

St. Mark's

BETHANY



March 15, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. Randy will begin his Lenten series "Jesus Christ and Him Crucified". This week's message will be "The New Adam". The scripture reference for this week is Romans 5:12-21

All Sunday school classes will be at their regular time and area. If you don't attend a class drop by one and try it out.

Sunday School classes: 8:30 New Life Rm. 18, Sonshine Rm. 17

9:30 Books of the Bibles Rm 17,
Disciple Rm. 18,
Young Adults Rm. 5

10:45 Faithbuilders Rm 18,
Good News Choir,
R.O.C.K Rm. 19

Traditional services are at 9:30 am and Modern services are at 10:55 am. If you are not able to attend Worship services there will be a live streaming of worship. To watch the live stream, you can join us at

9:30 am Sunday morning at: <https://youtube.com/live/wPtmFzYw9t0>

or 10:55 at: <https://youtube.com/live/Za-el076GtY>

Looking Ahead

Key Calendar Special Events Through Easter

Wednesday Lenten Bible Study	2 pm Room 18
"The Passion of Christ" video (R-violence)	April 1st 3 pm
Palm Sunday services	April 2 9:30 & 10:45
Family Easter Event	April 5 6 pm
Maunder Thursday Services	April 6 7 pm
Good Friday Services	April 7 7 pm
Sunrise Easter Service	April 9 6:30 am
Easter Egg Hunt	April 9 10:40 am
Easter Services	April 9 9:30 & 10:55

Special Spring Break

Wednesday Schedule for March 15th

- NO Meal
- NO Children & Student Programming
- NO Prayer team
- NO Adult Bible Study
- NO Prayer Time in Sanctuary
- 6:30 – 8:00 Choir will meet at regular time

EASTER LILIES

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter outside the church office for ordering Easter Lilies. These lilies will decorate our sanctuary Easter Sunday, April 9th. Please indicate on the sheet if you are donating the lily in honor or memory of your loved ones. Orders and payment of \$20.00 is due by Sunday, April 2nd, for each lily you donate. You may take your lilies home after services on Easter Sunday.



Sign up on Church Center or office counter
Mom - Son / Grandmother - Grandson / Aunt Nephew / Etc.
Save the Date and watch for more details

Details: March 26, 2023, 6pm Register in [Church Center](#) or on office counter.

AMF Windsor Hill -4600 NW 23rd St, Oklahoma City, OK 73127
Cost \$ 12.00 per person includes 2 games and shoes

St. Mark's will be providing food and drinks at the Bowling Ally (courtesy of Strivent gift)

Church Alarm Codes

Thanks to those who have gotten with me on your alarm bode. If you have been using the church default code (4316) you will need to get a new code as the default code has been deleted for security reasons. This will be effective immediately!



Candy & Donations needed for Easter Egg Hunt

We will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:40 am on April 9th. We are in need of either donations for candy or candy itself. If you would be willing to help bring your candy by the church (remember it must be small enough to fit in a plastic egg), or you can give a donation marked Children/Easter. Thanks for any help you can give. It is greatly appreciated.

Join us on March 25th Kingfisher - Chuck Wagon Gathering



Join us as we visit the Chisholm Trail Museum on Saturday, March 25th, for a day filled with cowboy fun! See a variety of working chuck wagons from across the region as the cooks prepare some of their favorite dishes. Activities include live music, cooking demonstrations, gunfights, Wild West Show performers, medicine man shows, Annie Oakley performances, and more.



The activities are free, and tickets for the delicious chuck wagon meal at noon are \$15. If you are interested contact Phil Davis or sign up in Narthex.

DAWN - Dinner & Worship Night

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

Schedule:

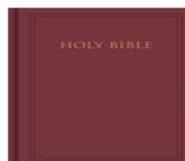
5:30-6:15 Meal (family style)

6:00-6:30 Prayer Team

6:15-7:30 Children's & Student Ministry

6:15-7:30 Adult Bible Studies

6:30-8:00 Choir Practice



March Global Methodist Prayer Guide



Photo: John Wesley's prayer kneeler – The birthplace of Methodism.

Each morning at 4 a.m., John Wesley would kneel in prayer in his London home. It was in this place that the fires of Methodism began. As we seek to reconnect to our Wesleyan heritage, it seems the best place we can begin is in prayer. Join us in our monthly prayer series: The Way to the Kingdom.

The Way to Scriptural Prayer

By: Terry Teykl

John Wesley said, “God will do nothing but in answer to prayer. Whether we think of, or speak to God, whether we act or suffer for him, all is prayer, when we have no other object than his love, and the desire of pleasing him. Proceed with much prayer, and your way will be made plain.”

Recently I had the privilege of writing a history of prayer in the Christian tradition. It was quite clear that the Lord's Prayer was the benchmark of prayer. Throughout the centuries Christians dropped their “plumb bob” on this prayer. And they got their bearings. This prayer was the basis and model for prayer. It was a summary of the Gospel. This prayer was the most memorized, quoted, and sung by the church. It was the center piece of prayer for the church fathers.

Plus, the prayer was so unique. For example, Jesus told us to pray for our daily bread. The word he used was “epiousios.” This word was not in the classical Greek of the New Testament. Scholars thought perhaps Jesus made up the word. Until it was discovered on some domestic parchments. The word literally meant grocery list! I wonder if mother Mary would give Jesus a grocery list as in “epiousios” to go to the market. In other words, He is not only concerned with meeting our deepest spiritual needs, but He wants to be our source for the commonplace necessities of life. How amazing is His love for us.

Rev. Dr. Terry Teykl has pastored local Houston churches for more than 28 years. He has taught churches across the country how to pray and invite the Holy Spirit. The ultimate goal is to awaken evangelism all over the country with one element being praying the Lord's Prayer at noon.

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A Suggested Pattern of Prayer

As you pray through the following prayer points, invite the presence of the Lord into your time of prayer. Each day's prompt has a Scripture reference for you to pray through. As you pray allow time also to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you. When you have prayed through the Scripture and prayer point, you may be led to add your own prayers. Pray and consider what action steps you might take in response to the Lord's leading. Repeat this prayer pattern weekly for the month.

Praying the Scripture: The Lord's Prayer is Scripture and to pray it, is to pray truth. And the Father hears those who call on Him in truth. It can be used as an index prayer to be applied in all aspects of life.

Prayer points:

Sunday: Pray -- **"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

Praise Him for He is a good Father. (Psalms 145:9)

Pray that God's name would be Hallowed in Sunday morning worship before and after and that the Name of Jesus is foremost.

Pray that we speak the Name of Jesus often and in awe. (Hebrews. 1:1-4)

Monday: Pray -- **your kingdom come,**

Pray for your local schools, city leaders, and first responders. (Name leaders and first responders.)

Pray for God's authority over the crime and gang activities in your city. (1 Corinthians 15:33)

Intercede for young people.

Tuesday: Pray -- **your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Pray for the lost because it is His will that none shall perish. Say their names as you pray for them to be saved. (II Peter 3:9)

Wednesday: Pray -- **Give us today our daily bread.**

Pray for the needs of the poor, immigrants and oppressed people in communities and the world.

Pray expectantly that God would meet their needs.

Pray that God would favor the Global Methodist Church leaders with what is needed now.

Give thanks for God's bountiful goodness. (Psalm 100)

Thursday: Pray -- **And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

Pray that we repent of not repenting. (I John 1:9)

Pray for forgiveness for attitudes of pride.

Pray for forgiveness for the corporate sins of commission and omission in our nation and church.

Pray for honor and blessings on the leadership of the United Methodist Church.

Friday: Pray -- **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'**

Pray that we are not led into selfish gain, self-deception, lust, unbelief, judgmental attitudes, inordinate affections, etc.

Pray the captives are set free to be saved and enable the GM Church to grow by conversions. (II Corinthians 4:3-4)

Pray for protection from evil, especially for our pastors. (Psalm 91)

Saturday: Pray -- **For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.** (NKJV)

Pray that we are filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8)

Pray that supernatural signs and wonders are the norm in GM Church congregations. (Luke 9:1-2)

"This, then, is how you should pray:..." (NIV)

During Lent, many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial, and spiritual discipline.

St. Mark's is having a food drive from now until Easter to benefit the ROC Food Pantry which serves the hungry among us. A box will be set up in the narthex for your donations of canned and boxed food. Ramen noodles, pasta, any type of canned beans and cake mixes have been requested. Plastic and paper bags are always needed to pack the food. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Thank you!



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PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Now Collecting Donations for:

- Winter Coats (newborn to 8)
- Winter Clothes (newborn to 6)
- Boys' Shoes (sizes 2 to 8 1/2)
- Blankets
- Baby Carriers & Bouncy Chairs
- Bankers Boxes
- Toys & Books



Thank You!

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St. Mark's Bethany Women would like to thank all who helped fill our boxes for ROC. We collected over 175 lbs. of goods

Facts and Figures

2023 Annual Budget	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating 3/7/2023	7,861
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 3/14/23)	95,208
Expenses (thru 3/14/22)	89,633
Attendance	
Sunday, March 12 Total	254
Traditional Worship	147
Modern Worship	58
Online Worship	49

Prayer Box

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| Cheryl Andrews | LaDonna Mathews |
| Norma & Dan Boland | Tiffany Montesano |
| Lavina Bonifield (DIL Margaret Bonifield) | Roger Pautsch |
| Chris Brehm | Donna Percival (sister of Jane Foreman) |
| Hank Brueggen | Curtis Scott (SIL Jim Brown) |
| Marty Croy | Dorothy Sipes |
| Jeff & Dianna Davidson | Beverly Tully |
| Bob Denton (Sandy Kelly brother) | Ina Walker (sister of Bobbi Pinkerton) |
| Mary Desmukes | Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Wilkerson's) |
| Paula Galt | Jerry Calvert |
| Earl Moore | Jason Gage (son of Sheila Gage) |
| | Jim McMinn |