

St. Mark's

BETHANY



July 12, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. Randy will continue the series "Windows of Faith" this Sunday with the message "Lamb & Staff" and we hope you are able to come hear it.

The scripture lesson for the week comes from John 1:29-30; 10:11-16

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. 17

10:45 Faithbuilders Rm 18,

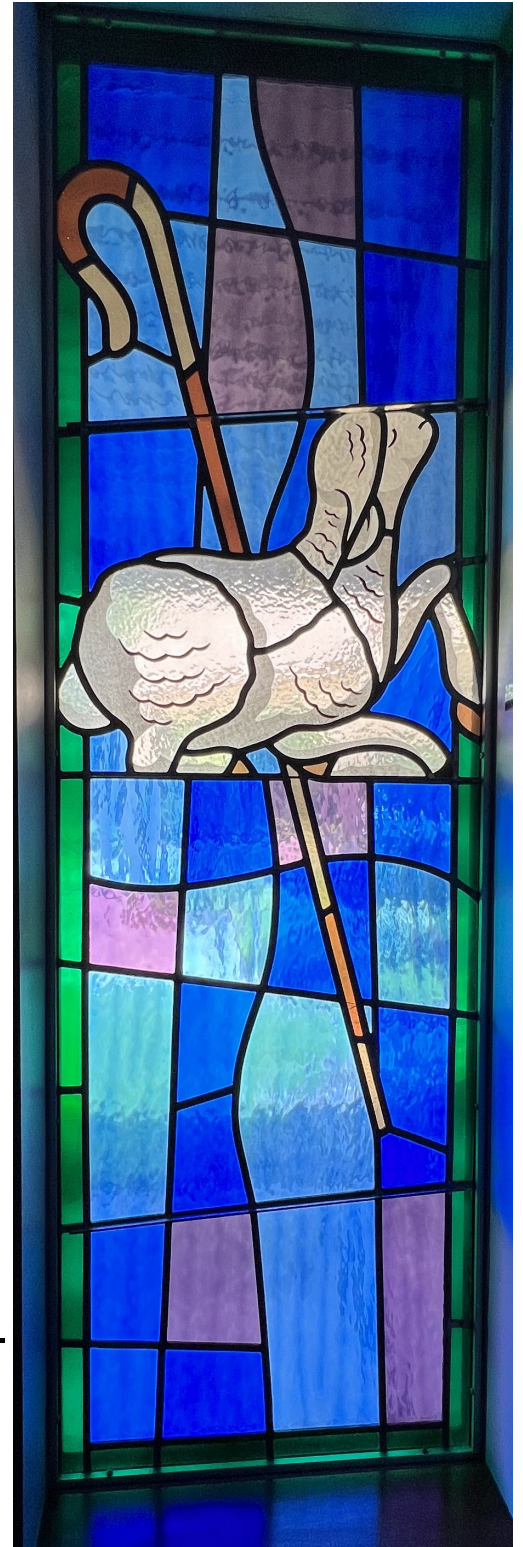
Good News Choir room,

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](#).



St. Mark's

Summer Pop ups!

Please register on counter or in
Church Center so we can
have enough lifeguards

POOL Party

July 21 - 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

YUKON CITY SPLASH POOL

2200 S Holly Ave, Yukon

REGISTER
HERE



ST. MARK'S BETHANY WOMEN 2ND ANNUAL



AUGUST 5TH - 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

BOOTHS STILL AVAILABLE
CONTACT BARBARA HILL

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

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PREGNANCY SUPPORT

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!

St. Mark's to feed Putnam City Marching Band

On Monday, July 17th, St. Mark's has agreed to feed the Putnam City Marching band at their annual band camp. If you would be willing to help, contact Shab Jupiterwala or contact the church office.

COOKIES NEEDED BY JULY 14th

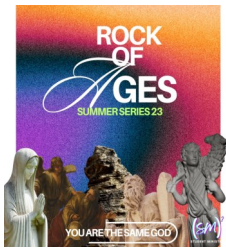


Back to School Breakfast

9:30 am - 10:30 am
in Barnett hall
Register here



St. Mark's Student Ministry Summer



It's been a great summer in our student ministry. The focus of the summer series "Rock of Ages" has gone well. July 8014 is our last camp as high school students head to Dayspring camp. Pray for them as they go to learn, worship and grow in Christ.

RETIREMENT PARTY INVITATION

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!

Darrell Cates' forty-nine years of pastoral ministry

Sunday July 23rd, 5-7PM

New Covenant 2700 S. Boulevard, Edmond

Please bring: Cards & Memories, No Gifts

Or mail to: 8829 Parkridge Terr.

Oklahoma City, OK 73132

RSVP TO: Bonnie Cates, bonniecates209@msn.com

By Wednesday July 19th

CDO Hiring Teachers



children's day out
St. Mark's Bethany

St. Mark's CDO is looking for a couple of new teachers for their Fall Session. If you love to work with children, or know someone who does, contact Kayla Gannon at

kayla@stmarksbethany.com

Looking For A Place to Serve?



You may be new or maybe just never been asked. If you would like to have the opportunity to assist with communion by either setting the table or serving we would love to have you. It's always a blessing to be a part of communion and a privilege to be a part of helping at the Lord's table. If interested contact Kathi Fisher or give a call to the church office.



NEW ROOM CONFERENCE
KOINONIA
TEN YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP

Sept. 20-22, 2023
HOUSTON, TEXAS
(THE WOODLANDS METHODIST CHURCH)

St. Mark's is putting a team together to be a part of Seedbed's New Room Conference. If you are interested in going please contact the church office or any staff member to get signed up. Cost for the event will be \$249 plus travel and lodging. It will be a life changing event including some of the top Christian speakers from around the world, powerful break out sessions and God filled worship services. This is the chance to go to an event that is not that far from home that will challenge and equip you in your walk with Christ. You can learn more at: <https://newroomconference.com/>

Deadline for signing up is August 15th.

Overview from Seedbed:

We learned something about Koinonia through the recent days we spent at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky.

We have always known that Koinonia means the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, but our understanding now grows. We learned by experience that Koinonia is the community that gets generated under an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Since the very first New Room Conference back in 2014, Jesus has been building this fellowship as a community who is experiencing an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

At Asbury we witnessed in a profound and concentrated way what we have caught glimpses of every year in our New Room Gatherings.



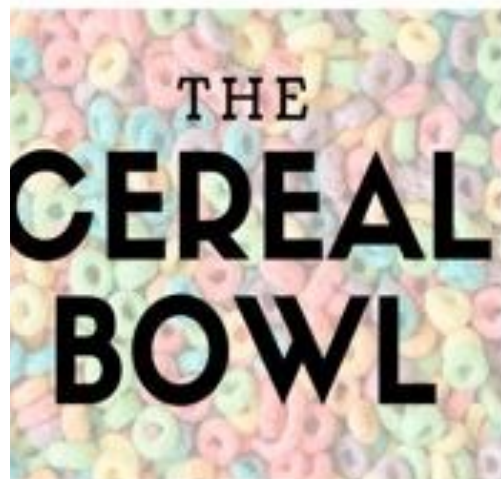
KIDMIN NEWS

Staying Up to Date with the Latest Happenings

Sunday Mornings

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| July 9th | - Cereal Bowl | The Gospel |
| July 16 | - Salvation is Here | Ephesians 2:8- |
| July 23 | - Joyful Noise | Acts 16:16-10 |
| July 30 | - Paul in Athens | Acts 17:16-34 |

Sunday Morning Kidmin times
Nursery 9:30-12:00 ages 0-4
Kidmin 9:30-10:45 ages 4 thru 5th grade
Wee Worship 10:45-12:00 ages 3 thru K



**TEAM ION
PARENT MEETING
JULY 30TH
12:00PM**

**TEAM
ION**
**456
LEADERSHIP
COMING SOON!**
**KICK OFF AUG
6TH
12:00-2:00**

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Kids

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JULY 2023 Prayer Guide

The Way to the Kingdom



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 OF MEEKNESS AND HUMILITY

By: Rev. Dr. Maxie Dunham

I put meekness and humility together as I reflect on "The Way to the Kingdom." It is difficult to talk about one without referring to the other.

The word "kingdom" easily elicits thoughts about territory. Clearly Jesus is not talking about earthly territory in his third beatitude, "Blessed are the meek, *for they will inherit the earth.*" (emphasis added) This is about a quality of life on earth, about relationship and community. As Christians, all that Christ accomplished through his life, death and resurrection is our inheritance. In Romans 8, Paul says we are "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." Our inheritance is the inexhaustible power of the Holy Spirit, sufficient for every situation.

That *pride* is the root of original sin is clearly witnessed in Adam and Eve. Their sin is our sin: the need to be "in charge," to control our own destiny. God told them they could enjoy the abundance of the Garden of Eden with one exception: they were not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17). They wanted to know everything. Wanting to be like God without surrendering their autonomy, they ate the forbidden fruit.

It is only when we become humble and give up our self-centered attempt to run our lives that we become joint heirs with Christ and inherit the earth.

The supreme reality for Paul was the union of the believer with his Lord. But the fact is this union and all that union with Christ means, is not yet realized. Our position and relation to Christ is that we are loved, accepted, forgiven. We are the partakers of a new life. But all of this is not yet fully worked out in our experience. Someone expressed it in a beautiful image: "Believers were like immigrants to a new country, not yet completely habituated to its ways of life. They had accepted citizenship in a new world and must now learn to live in it."

Being humble and meek is the dynamic of learning to live as citizens of a new land. Accepting this reality, Paul concluded, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Col. 3:12 NIV). Our stereotypical thoughts of humility and meekness as cowardly weakness, being without passion, lack of spirit and purpose, are shattered when we look at Jesus. There was nothing weak and colorless about him. Obedience was the essence of his life. Not only in Gethsemane where it reached a pinnacle of commitment, but throughout Jesus' life, his constant prayer was, "Not my will but thine be done."

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

Sunday: With joyful prayer, claim your place in God's creation: "in the image of God" (Gen. 1:26-27).

Monday: Pray through Jesus' affirmation of our worth when he contrasted our value to that of a sparrow (Matthew 10:29-31).

Tuesday: Pray through our distorted practice of devaluing ourselves because we perceive humility as self-depreciation and self-denial (Psalm 22:6-8).

Wednesday: Pray through whether, in your relationship and actions with others, your "loving" is seeking praise (John 12:42-43).

Thursday: Pray for wisdom in balancing claiming our strength while knowing and acknowledging our weakness (Rom. 12:3-8).

Friday: Examine the way we fail to perceive the difference between loving self and self-love (Matt. 19:16-18).

Saturday: Pray into God's call to humility (2 Chron. 7:11-14).



Meekness does not mean weakness. The meek Jesus is talking about means total dedication to God's plan. They are strong and are not intimidated because they know who they are. They are dependent upon the power of the Holy Spirit be and do what God wants them to be and do in the world.

The Rev. Dr. Maxie Dunham is minister at large at Christ Church in Memphis, Tennessee, and the former president of Asbury Theological Seminary.

Facts and Figures

2023 Annual Budget	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating 7/10/2023	11,204
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 7/11/23)	294,799
Expenses (thru 7/11/23)	265,473

Attendance

Sunday, July 9 Total	294
Traditional Worship	150
Modern Worship	73
Online Worship	71

Prayer Box

Morgan Weber family

Carol Sanford family

Christina Baisden

Sandy Rutherford

Carol Hall

Annie Imel (DIL of John & Joy Imel)

Beverly Clark

Cheryl Andrews

Hank Brueggen

Marty Croy

Diana & Jeff Davidson

Jared Fenton (SIL of Davidson's)

Mary Desmukes

Buddy Kidd

Justin Fountain

Coleen Ward

Paula Galt

Jim & Judy McMinn

Tiffany Montesano

Montesano family

Roger Pautsch

Dorothy Sipes

Curtis Scott (SIL Jim Brown)

Jane Foreman

Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Frank & Nadine)

Karen Hall (friend of Sandy Kelly)

Evelyn Moore

Mary King