

St. Mark's BETHANY



April 26, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. We will be continuing our annual Faith Promise Drive to support ministries all over the world. This week Randy will be sharing from Acts 16:6-15 with the message "Where to Go? (wherever we are lead).

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 life stream, you can join us at

[9:30 am Sunday morning](#) or at [10:55 Sunday morning](#).



Global Methodist Church Summit

Come be a part of this historic event as the Regional Global Methodist Church has it's first full summit which will include great worship, sessions and the ordination of our first Global Methodist pastors. You can be a part as an usher/ greeter or come be a part of the workshops.

Read more below!!



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

SUMMIT

A Global Methodist Gathering of Prayer and Ordination!

Help Needed!

St. Mark's has been asked to provide ushers and greeters for the Summit.

We need to have 4-6 greeters on both Friday and Saturday in the morning (Friday @ 8:00 am and Saturday @ 9:30 am).

We need 6-8 ushers on Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00.

If you would be willing to help contact Randy or the church office.

Come be a part of this historic event.

Schedule

Friday,
May 12th

8:00 am Registration Opens

8:00 am Hour of Prayer
Rev. David Player

9:15 am Session 1 "Alive by the Word and Spirit"
by Rev. Angela Pleasants
Scriptures: Jeremiah 7:30-8:3 and Ezekiel 37:1-14

10:45 am Break

Workshops

11:00 am "Global Methodism 101" with Angela Pleasants and Bishop Scott Jones
"Everything is Theological" by Rev. Dr. David Watson
"Building a Culture of Prayer" by Rev. Dr. David & Ginger Daniel
"The Nehemiah Journey" by Rev. Jill Jackson-Sears
"Global Ministries and Missions" by Rev. Paul Lawler

12:15 pm Lunch (Off-Campus)

2:00 pm Session 2 - "A Time to Rebuild"
by Rev. Dr. David Watson
Scriptures: Nehemiah 6:1-9 and Luke 12:54-56 NRSV

4:00 pm Closing and Communion

Saturday,
May 13th

9:30 am Pre Service Concert

10:00 am Ordination Service
Bishop Scott Jones

11:30 am Reception

Hello Traditional Methodists,

You are invited to a gathering for traditional Methodists hosted by the Global Methodist Church, Heartland area. You may have disaffiliated or are in the process and wonder what your options are. You may be looking for a connection and fellowship with others who share an historic, traditional, Wesleyan faith. Enjoy fellowship and learn more about the Global Methodist Church. May 12-13. Bethany, OK.

More information and registration:

[Heartland Global Methodist Church – Worshiping in Spirit & Truth](#)

I hope to see you there.

Your brother in Christ,

Keith Cressman
Pastor, Senior Status
Global Methodist Church



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

Local Missions Outreach



Saturday, May 6th 2-5 pm
Dinner at the church following for workers

Mark your calendars now for this day of service in our local community. St.

Mark's has a stellar record of supporting ministry around the world and at home and this is a great opportunity for each of us to be a part of not only supporting with our dollars but with our own sweat equity. R.O.C. does a great ministry in this area and on May 6th our goal is to assist them in some areas of ministry that need a special touch. No skills needed, just a desire to serve. Following the service time we will return to the church for a dinner for all of those who worked. Sign up on church counter, contact Becky Roman or [register by clicking here](#).



Because of circumstances that have arisen with schedules we are going to have to reschedule this Sunday's Eat, Meet and Greet. Be watching for the new time over the next few weeks.



St Mark's Bethany Helping Hand Project

Need a ride to the doctor? Your battery need a jump? Need a few groceries? Let us help you. Please contact Pat at St Mark's (405-789-9033) or Elle Mysinger (469-323-1560).

Requests for help will be posted on the Helping Hand Project. Notification of the request will go out to the members of the Helping Hand Project. Whoever can help with the project will notify the group that they will manage the request and then reach out to the person who needs the helping hand.

We welcome anyone who would like to join the Helping Hand Project. Please contact Elle or Pat at the Church.



St. Mark's Bethany Women

St. Mark's Bethany Women are meeting on Monday, May 8th @ 10 am in room 18. Come join us and the art of paper quilling.

Barbara Hill will be our teacher and will teach us how to create a greeting card. Bring your paper cutting scissors. See you then!

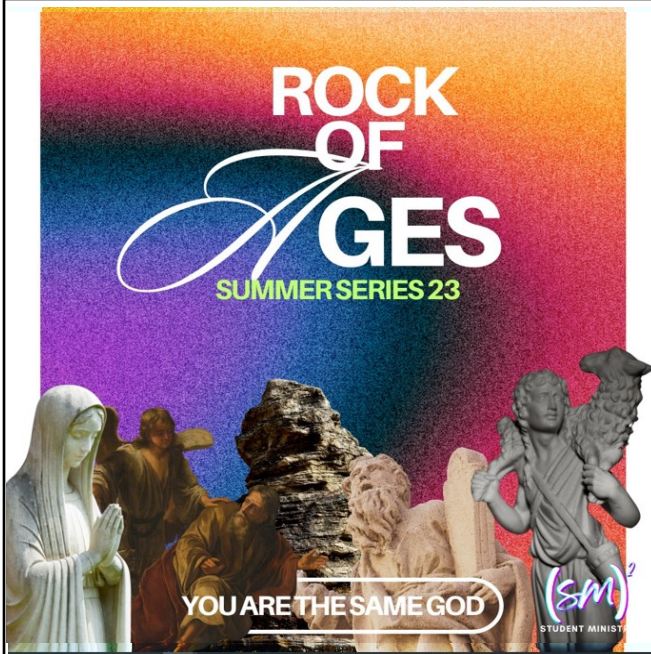


Come & Go Prayer Time *Wednesdays 5-6 pm (starting March 8)*

*Be Prayed
For/With*

Pray Alone

You are invited to spend time with God



St. Mark's Student Ministry Prepares for Summer

As school winds down our student ministry is preparing for an amazing summer. The focus of the summer will include their summer series "Rock of Ages". Be in prayer for the ministries as these students grow together in Christ. Below are the special ministries of the summer that covet your prayers

Disciple Camp June 1 - 4

Youth Force Ardmore June 18 - 23

Dayspring Camp July 8 - 14

Staff Emails

If you have questions please feel free to contact the staff.

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NOTICE

**TEMPORARY
CHANGE OF
OFFICE HOURS**

For one more week the office will have temporary hours of
9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

New Bible Study 6 weeks starting April 26

Wednesdays 1:30 pm Room 18

**LOVE
LIKE
THAT**

DR. LES PARROTT

Let's be honest. How many times have you fallen short at being a good friend, a wise parent, or a self-giving spouse because you didn't love—truly love—at the highest level? It's tough. We're bound to fail. The bar is so high, especially if you aspire to love like Jesus. But it's not impossible.

As followers of Jesus, we were meant to radically love those around us and give the world a glimpse of what God is like. But this is easier said than done. What does it actually mean to love like Jesus? And why do we so quickly get bogged

down in our own selfishness, sin, and futile efforts?

In this 6-part Bible study series, Dr. Les Parrott examines Jesus's life and character traits to give practical definition to what it means to love like Jesus. The Holy Spirit invites us to trade detachment, exclusivity, judgment, fear, and self-concern for mindfulness, approachability, grace, boldness, and self-giving. He empowers us to love like Jesus, and frees us to experience genuine joy.

Sign up on church counter - [Click her to register](#) - or contact Kathi Fisher

DAWN - Dinner & Worship Night

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

Schedule:

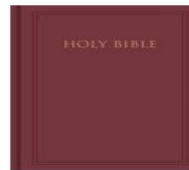
5:30-6:15 Meal (family style)

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



St. Mark's Social Media Links



Facebook.com

- search for "stmarksbethany"



Instagram.com - search for "St. Mark's United Methodist Church"



Twitter.com - search "@stmarksbethany"



YouTube.com - search St. Marks United Methodist Church, Bethany, OK

St. Mark's Dodger Outing

All You Can Eat Group Outing - May 20th



Satisfy your hunger for OKC Dodgers baseball and ballpark fare with our All-You-Can-Eat seats! Hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks are included. There's no better way to catch a game than with a full stomach, an OKC Dodgers hat and the company of your favorite people! If you are interested in going contact Mike Fisher. (405) 826-3844 Boppimike@gmail.com

RIGHT NOW MEDIA

St. Mark's offers a wonderful opportunity offered through Right Now Media. Right Now Media offers family devotions, Bible Studies, Christian Children's programming and so much right in your own home. Through Right Now you can take advantage of the service to use the videos, studies and other resources to strengthen your faith. If you have not signed up go to <https://www.righnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/stmarksbethany> and do so now. If you have questions please contact the office and we will help you get started.

CHURCH CENTER

We need you to sign up if you haven't. Imagine being able to have the church calendar, directory, giving and financial records, access to latest news, live services and more available at one spot.

On your phone, pad or computer you will always be up to date. To download the app just click on this link and it will walk you through step by step instructions. [Download Church Center](#) The whole process should take just a few minutes.

Once you have it on your device, we encourage you to take a minute to edit your information for the directory so that we can all get to know one another better.





KIDMIN NEWS

Staying Up to Date with the Latest Happenings

Sign Up
today!

St. Mark's Kids Camp Declare Camp 2023

Camp dates: June 8th - 10th.

Cost: \$ 200.00 per person

Register online or thru church center

[Click here to register](#)

scholarship for every child \$ 50.00

If interested in helping sponsor a child to
camp please contact Sharon Hunt

Reserve your spot today.
Everyone registered by
4/15/2022 for a \$ 25.00 credit



Tues. & Thurs.
June and July

[Click here
to register](#)

remarkable
Kids

KIDMIN



SUPERSTART!



Father loved us so much
When we didn't know
Jesus gave His life
And He died

Easter



Just for fun



BOWLING WITH THE BOYS



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.

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 also allow time 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 might you take in response to the Lord's leading. Repeat this prayer pattern weekly for the month.

Sunday: Thank the Lord for the gift of salvation by grace through faith. Ask the Father to show you where you need to receive this gift more completely. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Monday: Praise God for old things that have been made new. Ask the Spirit to open your eyes and ears to see and hear where He is making things new and where you can participate in what He is doing. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Tuesday: Ask God to reveal to you where he has already brought you out of dead places and into fruitful space. Rededicate yourself to doing the work he has called you to do there. (Leviticus 11:44-45)

Wednesday: Remember that "It is God's will that you should be sanctified". Ask the Lord to reveal to you where you most need to go from grace to grace to become more like Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8)

Thursday: Seek the Spirit's empowerment for an alert and fully sober mind for what is before you today. Commit to obedience to the will of God in all you do this day. (1 Peter 1:13-16)

Friday: Ask the Lord to reveal to you any relationships that need to be restored and any place where unrighteousness is preventing you from full intimacy and connection with the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14)

Saturday: Trust Jesus that what he commands us to do he will enable us to obey. (Matthew 5:48)

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3: 14-21)

Rev. Dr. Kevin M. Watson is the Pastor of Discipleship at First Methodist Church in Waco, Texas, and author of several books on Wesleyan theology.

ROC Still Needs Your Help

Our food drive through Lent was a great success. It was a great benefit to the ROC Food Pantry which serves the hungry among us. We will keep the grocery cart set up in the narthex for your donations of canned and boxed food for a couple more weeks. 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!



Now Collecting Donations for:

- Newborn clothes size 6 Gently used or new
- Shoes up to size 13
- Bath wash and Lotion
- Bottles
- Diapers size 4, 5, and 6
- Good Start Formula

Collection Box
outside of Sanctuary
near West Entry



Thank You!

Facts and Figures

2023 Annual Budget	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating 4/23/2023	7,728
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 4/25/23)	170,973
Expenses (thru 4/25/23)	142,486

Attendance

Sunday, April 23 Total	231
Traditional Worship	136
Modern Worship	51
Online Worship	44

Prayer Box

Annie Imel	Jeff & Dianna Davidson
Beverly Blake	Bob Denton (Sandy Kelly brother)
Curtis Corbin (daughter of Beverly Blake/	Mary Desmukes
Hazel Bremmer	Paula Galt
Barbara Homer	Jim & Judy McMinn
Andrea Frehley (Barbara Homer daughter)	Tiffany Montesano
Cheryl Andrews	Roger Pautsch
Greg Spiser	Curtis Scott (SIL Jim Brown)
Norma & Dan Boland	Dorothy Sipes
Lavina Bonifield (DIL Margaret Bonifield)	Beverly Tully
Chris Brehm	Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Frank & Nadine)
Hank Brueggen	Greg Wells
Marty Croy	Rita Wurzer