

June 21, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. We will be having a combined service at 10:00 am and Randy will continue the series "Windows of Faith" this Sunday with the message "3 crosses" and we hope you are able to come hear it. The scripture lesson for the week comes from Luke 23:32-43.

Sunday school classes will not have their regular times and area. Check with your leaders to see if your class is meeting.

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 <u>10:00 am Sunday morning</u>











### St. Mark's Bethany Women

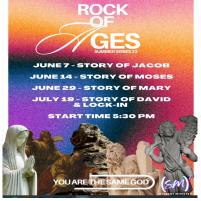
St Mark's Bethany Women will meet July 10th, in room 18 at 10 am. Our speaker will be Linley Smith, one of the founders of Period OKC. Come join us

and learn about this new non-profit organization as Linley shares the Period OKC story on period supplies



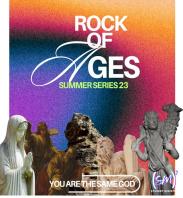
Linley Faye Smith President and Co-Founder

## St. Mark's Student Ministry Prepares for Summer



With summer in full swing our student ministry is doing great things. 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

Dayspring Camp July 8 - 14



### 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!

### RETIREMENT PARTY INVITATION

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!

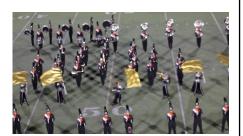
Darrell Cates' forty-nine years of pastoral ministry

Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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, bonnie cates209@msn.com By Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup>

## 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. The meal will need to be delivered by 11:30 am that morning.





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: <u>https://newroomconference.com/</u> 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**

June 11th - Declare Camp Recap June 18th - I Can See Clearly Now June 25th - Walks Right In

 Faith
 Sunday Morning Kidmin times

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 Nursery 9:30-12:00 ages 0-4

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 Kidmin 9:30-10:45 ages 4 thru 5th grade

 Wee Worship 10:45-12:00 ages 3 thru K





Emma Baisden

GOD CAN HELP



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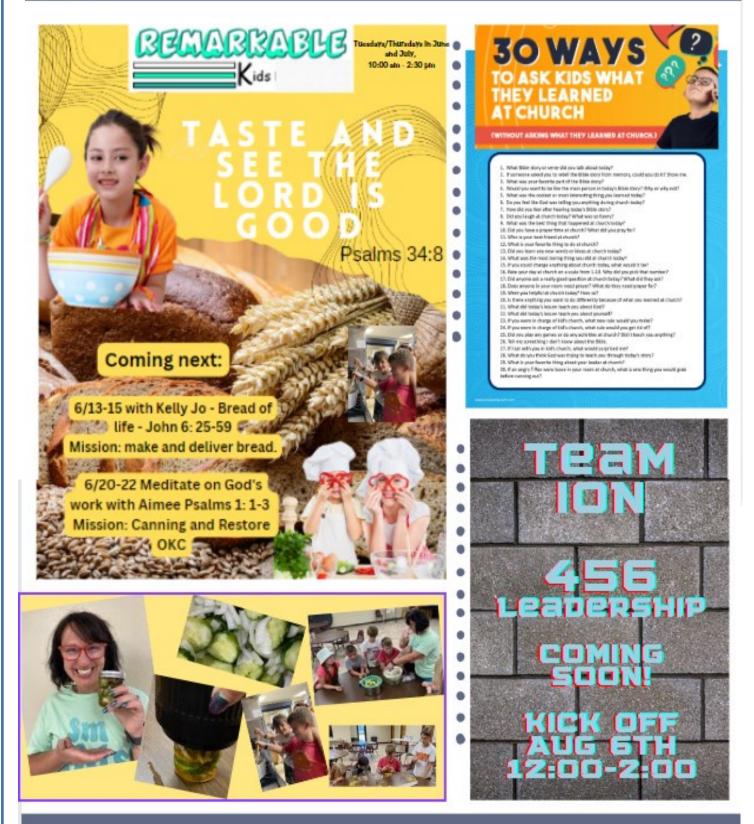




Photo: John Wesley's prayer kneeler – The birthplace of Methodism. Each morning at 4 a.m., John Wesley would kneel in prayer in his London home. It was in this place that the fires of Methodism began. As we seek to reconnect to our Wesleyan heritage, it seems the best place we can begin is in prayer.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

#### The Way to the Holy Spirit

By: Steve Seamands

In his classic book, "The Way to Pentecost," originally published in 1932, Samuel Chadwick, a leader in the British Methodist Church, poignantly describes, "The Church without the Spirit." As we embark upon this new adventure called the Global Methodist Church, how crucial it is for us to soberly reflect upon his words:

The presence of the Spirit is vital and central to the work of the Church. Nothing else avails. Apart from [the Spirit], wisdom becomes folly, and strength weakness. ... Scholarship is blind to spiritual truth till He reveals. Worship is idolatry till He inspires. Preaching is powerless if it be not a demonstration of [the Spirit's] power. Prayer is vain unless He energizes, human resources of learning and organization, wealth and enthusiasm, reform, and philanthropy, are worse than useless if there be no Holy Ghost in them.

The Church always fails at the point of self-confidence. When the Church is run on the same lines as a circus, there may be crowds, but there is no Shekinah. ... Education can civilize, but it is being born of the Spirit that saves. The energy of the flesh can run bazaars, organize amusements, and raise millions; but it is the presence of the Holy Spirit that makes a Temple of the Living God. The root-trouble of the present distress is that the Church has more faith in the world and the flesh than in the Holy Ghost, and things will get no better till we get back to His realized presence and power.

In sharp contrast to what Chadwick describes, our prayer this month is that every local Global Methodist Church becomes a "Church in the Power of the Spirit," like the one Luke so wonderfully describes in the first two chapters of "Acts."

#### 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.

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**Sunday**: Pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, our churches would be bold and faithful in witnessing for Christ locally, nationally, and globally. (Acts 1:8)

**Monday**: Pray that every local GM Church would truly experience a "Day of Pentecost" of Wind, Fire, Speaking in other languages, where those who are gathered together are "filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:1-4)

**Tuesday**: Pray that, according to Joel's prophecy, the Holy Spirit would be poured out on us so that our sons and daughters will prophesy, our young see visions and our old dream dreams. (Acts 2: 17-18)

**Wednesday**: Pray that the Holy Spirit will anoint us all, clergy and laity alike, as he did Peter, to proclaim Christ with such clarity, conviction, and boldness that those who hear will be "cut to the heart" and cry out "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:32-37)

**Thursday**: Pray that when we gather as congregations, classes, small groups, and bands, the Holy Spirit would be present and empower us as we devote ourselves to apostolic teaching, fellowship with one another, sharing in the Lord's Supper, and corporate prayer. (Acts 2:42)

Friday: Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill us with expectation and awe, and will increase signs and wonders





among us, coupled with generous, extraordinary giving to those in need. (Acts 2:43-45)

**Saturday**: Pray that the Holy Spirit will inhabit our praise and worship, so that as joy, gladness and sincerity flow from our hearts, people will experience God's presence and salvation through Christ. (Acts 2:46-47)

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:4)

### Facts and Figures

2023 Annual Budget	(	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating Year to Date 2022	6/25/2023	11,401
Rec'd toward offering (th Expenses (thru 6/20/23)		

Attendance Sunday, June 25 Total 246 Traditional Worship Modern Worship	55
Online Worship	

### **Prayer Box**

Christina Baisden Sandy Rutherford Carol Hall Jane Thomas Annie Imel (DIL of John & Joy Imel) Beverly Clark Cheryl Andrews Hank Brueggen Marty Croy Diana & Jeff Davidson Mary Desmukes Jim & Judy McMinn Tiffany Montesano Montesano family Roger Pautsch Dorothy Sipes Curtis Scott (SIL Jim Brown) Jane Foreman Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Frank & Nadine) Bobbie Pinkerton Karen Hall (friend of Sandy Kelly) Evelyn Moore