



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

To Spread Scriptural Holiness "How Firm a Foundation"

What gives us a firm foundation when the world around us seems uncertain? This Sunday, we continue our sermon series, *To Spread Scriptural Holiness*, with "How Firm a Foundation," based on **2 Timothy 3:14-17**. We'll explore the vital role of Scripture in our lives--teaching us truth, shaping our faith, and equipping us to live as God calls us to live. Join us as we discover how God's Word provides a foundation strong enough to build our lives upon.

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 our Traditional service.

To watch the live stream, please join us at:

9:30 am Sunday morning



Sunday School Classes

We have classes for all ages and interests

CHILDREN

"Seeds" (Ages 0-18 mos)	9:30 - 12:00
"Sprouts" (Ages 18 mo-3 yrs)	9:30 - 10:35
Kidmin 1 (Elementary)	9:30 - 10:35
Kidmin 2 (Elementary)	11:00 - 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



Explore To Spread Scriptural Holiness Together!

Have you missed our Beyond Sunday studies?

Go deeper into our current sermon series with a special **five-week Wednesday evening study** based on *To Spread Scriptural Holiness*.

Clayton Croy and Allen Smith will lead us as we explore the themes of the book and what it means to live our Wesleyan calling to spread scriptural holiness.

The study begins at **6:15 p.m. TONIGHT** and the following four Wednesdays in **Room 17**. Come for Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:30 p.m., then stay for this opportunity to learn, discuss, and grow together in faith.

Family Life Center Closed During Floor Installation

Installation of the new gym floor began on **Monday, September 21**. During the installation and finishing process, both doors to the gym will be locked, and the gym will be completely closed to everyone. Please do not attempt to enter the gym while this work is underway.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation as this exciting part of our renovation is completed, and we look forward to seeing the finished floor soon!

Our Local Missions

At St. Mark's, we love being part of what God is doing not only around the world, but right here in our own community. Through partnerships with ministries like Willow Pregnancy Support and ROC, we have the opportunity to share Christ's love in meaningful, hands-on ways.

Because of your prayers, generosity, and willingness to serve, lives are being touched, needs are being met, and hope is being shared—right here at home.



We're excited to share that Willow Pregnancy Support has moved to a new location at 4107 N. Council in Bethany! Willow continues to be a place of care, encouragement, and practical support for families in our community.

They currently welcome donations of children's clothing (newborn through size 6), shoes (up to size 13), diapers (sizes 4-6), as well as bottles, bath wash, lotion, and Good Start formula.

Thank you for being part of the love and support we're able to share through this ministry!



Our partnership with ROC continues to be a simple but powerful way to care for neighbors in need. One of the main ways we support ROC is through donations of canned and boxed food.

Right now, green beans, corn and soup are especially needed, but any nonperishable food items are greatly appreciated. Grocery items can be placed in the Grocery Basket in the Narthex.

Thank you for helping us make a difference—one meal, one family at a time.

The ROC thrift store and drop-off center has moved. The new address is:
5107 N. MacArthur
Warr Acres

Mexico Mission Trip

January 9-16, 2027



Our next Mexico Mission Trip is planned for **January 9-16, 2027**. The team will leave from Oklahoma City, and the estimated cost is \$1,250 per person.

If you've ever considered being part of a mission trip, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn more! Let Bequer know if you are interested, or come to an upcoming Mission Meeting to hear more about the trip, ask questions, and find out what you can expect.

Interested? Come learn more--there's a place for you on the team!

Administrative Council Meeting September 28th

The next **Administrative Council Meeting** will be held on **Monday, September 28, at 6:00 p.m.**

Council members are encouraged to attend as we discuss the ongoing work and ministry of St. Mark's and look ahead to upcoming plans and activities.

All church members are welcome to attend Administrative Council meeting. Come hear what's happening at St. Mark's and be part of the conversation.

We hope you'll join us!

Second Winders - Food, Fellowship & Tanzania

Second Winders will gather on **Thursday, October 8, at 11:30 a.m.** for a covered-dish lunch and a special program. Please bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name:

A-H - Side Dish

I - P - Meat

R-W - Dessert



Please keep in mind that we may be serving about 35 people.

Following lunch, our **Mission Team will share about their trip to Tanzania.** Come hear about their experiences and the ministry that took place while they were there.

Second Winders is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food, fellowship, and time together. **We'd love to have you join us!**

Calling All Crafters!

Do you enjoy sewing, painting, woodworking, jewelry-making, quilting, or creating handmade items? The St. Mark's Bethany Women's group is preparing for our Arts & Crafts Show on **OCTOBER 3RD** and would love your help!

We're inviting crafters to **donate handmade items** to be sold in our booth.

Proceeds from the booth will go back into our community to support local charities.



If you'd like to participate, please contact

 **Carol Brown | 405-823-1345**

♥ *Thank you for using your talents to make a difference!* ♥

Are you donating a handmade craft for the **St. Mark's Bethany Women's table** at the Arts & Crafts Fair? Thank you!!!

Please bring your donation to the church on **Wednesday, September 30, or Friday, October 2, at 5 p.m.** The women will be here setting up for the fair and will be happy to receive your donated items at that time. You can also bring them earlier to the church office.

Thank you for sharing your talents and helping make the fair a success.

Please Return Any Borrowed Tables

The St. Mark's Bethany Women are preparing for the Arts & Crafts Fair on October 3rd and will need all of the church tables for the event.

If you have borrowed a table from the church, please return it as soon as possible so we can be sure everything is ready for the fair.

Thank you for helping us prepare for this special day!



Save the Date! ♥

SMBW

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

 **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026**
 **10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

 **SHOP** |  **CREATE** |  **CONNECT**

Vendor Applications AVAILABLE NOW!

ST. MARK'S BETHANY GMC

 *Lunch Available* ♥
(Pulled Pork Sandwich, chips, brownie and drink – **\$10**)



Welcome Aurelia Ruth!

Children are *a gift* from the Lord;
they are *a reward* from him.

Psalm 127:3



We joyfully welcome Aurelia Ruth Riemenschneider, born September 14, 2026, at 11:04 p.m., weighing 8 lbs, 2 oz.

Congratulations to proud parents Emmaleigh and Janson! We celebrate this precious new life with your family and pray that Aurelia will always know just how deeply she is loved and blessed. 

He asked...
and she said *YES!* 

We're delighted to share some very happy news!

Jackson Blackburn
and
Caroline Mays

Jackson and Caroline have both been part of the St. Mark's family, and we're so happy to celebrate this exciting new chapter in their lives.

Please join us in congratulating Jackson & Caroline and wishing them a lifetime filled with love, laughter, and God's blessings as they prepare for their life together.

Congratulations
to the happy couple!

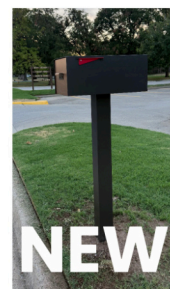


YOU'VE GOT MAIL... AND A NEW MAILBOX!

After faithfully standing out front through years of Oklahoma weather, countless newsletters, bills, cards, letters, and who knows what else, out old St. Mark's mailbox was definitely ready for retirement!

We're happy to report that a brand-new mailbox has taken its place (thanks Monday morning crew!) and is ready for duty. It may seem like a small change, but sometimes it's the little improvements that make you smile.

So, farewell to the old and welcome to the new!



Same St. Mark's. Same address. Much better mailbox!



Mark your calendar for Friday, October 23, and join us for Fall Fest! Volunteer opportunities will be posted soon. If you would like to participate in Trunk or Treat by decorating a trunk and handing out candy, a sign-up sheet will be available on the counter.

We hope you'll plan to be a part of this fun night!



St. Mark's is looking for someone special to lead our Kings and Queens Ministry! Perhaps that person is already part of our church family--or perhaps you know just the right person. If you're interested or know someone who might be a great fit, please let us know.

We're Hiring!

St. Mark's Bethany Global Methodist Church

Ministry Leader

Kings and Queens Ministry

St. Mark's is seeking a compassionate and organized Ministry Leader for the Kings and Queens Ministry to develop, coordinate, and grow a biblically based ministry serving children with special needs and their families. This role will focus on faith formation, family support, volunteer coordination, and respite care programming, while partnering with church leadership to ensure the ministry reflects the mission and vision of St. Mark's.

Focus Areas

- Faith Formation
- Family Support
- Volunteer Coordination
- Respite Care Programming

Help families feel seen, supported, and loved.

Resumes may be emailed to lenita@stmarksbethany.com

Called to Serve • Rooted in Faith • Together in Love

KidMin sprouts

Is Growing!

 Ages 18 Months–3 Years

 9:30 Worship Hour

Led by

Miss Christie Couch



Growing in God's Love Every Week!

Join us in **KidMin 2** (during the 11:00 a.m. service)
and on **Wednesday nights** as we discover how
the Fruit of the Spirit helps us
live more like **Jesus!**

	LOVE		GOODNESS
	JOY		FAITHFULNESS
	PEACE		GENTLENESS
	PATIENCE		SELF-CONTROL
	KINDNESS		

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

GALATIANS 5:22-23



Help Build Our Titus 2 Team



We're looking for caring adults who enjoy spending time with babies and toddlers while parents participate in Bible studies and church activities.

No teaching required. Just a caring heart and a willingness to love our youngest children.

If you'd like to learn more about serving on the Titus 2 Team, **contact Sharon Hunt.**

The Gathering

A COMMUNITY FOR MOMS of babies + toddlers

Moms, you're invited!

Join us each **Wednesday** morning from **9:30–11:00 am** in **Room 19** for The Gathering, a welcoming time for moms to connect, encourage one another, and grow in faith while your little ones are lovingly cared for by our Titus 2 volunteers. Whether you're a first-time mom or have older preschoolers, we'd love to have *you join us!*

Blessing Our New Baby Families

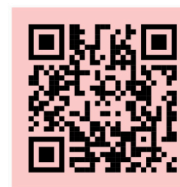
We are celebrating **two new babies** in our St. Mark's family! As these families settle into life with their new little ones, we have an opportunity to surround them with love, prayer, and practical support.

Meal Trains have been set up for both families. Because the **Riemenschneider** family lives in Midwest City, DoorDash or restaurant gift cards are especially helpful, giving them the flexibility to choose a meal and have it delivered when it works best for their family.

A Meal Train has also been established for the **German** family, and they also have an **Amazon registry** for anyone who would like to bless them with a gift.

Scan the QR codes below to choose how you would like to help.

Thank you for helping us welcome these precious little ones and show their families how much they are loved!



Riemenschneider's Meal Train



German's Meal Train



Amazon Registry

WE STILL NEED DIFFERENCE MAKERS!

OUR GREATEST NEEDS:



KIDMIN SEEDS

Birth – 18 Months

- Volunteers needed during both worship hours
- Serve 1st and 3rd Sundays each month

Tiny seeds. Big impact!



KIDMIN SPROUTS

Ages 18 Months – 3 Years

- Assistant needed at the 9:30 a.m. service
- Commitment: One Sunday each month

Watch them sprout and grow in faith!



KIDMIN 2

- Assistant needed at the 11:00 a.m. service
- Serve the 2nd Sunday of each month

Building strong roots in Jesus!



KIDMIN RESPONSE TEAM

We also need a few volunteers who are willing to step in when someone is sick or unable to serve. If you're flexible and enjoy helping where needed, we'd love to have you on our **Response Team!**

Every child. Every story. Every life. Eternally impacted.

Could you give one Sunday a month?
Contact Sharon to learn more or to say, **"I can help!"**

SHOP • DISCOVER • ENJOY

There's something special about a fall craft fair--the creativity, the unexpected treasures, and the fun of finding something you didn't even know you needed!

Our **St. Mark's Bethany Women's Crafts Fair** is coming **October 3**, and we'd love for you to be a part of the day. Come browse the booths, discover the work of talented vendors, do a little early Christmas shopping, and maybe find a treasure or two for yourself.

And don't worry about leaving when lunchtime rolls around! **Lunch will be available for just \$10** and includes a **pulled pork sandwich, chips, a drink, and a brownie**. Shop awhile, stop for a delicious lunch, and then head back for another look at your favorite booths!

Invite a friend, bring your family, and come enjoy the day with us. We can't wait to see you there!



There's always something happening
at St. Mark's — come be part of it!

Have you wondered about
Second Winders?

Have you wondered what Second Winders is all about? Here's a great opportunity to join us, enjoy a delicious meal and get to know the group!

Second Winders will be heading to **Eischen's in Okarche** on **Tuesday, October 20**, for their famous fried chicken. We'll meet at the church and leave at **11:30 a.m.** Our reservation is for **1:00 p.m.**

You don't have to be a regular Second Winders participant to come along. **Everyone is invited!** Bring a friend and join us for a fun afternoon of good food, conversation, and fellowship.

To sign up or for more information, contact **Cheryl** at **(405) 249-1307**. If needed, leave a message with your name and phone number.

Come along—we'd love to have you join us!



STRIVE Is Coming!

If you're new to St. Mark's, you may be wondering, "**What is STRIVE?**"

STRIVE is St. Mark's annual Student Ministry fundraiser, now celebrating its **27th year!** Through STRIVE, our students raise funds to help with the cost of **camps, retreats,**

mission opportunities, and Jesus University scholarships. It's a wonderful way for our church family to encourage and support our young people as they grow in faith, serve others, and make some pretty special memories along the way.

STRIVE officially kicks off Sunday, September 27, when students will receive their packets and T-shirts. You'll be hearing more in the coming weeks about how you can participate and support our students.

This year's goal is to surpass \$15,000--and together, we can do it!

**Coming Up
IN
NOVEMBER**



1st

18th



THIS SUNDAY!



Students will meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. We'll grab dinner together and then head to St. Luke's Methodist Church for Metro Worship. We plan to return to the church by 8:30 p.m.

Please send \$10 with your student for dinner.

Does St. Mark's Know How to Picnic OR WHAT?!

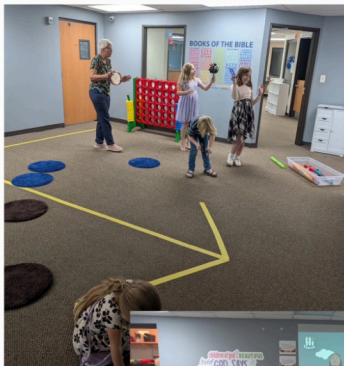
Hamburgers, hot dogs, games, a foam machine, horses, alpacas, and lots of fun and fellowship--our St. Mark's Fall Picnic had a little bit of everything! Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening so much fun and to all who came out to enjoy it. What a wonderful way to spend time together as a church family!



Our Kids are Growing in Faith!



Sundays and Wednesdays are full of learning, laughter, and growing in faith--from learning about the Fruit of the Spirit to following Joshua and the Ark of the Covenant across the Jordan--our kids have opportunities to discover God's Word together!



Upcoming Events

Sept 23 - TONIGHT!

5:30 pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

6:15 pm KidMin 2
6:15 pm Youth Ministry
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sept 23 - The Gathering/Titus 2

Sept 27 - Youth Metro Worship

Sept 28 - Administrative Council

Sept 30 - The Gathering/Titus 2

Oct 3 - St. Mark's Women's Craft Fair

Oct 10 - Men's Breakfast

Oct 12 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

Oct 13 - Finance Budget Meeting

Oct 23 - Overholser Fall Festival

Oct 29 - Putnam City Football Dinner

Communion Servers - September 27

Traditional Linda Whaley & Robin Stephenson-Bratcher
Miller & Nina Gerardy
Leslie Sipes & Cheryl Davis

Modern Ryan & Lisa Mays
TBA

FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget	684,155
Rec'd toward Operating 9/19/2026	5,236
Year to Date 2026 Rec'd toward offering (thru 9/19/26)	442,581
Expenses (thru 9/19/26) ..	470,768

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 20	Total	245
Traditional Worship	189	
Modern Worship	56	
Online Worship	no livestream	

Need Someone TO WALK WITH YOU?



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**
Christ caring for people through people

You are not alone.



WE CARE.

Stephen Ministers are caring members of St. Mark's who are trained to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian support during life's difficult times.



WE LISTEN.

Whether you're experiencing grief, illness, loneliness, caregiving, or another life challenge, we are here to listen.



WE WALK WITH YOU.

We will encourage, pray, and walk alongside you—every step of the way.

Hope begins with a conversation. ♥



CONTACT ONE OF OUR
STEPHEN MINISTERS



CALL THE
CHURCH OFFICE



Verse of the Week

**“For the word of the LORD
is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.”**

PSALM 33:4 (NIV)



Prayer Board

Kathy Moore
Kyle Baisden
Jason Jupiterwala
Karen Hall (Friend of Sandy Kelley)
Bobbie Gaston
Mary Jane Svejovsky
Tamara Spear Kerr (friend of Dot Lyon's daughter, Lori)
Lucas (12 yr old nephew of Carolyn Grady's supervisor)
Laurie Buckholtz
John Evans
Danny Payne
Gordon Denton (BIL of Joey Pedigo)
Nichole Norberto
Judy Knight
Carol Hall

Brittany (Friend of Robin Bratcher)
Brandon Kilpatrick (friend of Steve Ross)
Coy Sue Tyler (best friend of Loretta Wright)
Tony Pellegrini
Evelyn Moore
Bill Underwood
Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Sandy Rutherford
Mark Stover (SIL of Sandy Rutherford)
Barbara Hill
Elmer (Friend of Barbara Hill)
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano