

St. Mark's

BETHANY



September 20, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. With Pastor Randy on vacation we have a special guest speaker this week. You will want to come out and hear Jay Sears share the gospel this coming Sunday in both services.

All Sunday school classes will be at their regular time and area. If you don't attend a class drop by one and try it out.

Sunday School classes:

8:30 New Life Rm. 18
Sonshine Rm. 17

9:30 Books of the Bibles Rm 17,
Disciple Rm. 18,
Young Adults Rm. 5

10:45 Faithbuilders Rm 18,
Good News Choir room,
R.O.C.K Rm. 19



Traditional services are at 9:30 am and Modern services are at 10:55 am. 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:

[9:30 am Sunday morning](#) or at [10:55 Sunday morning](#).

Wednesday Night!



5:00 pm



5:30 pm



6:00 pm



6:15 pm



6:15 pm



6:15 pm



6:30 pm

Exciting New Outreach Ministry Wrapped in Love

On the 3rd Monday each month at 10 am Room 18, come join us as we crochet and knit shawls and caps for newborns. We are partnering with Willow Pregnancy Support ministry. Along with a crocheting & knitting we will have a devotion and an amazing time of fellowship. This is open to all, young and old, male and female.



Come Join us on October 16th!

HEYA!!! COOKING CLASS

**COME AND JOIN US MAKING
MOLE ENCHILADAS**

**WHILE LEARNING SOME BASIC CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH
BRING \$5 AND ENJOY YOUR MEAL!**



**SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
BARNETT HALL
FROM 5:45-7:00 PM**

**EMAIL TO RSVP:
BEQUER@STMARKSBETHANY.COM
OR SIGN-UP ON THE CHURCH COUNTER**

Financial Peace University class coming to St. Mark's

Starting September 24th and running 9 weeks through November 19th, there will be a Financial Peace University class at St. Mark's. Tim McKay will lead the class and it will be a great opportunity for all. Cost for the class is \$79 for a family (a substantial amount less than regular price). The fee covers the class, workbook, 12 months of access to all class videos and a 12 months of Every Dollar premium which provides

This culture is *designed* to take you down. Credit cards, car loans, student loans . . . they'll keep you paying way too much money for way too long. But there's one way out of the mess of debt, and it starts right here with *you*. You can change your future today by joining my virtual *Financial Peace University* class. You'll learn to pay off debt fast, save more money, and build lasting wealth. Class starts on September 24th at St. Mark's Bethany, so sign up today at [Financial Peace University](https://www.financialpeace.org)



wonderful tools, advice and a budget planning guide. You can sign up by scanning QR code above, going to registration on Church Center or at a table that will be set up in the foyer the next two weeks between services. It is a joy to be able to offer this opportunity to our members. Get signed up today!





New To St. Mark's?

On October 8th, following second service (around 12) come meet the staff and get to know one another and all the opportunities that are available for you at St. Mark's. If you are new to St. Mark's, we would encourage you to join us. For more information or to RSVP, contact the church office 405-789-9033 or email pat@stmarksbethany.com You can also register by using the QR code

Kitchen needs your empty plastic containers!

If you have extra leftover containers the kitchen is in need of them. We go through a lot of them for storage and to give to families as leftovers, etc. cool whip, cottage cheese, etc. containers are used all the time and we are running low at this time. You can just drop them off in the kitchen anytime. Thanks!!



Come & Go Prayer Time
Wednesdays 5-6 pm (starting March 8)

*Be Prayed
For/With*

Pray Alone

You are invited to spend time with God

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PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Now Collecting Donations for:

- Newborn clothes size 6 Gently used or new
- Shoes up to size 13
- Bath wash and Lotion
- Bottles
- Diapers size 4, 5, and 6
- Good Start Formula

Collection Box
outside of Sanctuary
near West Entry



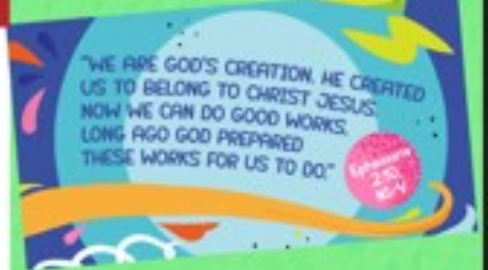
Thank You.!

Sm kids NEWS

Sunday Mornings
September

Kidmin

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



Nursery

9:30 - 12:00 ages 6mo - 4

Wee Worship

10:45 am ages 2 1/2-kindergarten



Bible Words

"God saw everything he had made. And it was very good."



Basic Truth:
God made me.



Bottom Line:
God made everything.



BETHLEHEM'S AMAZING MOVING PICTURES SHOW!

A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL FOR KIDS

Parent Meeting

6:00

kidmin room

sept. 20th

Contact: Kelly Jo Poss
for more information



PUMPKIN DERBY

NOV. 5TH

CONTACT: JACKIE SWERLOW FOR MORE
INFORMATION

[Register Here](#)



**NEXT MEETING
SEPT. 24TH**

DON'T FORGET YOUR FOLDERS
AND JOURNALS

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**Wee
Worship**

Opening on the First Sunday of
the Month beginning October 1

Train up a child in the way he should go,

even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

CHURCH CENTER

Over the next few weeks we are going to make a special effort to get people more familiar with Church Center. If you still haven't downloaded it or would like help doing so we will have a table available in the Narthex with people to assist you. We also want to get as many people as possible loading their information into the directory so we can all get to know one another better and can put out a updated directory.

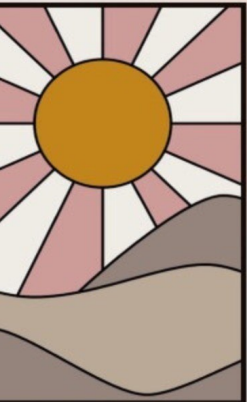
Also, if you just want a little help navigating around church center and learning all of it's features feel free to drop by.

Our goal is to have better communication in the church and there is no better means that we can find to do it than Church Center. Thanks!



COLLEGE AGE
RETREAT





RENEW



January 4-6, 2024
Camp Egan
Early Bird Cost: \$60
until September 1st

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**SIGN-UP
HERE**



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PC West Football Team Meal

We will feed the PC West Football Team twice this year. If you would like to help, contact Shab Jupiterwala.

We will be looking for lots of cookies to for each of the events. Thanks St. Mark's for how you always come through for the community.

Dates October 5th & 19th



ROC Still Needs Your Help



St. Mark's you have done a great job of meeting needs. 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!

September 2023 Prayer Guide

The Way to the Kingdom



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 of Faith **By Leah Hidde-Gregory**

This week, I went in to get my nails done. A thirty-year indulgence that my husband doesn't quite understand. My nail tech, Carrie, explained to me that she could not do my nails next time, because she was headed back to Vietnam to see her parents and family. During our conversation, she explained that she was to be baptized and join her church when she returned, but that she needed to go home and tell her family, who are devoted Buddhist, that she was converting to Christianity. I could tell in her eyes that this was going to be very hard for her to do, but she also had this amazing joy that bubbled up when she talked about Christ. She said, "Jesus is my everything. He has completely changed my life. We talk together every night before I go to sleep." Her faith was so pure and sweet.

Carrie then explained how she had come to know Christ. She told me that Jesus had literally come to her. She was in a superstore parking lot, when a man with a gun came up behind her. He put the gun to her head and took her backpack. Carrie said she felt as though her life was about to be over. A bumper sticker across the way from where she was standing had the words, "Jesus is the Way." Something in her cried out to Jesus in that moment. Immediately, she felt Christ come beside her and wrap his arm around her. The man who was robbing her, dropped the backpack and said, I am so sorry and took off running. Carrie said from that day on, she knew Jesus was real and she wanted to find out about the "way" on that bumper sticker.

When I asked how she found her way to a local church, she said, "Because they have that giant Jesus out front, and I want to always be near Jesus." Carrie told me about a couple of the sins that she had truly wrestled with her whole life and how Jesus had taken them away from her. She said, "I am a new person. I have a new life. I owe Jesus everything."

Whether we were born into the Christian faith or experienced a radical conversion like my friend, the way of faith starts with awakening to our need, surrender of ourselves, and deep innate desire to be with Jesus. The way of faith means relying on God's strength in our weakness and walking in the way of Christ

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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.

Sunday: Pray for victims of violent crime and their families. (Hebrews 11:4)

Monday: Pray for those who are passionately seeking the way of Christ. (Hebrews 11:6)

Tuesday: Pray for those who chose the way of faith in the face of family and worldly pressures. (Hebrews 11:7)

Wednesday: Pray for those who want nothing more than to be obedient to Christ but struggle along the way. (Hebrews 11:9)

Thursday: Pray for those who seek the better way. (Hebrews 11:16)

Friday: Pray for those who are called to seemingly impossible tasks. May they trust that God will provide. (Hebrews 11:17)

Saturday: Pray for those who are disgraced for the sake of Christ. (Hebrews 11:26)



*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)*

Rev. Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory is the President Pro Tem of the Mid-Texas Conference, after serving as chairwoman of the Transitional Leadership Council of the Global Methodist Church. She served 30 years in the United Methodist Church in congregations ranging from 20 to 8,000 in worship attendance. She is a Denman Evangelism award winner.

Facts and Figures

2023 Annual Budget	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating 9/16/2023	17,147
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 9/11/23)	386,569
Expenses (thru 9/11/23)	384,683
<u>Attendance</u>	
Sunday, September 17 Total	305
Traditional Worship	151
Modern Worship	61
Online Worship	93

Prayer Box

Winn & Ginger Lusk
Diana & Jeff Davidson
Judy McMinn
Ginger & Winn Lusk
Judy McMinn
Kathy Miller
Hazel Chessmore
Jane Foreman
Earl Moore
Dan & Norma Boland
Mary Desmukes
Cheryl Andrews
Paula Galt
Roger Pautsch
Dorothy Sipes

Karen Hall
Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Frank & Nadine)
Curtis Scott (SIL of Jim Brown)
Jeff & Tiffany Montesano
Geo Montesano
Hank Brueggen
Carol Hall
Rob Ivins (friend of Dennis & Robin Bratcher)
Joey Pedigo
Sandy Rutherford
Mary Jane Svejkovsky
Kamden Goff
Beth Bidne
Christina Baisden
Brittany Ivins (friend of Dennis & Robin Bratcher)
Rob Ivins
John & Elaine Talbot