



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

To The Ends of the Earth — *Journey #1: 'Set Apart and Sent'*

This Sunday our **To the Ends of the Earth** sermon series continues with **Journey #1: Set Apart and Sent** from **Acts 13:1-3**. In this pivotal passage, the church at Antioch gathers in worship and prayer as the Holy Spirit sets apart Barnabas and Saul for a mission that will carry the gospel to new lands. Their journey reminds us that God still calls ordinary people, equips them for His work, and sends them to share the hope of Christ. Join us as we explore how the Holy Spirit continues to lead and send His people today.

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

Nursery (Ages 0-3 yrs)	9:30 - 12:00
KidMin (Age 3 - 5th grade)	9:30 - 10:35
Wee Worship (Age 3- Kdgtm)	10:45 - 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

Thank You to Our Chair Crew!



These photos capture just a few of the many wonderful volunteers who came together to unload and move our new classroom chairs into place. It was a big job, and it could not have been accomplished without the willingness of so many to give their time and energy. Thank you to everyone who came to help. Your servant hearts and teamwork are a beautiful example of our church family working together to prepare our spaces for children, students, and adults. We are truly grateful for each of you—you are appreciated more than you know!



St. Mark's Bethany Women Next Meeting August 10

St. Mark's Bethany Women will gather for their next meeting on **Monday, August 10**, at **10:00 a.m.** All women are warmly invited to join us for a morning of fellowship, encouragement, and growing together in faith. Whether you've attended before or are joining us for the first time, we'd love to have you. Come enjoy time with other women of the church as we build relationships and encourage one another in our walk with Christ.



Moms, you're invited! Join us each Wednesday morning from 9-11:30 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!

Men's Breakfast is a great opportunity for food, fellowship, and encouragement. Join the men of St. Mark's as they gather for breakfast, conversation, and time together. Next breakfast is on **August 8th at 8:00 am.**

Beyond Sunday: The Sermon Continues



Have you ever left worship on Sunday wanting to spend a little more time with the message? This summer, we invite you to go "Beyond Sunday" as Pastor Randy leads a deeper discussion of the weekly sermon and our journey through the book of Acts. Together, we'll explore the movement of the Holy Spirit, the life of the early church, and what these lessons mean for us today. Bring your Bible, your questions, and a willingness to grow as we continue the conversation beyond Sunday morning.

Join us on **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 pm** or **Wednesday mornings from 10:30 - 11:30 am.** (Please note that Men's Bible Study will return this fall.)

We would love for you to be part of the journey!



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! 

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

FOR J. B. KING

A MEMORIAL SERVICE CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF **J. B. KING** WILL BE HELD ON **FRIDAY, JULY 31, AT 11:00 AM** AT ST. MARK'S BETHANY. PLEASE KEEP THE KING FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY GATHER TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE HIS LIFE.

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.

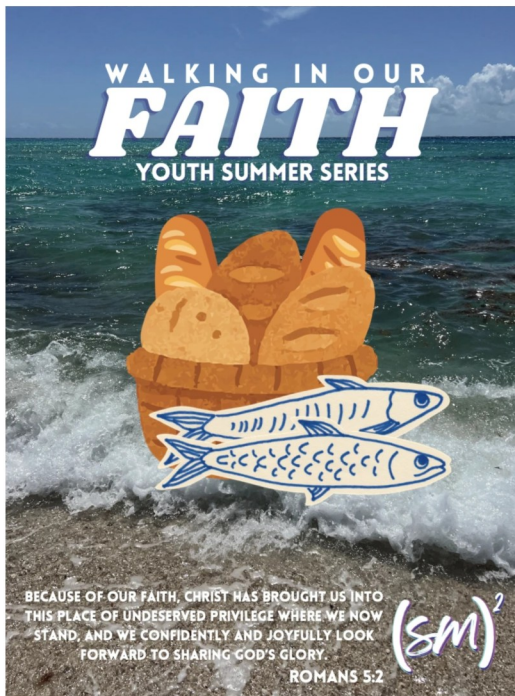
Right now, canned meats like tuna and chicken are especially needed, but any nonperishable food items are greatly appreciated. Donations can be placed in the Grocery Basket in the narthex.

Thank you for helping us make a difference—one meal, one family at a time.



Our children are having a wonderful summer as they learn through the Psalms and discover how wonderfully God has made them. Over the past few weeks, they have been exploring Psalm 23 and what it means to have the Lord as our Shepherd. Together they have learned that God provides for us, protects us, gives us rest, refreshes our souls, and faithfully guides us through every season of life.

Please continue to pray for our children and leaders as they grow in faith and learn more about God's love each week.



A new school year is just around the corner, and we're excited to welcome our children and families back! As we prepare for another wonderful year of Sunday School and Children's Day Out, we're inviting everyone to be part of getting ready. Join us on **Friday, August 7**, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm for our **Children's Area Cleanup Day** as we freshen up classrooms, toys, tables, windows, and more.

Then, on **Sunday, August 16**, at 9:30 am, we'll kick off the fall with our **Back 2 School Breakfast!** Bring the whole family to enjoy breakfast together before Sunday School as we celebrate a new season of learning and pray a blessing over our children and students for the year ahead.

And don't forget--**Wednesday Night Ministries** return on **August 26!** Dinner begins at 5:30 pm, with more details coming soon. We can't wait to gather together again for a great fall of worship, fellowship, and growing in Christ.



Faith, Friends & Fun at Disciple Camp!



Our students had an incredible week at Disciple Camp, growing in their faith, building lasting friendships, and making memories they won't soon forget. From meaningful worship and Bible study to laughter, games, and time together, God was at work in so many ways. Thank you to everyone who prayed for our students and leaders as they experienced this special week together.



Church Construction Update from Pastor Randy

Things are moving along nicely with construction in Phase 1 of our Taking Root capital campaign. Over the last few weeks, the focus has been on tile work, hanging doors, electrical work, and plumbing.

As a result, the new family restroom in the main hallway is nearing completion and should be ready for use very soon. The new restrooms in Barnett Hall and the Family Life Center are not far behind.

Barnett Hall has been serving as a staging area for construction of both the bathrooms and the Family Life Center. It is now close to being cleared so the old tile can be removed and the new flooring installed. Barring any unforeseen delays, it shouldn't be long before the newly renovated Barnett Hall is ready for use.

Construction in the Family Life Center is also progressing well. The structural steel, framing, ductwork, and electrical work have been largely completed. Once we receive the final approval from the City of Bethany building inspector, sheetrock installation can begin. At that point, the overall shape of the Family Life Center will really begin to take form. While there will still be significant work to complete—including finishes and flooring—it will begin looking much more like the finished space we have envisioned.

	Capital Campaign Update
106 Pledges	1,318,719
Rec'd toward Pledges 07/29/2026	1,234,810

At our most recent Administrative Council meeting, we also made an important decision regarding the timing of Phase 2, which includes major renovations to the front portion of the church building. We agreed that we did not want construction taking place during the Advent season. Therefore, Phase 2—which includes the front restrooms, several classrooms, and the narthex—will begin on January 1, 2027. Thank you for your patience throughout this phase of construction. It has required all of us to adjust, consolidate, and sometimes be a little uncomfortable. Yet everyone has pulled together with a wonderful spirit, and we are grateful for the positive attitude our church family has demonstrated. Most of all, thank you for your continued generosity. None of this would be possible without your faithful giving and support.

Randy

St. Mark's Bethany SAFE CHURCH Policy



At St. Mark's Bethany, we prioritize the safety and well-being of our children and youth. In accordance with our commitment to maintaining a secure environment, we have established the following access policy for the children's programming areas:

****Authorized Access:****

Only children, parents, or approved caregivers are permitted to enter or traverse through the designated children's areas during the following hours:

****Sunday:** 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM**

****Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday:** 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

****Wednesday:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

****Restricted Access:****

For the safety of our children, we kindly ask that all other individuals refrain from entering or passing through these areas during the specified hours, except in cases of emergency or to access emergency exits.

This policy aligns with St. Mark's Procedure for the Implementation of the Safety Policy for Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults (Refer to Paragraph 2.c.).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring a secure environment for our children.

Upcoming Events

July 29 - NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5:15 Prayer

July 31 - JB King Memorial Service

Aug 1 - Faithbuilders Ice Cream Party

Aug 4 - Beyond Sunday

Aug 5 - Beyond Sunday 2

Aug 8 - Men's Breakfast

Aug 9 - Mission Committee Meeting

Aug 10 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

Aug 11 - Beyond Sunday

Aug 12 - Beyond Sunday 2

Aug 12 - Choir - Back to Choir Welcome

Aug 16 - Back to School Breakfast

Aug 17 - Wrapped in Love



COMMUNION SERVERS August 2, 2026

Traditional: Ed & Gina Boerner
Terry & Elle Gather
Nichole Norberto
Cheryl Davis

Modern: The Mays family

FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget	684,155
Rec'd toward Operating 7/25/2026	10,592
Year to Date 2026 Rec'd toward offering (thru 7/25/26)	365,141
Expenses (thru 7/25/26) ..	365,638

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 26	Total	335
Traditional Worship		186
Modern Worship		54
Online Worship		95



Join us Wednesdays •
5:15-6:00 pm

Prayer Team gathers at 5:15 pm
We would love to pray with you.

Come pray with us – whether you prefer quiet, personal prayer, would like someone to pray with you, or feel led to pray for others. Explore simple prayer tools, spend time in God's presence, or come and go as needed. All are welcome in this peaceful space.

Need Someone to Walk With You?



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

None of us is meant to carry life's burdens alone.

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

Whether you're experiencing grief, illness, loneliness, caregiving, or another life challenge, a Stephen Minister is available to listen, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you.

Hope begins with
a conversation.



Contact one of our Stephen Ministers, or call the church office
to learn more.



Prayer Board

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
Benni (DIL of Cheryl
Davis)
Helen Sullivan
Beverly Clark
John Evans
Abbey Evans Stowe
Danny Payne
Roger Pautsch
Jo Manharth (mother of
Lisa Hutchison)
Gerald Grady
Emily & Gordon Denton
(sister and BIL of
Joey Pedigo)
Nichole Norberto

Penny and James Hager
(daughter & SIL of
Barbara Homer)
Judy Knight
Carol Hall
Brandon Kilpatrick (friend
of Steve Ross)
Brittany (Friend of Robin
Bratcher)
Coy Sue Tyler (best friend
of Loretta Wright)
Norma and Dan Boland
Tony Pellegrini
Evelyn Moore
Bill Underwood
Billy Joe Watson (friend of
Wayne Barnes)
Sandy Rutherford
Barbara Hill
Elmer (Barbara's friend)
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano