



# ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!**

## The People of Salt and Light -- The Rewards of Secrecy

Join us this Sunday as we continue our Lenten series, The People of Salt and Light, with a message titled "The Rewards of Secrecy." Drawing from Matthew 6:1-18, we'll explore Jesus' teaching on giving, praying, and fasting -- not for recognition, but for a deeper relationship with our Father who sees what is done in secret. In a world that often celebrates what is public and praised, Jesus invites us into a quieter faithfulness -- one rooted in humility, sincerity, and trust. Come and discover how living for an audience of One shapes us into people of true light.

### 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

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



# ST. MARK'S BETHANY

We are hiring for paid children/youth 2026 summer internships now!

Apply Here!



St. Mark's Bethany is a place for children/youth to build a foundation of faith and equip kids to KNOW God, GROW to be like Him, and GO serve Him. At St. Mark's, students come first! Our summer interns must have a heart to serve our church and love working with children and youth!

Interns are people who are interested in exploring ministry in the local church. They are selected because of their demonstrated leadership among their peers and students, maturity in their Christian faith, and a desire to see others come to know Jesus Christ. This would be an unforgettable and valuable experience for someone with a heart for students and wants to be involved with them.

## St. Mark's Bethany Women Meeting March 9th

St. Mark's Bethany Women will meet on Monday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 18. We enjoy spending time together with refreshments, learning about different programs, and supporting the missions our group reaches out to.

This month's program will feature Jimi Hadley speaking on Tae Kwon Do. She will share about the style she practices and teach us a few simple exercises to help us start each day.

We would love for you to join us for a morning of fellowship and learning.



## 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.

**Willow has recently moved to a new location at 6006 North Rockwell in Bethany and continues to serve families in our community with care and compassion.**

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.

# Second Winders Meeting Thursday, March 12th



FAILTE! (Welcome)

Second Winder's will gather on Thursday, March 12, in Room 18.  
Cuairt (visiting) begins at 11:30 am.

Phil will begin announcements and devotion at 11:50 a.m., followed by the beile (meal) shortly after. In the month of March, join us as we savor the flavors of Irish-style food for a suggested \$5.00 donation.

Our program will feature one of our own St. Mark's staff members. Come discover who it is – and how well you know them.

Phil will conclude the afternoon with door prizes.

We look forward to seeing everyone – fáilte roimh chach!



## EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY



St. Mark's sanctuary will be beautifully adorned with lilies as we celebrate the joy of Easter. You are invited to purchase an Easter lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend helping to create a meaningful and lovely setting for our Easter worship.

The lilies will decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning and may be picked up following the Easter services.

The cost is \$15 per lily, and a sign-up sheet is available on the counter.

**NEW KIDMIN STUDY  
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

# Jesus Prepares Us

Jesus taught truths that came from the Father. These teachings laid a foundation for correct belief, and right belief leads us to live out our faith each day. Through Jesus' teaching -- first shared with the disciples and now shared with us -- our faith is strengthened and our lives are changed.

Each Wednesday we will focus on one key Bible truth. Kids will discover, think about, and apply what they learn from the powerful teachings of Jesus.

We would love for your child to join us on this journey as we discover that Jesus changes everything -- for those who choose to follow Him.

*"He is the way, and the truth, and the life!"*

John 14:6

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Easter Egg Hunt is coming soon, and we need your help to make it a joyful celebration for our children!

We are collecting plastic Easter eggs, individually wrapped candy, and -- if possible -- pre-filled Easter eggs. Filled eggs are especially appreciated and help our volunteers tremendously.

For our younger children, we would also love some eggs filled with small non-candy items such as stickers, small toys, temporary tattoos, or other little treasures.

You can drop off the eggs in the church office. Thank you for helping us create a fun and meaningful Easter celebration for our St. Mark's kids!

## Men's Bible Study Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

The St. Mark's Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Room 17. This group offers a welcoming space for men to gather around God's Word, grow in faith, and encourage on another through thoughtful discussion and prayer. Bring your Bible and join the conversation as we explore Scripture together and seek how it speaks into our daily lives. Whether you've been part of the group before or are joining for the first time, all men are welcome.

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

## Kigoma Women's Center Dedication Mission Trip

Plans are moving forward for the June 7, 2026 dedication of the Women's Center in Kigoma, Tanzania.



Eight participants will attend from St. Mark's and David and Becky Roman will be meeting them there. This trip is a meaningful opportunity to celebrate God's work through long-term mission partnerships and to stand alongside those serving faithfully.

The mission team will be leaving Oklahoma City on May 29th and will return on June 10th.

**Please keep this mission opportunity, the team, and the Women's Center in your prayers.**



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# Vroom, Zoom, and Worship!



Last Sunday in Wee Worship was full of smiles, movement, and happy energy! From zooming little cars to joyful learning on the rug, our children were busy growing in faith and friendship. We love seeing their excitement each week!



# RACE TO THE TOMB

JOHN 20:4

On Wednesday night, March 25th, our youth will join the youth of Crossroads Methodist Church for a special Easter event, Race to the Tomb, inspired by John 20:4. It will be an evening filled with worship, dinner, and a fun Easter scavenger hunt and games as we celebrate the hope and joy of the Resurrection together at their campus. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and connection with other students as we prepare our hearts for Easter. More details about travel arrangements and times will be share soon -- we can't wait!

## Youth Bible Reading Challenge Don't Break the Streak!

The Youth Bible Reading Challenge is in full swing, and our students are working hard to keep their streaks alive! Each day they spend time in God's Word is another step toward building a strong, lasting habit of faith.

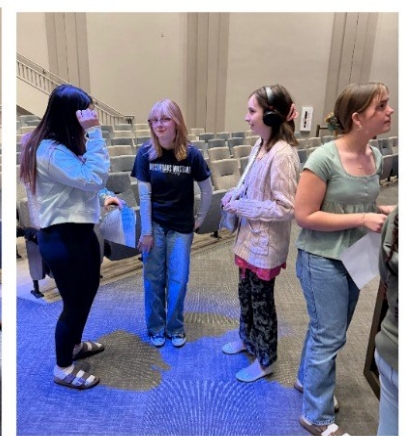
Students -- don't let that streak flame go out! Even just a few minutes in Scripture makes a difference.

Parents, a quick "What did you read today?" can go a long way in encouraging consistency and meaningful conversations at home. Let's keep cheering them on as they grow, learn, and connect with God each day!



## Metro Worship!

Our youth had such a wonderful time at Metro Worship last week! It was a joyful evening filled with energy and excitement. We are so thankful for opportunities like this for our youth to grow in faith together.





Learn Character. Learn Independence. Learn Truth.

# KIDS NEED CAMP.

[www.newliferanch.com](http://www.newliferanch.com)

## St. Mark's Children's Summer Camp SAVE THE DATES!!!

We're excited to share information about **two fantastic children's camps at New Life Ranch** this summer for kids who are **going into 2nd-6th grade!**

**Junior Camp** runs June 14-20 (Sunday-Saturday) with fun, high-energy theme "Superheroes."

**Children's Camp Howdy** will be July 12-15 (Sunday - Wednesday) and features a "Wild West" theme your kids are sure to love.

Camp at New Life Ranch is an incredible opportunity for children to grow in faith, build friendships, and experience God's love in a fun and encouraging environment.

**Scholarships are available** to help make camp possible for every child.

# Youth Summer Camps 2026!!!



Mark your calendars for our 2026 summer camps! These camps are wonderful opportunities for students to grow in faith, build friendships, and have fun in a Christ-centered environment.

**DAYSPRING May 26 - 30**

This is our high school camp for students entering 9th grade through graduating seniors. Camp will be held at New Life Ranch - Frontier Cove. The cost is \$325 per student, and Strive funds may be used for camps and retreats!

**YOUTH FORCE TULSA - June 14 - 19**

**DISCIPLE CAMP - July 22-25**

We encourage families to start planning now and prayerfully consider which camp opportunities are right for their students.

# Upcoming Events

March 4 - Wednesday Night Meal - SPAGHETTI

5:15	Prayer
6:15	KidMin
6:15	Youth Ministry
6:30	Choir Rehearsal

March 5 - Stephen Ministry Training

March 9 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

March 10 - SPRC Meeting

March 10 - Men's Bible Study

March 12 - Second Winders Meeting

March 13 - Kings & Queens Kids

March 16-20 - Spring Break

March 16 - Wrapped in Love

March 24 - Men's Bible Study

March 26 - Kings & Queens Plus

March 26 - KidMin Meeting

March 26 - Finance Audit Meeting

March 29 - PALM SUNDAY 

# FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget	684,155
Rec'd toward Operating 2/28/2026 .....	15,528
Year to Date 2026 Rec'd toward offering (thru 2/28/26) .....	85,122
Expenses (thru 2/28/26) ..	116,170

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 1	Total	398
Traditional Worship .....		211
Modern Worship .....		65
Online Worship .....		122

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 March 1, 2026

Traditional: Tony and Vicki Pellegrini  
Rod and Leslie Sipes

Modern: Mays family



# Prayer Board

Stacey Risinger	Beverly Clark
Paul Moon	Tony Pellegrini
Irena Manata	Evelyn Moore
Hazel Bremmer	Kathi Wagner (Dot Lyon's daughter, Lory's best friend)
Carol Hall	Bill Underwood
Jared Fenton (BIL of Jeff & Dianna Davidson)	Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Kason (grandson of Cheryl Pavelko)	Sandy Rutherford
Tina West	Barbara Hill
Brandon Kilpatrick (friend of Steve Ross)	Elmer (Barbara's friend)
Norma McMurtry	Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes)
Greg Tyler (friend of Loretta Wright)	Judy McMinn
Norma and Dan Boland	Tiffany Montesano