



March 1, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. Randy will begin his Lenten series "Nothing But Jesus Christ and Him Crucified". This week's message will be "The Great Assize". The scripture reference for this week is Matthew 25:31-33.

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 Rm 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://youtube.com/live/NcXJtX-W5B4>

or 10:55 at: <https://youtube.com/live/ZcpVfrCETTY>

## New Stephen Ministers to be Commissioned Sunday

This Sunday morning St. Mark's will be commissioning 4 new Stephen ministers. Congratulations to these trainees who have completed 50 hours of intensive training to prepare them to become commissioned today as Stephen Ministers. Stephen ministers offers caring support to others in time of need.

Aimee Jenks, Cheryl Davis, Gerald Miller and Bequer Gomez will join our current team in ministry.



During Lent, many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial, and spiritual discipline.

St. Mark's is having a food drive from now until Easter to benefit the ROC Food Pantry which serves the hungry among us. A box will be set up in the narthex for your donations of canned and boxed food. Ramen noodles, catsup, any type of canned beans and cake mixes have been requested. Plastic and paper bags are always needed to pack the food. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Thank you!



## Men's Breakfast Saturday, March 11, 8 am



A great place for some great fellowship and food. All men are invited to join us this Saturday. Along with the food there will be a devotion and just a lot of laughs and fun. Following the meal, you are welcome to stay for a bit and help them in setting up for coming events. Hope to see you there.



### Looking Ahead

#### Key Calendar Special Events Through Easter

Wednesday Lenten Bible Study	2 pm Room 18
"The Passion of Christ" video (R - violence)	April 1st 3 pm
Palm Sunday services	April 2 9:30 & 10:45
Family Easter Event	April 5 6 pm
Maundy Thursday Services	April 6 7 pm
Good Friday Services	April 7 7 pm
Sunrise Easter Service	April 9 6:30 am
Easter Egg Hunt	April 9 10:40 am
Easter Services	April 9 9:30 & 10:55



### St. Mark's Bethany Women

Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 am the program will be about R.O.C. (Reaching Our City). R.O.C. is located at 7710 NW 10<sup>th</sup> St. It is a Food Pantry

that is open 2 days a week (Tues. 4pm-7pm & Thurs. 11 am-2 pm).

Arode Sanchez, one of the ministers from R.O.C., will be our speaker. Some items of need are Ramen noodles, cake mix, peanut butter, canned beans (any kind).

We will have a box for donated items.

Come join us in room 18, March 13<sup>th</sup> @10 am.



# VOTE

## Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Let your voice be heard!

## March Global Methodist Prayer Guide



**Photo: John Wesley's prayer kneeler – The birthplace of Methodism.**

Each morning at 4 a.m., John Wesley would kneel in prayer in his London home. It was in this place that the fires of Methodism began. As we seek to reconnect to our Wesleyan heritage, it seems the best place we can begin is in prayer. Join us in our monthly prayer series: The Way to the Kingdom.

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### The Way to Scriptural Prayer

By: Terry Teykl

John Wesley said, “God will do nothing but in answer to prayer. Whether we think of, or speak to God, whether we act or suffer for him, all is prayer, when we have no other object than his love, and the desire of pleasing him. Proceed with much prayer, and your way will be made plain.”

Recently I had the privilege of writing a history of prayer in the Christian tradition. It was quite clear that the Lord's Prayer was the benchmark of prayer. Throughout the centuries Christians dropped their “plumb bob” on this prayer. And they got their bearings. This prayer was the basis and model for prayer. It was a summary of the Gospel. This prayer was the most memorized, quoted, and sung by the church. It was the center piece of prayer for the church fathers.

Plus, the prayer was so unique. For example, Jesus told us to pray for our daily bread. The word he used was “epiousios.” This word was not in the classical Greek of the New Testament. Scholars thought perhaps Jesus made up the word. Until it was discovered on some domestic parchments. The word literally meant grocery list! I wonder if mother Mary would give Jesus a grocery list as in “epiousios” to go to the market. In other words, He is not only concerned with meeting our deepest spiritual needs, but He wants to be our source for the commonplace necessities of life. How amazing is His love for us.

Rev. Dr. Terry Teykl has pastored local Houston churches for more than 28 years. He has taught churches across the country how to pray and invite the Holy Spirit. The ultimate goal is to awaken evangelism all over the country with one element being praying the Lord's Prayer at noon.

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## A Suggested Pattern of Prayer

As you pray through the following prayer points, invite the presence of the Lord into your time of prayer. Each day's prompt has a Scripture reference for you to pray through. As you pray allow time also to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you. When you have prayed through the Scripture and prayer point, you may be led to add your own prayers. Pray and consider what action steps you might take in response to the Lord's leading. Repeat this prayer pattern weekly for the month.

**Praying the Scripture:** The Lord's Prayer is Scripture and to pray it, is to pray truth. And the Father hears those who call on Him in truth. It can be used as an index prayer to be applied in all aspects of life.

### Prayer points:

*Sunday:* Pray -- **"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

Praise Him for He is a good Father. (Psalms 145:9)

Pray that God's name would be Hallowed in Sunday morning worship before and after and that the Name of Jesus is foremost.

Pray that we speak the Name of Jesus often and in awe. (Hebrews. 1:1-4)

*Monday:* Pray -- **your kingdom come,**

Pray for your local schools, city leaders, and first responders. (Name leaders and first responders.)

Pray for God's authority over the crime and gang activities in your city. (1 Corinthians 15:33)

Intercede for young people.

*Tuesday:* Pray -- **your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Pray for the lost because it is His will that none shall perish. Say their names as you pray for them to be saved. (II Peter 3:9)

*Wednesday:* Pray -- **Give us today our daily bread.**

Pray for the needs of the poor, immigrants and oppressed people in communities and the world.

Pray expectantly that God would meet their needs.

Pray that God would favor the Global Methodist Church leaders with what is needed now.

Give thanks for God's bountiful goodness. (Psalm 100)

*Thursday:* Pray -- **And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

Pray that we repent of not repenting. (I John 1:9)

Pray for forgiveness for attitudes of pride.

Pray for forgiveness for the corporate sins of commission and omission in our nation and church.

Pray for honor and blessings on the leadership of the United Methodist Church.

*Friday:* Pray -- **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'**

Pray that we are not led into selfish gain, self-deception, lust, unbelief, judgmental attitudes, inordinate affections, etc.

Pray the captives are set free to be saved and enable the GM Church to grow by conversions. (II Corinthians 4:3-4)

Pray for protection from evil, especially for our pastors. (Psalm 91)

*Saturday:* Pray -- **For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.** (NKJV)

Pray that we are filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8)

Pray that supernatural signs and wonders are the norm in GM Church congregations. (Luke 9:1-2)

**"This, then, is how you should pray:..." (NIV)**



**BOWLING WITH THE BOYS**

**March 26th**

**Sign up on Church Center or office counter**  
 Mom - Son / Grandmother - Grandson / Aunt Nephew / Etc.  
 Save the Date and watch for more details

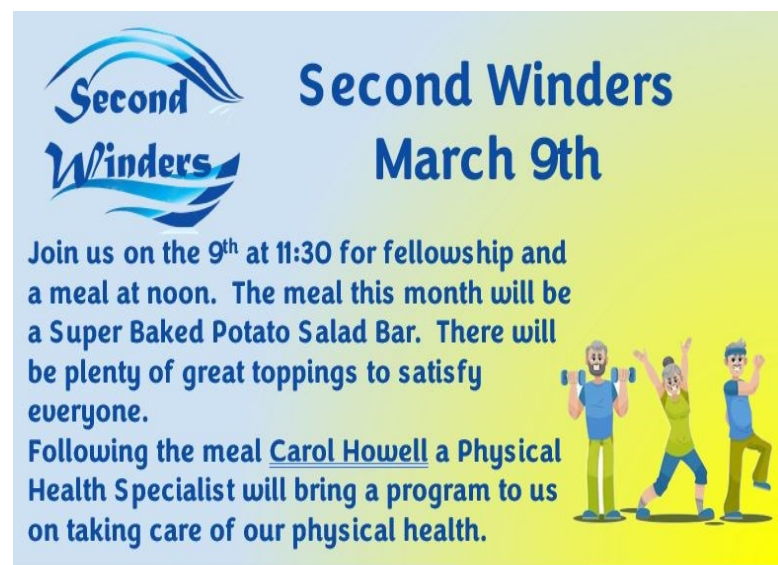


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 PREGNANCY SUPPORT

*Now Collecting Donations for:*

- Winter Coats (newborn to 8)
- Winter Clothes (newborn to 6)
- Boys' Shoes (sizes 2 to 8 1/2)
- Blankets
- Baby Carriers & Bouncy Chairs
- Bankers Boxes
- Toys & Books


  
 Thank You!



**Second Winders**  
**March 9th**

Join us on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 for fellowship and a meal at noon. The meal this month will be a Super Baked Potato Salad Bar. There will be plenty of great toppings to satisfy everyone.

Following the meal Carol Howell a Physical Health Specialist will bring a program to us on taking care of our physical health.



**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






Facts and Figures			Prayer Box	
2023 Annual Budget		601,800	Cheryl Andrews	Dennis Graham
Rec'd toward Operating 2/26/2023		6,405	Norma & Dan Boland	Russell Jobe
Year to Date 2022			Lavina Bonifield (DIL Margaret Bonifield)	Jan Johnson (daughter of George Kloss)
Rec'd toward offering (thru 2/27/23)		80776	Chris Brehm	LaDonna Mathews
Expenses (thru 2/27/22)		80584	Jim Brown	Roger Pautsch
<u>Attendance</u>			Hank Brueggen	Donna Percival (sister of Jane Foreman)
Sunday, February 26	Total	268	Marty Croy	Curtis Scott (SIL Jim Brown)
Traditional Worship		143	Jeff & Dianna Davidson	Dorothy Sipes
Modern Worship		72	Bob Denton (Sandy Kelly brother)	Mary Jane Svejksky
Online Worship		53	Mary Desmukes	Beverly Tully
			Paula Galt	Ina Walker (sister of Bobbi Pinkerton)
				Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Wilkerson's)