justice" and is based off of Isaiah 42:1-4

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/bqLeDuTGG2k>



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. Mark's 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.**

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



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



HEYA!!! COOKING CLASS

COME AND JOIN US MAKING FISH TACOS

WHILE LEARNING SOME BASIC CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH
BRING \$5 AND ENJOY YOUR MEAL!

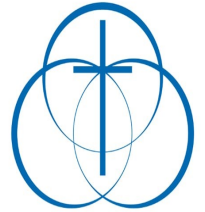


November 29, 2022
BARNETT HALL
FROM 5:45-7:00 PM

EMAIL TO RSVP:
BEQUER@STMARKSBETHANY.COM
OR SIGN-UP ON THE CHURCH COUNTER

What does it mean to be a member of the Global Methodist Church?

The Sonshine Class will explore the answer to this question starting December 4th. We will discuss the mission of the GMC, Discipleship Bands, and the Catechism of the GMC. Join us on Sunday mornings in Room 17 at 8:15am for Fellowship with the study beginning at 8:30 am.



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

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!



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!



Prayer Needs November 16 - 30

Scripture reading: Psalm 111, Habakkuk 3: 17-19

Praise God for his mighty acts and his goodness.

Repent of our sins and Receive God's grace and mercy.

Ask God : For wisdom on saving all we can so that we can support ministry all we can.

For guidance on living out the mission of the Global Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness

boldly.

For the leaders in the Global Methodist Church as they are leaning into the mission God has entrusted to them and spurring others to do the same.

Discernment for other churches and pastors going through this process

Leaders of our government to serve with righteousness and integrity.

Yield our thoughts to God's desires as we go forward to love, disciple, worship, and serve.



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.



Difference Makers Needed

The Manger Project needs difference makers for

.Set up 11/26/2022

.Clean up

.Greeters

.Assistants in Mary's Kitchen

.Assistants in Joseph's Corner

.Assistants with Cookies and Cocoa

If you are available to make a difference please contact Sharon Hunt, Casey Cassidy or Kristy Goff

Joseph's Corner

The Manger Project is a fun interactive project that helps families focus on the true meaning of Christmas while building a wooden manger.

This hands-on experience gives parents a chance to teach their kids hard work, perseverance and most importantly, why the manger (God coming to earth as a baby) is so important to their faith.

Bring your hammer and your kids or grandkids and let your heart be captured by the wonder of the lowly manger.

Fascinate your family with Christ this Christmas.

This Experience is FREE—Register now using the link below

<https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/1503055>

Mary's Kitchen



Enjoy working together as a family building a

Cookie Contest



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. In the past we have provided water wells, buildings, water systems, and buildings (including a church this past year in Tanzania. We have had money go to refugees in the Mideast, community centers in Mexico, Tanzania, Albania, Kenya and other areas around the world. This coming Sunday we will be sharing this years project and goals. We hope that you will begin to pray how God would call you to take part in this year's amazing outreach.



• SECOND WINDERS Thursday, December 8

- 11:00 Gather in sanctuary for CDO Christmas Program
- 12:00 Lunch
- Christmas will come to the Second Wonders following lunch ???

Facts and Figures

2022 Annual Budget	635,934
Rec'd toward Operating 11/20/2022	6,665
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 10/25/22)	386,901
Expenses (thru 9/25/22)	432,846

Attendance

Sunday, November 20 Total	247
Traditional (with children)...	147
Modern	58
Online	42

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

Mary Desmukes
Reed Brooks
Kathi Fisher
David Roman
Jan Johnson
Roger Pautsch
Chris Brehm
Gerald Grady
Greg Spiser (Brother of Mike Spiser)
Brent Lawrence (nephew Mike Spiser)
Beverly Clark
Ron Norvell
Amy Anderson family



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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.