



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Get in the Game

What does it mean to live our faith instead of simply knowing about it?

This Sunday, Associate Pastor Allen Smith will share a message titled **"Get in the Game,"** based on **Ecclesiastes 12:9-13**. As we prepare to explore what it means to grow in holiness and live faithfully as God's people, Allen will challenge us to move from hearing and learning to putting our faith into action.

Join us for worship as we consider what it looks like to step in, live faithfully, and "get in the game."

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

"Seeds" (Ages 0-18 mos)	9:30 - 12:00
"Sprouts" (Ages 18 mo-3 yrs)	9:30 - 10:35
Kidmin 1 (Elementary)	9:30 - 10:35
Kidmin 2 (Elementary)	11:00 - 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



Step Right Up, Second Winders!



The sights and sounds of the State Fair are coming to Second Winders!

Second Winders will kick off the fall season with a fun **State Fair-themed gathering** on **Thursday, September 10, beginning at 11:30 a.m.**

Come hungry and enjoy a delicious lunch featuring **State Fair favorites**, followed by a special performance from the **Cottonwood Creek Cloggers!**



You won't need a ticket or a trip to the fairground--just come ready for good food, great entertainment, and plenty of fellowship with friends.



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! ♥

St. Mark's Women to Meet September 14th

All women of the church are invited to join us on Monday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 18 for our next St. Mark's Bethany Women's gathering.

Refreshments will be served, and Cheryl Davis will present a program on Homebound Communion.

"Wear something comfy and come to enjoy the time together and learn useful information you can pass along."



ENCOUNTER

A 4-WEEK JOURNEY
INTO WORSHIP



♥ TONIGHT ♥

Two weeks ago we began **Encounter**, a four-week journey into what worship really means, why we do what we do, and how it shapes our lives beyond Sunday morning. There are two weeks left. Come join us!

Each week, we'll explore a different part of worship:

- The Heart of Worship
- The Beauty of Worship
- The Order of Worship
- The Lifestyle of Worship



Come enjoy **dinner at 5:30 p.m.**, then join us for **Encounter from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

No matter where you are in your understanding of worship, this is a chance to go deeper into both the what and why behind what we do, while discovering how worship connects us more deeply with God.

Come for dinner. Stay for Encounter.

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, green beans, corn and soup are especially needed, but any nonperishable food items are greatly appreciated. Grocery items 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.

The ROC thrift store and drop-off center has moved. The new address is:
5107 N. MacArthur
Warr Acres

St. Mark's is looking for someone special to lead our Kings and Queens Ministry! Perhaps that person is already part of our church family--or perhaps you know just the right person. If you're interested or know someone who might be a great fit, please let us know.

We're Hiring!

St. Mark's Bethany Global Methodist Church

Ministry Leader

Kings and Queens Ministry

St. Mark's is seeking a compassionate and organized Ministry Leader for the Kings and Queens Ministry to develop, coordinate, and grow a biblically based ministry serving children with special needs and their families. This role will focus on faith formation, family support, volunteer coordination, and respite care programming, while partnering with church leadership to ensure the ministry reflects the mission and vision of St. Mark's.

Focus Areas

- Faith Formation
- Family Support
- Volunteer Coordination
- Respite Care Programming

Help families feel seen, supported, and loved.

Resumes may be emailed to lenita@stmarksbethany.com

Called to Serve • Rooted in Faith • Together in Love

St. Mark's Fall Picnic Sunday, September 20

St. Mark's Fall Picnic is Sunday, September 20. We'll provide the grilled hamburgers and hot dogs -- you bring a covered dish to share, along with your lawn chairs and blankets.

Come ready for good food, great fellowship, and plenty of fun! We'll have games and activities for the kids and lots of time to relax, visit, and enjoy being together as a church family.

Save the date and plan to join us!

ST. MARK'S PICNIC

BURGERS AND HOT-DOGS - MUSIC - GAMES - AND OTHER SURPRISES

COME JOIN US!
SEPTEMBER 20TH FROM 5-7PM

BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE



JOIN US FOR
**METRO
WORSHIP!**

SEPTEMBER 27TH 5:30-8:30 PM

WE'LL BE GOING TO ST. LUKE'S TO HAVE WORSHIP WITH
OTHER YOUTH GROUPS IN THE METRO FROM CAMP.



The Gathering

A COMMUNITY FOR MOMS
of babies + toddlers

Moms, you're invited! ♥

Join us each **Wednesday** morning
from **9:30-11:00 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! ♥

We can't wait to see you! ♥



ST. MARK'S BETHANY

Women's CRAFT SHOW

OCTOBER 3RD

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Calling All Vendors!

Join us for a day of shopping, supporting
local artisans, and celebrating creativity!

We are looking for vendors to be a part of
our fun and festive Craft Show.

Interested in being a vendor?

Contact Carol Brown at
(405) 823-1345
for more information or
to reserve your spot!



Men's Breakfast

September 12
8:00 a.m.
Room 18

KidMin sprouts

 Ages 18 Months–3 Years

 Beginning September 13

 9:30 Worship Hour

Led by

Miss Christie Couch

Something new is sprouting in KidMin! Beginning **September 13**, KidMin Sprouts will provide a special place for our littlest ones, ages **18 months through 3 years**, during the **9:30 a.m. worship hour**. Led by **Miss Christy Couch**, Sprouts will give young children an opportunity to begin learning about God's love in a fun, nurturing, age-appropriate environment. We're excited to watch these little ones **sprout and grow in faith!**



Growing in God's Love Every Week!

Join us in **KidMin 2** (during the 11:00 a.m. service) and on **Wednesday nights** as we discover how the Fruit of the Spirit helps us live more like **Jesus!**



LOVE



GOODNESS



JOY



FAITHFULNESS



PEACE



GENTLENESS



PATIENCE



SELF-CONTROL



KINDNESS

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
GALATIANS 5:22-23

ONE SUNDAY a Month. AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE.

Follow Jesus. Make a Difference.

Jesus welcomed children with open arms—and you can help us do the same.

Our KidMin ministry is looking for a few caring volunteers to help create a safe, fun, and Christ-centered environment where children can learn about God's love. Whether you can serve once a month or be available as a substitute, your time makes an eternal difference.

DIFFERENCE MAKER OPPORTUNITIES



KIDMIN SEEDS (BIRTH–18 MONTHS)

- Volunteers needed during 1st and 2nd hour
- Serve the 3rd Sunday of each month



KIDMIN SPROUTS

- Assistant needed during the 9:30 a.m. service
- Commitment: Once each month



KIDMIN 2

- Assistant needed during the 11:00 a.m. service
- Serve the 2nd Sunday of each month



KIDMIN RESPONSE TEAM

We also need a few volunteers who are willing to step in when someone is sick or unable to serve. If you're flexible and enjoy helping wherever you're needed, we'd love to have you on our Response Team.



Every smile, every hug, every story, and every prayer helps plant seeds of faith that can last a lifetime.



Ready to make a difference?



Contact Sharon

to learn more or sign up to serve.

DIFFERENCE MAKERS TRAINING

EQUIP • ENCOURAGE • EMPOWER

TONIGHT!



WEDNESDAY KIDMIN
DIFFERENCE MAKERS TRAINING



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9



4:30 PM



CHILDREN'S AREA

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of kids!

Help Build Our Titus 2 Team



We're looking for caring adults who enjoy spending time with babies and toddlers while parents participate in Bible studies and church activities.

No teaching required. Just a caring heart and a willingness to love our youngest children.

If you'd like to learn more about serving on the Titus 2 Team, contact Sharon Hunt.

Team ION Parent Informational Meeting

Parents of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are invited to an informational meeting on Sunday, September 20, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 18 to learn more about Team ION, our leadership training opportunity for preteens.

Come hear what Team ION is all about, what your child will be learning, and how this program will help equip our young people to grow as leaders, serve others, and put their faith into action.

We hope you'll join us and discover how your 4th, 5th, or 6th grader can be part of TEAM ION! Questions? Contact Bequer or Sharon.



Upcoming Events

Sept 9 - TONIGHT!

4:30 pm Difference Makers Training

5:30 pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL Chili Dogs

6:00 pm Encounter Worship

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sept 10 - Second Winders

Sept 12 - Men's Breakfast

Sept 14 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

Sept 16 - The Gathering/Titus 2

Sept 16 - Encounter Worship

Sept 20 - Fall Picnic

Sept 21 - Wrapped in Love

Sept 23 - The Gathering/Titus 2

Sept 27 - Youth Metro Worship

Sept 28 - Administrative Council

Sept 30 - The Gathering/Titus 2

Communion Servers - September 13

Traditional Dave & Kathy Moore
Sandy Kelly & Kathi Fisher
Bob & Lynne Kanary

Modern Schneider family
SM Youth

FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget	684,155
Rec'd toward Operating 9/05/2026	9,740
Year to Date 2026 Rec'd toward offering (thru 9/05/26)	426,900
Expenses (thru 9/05/26) ..	441,227

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 6	Total	291
Combined Worship	197	
Online Worship	94	

Need Someone TO WALK WITH YOU?



STEPHEN MINISTRY
Christ caring for people through people

You are not alone.



WE CARE.

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



WE LISTEN.

Whether you're experiencing grief, illness, loneliness, caregiving, or another life challenge, we are here to listen.



WE WALK WITH YOU.

We will encourage, pray, and walk alongside you—every step of the way.

Hope begins with a conversation.



CONTACT ONE OF OUR
STEPHEN MINISTERS



CALL THE
CHURCH OFFICE



VERSE FOR THE WEEK



“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.
Do what it says.”

— JAMES 1:22



Prayer Board

Jason Jupiterwala
Karen Hall (Friend of Sandy Kelley)
Bobbie Gaston
Kathi Fisher
Heidi (Friend of Esther Underwood)
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)
John Evans
Danny Payne
Gordon Denton (BIL of Joey Pedigo)

Nichole Norberto
Judy Knight
Carol Hall
Brandon Kilpatrick (friend of Steve Ross)
Brittany (Friend of Robin Bratcher)
Coy Sue Tyler (best friend of Loretta Wright)
Tony Pellegrini
Evelyn Moore
Bill Underwood
Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Sandy Rutherford
Barbara Hill
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano