



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Jesus Wants -- My Trust (belief)

This Sunday, we gather for a meaningful All Saints Day service as we remember those who have gone before us and celebrate the hope we have in Christ. Pastor Randy will share the message "Jesus Wants My Trust (belief)" based on John 11:21-45, reminding us of the power of faith even in life's hardest moments. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour for Daylight Saving Time -- and come ready to worship the One who brings life out of death and light out of darkness.

See you at church this Sunday!

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- Kdgtn)	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

Second Winders Thanksgiving Feast November 13th

Join us for our Second Winder's Thanksgiving feast Thursday, November 13 in Barnett Hall at 11:30 am.

This is our Thanksgiving meal filled with good food and fellowship! Turkey, ham, and bread will be provided. You are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. The gathering will also include a program by Katlyn King with Navigating Medicare who will guide us through important updates and choices for the 2026 Medicare year.



Come enjoy a delicious meal, connect with friends, and give thanks together!.

More sleep? Yes Please!



Fall back, not behind!

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend -- set your clocks back one hour and enjoy that extra hour of rest. We'll see you bright-eyed and right on time Sunday morning!

St. Mark's Bethany Women

Holiday BAZAAR



Kick off the holiday season with the St. Mark's Bethany Women at our Holiday Bazaar, happening during and after worship on Sunday, November 16th. You'll find handmade crafts, gifts, and festive treasures perfect for stocking stuffers or special surprises.

If you've donated items in the past, you're invited to bring them back so they can find a new home this season. And if you enjoy creating, new handmade donations are joyfully welcomed too!

Shop. Share. Celebrate. Come support the women of St. Mark's and take home something special for the holidays. All proceeds will go to ST. MARK'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. Questions??? Call Evelyn Moore at (405) 659-0633.

Did You Try It? Let's do it again!

Opportunity is walking -- no knocking required!

St. Mark's invites you to step out and join us for a **Prayer Walk (or Ride)** again this **Wednesday, October 29** and the following weeks. We'll meet in Barnett Hall at 6 pm, then walk the neighborhood in small teams led by team leaders to pray in a simple yet powerful way--no lists, no pressure, and no need to say a word.

Come with **open eyes, ears, and hearts** as we let the Holy Spirit guide us to notice where God is already at work around us. Watch how the Father moves, how Jesus walks beside us, and how the Spirit opens our senses to His presence in everyday moments.



"The Spirit helps us in our weakness... He does our praying in and for us."
-- Romans 8:26-27 (MSG)



**BOY SCOUT
TROOP 553
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

BARNETT HALL 5:00 to 7:30 pm

ADULTS \$10 | CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$7 | TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

Let's Make Some Chrismons!!!

This Advent season, we're creating something beautiful together at St. Mark's -- a special display of Chrismons (short for "Christ monograms") to celebrate the hope and joy of Christmas.

Would you like to be part of it? But don't want to make them by yourself? Join us for a time of crafting and fellowship as we make these handmade ornaments together. We'll meet on Wednesday evenings, November 5th and 12th, at 6:15 pm in Barnett Hall and again on Tuesday, November 18, at 10:00 am in Room 18. All supplies will be provided - just bring your creativity and holiday spirit!

Every ornament we create will become part of a beautiful Chrismon wreath that will hang in the narthex when we decorate for Christmas on November 24th.

Questions?? Contact Gina Boerner or Beverly Ray. Come join the fun!



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. 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.



Help Feed the PCW Football Team!

St. Mark's will once again provide meals for the Putnam City West High School football team. We delivered meals on Thursday, October 9, and we will deliver meals again on this coming Thursday, October 30.

We need volunteers to help prepare the meals beginning at 1:30 pm on October 30th here at St. Mark's. Meals must be ready for delivery by 3:30 pm. Each player receives an individual meal--your help makes this ministry possible!

In addition to meal prep, *we're asking for donations of chocolate chip cookies (the player's favorite!)* or any kind you would like to bring! They can be left in the church office or in the kitchen.



If you can help with meal prep, please sign up on the counter in the narthex! Thank you for supporting and encouraging our local students.

Growing Youth, Growing Needs!

Our youth program at St. Mark's is thriving! On Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, our young people are diving into God's Word, making friends, and growing in faith--and the energy in the room is contagious. With all this growth, we need extra hands and hearts to keep things running smoothly.



From leading games, to helping with snacks, to just being a friendly face, there's a spot for you. You don't have to be a Bible expert, just willing to show up and care. Even an hour of your time can make a difference in the life of a student.

If you've been looking for a way to serve, this is it! Come join us in shaping the next generation of Christ-followers.

Interested? Reach out to Bequer, or stop by the church office and we'll get you plugged in!

Support for Isaac & Rebecca Roman

Our hearts go out to Isaac and Rebecca Roman. We ask for your continued prayers for Isaac's healing and strength.

If you would like to help support Isaac and Rebecca, donations may be made through St. Mark's. Simply make your check payable to the church and write "Roman" on the memo line. All funds received will go directly to them.

Thank you for surrounding this family with your love, prayers and generosity as they walk through this challenging season.

The Heartland Conference Women's Retreat November 14 & 15, 2025



Mark your calendars for the Heartland Conference Women's Retreat happening November 14-15 at Claremore FMC. The weekend includes teaching, fellowship and encouragement designed to refresh your spirit.

Men's Bible Study Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

The St. Mark's men's Fall study is "Unashamed of the Gospel". The study meets at 7:00 pm in Room 17. This is Paul's longest letter, which includes some great themes.

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

Bring your bible and join us.

Kings and Queens Christmas Giving

This Christmas season, Kings & Queens is collecting donations to help provide gifts for the amazing kids we serve. Your generosity allows us to make the holidays extra special -- sharing the joy of Jesus' love in a tangible way and reminding these children that they are deeply loved and valued.

Donations can be made in several ways: through Church Center (designated to Kings & Queens), by dropping them off at the church office, or by contacting Kayla Gannon directly. Every contribution, big or small, helps us bring smiles and hope this Christmas!



The Joy Your Giving Makes Possible

Your generosity makes moments like this possible -- thank you for sharing the joy of Jesus' love this Christmas.



Exciting Mission Opportunities Ahead

St. Mark's has two incredible mission opportunities coming up, and we would love for you to prayerfully consider joining in.

Mexico City Mission Trip



We are putting together a team for a mission trip to Mexico. The dates are January 15-21. Final costs will be available soon, but we're asking anyone interested to sign up now so that we can begin making plans. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve, grow, and share Christ's love with our neighbors to the south. Please contact Bequer Gomez if you are interested in going!

Kigoma Women's Center Dedication

We are thrilled to announce that the dedication of the Women's Center in Kigoma, Tanzania has been scheduled for June 7, 2026. This will be a meaningful and historic moment for our church family and our partners in ministry there. At this time, details are still coming together.

Please keep both of these mission opportunities in your prayers, and consider whether God might be calling you to be a part of one of these journeys.

Please contact Pastor Randy if you are interested in going on this trip.

Learn Why We Worship the Way We Do!

Have you ever wondered...

- Why we say some of the same words every Sunday?
- Why we take communion every Sunday?
- Why different people help lead worship every week or month?
- Why the colors change throughout the year?



Join us on November 22nd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for a special **family event** where we'll explore the meaning and beauty behind our worship traditions. Enjoy teaching, crafts, food, and, of course, worship—all designed for families to experience together. **Sign up on Church Center or contact Kelly Jo.**

(Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

STRIVE Annual Fundraiser for St. Mark's Student Ministries

STRIVE is the key fundraiser for Student Ministries

It's not too late to give to STRIVE. Your donations help students on their mission trips, camps, retreats, college scholarships and so much more. They will have a community workday to celebrate wrapping up this year's drive. Then throughout the year the students will use the money they have collected to pay for their mission trips, etc.

This is the **ONLY** fundraiser the student ministry does for the year.

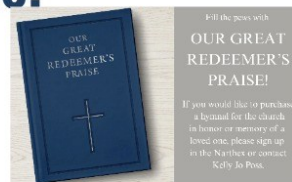
• **PLEDGE DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 2, 2025**

Your support makes an eternal difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for helping them STRIVE in faith and service!

Thank You for Helping Fill the Pews with Praise!

Thank you for the great response to our hymnal purchase effort! Your support is a true blessing to our church family.

Thanks to your generosity, many hymnals have already been given in honor or memory of loved ones, creating a lasting legacy of worship and faith.



If you haven't yet had the opportunity, we are still accepting donations. Each hymnal includes a bookplate with your dedication, serving as a visible reminder of praise for generations to come.

To contribute, please contact Kelly Jo Poss or Lenita in the office. The cost is \$30. Together, we continue to lift our voices in praise to the One who is worthy!

Serve at the Lord's Table

One of the most meaningful ways to be part of worship is by helping serve Holy Communion. Each Sunday, volunteers from our congregation assist in sharing the bread and cup -- a simple yet powerful act that reminds us of Christ's love and sacrifice for all.

If you would like to take part in this special ministry, we'd love to include you on the communion serving group. Whether you've done it before or this would be your first time, your presence makes a difference.

To learn more or sign up, please contact Cheryl Davis (cdpd2church@gmail.com / (405) 249-1307) or call the church office.



Introducing The Fridge Door

This special feature appears whenever there's something worth celebrating from our St. Mark's family! It's our way of highlighting the accomplishments, recognitions, and acts of kindness that make us proud--just like posting good news on the front of a refrigerator



THE FRIDGE DOOR

Where We Celebrate Each Other

We love celebrating the good things happening in the lives of our St. Mark's Family! From community awards and special recognitions to inspiring acts of kindness, these are the moments that make us proud. Just like the front of a refrigerator covered in snapshots and achievements, this page is a place to share and celebrate the wonderful things our members are doing beyond our walls.

Congratulations to Tim McKay!

We're proud to celebrate alumnus Tim McKay, a 2025 inductee into the OSU College of Education and Human Sciences Hall of Fame!

A 1984 graduate with a B.S. in Secondary Science Education, Tim was named a CEHS Top 10 Senior, inducted into the Blue Key Honor Society, and an active member of FarmHouse Fraternity. After teaching and coaching, he returned to serve with the OSU Alumni Association and OSU Athletics before moving into a successful career in commercial real estate—financing more than \$7 billion in multifamily assets and earning national recognition.

Tim continues to make a difference as chair of the Oklahoma State Board of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, living out his commitment to faith, leadership, and service.

Let's celebrate Tim and the incredible difference he's making in our community!



Tim McKay – 2025 CEHS Hall of Fame Inductee

Know a St. Mark's family member doing something wonderful? Share their story with us -- we'd love to stick it on the fridge!

Capital Campaign Update from Pastor Randy

These are exciting times! We are moving ahead with construction beginning as early as January 1, 2026. Before construction begins, many things will need to take place.

First, we have to make some solid plans regarding the logistics of how St Mark's is going to function with a good portion of our facility being unusable for a time. This is where we are going to need everyone's understanding and goodwill - Classes may be displaced from their regular rooms. Some things may end up being stored in places that aren't as convenient - you get the idea. We will do our best to be sensitive to everyone's needs and wants, but everyone will need to sacrifice for the greater good.

Second, we will have some demolition and moving days coming soon. In order to keep costs down, we are doing the moving and much of the demolition ourselves. So we are going to need lots of help. Please keep an eye out for the days as they are announced and then be ready to put in the time and effort needed.

Third, to be totally up front, we still need some more money. We are close to having received enough to cover the cost of the project - Close enough that we feel comfortable moving ahead, but we are not completely there yet. We are moving forward under the assumption that contributions will continue to come in and by the time the bills need paid we will have all that we need to cover them. But that assumption rests on trusting all of us to continue contributing to the campaign fund. So, please, keep your building contributions coming.

But, not to "bury the lead" with details, we are now very close to actual construction beginning. Your faithfulness in prayer and giving is making a transformation of our facility possible. Thank you, for your generosity. Thank you for the patience I know you will show during construction. And get ready - God is doing an exciting new thing at St Mark's.

Randy



Capital Campaign Update

106 Pledges 1,342,736

Rec'd toward Pledges
10/26/2025 858,092

****St. Mark's Bethany SAFE CHURCH Policy****

At St. Mark's Bethany, we prioritize the safety and well-being of our children and youth. In accordance with our commitment to maintaining a secure environment, we have established the following access policy for the children's programming areas:



****Authorized Access:****

Only children, parents, or approved caregivers are permitted to enter or traverse through the designated children's areas during the following hours:

- ****Sunday:**** 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM
- ****Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday:**** 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- ****Wednesday:**** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

****Restricted Access:****

For the safety of our children, we kindly ask that all other individuals refrain from entering or passing through these areas during the specified hours, except in cases of emergency or to access emergency exits.

This policy aligns with St. Mark's Procedure for the Implementation of the Safety Policy for Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults (Refer to Paragraph 2.c.).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring a secure environment for our children.

Upcoming Events

TONIGHT - Wednesday Night Programs

5:30	Meal - SUB SANDWICH
5:15	Prayer
6:00	Prayer Walk
6:15	KidMin
6:15	Youth Ministry
6:30	Choir Rehearsal

November 2 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

November 4 - Men's Bible Study

November 6 - Stephens Ministry
Training
- Young Adult Ministry

November 8 - Men's Breakfast

November 10 - St. Mark's Bethany
Women

November 11 - Men's Bible Study

November 13 - Second Winders

November 14 - Kings & Queens Kids
Family Night

November 14-15 - Heartland Conf.
Women's Retreat

November 17 - Wrapped in Love

November 17 - Charge Conference

November 18 - Men's Bible Study

November 20 - Young Adult Ministry

November 22 - Boy Scout Spaghetti
Dinner

November 27 - THANKSGIVING DAY

FACTS & Figures

2025 Annual Budget 632,679

Rec'd toward Operating
10/25/2025 10,881

Year to Date 2025
Rec'd toward offering
(thru 10/25/25) 473,075
Expenses (10/25/25) 523,826

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 26 Total 349

Traditional Worship	194
Modern Worship	87
Online Worship	68

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

November 2, 2025

Traditional:

Rod & Leslie Sipes
Kathi Fisher & Robin Stephenson-
Bratcher

Modern:

Bruce & Sharon Hunt
Ross & Carol Hall



Prayer Board

Isaac Roman
Cindy Wilkerson
Beth (Bidne) Cook
Clinton Sizemore (friend of
Kathy Moore)
Ford (nephew of friend of
Sandy Kelley)
Maxine Corrin (friend of
Wayne Barnes)
Julie Yardley (friend of
Kathy Moore)
Anthony Thomas (friend
of Barbara Johnson)
Norma and Dan Boland
Jennifer and infant son,
Jacob (friend of Christy
Kiespert)
Vickie Wines (grandmother
of Chealsie Zink)
Tony Pellegrini
Judy Ross

Jim Donnan (father of
co-worker of Deb Wade)
Vernon (Brother of
Hazel Bremmer)
Kason (grandson of
Cheryl Pavelko)
Sandy Rutherford
Kathi Wagner (Dot Lyon's
daughter, Lory's best
friend)
Bill Underwood
Billy Joe Watson (friend of
Wayne Barnes)
Beverly Clark
Barbara Hill
Lief Hill (son of a friend of
Wayne Barnes)
Ginger Fenton (daughter of
Jeff & Dianna Davidson)
Dianna Davidson
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano