



ST. MARK'S BETHANY

NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Jesus Wants -- My Love (Him & Others)

This Sunday's message, "Jesus Wants My Love (Him & Others)," reminds us of the greatest commandment--loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and loving our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:34-40). Jesus call us to a faith that shows love in action--toward Him and toward one another. Come worship with us as we learn how to live out that love together.

See you at church 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 both services.

To watch the live streams, please join us at:

9:30 am Sunday morning 11:00 am Sunday morning



Sunday School Classes

We have classes for all ages and interests

CHILDREN

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

Second Winders Thanksgiving Feast November 13th

Join us for our Second Winder's Thanksgiving feast Thursday, November 13 in Barnett Hall. We have a special treat this week -- CDO will honor us with a Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade at 11:15 am.

This is our Thanksgiving meal filled with good food and fellowship! Turkey, ham, and bread will be provided. You are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. The gathering will also include a program by Katlyn King with Navigating Medicare who will guide us through important updates and choices for the 2026 Medicare year.



Come enjoy a delicious meal, connect with friends, and give thanks together!.



Make sure to come for the Men's Breakfast! Great food and fellowship!



St. Mark's Bethany Women Meeting Monday Nov. 10

Come enjoy food, fun and rich fellowship with the St. Mark's women on Monday, November 10th. Bring a friend, and come to be encouraged--we'd love to see you there! Everyone welcome!

St. Mark's Bethany Women

Holiday BAZAAR



Kick off the holiday season with the St. Mark's Bethany Women at our Holiday Bazaar, happening during and after worship on Sunday, November 16th. You'll find handmade crafts, gifts, and festive treasures perfect for stocking stuffers or special surprises.

If you've donated items in the past, you're invited to bring them back so they can find a new home this season. And if you enjoy creating, new handmade donations are joyfully welcomed too!

Shop. Share. Celebrate. Come support the women of St. Mark's and take home something special for the holidays. All proceeds will go to The ROC.
Questions??? Call Evelyn Moore at (405) 659-0633.

Did You Try It? Let's do it again!

Opportunity is walking -- no knocking required!

St. Mark's invites you to step out and join us for a **Prayer Walk (or Ride)** again this **Wednesday, November 5** and the following weeks. We'll meet in Barnett Hall at 6 pm, then walk the neighborhood in small teams led by team leaders to pray in a simple yet powerful way--no lists, no pressure, and no need to say a word.

Come with **open eyes, ears, and hearts** as we let the Holy Spirit guide us to notice where God is already at work around us. Watch how the Father moves, how Jesus walks beside us, and how the Spirit opens our senses to His presence in everyday moments.



"The Spirit helps us in our weakness... He does our praying in and for us."
-- Romans 8:26-27 (MSG)

Our Local Missions

St. Mark's believes that mission work happens both across the globe and right here at home. ROC and Willow are two incredible ministries that are making a real difference in the lives of individuals and families in our own community.

Through your prayers, service and generosity, we are able to partner with these organizations as they share hope, meet practical needs, and reflect Christ's love in meaningful ways.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 553
SPAGHETTI DINNER
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
BARNETT HALL 5:00 to 7:30 pm
ADULTS \$10 | CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$7 | TAKE OUT AVAILABLE



Willow Pregnancy Support is grateful for contributions of clothing for newborns to size 6, shoes up to size 13, and diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6. They also welcome donations of bottles, bath wash, lotion, and Good Start Formula. Your support truly makes a difference—thank you for your generosity!

Let's Make Some Chrismons!!!

This Advent season, we're creating something beautiful together at St. Mark's -- a special display of Chrismons (short for "Christ monograms") to celebrate the hope and joy of Christmas.

Would you like to be part of it? But don't want to make them by yourself? Join us for a time of crafting and fellowship as we make these handmade ornaments together. We'll meet on Wednesday evenings, November 5th and 12th, at 6:15 pm in Barnett Hall and again on Tuesday, November 18, at 10:00 am in Room 18. All supplies will be provided - just bring your creativity and holiday spirit!

Every ornament we create will become part of a beautiful Chrismon wreath that will hang in the narthex when we decorate for Christmas on November 24th.



Questions?? Contact Gina Boerner or Beverly Ray. Come join the fun!



ROC always appreciates our donations of canned and boxed food. Although they accept other types of contributions, our church focuses on providing food. Right now they especially need canned meats such as tuna or chicken, but any type of canned goods is welcome and appreciated. Please place your food donations in the Grocery Basket located in the narthex! Thank you for helping support this important ministry.

Kings and Queens Christmas Giving

This Christmas season, Kings & Queens is collecting donations to help provide gifts for the amazing kids we serve. Your generosity allows us to make the holidays extra special -- sharing the joy of Jesus' love in a tangible way and reminding these children that they are deeply loved and valued.

Donations can be made in several ways: through Church Center (designated to Kings & Queens), by dropping them off at the church office, or by contacting Kayla Gannon directly. Every contribution, big or small, helps us bring smiles and hope this Christmas!



The Joy Your Giving Makes Possible

Your generosity makes moments like this possible -- thank you for sharing the joy of Jesus' love this Christmas.



Please sign up if you are you interested in the Mexico City Mission Trip



The dates for the proposed Mexico City mission trip are January 15-21, 2026. **We're asking anyone interested to sign up by November 9th. A sign-up sheet is on the counter in the Narthex.**

Once we know who is interested, we'll decide whether to move forward for this year or wait until the following year and focus on the Tanzania trip.

Please contact Bequer Gomez if you have questions.

Kigoma Women's Center Dedication

We are thrilled to announce that the dedication of the Women's Center in Kigoma, Tanzania has been scheduled for June 7, 2026. This will be a meaningful and historic moment for our church family and our partners in ministry there. At this time, details are still coming together.

Please contact Pastor Randy if you are interested in going on this trip.

Please keep both of these mission opportunities in your prayers, and consider whether God might be calling you to be a part of one of these journeys.

Learn Why We Worship the Way We Do!

Have you ever wondered...

- Why we say some of the same words every Sunday?
- Why we take communion every Sunday?
- Why different people help lead worship every week or month?
- Why the colors change throughout the year?



Join us on November 22nd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for a special *family event* where we'll explore the meaning and beauty behind our worship traditions. Enjoy teaching, crafts, food, and, of course, worship—all designed for families to experience together. **Sign up on Church Center or contact Kelly Jo.**

(Children must be accompanied by an adult.)



for Growing Families

We're celebrating two special moms in our St. Mark's family who are welcoming another baby to their family! Tori Kessler, who is due on December 25th, and Anna Evans, due in January.

To help support them, we're collecting diapers of any size. You can bring your diapers to the church office or give them to Sharon Hunt. Let's bless these families with love and practical help as they prepare for their little ones' arrival!

Serve at the Lord's Table

One of the most meaningful ways to be part of worship is by helping serve Holy Communion. Each Sunday, volunteers from our congregation assist in sharing the bread and cup -- a simple yet powerful act that reminds us of Christ's love and sacrifice for all.

If you would like to take part in this special ministry, we'd love to include you on the communion serving group. Whether you've done it before or this would be your first time, your presence makes a difference.

To learn more or sign up, please contact Cheryl Davis (cdpd2church@gmail.com / (405) 249-1307) or call the church office.



Cards of Thanks for Our Heroes



Our KidMin children are learning the importance of gratitude and service by creating handmade cards for the men and women serving in our military. These cards will be sent overseas through The Hugs Project, reminding our troops that they are loved, appreciated, and prayed for back home.

Anyone is welcome to join in! You can use one of the cards KidMin has prepared, or make your own. If you're not sure what to say, check out the "What to Write About" article on the KidMin grid for ideas and inspiration.

Please turn in all letters and cards by **December 15 so they can be included in this special delivery of encouragement and love.**

SCRIPTURE TOOLS FOR FAMILIES

Be sure to stop by the KidMin grid and pick up two special resources to help your family stay rooted in God's Word this season! Grab a set of Scripture Prayer Prompt cards to guide your prayers each day, and a "Give Thanks" Scripture Scratch-Off for your child to uncover a daily verse and reminder of gratitude. These fun tools make it easy to open the Bible together and grow in faith as a family.

2026 Family Prayer Calendar

Looking for a meaningful way to grow in faith together as a family? The 2026 Family Prayer Calendar – The Lord's Prayer Edition is a great tool to help families pray, learn, and talk about faith all year long.

Each month focuses on a part of the Lord's Prayer, offering simple prompts and activities to help children (and adults!) connect daily life with God's Word.



Each calendar includes 365 daily prayer prompts to guide meaningful conversations with God, 365 Bible reading prompts to anchor your family in His Word, and a colorful pull-out poster to brighten your space with Scripture.

Calendars are \$20 each and can be ordered through Church Center. Be sure to sign up soon so your family can begin the new year in prayer together! Deadline to order and pay is November 24th.

STACKING OUR PRAISE FOR JESUS!!!

Kids, join us for a pancake breakfast in Barnett Hall as we stack our praise and thanks to Jesus! We will be wrapping up our Psalm 100 study--all about giving praise to God--and what better way to celebrate than with pancakes, fun, and thankfulness? We'll meet during the first church service (around 9:30 am) on November 23. Parents are welcome to share in the joy!



STRIVE Annual Fundraiser for St. Mark's Student Ministries

It's not too late to give to STRIVE. Your donations help students on their mission trips, camps, retreats, college scholarships and so much more. The students recently wrapped up this year's drive, but there's still time to participate if you'd like to give.

Please make sure to mark your check for STRIVE, and you can turn it in to Bequer, place it in the offering box or bring it to the church office.

This is the ONLY fundraiser the student ministry does for the year, and your support truly makes a difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for helping them STRIVE in faith and service!

Turkey Olympics!

Get ready for some feather-flapping fun! St. Mark's Student Ministry is hosting the Turkey Olympics on Wednesday, November 19, at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center.



Students will compete in hilarious Thanksgiving-themed challenges, celebrate teamwork, and enjoy a night full of laughter and friendly competition. It's the perfect way to kick off the holiday season -- and yes, there will be prizes!

So grab a friend, bring your best game face, and come ready to gobble up the gold!!

Growing Youth, Growing Needs!

Our youth program at St. Mark's is thriving! On Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, our young people are diving into God's Word, making friends, and growing in faith--and the energy in the room is contagious. With all this growth, we need extra hands and hearts to keep things running smoothly.



From leading games, to helping with snacks, to just being a friendly face, there's a spot for you. You don't have to be a Bible expert, just willing to show up and care. Even an hour of your time can make a difference in the life of a student.

If you've been looking for a way to serve, this is it! Come join us in shaping the next generation of Christ-followers.

Interested? Reach out to Bequer, or stop by the church office and we'll get you plugged in!

Fall Fest Fun



What a great time we had at this year's Fall Fest! From games and candy to laughter and costumes, it was a joy to see our church family and community come together for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Thank you to everyone who helped with setup, cleanup, and all the little details that made the night such a success. We're already looking forward to next year!



Thank You for Supporting PC West



Support for Isaac & Rebecca Roman

Our hearts go out to Isaac and Rebecca Roman. We ask for your continued prayers for Isaac's healing and strength.

If you would like to help support Isaac and Rebecca, donations may be made through St. Mark's. Simply make your check payable to the church and write "Roman" on the memo line. All funds received will go directly to them.

Thank you for surrounding this family with your love, prayers and generosity as they walk through this challenging season.

The Heartland Conference Women's Retreat November 14 & 15, 2025



Mark your calendars for the Heartland Conference Women's Retreat happening November 14-15 at Claremore FMC. The weekend includes teaching, fellowship and encouragement designed to refresh your spirit.

Men's Bible Study Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

The St. Mark's men's Fall study is "Unashamed of the Gospel". The study meets at 7:00 pm in Room 17. This is Paul's longest letter, which includes some great themes.

For information, call Fred Dalton at 405-823-7264 or Rev. Allen Smith at 405-620-1861.

Bring your bible and join us.



Thank you, St. Mark's family, for showing such love and encouragement to the PC West football team! Our volunteers prepared and delivered homemade meals for the players, reminding them that our community is cheering them on both on and off the field. Your generosity made a difference -- and every cookie, card, prayer, and smile was felt!



Upcoming Events

TONIGHT - Wednesday Night Programs

5:30	Meal - Chili Dogs
5:15	Prayer
6:00	Prayer Walk
6:15	KidMin
6:15	Youth Ministry
6:30	Choir Rehearsal

November 10 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

November 11 - Men's Bible Study

November 13 - Second Winders

November 14 - Kings & Queens Kids Family Night

November 14-15 - Heartland Conf. Women's Retreat

November 17 - Wrapped in Love

November 17 - Charge Conference

November 18 - Men's Bible Study

November 20 - Young Adult Ministry

November 22 - Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

November 27 - THANKSGIVING DAY

Come pray with us -- whether you want to pray quietly alone, be prayed for, or join in intercessory prayer for others. Explore simple prayer tools, linger or come and go as you need, and experience the presence of God in a peaceful space.



Wednesdays 5:15-6:00 pm

Prayer Team meets 5:15 pm

FACTS & Figures

2025 Annual Budget	632,679
Rec'd toward Operating 11/01/2025	18,280
Year to Date 2025	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 11/01/25)	491,355
Expenses (11/01/25)	541,104

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 2	Total	322
Traditional Worship		209
Modern Worship		57
Online Worship		56



Prayer Board

Isaac Roman
Cindy Wilkerson
Beth (Bidne) Cook
Clinton Sizemore (friend of Kathy Moore)
Ford (nephew of friend of Sandy Kelley)
Maxine Corrin (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Anthony Thomas (friend of Barbara Johnson)
Norma and Dan Boland
Jennifer and infant son, Jacob (friend of Christy Kiespert)
Vickie Wines (grandmother of Chealsie Zink)
Tony Pellegrini
Judy Ross

Jim Donnan (father of co-worker of Deb Wade)
Kason (grandson of Cheryl Pavelko)
Sandy Rutherford
Kathi Wagner (Dot Lyon's daughter, Lory's best friend)
Bill Underwood
Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Beverly Clark
Barbara Hill
Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes)
Ginger Fenton (daughter of Jeff & Dianna Davidson)
Dianna Davidson
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano