

ST. MARK'S BETHANY

NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

To Spread Scriptural Holiness "The Triumph of His Grace"

God's grace does more than forgive us--it transforms us! This Sunday, we continue our sermon series, *To Spread Scriptural Holiness*, with **"The Triumph of His Grace,"** using 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2. We'll explore the wonderful truth that through Christ, we are made new and called to live as ambassadors of His reconciling love. Join us as we discover how the triumph of God's grace changes not only our relationship with Him but also the way we live, love, and serve others. Come worship with us and celebrate the new life we have in Christ!

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

SHOP · DISCOVER · ENJOY

There's something special about a fall craft fair--the creativity, the unexpected treasures, and the fun of finding something you didn't even know you needed!

Our **St. Mark's Bethany Women's Crafts Fair** is coming **October 3**, and we'd love for you to be a part of the day. Come browse the booths, discover the work of talented vendors. do a little early Christmas shopping, and maybe find a treasure or two for yourself.

And don't worry about leaving when lunchtime rolls around! **Lunch will be available for just $10** and includes a **pulled pork sandwich, chips, a drink, and a brownie**. Shop awhile, stop for a delicious lunch, and then head back for another look at your favorite booths!

Invite a friend, bring your family, and come enjoy the day with us. We can't wait to see you there!



There's always something happening at St. Mark's — come be part of it!

Have you wondered about Second Winders?

Have you wondered what Second Winders is all about? Here's a great opportunity to join us, enjoy a delicious meal and get to know the group!

Second Winders will be heading to **Eischen's in Okarche** on **Tuesday, October 20**, for their famous fried chicken. We'll meet at the church and leave at **11:30 a.m**. Our reservation is for **1:00 p.m.**

You don't have to be a regular Second Winders participant to come along. **Everyone is invited!** Bring a friend and join us for a fun afternoon of good food, conversation, and fellowship.

To sign up or for more information, contact **Cheryl at (405) 249-1307**. If needed, leave a message with your name and phone number.

Come along–we'd love to have you join us!



Are you donating a handmade craft for the **St. Mark's Bethany Women's table at the Arts & Crafts Fair? Thank you!!!**

Please bring your donation to the church on **Wednesday, September 30, or Friday, October 2, at 5 p.m.** The women will be here setting up for the fair and will be happy to receive your donated items at that time. You can also bring them earlier to the church office.

Thank you for sharing your talents and helping make the fair a success.

Please Return Any Borrowed Tables

The St. Mark's Bethany Women are preparing for the Arts & Crafts Fair on October 3rd and will need all of the church tables for the event.

If you have borrowed a table from the church, please return it as soon as possible so we can be sure everything is ready for the fair.

Thank you for helping us prepare for this special day!





Second Winders will gather on **Thursday, October 8, at 11:30 a.m.** for a covered-dish lunch and a special program. Please bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name:

A-H - Side Dish
I - P - Meat
R-W - Dessert

Please keep in mind that we may be serving about 35 people.

Following lunch, our **Mission Team will share about their trip to Tanzania**. Come hear about their experiences and the ministry that took place while they were there.

Second Winders is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food, fellowship, and time together. **We'd love to have you join us!**



Explore To Spread Scriptural Holiness Together!

Go deeper into our current sermon series with a special **five-week Wednesday evening study** based on *To Spread Scriptural Holiness.*

Clayton Croy and Allen Smith are leading the class as we explore the themes of the book and what it means to live our our Wesleyan calling to spread scriptural holiness.

The study continues at **6:15 p.m. TONIGHT** and the following three Wednesdays. Come for Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:30 p.m., then stay for this opportunity to learn, discuss, and grow together in faith.

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.

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PREGNANCY SUPPORT

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!

ROC
REACHING OUR CITY

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

Mexico Mission Trip

January 9-16, 2027



Our next **Mexico Mission Trip** is planned for **January 9-16, 2027.** The team will leave from Oklahoma City, and the estimated cost is $1,250 per person. Some scholarship help is available.

If you've ever considered being part of a mission trip, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn more! Let Bequer or Pastor Randy know if you are interested, or come to the upcoming Mission Meeting to hear more about the trip, ask questions, and find out what you can expect.

Interested? Come learn more--there's a place for you on the team!

STRIVE 2026
ST. MARK'S STUDENT MINISTRY

Student Ministry Fundraiser STRIVE 2026

STRIVE is an opportunity for our students to raise money toward camps, retreats, and mission trips through donations and participation in an 8-hour workday. Anyone planning to attend a camp, retreat, or mission trip may participate. Participation is mandatory for students enrolled in Jesus University.

How It Works



Students will receive pledge cards and envelopes to share with potential donors. Donations may be made as a flat amount or pledged toward the hours a student works during the fundraiser.

Donors should complete their pledge cards, keep their receipts, and return donations in the pre-addressed envelopes or place them in Bequer's box in the church copy room. All pledge cards must be returned to Bequer's box by **November 1** to count toward a specific student.

Incentive Levels

- **$400** – Free retreat and mandatory amount for Jesus University students
- **$700** – Free camp or mission trip
- **$1,050** – Additional free camp or mission trip
- **$1,300** – Additional free camp or mission trip
- **$1,750** – Season pass

Important Dates

- **September 30–October 25**: Students ask for donations at church on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- **November 1**: Last day to turn in donations for a specific student.
- **November 7**: STRIVE Workday and Banquet (subject to change depending on weather)



Thank you for supporting our students and helping make these life-changing ministry opportunities possible!



Mark your calendar for Friday, October 23, and join us for Fall Fest! Volunteer opportunities will be posted soon. If you would like to participate in Trunk or Treat by decorating a trunk and handing out candy, a sign-up sheet will be available on the counter.

We hope you'll plan to be a part of this fun night!



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 STILL NEED DIFFERENCE MAKERS!

OUR GREATEST NEEDS:

KIDMIN SEEDS
Birth – 18 Months

- Volunteers needed during both worship hours
- Serve 1st and 3rd Sundays each month

Tiny seeds. Big impact!

KIDMIN SPROUTS
Ages 18 Months – 3 Years

- Assistant needed at the 9:30 a.m. service
- Commitment: One Sunday each month

Watch them sprout and grow in faith!

KIDMIN 2

~~Assistant needed at the 11:00 a.m. service~~

~~Serve the 2nd Sunday of each month~~

FILLED!! THANK YOU!!

Building strong roots in Jesus!

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 where needed, we'd love to have you on our **Response Team!**

Every child. Every story. Every life. Eternally impacted.

Could you give one Sunday a month?

Contact Sharon to learn more or to say, **"I can help!"**

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!

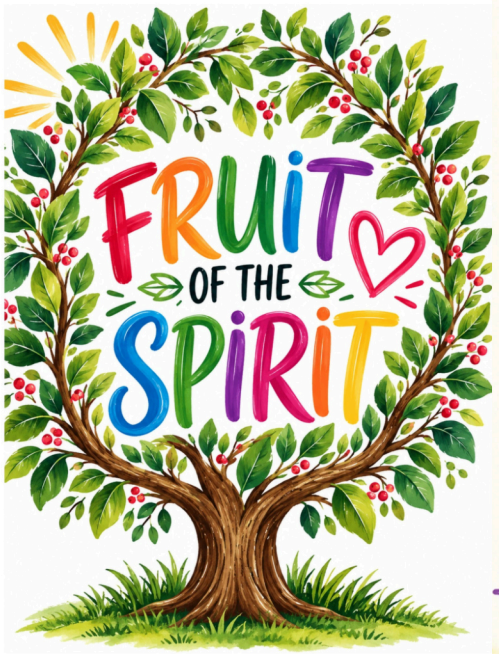
Help Build Our Titus 2 Team



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.**



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
- JOY
- PEACE
- PATIENCE
- KINDNESS
- GOODNESS
- FAITHFULNESS
- GENTLENESS
- SELF-CONTROL

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

KidMin sprouts

Is Growing!

Ages 18 Months–3 Years

9:30 Worship Hour

Led by

Miss Christie Couch

Faith, Fellowship & Our Camp Community!

What a wonderful eveing at Metro Worship this past Sunday night at St. Luke's! There's something special about coming together with our camp community to worship, reconnect, and share our faith.

As Bequer put it, "Always love doing church with our camp community!"

We're grateful for these opportunities to gather, strengthen friendships, and celebrate the joy of following Jesus together. What a blessing to be part of a community that continues to grow in faith and friendship!









Holy Rollers! Youth Bowling Night!



Get ready for an evening of strikes, spares, and plenty of fun at our **All Saints Costume Bowling Night!**

Join us Sunday, November 1, for a fun-filled evening. We'll meet at the church at 4 p.m., head out for bowling and fun!

Bring $20, wear your costume, and get ready for a great night!

Upcoming Events

Sept 30 - TONIGHT!
5:30 pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL
Spaghetti

6:15 pm KidMin 2
6:15 pm Youth Ministry
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sept 30 - Scriptural Holiness Study
Oct 3 - St. Mark's Women's CRAFT Fair
Oct 7 - Gathering / Titus 2
Oct 8 - Second Winders
Oct 10 - Men's Breakfast
Oct 12 - St. Mark's Bethany Women
Oct 23- Overholser Fall Festival
Oct 27 - Finance Budget Meeting
Oct 29 - Putnam City Football Dinner
Nov 2 - Administrative Council
Nov 5 - Charge Conference

Communion Servers - October 4

Traditional	Tony & Vicki Pellegrini Terry & Elle Gather Ed & Gina Boerner
Modern	Tyler & Katie Miller Danny & Sabrina Beebe

FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget 684,155

Rec'd toward Operating
9/26/2026 11,265

Year to Date 2026
Rec'd toward offering
(thru 9/26/26) 453,846
Expenses (thru 9/26/26) .. 474,228

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 27 Total 324

Traditional Worship 203
Modern Worship 50
Online Worship 71

Verse of the Week





Prayer Board

Donna Shriver
Kathy Moore
Kyle Baisden
Jason Jupiterwala
Karen Hall (Friend of Sandy Kelley)
Bobbie Gaston
Mary Jane Svejkovsky
Tamara Spear Kerr (friend of Dot Lyon's daughter, Lori)
Lucas (12 yr old nephew of Carolyn Grady's supervisor)
Laurie Buckholtz
John Evans
Danny Payne
Gordon Denton (BIL of Joey Pedigo)
Nichole Norberto
Judy Knight
Carol Hall
Brittany (Friend of Robin Bratcher)
Brandon Kilpatrick (friend of Steve Ross)
Coy Sue Tyler (best friend of Loretta Wright)
Tony Pellegrini
Evelyn Moore
Bill Underwood
Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Sandy Rutherford
Mark Stover (SIL of Sandy Rutherform
Barbara Hill
Elmer (Friend of Barbara Hill)
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano