



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Essentials - That You May Proclaim

Join us for worship this Sunday as we continue our "Essentials" series with the message "That You May Proclaim," based on 1 Peter 2:9-12. Together we'll reflect on what it means to be God's chosen people -- called out of darkness into His marvelous light -- and how our lives are meant to proclaim His goodness. Come worship, listen, and be reminded that our faith is not only something we believe, but something we live out every day.

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



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

baby shower

HONORING

*Lydia & Logan
Chappell*

FEBRUARY 15, 2026
2:00 to 4:00 PM
St. Mark's Bethany Narthex

 Registered at mybabylist.com



Men's Bible Study Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

The St. Mark's Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Room 17. This group offers a welcoming space for men to gather around God's Word, grow in faith, and encourage on another through thoughtful discussion and prayer. Bring your Bible and join the conversation as we explore Scripture together and seek how it speaks into our daily lives. Whether you've been part of the group before or are joining for the first time, all men are welcome.

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

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.

Willow has recently moved to a new location and continues to serve families in our community with care and compassion.

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.

Celebrating New Life!

We give thanks to God for these precious lives and offer prayers of gratitude for the gift of new life. May God's love, protection, and care surround these little ones and their families in the days and years ahead.

"Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him." --Psalm 127:3 (NRSV)

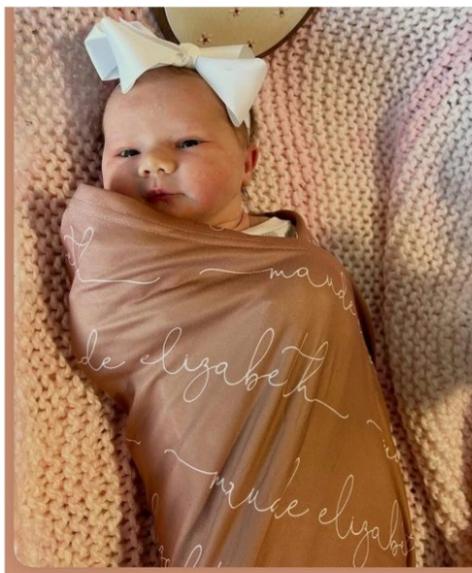
Calvin Thomas Kessler

We joyfully celebrate the birth of Calvin Thomas, born on December 31 at 12:32 p.m., to Tori and Hal Kessler. Calvin weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces at birth and is truly a beautiful blessing to his family. It appears that big brother Court and big sister Carly are already delighted with their new role and happy to welcome Calvin into their family.



Grandmother Ann Kessler, is no doubt overjoyed as well, and our church family joins in celebrating this wonderful addition. We give thanks for Calvin's life and pray God's blessing over him and all who love him.

Maude Elizabeth Evans

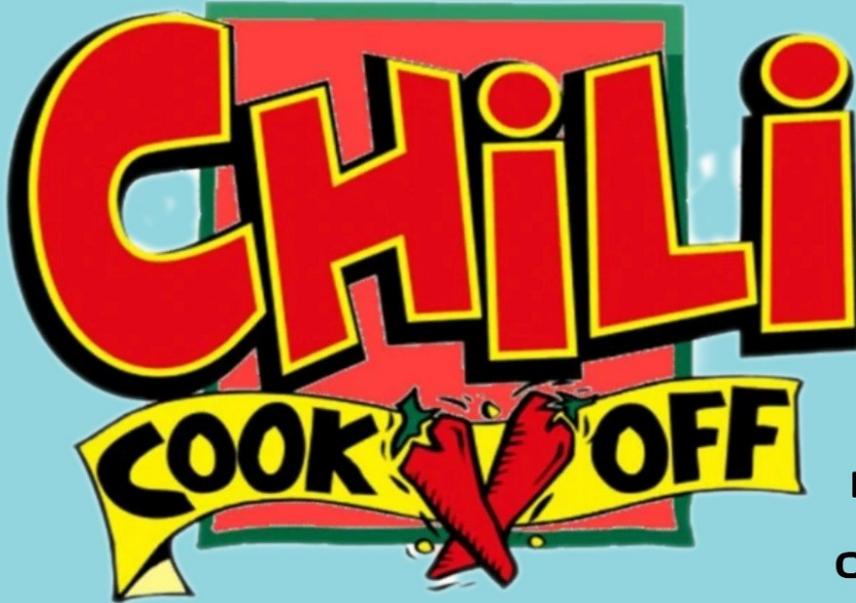


We are also pleased to celebrate the birth of Maude Elizabeth, daughter of Anna and Caleb Evans, and little sister to Maggie. Maude was born on January 28, 2026, weighting 8.6 pounds and measuring 21.75 inches. She is already deeply loved, and we rejoice with her family in this beautiful season of new beginnings.

We also extend our congratulations to Pastor Randy and Deb on the arrival of their newest granddaughter. What a joy it is to celebrate this new life together as a church family.

We are grateful to be part of a church family that celebrates, supports, and surrounds one another in every season of life.

KINGS & QUEENS CHILI COOK-OFF Sunday, February 22



Join us for a fun and flavorful evening at our **CHILI COOK OFF** on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22!** Whether you're bringing your best chili recipe or just coming to taste and enjoy the fellowship, it's a night you won't want to miss.

CHILI PROVIDERS:
Please have your chili set up by **4:30 PM.**
Chili will be served from **5:00 to 7:00 PM.**

Tickets are **\$5 per person or \$20 per family.**

This event is sponsored by the Kings & Queens Ministry and serves as a fundraiser to support their ministry, so come hungry and help make a difference -- one bowl at a time.

**All proceeds support
Kings & Queens Ministry!**

**WHO WILL BE THE
WINNERS THIS
YEAR?**



Second Winders - February Gathering

Mark your calendars for this month's Second Winders gathering on Thursday, February 12 at 11:30 a.m. Join us for conversation beginning at 11:30, followed by announcements and a devotion. The meal will be served around noon.

We are honored to have Fred Dalton preparing pulled pork for us. Sides and desserts will round out the meal and make it a special time of fellowship.

We are blessed to have Gregg Gerardy presenting the program this month. Gregg is the son of Miller and Nina Gerardy, and you will not want to miss hearing the stories of the journey his life has taken -- including remarkable accomplishments and the hope he has found in the midst of it all.



Come share in the warmth, fellowship, and love of the Second Winder's family.

St. Mark's Bethany Women Meeting February 9

St. Mark's Bethany Women will meet on Monday, February 9, at 10:00 a.m. We are pleased to welcome Isabell Onema from 4 Kings Home Healthcare as our guest speaker. Isabell, a member of St. Mark's, will be joined by a dietitian, who will share helpful information and insights designed to inform and encourage us. Come learn, be informed, and enjoy fellowship together.



All women are welcome!

A colorful poster for Youth Group Activities. The top half has a purple and green background with white clouds. The text "YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES" is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, "WINTER/SPRING 2026 CALENDAR" is written in smaller white letters. The bottom half of the poster features a collage of photos of diverse youth group members. A large, stylized "SM" logo is overlaid on the bottom right of the collage.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES
WINTER/SPRING 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY MORNING
9:30-10:40 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL @ ROOM 19

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
5:30 PM DINNER, WORSHIP AND LESSON! STARTING JANUARY 14TH

WINTER RETREAT 2026 FEBRUARY 13-15TH @ SKY RANCH

METRO WORSHIP MARCH 1ST FROM 5:30-8PM

SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP MARCH 15-20TH @ SACRAMENTO CAMP

NEW EVENT: EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT MARCH 25TH

EASTER FUNDAY APRIL 5TH

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 26TH-MAY 30TH HIGH SCHOOL DAYS/SPRING CAMP
JUNE 14TH-19TH YOUTH FORCE - TULSA, OK.
JULY 22ND-25TH MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCIPLE CAMP



Our youth are heading to Sky Ranch Cave Springs for Winter Retreat 2026, and it's going to be an unforgettable weekend!

Summer Camps 2026!!!

Mark your calendars for our 2026 summer camps! These camps are wonderful opportunities for students to grow in faith, build friendships, and have fun in a Christ-centered environment.

DAYSPRING May 26 - 30

This is our high school camp for students entering 9th grade through graduating seniors. Camp will be held at New Life Ranch - Frontier Cove. The cost is \$325 per student, and Strive funds may be used for camps and retreats!

YOUTH FORCE TULSA - June 14 - 19

DISCIPLE CAMP - July 22-25

We encourage families to start planning now and prayerfully consider which camp opportunities are right for their students.

Spring Break Mission Trip 2026

It may feel a little early, but Spring Break 2026 will be here before we know it! Our St. Mark's Student Ministry is planning a Spring Break Mission Trip to Sacramento, New Mexico, on March 15-20, and we want students and families to start praying and thinking about going.



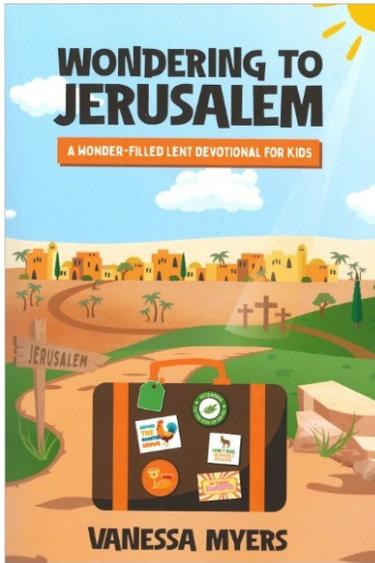
This week will be a great opportunity for our youth to serve others, learn new skills, grow in their faith, and have fun together as they work side by side. Whether this would be a first mission trip or a returning experience, all students are encouraged to consider taking part.

Sign-ups will open soon, but for now, please mark your calendars, start the conversation at home, and keep this trip in your prayers as we prepare for an amazing week of adventure!



Lent Family Activities

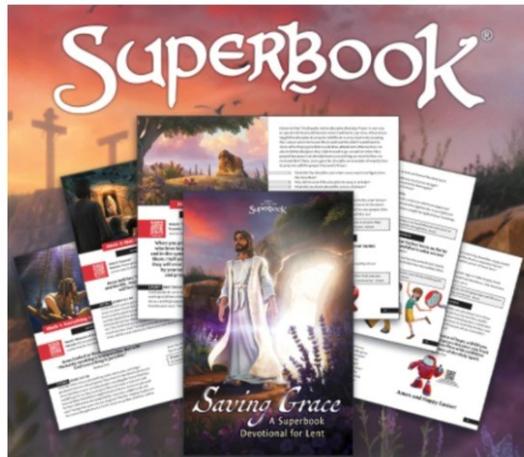
Wondering to Jerusalem



This interactive Lent resource is designed especially for younger children and families. As children journey through Lent, they'll use stickers and simple activities to help them walk alongside Jesus on the road to Jerusalem. It's a hands-on, meaningful way to talk about faith at home and stay connected to the season of Lent together as a family.

Saving Grace

For older children, this Superbook Lent devotional offers short, engaging reading that help kids explore what it means to be saved by grace. With age-appropriate reflections and faith conversations, it's a great tool for helping kids grow spiritually throughout Lent -- whether reading on their own or with a parent.



Both resources are wonderful ways for families to experience Lent together and help children grow in faith during this season.

Praying for our Children & Youth in 2026

Prayer Cards are on the counter in the **Narthex**. We invite you to pick up a card and commit to regularly praying for the child or youth named on it. Your prayers matter more than you may realize.

"Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him." Psalm 127:3 (NIV)

Thank you for being part of this important ministry.

Kigoma Women's Center Dedication Mission Trip

Plans are moving forward for the June 7, 2026 dedication of the Women's Center in Kigoma, Tanzania.



Eight participants will attend from St. Mark's and David and Becky Roman will be meeting them there. This trip is a meaningful opportunity to celebrate God's work through long-term mission partnerships and to stand alongside those serving faithfully.

Please keep this mission opportunity, the team, and the Women's Center in your prayers.



Learn Character. Learn Independence. Learn Truth.

KIDS NEED CAMP.

www.newliferanch.com

St. Mark's Children's Summer Camp SAVE THE DATES!!!

We're excited to share information about **two fantastic children's camps at New Life Ranch** this summer for kids who are **going into 2nd-6th grade!**

Junior Camp runs June 14-20 (Sunday-Saturday) with fun, high-energy theme "Superheroes."

Children's Camp Howdy will be July 12-15 (Sunday - Wednesday) and features a "Wild West" theme your kids are sure to love.

Camp at New Life Ranch is an incredible opportunity for children to grow in faith, build friendships, and experience God's love in a fun and encouraging environment.

Scholarships are available to help make camp possible for every child.

Parent Information Meetings

Parents are invited to attend **one of two information meetings** with **Casey Cassidy** to learn more about New Life Ranch camps.

Meeting options:

- **Sunday, February 8**, after second service
- **Wednesday, February 11**, at 6:00 pm

These meeting will cover camp details, costs, scholarships, and what to expect. If your child is interested in attending camp this summer, we encourage you to join us for one of these meetings.

Upcoming Events

January 28 - Wednesday Night Meal - TACOS

5:15 Prayer
6:15 KidMin
6:15 Youth Ministry
6:30 Choir Rehearsal

February 3 - SPRC Meeting

February 5 - Stephens Ministry Training

February 8 - Children's Parent Camp Meeting

February 9 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

February 10 - Men's Bible Study

February 11 - Children's Parent Camp Meeting

February 12 - Second Winders

February 13 - Youth Winter Retreat 2026

February 13 - Kings & Queens

February 18 - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 22 - Chili Cook-Off



FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget	684,155
Rec'd toward Operating 1/31/2026	1,112
Year to Date 2026 Rec'd toward offering (thru 1/31/25)	28,289
Expenses (thru 1/31/25) ..	58,985

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 1	Total	329
Traditional Worship		174
Modern Worship		58
Online Worship		97

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 February 8, 2026

Traditional: Elle & Terry Gather
Nina & Gerardy Miller
Modern: Gannon Family

PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Randy has "lost" his calendar. If you have a meeting with him, please let him know. Thank you!



Prayer Board

Family of Tom Nix (dear friend of Loretta Wright)
Dennis Graham
Kason (grandson of Cheryl Pavelko)
Tina West
Laurie Buckholtz
Brandon Kilpatrick (friend of Steve Ross)
Norma McMurtry
Greg Tyler (friend of Loretta Wright)
Cheryl (friend of Loretta Wright)
Donna Shriver
Bonnie Fisher (sister-in law to Sandy Kelley & Mike Fisher)
Isaac Roman
Cindy Wilkerson

Norma and Dan Boland
Vickie Wines (grandmother of Chealsie Zink)
Beverly Clark
Tony Pellegrini
Evelyn Moore
Jim Donnan (father of co-worker of Deb Wade)
Kathi Wagner (Dot Lyon's daughter, Lory's best friend)
Bill Underwood
Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Sandy Rutherford
Barbara Hill
Elmer (Barbara's friend)
Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes)
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano