



# ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

### Continuing sermon series - From Exodus to Exile

Join us this Sunday as Pastor Randy continues his sermon series, "From Exodus to Exile." This week's message, titled "Jeremiah - 626 BC," will be based on Jeremiah 18:1-12, where God uses the metaphor of the potter and clay to demonstrate His authority to shape, restore, and renew His people. We will reflect on the fact that God has the power to build up or tear down, and that our actions can influence His plans. Yet, He continues to invite us to repent, return to Him, and embrace a fresh start. Come experience God's faithfulness and find encouragement for your own journey. We can't wait to worship together!

### Service times -

The Traditional service will begin at 9:30 am and the Modern service begins at 10:55 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      10:55 am Sunday morning



### Sunday School Classes

We have classes for all ages and interests

- 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
  - Understanding God's Word Rm 17



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRANKYE!!!

Join us for a celebration

100<sup>th</sup>  
birthday

HONORING

Frankye Flemins

August 9, 2025

2 - 4 PM

St. Mark's Global Methodist Church  
Narthex

Hosted by:  
St. Mark's Bethany Women  
New Life Sunday School

Join us on August 9th for a celebration as we honor Frankye Flemins on her incredible 100th birthday! Few have the opportunity to recognize someone who has positively impacted our church and community for a full century, and we aim to make this an unforgettable event for her.

Let's come together to celebrate Frankye's life, her unwavering faith, and the innumerable ways she has enriched the lives of those around her. Your presence will mean so much—not only to Frankye herself but also to her family and friends who will be celebrating alongside her.

Help us fill the day with joy and gratitude as we commemorate this special milestone in her life!

## 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 greatly appreciates donations of clothing for newborns to size 6, shoes up to size 13, diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6, as well as bottles, bath wash, lotion, and Good Start Formula. Your generosity makes a difference—thank you for your contributions!



ROC always appreciates our donations of canned and boxed food. Although they accept other types of contributions, our church focuses on providing food. Currently, they are in need of canned meats like tuna or chicken. Additionally, they would be grateful for any empty egg cartons you may have. Please drop off your food donations in the Grocery Basket located in the narthex!



# MEMBER

# Spotlight

Jill and David Morgan are among the newest members of our St. Mark's family, though their journey of faith has been unfolding for many years. Both bring deep roots in Christian community—Jill was raised Baptist and later became Methodist, while David grew up Presbyterian and returned to faith in his 40s after a friend's invitation.

The couple first visited St. Mark's on Memorial Day 2024—drawn by the warm, genuine spirit of the congregation (and even greeted by bagpipes in worship that day!). After attending for about a year, they officially joined in July of this year, quickly finding a sense of belonging through the Faithbuilders Sunday school class and serving in behind-the-scenes ways.



David has also become active in the men's group, which he's especially enjoyed since being invited to participate. Jill lends her green thumb to help with the church's gardening, a natural extension of her love for tending their koi pond and caring for purple martins at home.

When they're not at church, Jill and David love outdoor activities and road trips. One of their favorites was driving to Maine, where they sampled lobster rolls from a small gas station--a surprisingly memorable find! They've also made several trips to see the brilliant fall foliage on the East Coast, saying that no picture can truly capture its beauty. Along the way, they've enjoyed visiting Amish communities, and seeking out unique local foods. They enjoy being outdoors and kayaking in their inflatable kayaks! Their next adventure? A Labor Day getaway to Galveston for a little ocean air and relaxation.

Married since 2012, they treasure time with their adult children and grandchildren who live nearby. For the Morgan's, St. Mark's has been more than a church—it's become home. As they put it, they felt they belonged here almost immediately, thanks to the authenticity and welcome they experienced from day one.

Thank you, Jill and David, for letting us share your story--and for the joy and warmth you bring to St. Mark's. We're so grateful to have you as part of our church family.



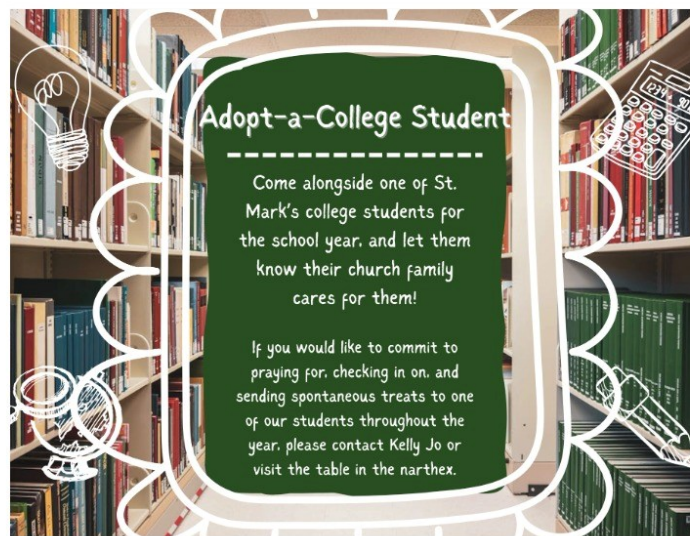


## Choir is Back – Join the Fun!

Join us on **Wednesday, August 13 at 6:30 pm** in Barnett Hall as we launch the new choir season with dinner and a fun trivia night! Whether you're a choir regular or just thinking about joining, it's a great chance to laugh, reconnect and test your brainpower! Come for the food, stay for the fun.

## Thank you for Supporting Our College Students

We are so grateful for the incredible response to our Adopt a College Student program! Because of your generosity and willingness to pray, encourage, and stay connected, every one of our students has been matched with a sponsor. What a beautiful reminder of the love and support our church family shares across every season of life. Thank you for helping our students feel seen, cared for, and rooted in their faith as they begin a new school year.



## St. Mark's Bethany Women Arts & Crafts Fair

### Exciting news, Craft Lovers!

Applications for the 2025 Craft Fair are rolling in, and you won't want to be left out! Grab your application at St. Mark's and secure your booth for the most fabulous fair in town! ✨

But wait... not planning to set up a booth? No worries! Just mark your calendar for Saturday, October 4th because THIS is the day you won't want to miss!

**Join us for a day filled with creativity, fun, and so much to explore. Let's make unforgettable memories together! See you there!**



# St. Mark's Bethany Women to Meet August 11th

St. Mark's Bethany Women will meet on Monday, August 11th at 10 am in Barnett Hall.



We are excited to welcome a guest speaker from Circle of Care, a faith-based organization committed to providing assistance, healing and hope to children and families throughout Oklahoma. Their wide array of programs aim to support family reunification and prepare children for successful adult lives. Come and listen--you may not need their services yourself, but you might know someone who does.



Join us for a time of fellowship and to learn more about the important work being done by Circle of care .

## Men's Breakfast August 9 at 8:00 am

All men are invited to join us for a hearty breakfast and a time of fellowship this Saturday at 8 AM in Barnett Hall. Come enjoy good food, encouraging conversation, and an opportunity to grow together in faith. Bring a friend -- there's always room at the table!



## Men's Bible Study Tuesdays, 6:00 PM

Looking for a place to grow in your faith and connect with other men? Join us for our weekly Men's Bible Study every Tuesday evening at 6 PM. We are currently studying the book of James using a study by N. T. Wright. It's a great opportunity to dig into

God's Word, grow in faith, and encourage one another as we follow Christ together. Come as you are -- everyone is welcome!



## GREETERS NEEDED FOR 2ND SERVICE

*Ever notice how a warm greeting can turn your whole day around?*

Our Second Service is growing, and we want everyone walking through the doors to feel welcomed right away. Greeters help set the tone for worship by offering a friendly hello and pointing newcomers in the right direction. Greeting is a wonderful way to serve the church and show Christ's love in a simple, practical way. Even once a month would be a huge blessing.

## WE NEED YOU!

Contact Fred or Carol Dalton to get started!

## Mission Committee Meeting

Following the second service this Sunday, there will be a Mission Team meeting in Room 18. Everyone is welcome to come learn more about our mission work and upcoming opportunities.

We're also excited to have the Fogleman's, missionaries serving in Albania, visiting with us this Sunday. Be sure to greet them and hear more about how God is working through their ministry.



# Fueled by Faith: Back-to-School Blessings

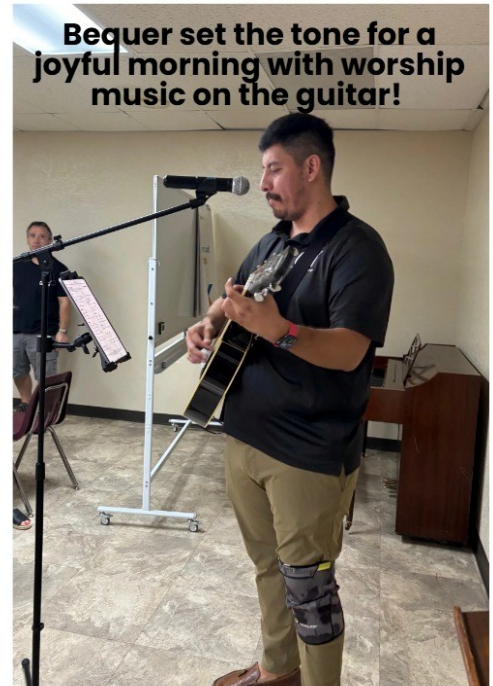
Sunday morning was such a treat! Families gathered for our Back-to-School breakfast, enjoying a waffle bar, scrambled eggs and plenty of smiles as we prayed over the kids heading into a new school year. Our prayer is that each child walks into the year fueled by faith, surrounded by love and reminded that their church family is cheering them on every step of the way.



Our interns giving the new school year a big thumbs up!



Waffles, eggs, and plenty of smiles -- a great start to a new school year!



Bequer set the tone for a joyful morning with worship music on the guitar!



Happy faces, full plates, and hearts ready for the year ahead.





# Upcoming Events

- August 9 - Men's Breakfast
- August 11 - St. Mark's Bethany Women
- August 12 - Men's Bible Study
- August 13 - Back to Choir party
- August 18 - Wrapped in Love
- August 19 - Men's Bible Study
- August 19 - Administrative Council
- August 26 - Men's Bible Study
- September 2 - Men's Bible Study
- September 3 - Wednesday Night Programming Starts
- September 8 - St. Mark's Bethany Women
- September 9 - SPRC
- September 11 - Second Winders
- September 13 - Men's Breakfast
- September 13 - Bible Bootcamp
- September 15 - Wrapped in Love
- October 4 - SMBW Arts & Crafts Show

# FACTS & Figures

2025 Annual Budget	632,679
Rec'd toward Operating 8/02/2025 .....	14,964
Year to Date 2025	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 8/02/25) .....	343,368
Expenses (8/02/25) .....	376,668

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 3	Total	323
Traditional Worship .....		188
Modern Worship .....		74
Online Worship .....		61

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 5:00-6:00 pm  
Prayer Team meets 5:00-5:30 pm



## COMMUNION SERVERS August 10, 2025

<u>Traditional:</u>	David & Kathy Moore Bob & Lynne Canary
<u>Modern:</u>	Ross & Carol Hall



## Prayer Board

Ralph Ridenhour	Bill Underwood
Anthony Atkins	Kathi Wagner (Dot Lyon's daughter, Lory's best friend)
Stephanie Maynard (cousin of Vickie Maynard)	Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Vickie Wines (grandmother of Chealsie Zink)	Beverly Clark
Tony Pellegrini	Barbara Hill
Judy Ross	Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes)
Jim Donnan (father of co-worker of Deb Wade)	Winn Lusk
Vernon (Brother of Hazel Bremmer)	Ginger Fenton (daughter of Jeff & Dianna Davidson)
Kason (grandson of Cheryl Pavelko)	Dianna Davidson
Evelyn Moore	Judy McMinn
Bob Drake	Tiffany Montesano
Sara Miller	
Sandy Rutherford	