



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Jesus Is The Word Made Flesh

Join us this Sunday for worship as Pastor Randy begins a new sermon series, "Who is Jesus and What Does He Want from Me?" His first message, "Jesus IS the Word Made Flesh," draws from John 1:1-14. Together, we'll reflect on the mystery of God's Word taking on human life -- dwelling among us, shining light into darkness, and offering grace upon grace. Come be a part of this time of worship, learning, and renewal.

We look forward to worshipping with you!

Service times -

The Traditional service will begin at 9:30 am and the Modern service begins at 10:55 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

10:55 am Sunday morning



Sunday School Classes

We have classes for all ages and interests

- 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

Summer Picnic Fun at St. Mark's



Our church family enjoyed a wonderful summer evening together at the picnic! From bubbles floating across the lawn to a lively tug-of-war, laughter and fellowship filled the air. Many simply relaxed in their lawn chairs, enjoying good company and the beautiful afternoon. It was a joyful reminder of the blessings of community at St. Mark's



OKC District Gathering with Bishop Jeff Greenway

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**Tuesday, Sept. 30
7:00pm**

**Mid-America Christian University
JASCO Chapel in Fozard Hall
3500 SW 119th St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73170**



Oklahoma City District
Heartland Conference
Global Methodist Church



All are invited to a special evening with Bishop Jeff Greenway on Tuesday September 30 at 7:00 pm at Mid-America Christian University.

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from Bishop Greenway and connect with others across the Oklahoma City District. Please make plans to attend and be part of this time together.

MEMBER

Spotlight

When Bill and Beverly Kindred first came to St. Mark's, they weren't planning to join. They were looking for a Global Methodist church and their daughter told them about St. Mark's. They decided to "just drive through the parking lot" and check it out. But when Bill suggested they step inside, everything changed. They met Pastor Randy, felt an immediate warmth, and soon knew they had found their new church home. "It's the friendliest church I've ever been to," Beverly said.

Bill recalls that first visit with deep conviction: "When we walked into this church, I said, this is going to be my church. The Holy Spirit is in this place. When we met the people—with their open hearts, so friendly and gracious—you knew the Spirit was with them. He said, 'We're going to be here forever.'"

The Kindreds' faith story stretches back many years. Both lifelong Methodists, they became active in church life early on—through the Wesley Foundation at UCO, teaching Sunday school, leading youth groups, and singing in choirs. Their three daughters grew up deeply involved in church, and now their grandchildren continue that legacy—singing, leading worship, and even discerning a call to ministry. Christmas worship services with their entire extended family remain some of their most treasured memories. "There's nothing better than seeing your children and grandchildren in church with you," Beverly shared.

Outside of church, Beverly is a skilled quilter who often creates "comfort quilts" for families walking through grief. One of her most meaningful projects was making a quilt from her nephew's shirts after his tragic passing—a gift that continues to bring comfort and beauty. Bill is equally devoted to gardening, filling more than 70 pots with flowers and greenery each summer, a hobby he now enjoys alongside his grandchildren.

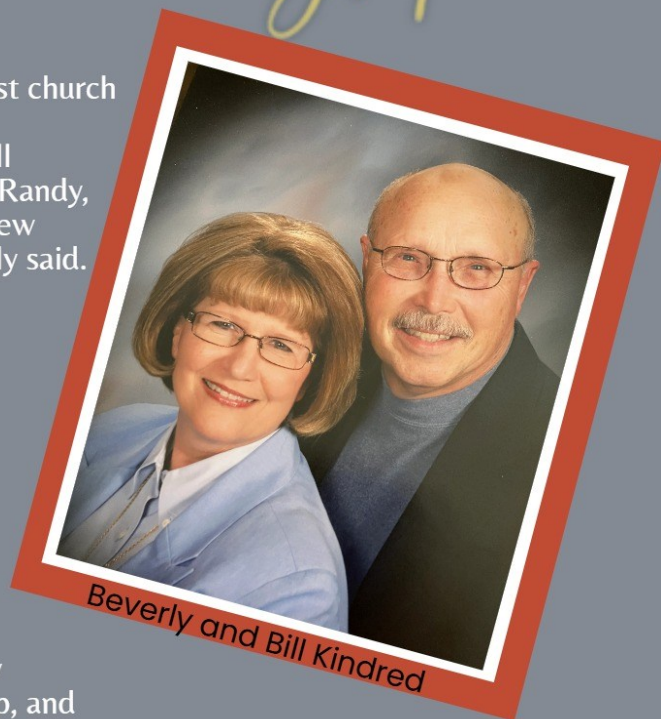
Their journey has not been without sorrow. They have endured the heartbreaking loss of a nephew and an infant granddaughter. Yet even in grief, their faith and church family carried them. "You have to lean on the Lord to get through something like that," Beverly said.

When asked how they'd like to be remembered at St. Mark's, Beverly answered, "As friendly—as someone who shows God's light and offers comfort." Bill kept it simple: "Just as a good Christian man."

As Bill and Beverly reflected on their journey, Bill shared a story that speaks to the depth of their lifelong partnership. After returning from the service, he came to town a week early to move into his dorm. One evening, he spotted Beverly at a dance in the basement of the Methodist church. After dancing with her, he thought to himself, *"I'm going to marry her."* From then on, he attended that church - because that's where Beverly went. The rest became a lifetime of love, faith, and shared devotion.

The Kindreds remind us of the gift of belonging to a loving church family—one that celebrates together, grieves together, and grows together in Christ.

Thank you, Bill and Beverly, for sharing your story and your faith with all of us at St. Mark's.



Beverly and Bill Kindred

Men's Breakfast Saturday, September 13

Attention all men! Join us for a hearty breakfast and fellowship on September 13th at 8 AM in Barnett Hall. Enjoy delightful food, encouraging conversation, and an opportunity to deepen your faith together. Feel free to bring a friend—there's always room at the table!



Wrapped in Love September 15 Meeting

Wrapped in Love meets on Monday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 18. This ministry provides handmade baby blankets, bonnets and booties for the little ones at Willow. Each item is a tangible reminder of God's care, wrapped around the sweet babies. All skill levels are welcome. Bring your hands and your heart, and join us as we stitch love into everything we make for them.



Capital Campaign Construction Update Meeting

We hope you'll join us for a Capital Campaign Construction Update Meeting on Sunday, September 28, right after the second service. Come hear the latest news on the project and what's ahead.

Childcare will be available for little ones (five and under). To help us prepare, please sign up through Church Center so we will know how many children to prepare for.

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.

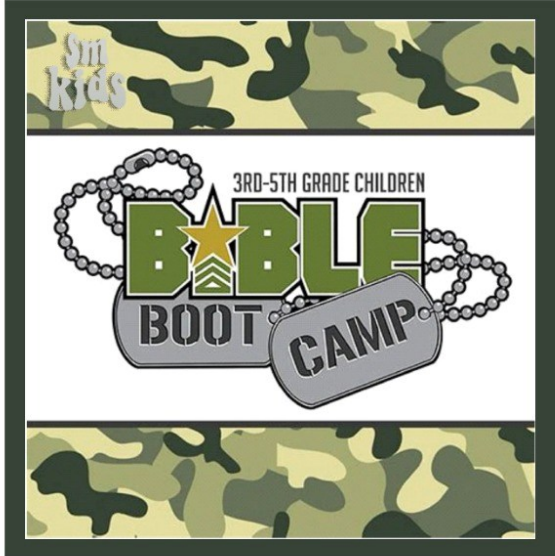


Willow Pregnancy Support is grateful for contributions of clothing for newborns to size 6, shoes up to size 13, and diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6. They also welcome donations of bottles, bath wash, lotion, and Good Start Formula. Your support truly makes a difference—thank you for your generosity!



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.

Coming this Saturday, September 13th.... Gear Up for an Adventure in God's Word!



Attention all 3rd-5th graders--this Saturday is Bible Bootcamp! This one-day crash course will get you ready to dive into God's Word like never before. You'll learn what the Bible is, how to use it, and why it matters, plus enjoy awesome games, team challenges and plenty of laughs along the way.

Whether you've been reading the Bible for years or you're just getting started, Bible Bootcamp will give you the skills (and confidence!) to make Scripture your go-to guide for life.



Bring your curiosity and your energy--and don't forget to **register in Church Center** or **use the QR code!!**

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. Tickets are \$50, with childcare available and hotel options nearby.

Don't wait--registration deadline is October 24 at claremorefmc.org/events.

Men's Bible Study Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

The St. Mark's men's Fall study will be "Unashamed of the Gospel" starting on Tuesday, September 16th. We meet at 7:00 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.

**Unashamed
of the Gospel**

St. Mark's Men's Bible Study

BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER IN KIDMIN!



Our littlest ones need YOU! KidMin is looking for a few high-energy, joy-filled "Difference Makers" to help in the nursery during first hour. We especially need two regular helpers for 1st Sundays and for 3rd Sundays!

This is your chance to make a lasting difference--in the lives of kids and their parents. Contact Lauren Deal or Sharon Hunt!

Mark Your Calendar! It's almost time for the Craft Fair!!!!



If you're a crafty guru and want to showcase your amazing work, don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

But even if you're not planning to set up shop, be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, October 4th – this is one craft show you won't want to miss! ✨

Join us for a day filled with fantastic crafts, amazing vendors, and endless fun! Bring your friends and family for an unforgettable day of creativity!

Exciting Mission Opportunities Ahead

St. Mark's has two incredible mission opportunities coming up, and we would love for you to prayerfully consider joining in.

Mexico City Mission Trip



We are putting together a team for a mission trip to Mexico. The dates are January 15-21. Final costs will be available soon, but we're asking anyone interested to sign up now so that we can begin making plans. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve, grow, and share Christ's love with our neighbors to the south.

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, but we want to invite anyone who may be interested to an **"Are You Interested?"** meeting on **Sunday, September 21** after the second service.

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.



Second Winders Kick Off the Year!

The Second Winder's first gathering for season 2025-2026 starts this **Thursday, September 11th** in Barnett Hall. The time will begin at **11:30 a.m.**, with coffee and fellowship. Noon brings announcements and our devotion. A \$5.00 donation lunch will be centered around the **State Fair foods**. Foods that will be offered are corn dogs, BBQ pork sliders, Mozzarella sticks, potato salad, small corn on the cob, caramel apple bites, brownies, funnel cakes, lemonade and water.

The group then will share in a program by **Paul Thompson** as he enlightens us with knowledge and enjoyment of playing the cello.



Come share in the fellowship with each other!



Building Momentum PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

**BUILDING MOMENTUM
PICKLEBALL
TOURNAMENT**

OCT 4
8AM-12PM

A FUNDRAISER FOR MOMENTUM CAMPUS MINISTRY AT ECU

**CHICKEN N
PICKLE**
8400 N OKLAHOMA AVE, OKC

REGISTER EARLY - SPACE IS LIMITED

\$35
DONATION
PER PERSON

REGISTER NOW!

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\$50 FOR DAY OF REGISTRATION
QUESTIONS? EMAIL VLTAYLOR1136@YAHOO.COM.



Get ready to serve up some fun at the New Covenant Pickleball Tournament!

🥳🌟 Join us on October 4th from 8 AM to 12 PM at the lively Chicken N Pickle (8400 N Oklahoma Avenue, OKC) for a smashing good time, all while supporting Momentum Campus Ministry!

Don't wait until the last minute—space is limited, and you won't want to miss out on this epic pickleball showdown! 🥒 Rally your friends, polish those paddles, and get ready for a day filled with friendly competition, laughter, and maybe even a little chicken-inspired culinary magic!

Sign up early to secure your spot in the action. It's going to be a pickleball party you won't forget!

Upcoming Events

TONIGHT - Wednesday Night Programs

5:30	Meal - Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
5:15	Prayer
6:15	KidMin
6:15	Youth Ministry
6:30	Choir Rehearsal

September 11 - Second Winders

September 11 - YAM - "Prayer Practice"

September 13 - Men's Breakfast

September 13 - Bible Bootcamp

September 15 - Wrapped in Love

September 16-19 - New Room Conference (Staff)

September 16 - Men's Bible Study

September 21 - Mission Meeting
"Are You Interested?"

September 23 - Administrative Council

September 23 - Men's Bible Study

September 25 - Kings & Queens

September 30 - Men's Bible Study

October 4 - SMBW Arts & Crafts Show

FACTS & Figures

2025 Annual Budget	632,679
Rec'd toward Operating 9/06/2025	11,624
Year to Date 2025 Rec'd toward offering (thru 9/06/25)	407,700
Expenses (9/06/25)	435,295

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 7	Total	360
Traditional Worship		203
Modern Worship		67
Online Worship		90

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



COMMUNION SERVERS September 14, 2025

Traditional:

Gregg & Kathy Miller
Ed & Gina Boerner

Modern:

Mike & Sally Kilby
Jay & Gwen Sears



Prayer Board

Family of Barbara Byrd
(sister of Dot Lyon)
Julie Yardley (friend of
Kathy Moore)
Frank Wilkerson
Anthony Thomas (friend
of Barbara Johnson)
Norma and Dan Boland
Jennifer and infant son,
Jacob (friend of Christy
Kiespert)
Carole Rosenthal (sister of
Elaine Talbot)
Wendell Everett (friend of
Gary Layton)
Stephanie Maynard (cousin
of Vickie Maynard)
Vickie Wines (grandmother
of Chealsie Zink)
Tony Pellegrini
Judy Ross
Jim Donnan (father of
co-worker of Deb Wade)

Vernon (Brother of
Hazel Bremmer)
Kason (grandson of
Cheryl Pavelko)
Evelyn Moore
Sara Miller
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)
Winn Lusk
Ginger Fenton (daughter of
Jeff & Dianna Davidson)
Dianna Davidson
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano