



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Jesus Wants -- To Transform Me

This Sunday we continue our "Jesus Wants ..." series with a message titled "Jesus Wants to Transform Me" rooted in John 15:1-11. Together we'll explore what it means to remain connected to the True Vine and allow His pruning, shaping, and renewing work to bear real fruit in our lives. Come be encouraged as we worship, learn, and grow together in Christ's transforming love.

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 this Thursday, November 13th in Barnett Hall for our Second Winder's Thanksgiving feast. 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!.

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 this 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 GO TO THE ROC!**

Questions??? Call Evelyn Moore at (405) 659-0633.

Church Charge Conference –
Monday, November 17 at 6:00 PM



ST. MARK'S BETHANY
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METHODIST CHURCH

Our annual Charge Conference will be held this Monday, November 17, at 6:00 pm. All members and friends of St. Mark's are invited to attend as we review the past year, look ahead to ministry in 2026, and celebrate the ways God continues to work in our church. Your presence, prayers, and support are appreciated as we conduct this important time of reflection and planning together.



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 12** 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)



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

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 had lots of fun last Wednesday and we'll meet again tonight, November 12th, at 6:15 pm in Barnett Hall. 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!



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.

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!



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



The Heartland Conference Women's Retreat is happening this weekend, November 14-15 at Claremore FMC. The event includes teaching, fellowship and encouragement designed to refresh your spirit. Don't miss it!

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.

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.

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 NOW if you are you interested in the Mexico City Mission Trip

The dates for the proposed Mexico City mission trip are January 15-21.



If you are interested please sign up by this Sunday. A sign-up sheet is on the counter in the Narthex.

The Mission Committee is meeting Sunday and will need to 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 under "Encounter" or contact Kelly Jo.

(Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

DIAPER drive 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!

WRAPPED IN LOVE - MEETING MONDAY NOVEMBER 17th

Our Wrapped in Love group will meet on Monday, November 17 at 10:00 am in Room 18. This wonderful ministry crochets and knits blankets, booties and tiny baby caps for Willow's children and families, wrapping each little one in God's love and comfort.

If you enjoy crocheting, knitting, or simply want to be a part of a meaningful ministry, you're invited to join in. All are welcome - your hands and your heart will make a difference.



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!!

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** 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.**



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SERVES WITH THE ROC!



Our church is blessed with so many faithful volunteers who show up week after week to sort, stock, cook, organize, and care for our neighbors in need. Your hands and hearts make a real difference--especially now, as The ROC is experiencing heavier traffic due to the current pause in SNAP benefits. We are grateful for your compassion, your time, and your willingness to love others in Jesus' name. We were able to capture photos of some of our volunteers serving last week, and while not everyone could be pictured, we are thankful for each and every one of you. A special thank-you as well to The ROC team for the incredible work they do every single day. Your partnership in ministry is a blessing to our St. Mark's family and to our community.



Upcoming Events

TONIGHT - Wednesday Night Programs

5:30	Meal - Biscuit, Eggs, Gravy
5:15	Prayer
6:00	Prayer Walk
6:15	KidMin
6:15	Youth Ministry
6:30	Choir Rehearsal

November 13 - Second Winders

November 14 - Kings & Queens Kids Family Night

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

November 16 - Mission Meeting

November 17 - Wrapped in Love

November 17 - Charge Conference

November 18 - Men's Bible Study

November 22 - ENCOUNTER

November 20 - Young Adult Ministry

November 22 - Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

November 23 - KidMin PRAISE Breakfast

November 25 - Men's Bible Study

November 27 - THANKSGIVING DAY

FACTS & Figures

2025 Annual Budget	632,679
Rec'd toward Operating 11/08/2025	17,639
Year to Date 2025	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 11/08/25)	508,911
Expenses (11/08/25)	549,780

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 9	Total	352
Traditional Worship		189
Modern Worship		73
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



Prayer Board

Kevin (son of Becky & Steve Chessmore)
Isaac Roman
Cindy Wilkerson
Beth (Bidne) Cook
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)
Barbara Hill
Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes)
Ginger Fenton (daughter of Jeff & Dianna Davidson)
Dianna Davidson
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano