

St. Mark's

BETHANY



September 6, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. Randy will begin a new series "Origins: Messages from Genesis" this Sunday with the message "Day 6 - Who Am I?" and we hope you are able to come hear it. The scripture lesson for the week comes from Genesis 1.

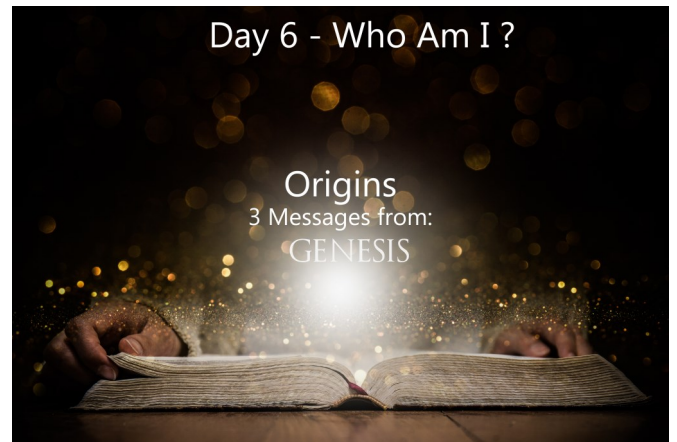
All Sunday school classes will be at their regular time and area. If you don't attend a class drop by one and try it out.

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](#).

ST. MARK'S PICNIC

BURGERS AND HOT-DOGS -BOUNCE HOUSES- DUNK TANK- MUSIC -GAMES

COME JOIN US! SEPTEMBER 10 FROM 5-7PM
BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE

COME DUNK YOUR FAVORITE STAFF MEMBER!

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 60TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

Wednesday Night!



5:00 pm



5:30 pm



6:00 pm



6:15 pm



6:15 pm



6:15 pm



6:30 pm

how to pray
a simple guide
for normal
people
pete greig

Come join us tonight!

We will meet at 6:15pm in Room 19.

Pause Rejoice Ask Yield

Books are available on Amazon. If you have questions, contact Beverly Ray.

Financial Peace University class coming to St. Mark's

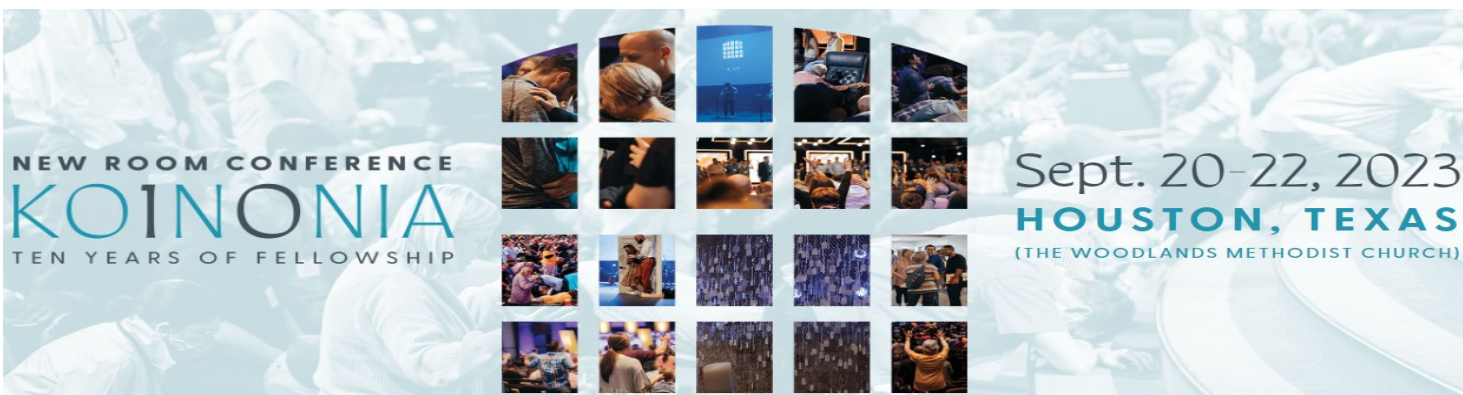
Starting September 24th and running 9 weeks through November 19th, there will be a Financial Peace University class at St. Mark's. Tim McKay will lead the class and it will be a great opportunity for all. Cost for the class is \$79 for a family (a substantial amount less than regular price). The fee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



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](#)

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!





Sept. 20-22, 2023
HOUSTON, TEXAS
(THE WOODLANDS METHODIST CHURCH)

St. Mark's has a team together to be a part of Seedbed's New Room Conference. You can still join them if interested in going please contact the church office or any staff member to get signed up. Cost for the event will be \$309 plus travel and lodging. It will be a life changing event including some of the top Christian speakers from around the world, powerful break out sessions and God filled worship services. This is the chance to go to an event that is not that far from home that will challenge and equip you in your walk with Christ. You can learn more at:

newroomconference.com/

If you're unable to attend in person but would like to join online individually you can register for the livestream at:

[Livestream New Life](#)



SECOND WINDERS KICK OFF FALL PROGRAMMING

The next meeting of Second Winders will be on Thursday, September 14, with visiting at 11:30 and the meal at 12:00 in Barnett Hall. This month we will be doing the potluck meal. The meal will be divided into 3 groups, using the last names to show the group they are to bring from. Main dish (H-M) Sides-salad or vegetable (N-Z) Dessert (A-G). Pastor Randy will be bringing us the program covering his Holy land trips.



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Wednesday evenings in kidmin we will.....PRAY

Pause
Reflect
Ask
Yield



Created and uniquely designed by God. How do we help our kids communicate with God? One of the most powerful ways we can help kids in communicating with God is to help them PRAY. Through this journey the kids will create their own unique PRAYER boards to help assist them in their PRAYER life.



M.A.P
ISAIAH 58:10-12

JOURNAL PAGES
WEEK 2 & 3

PARENTS: DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE TEAM ION GROUP IN CHURCH CENTER FOR MESSAGES AND RESOURCES.



TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO, EVEN WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT. PROVERBS 22:3

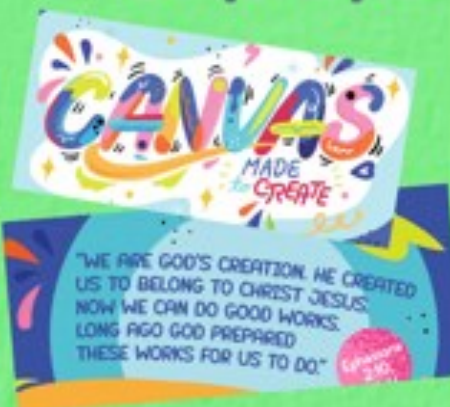
One Service
Sunday
9/3/2023
10:00 am

IMPORTANT
INFORMATION

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.

Sm kids

NEWS

Sept. 6th
Wed. Evenings

Sept. 10th
Fall Picnic
Team ION

Sept. 20th
parent meeting
for Christmas
TBD

Sept. 24th
Team ION

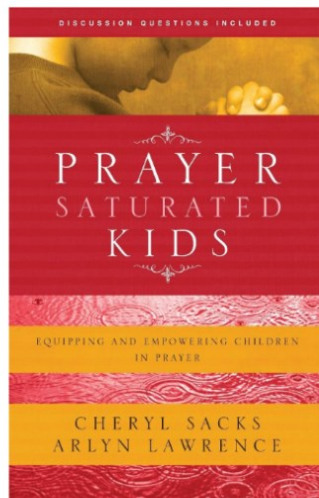
Bibles presented

Raylee Fuller
Madison Nguyen
Kenzy Marr
Addison Smith
Adam Votaw
Katie Williams
Adalyn Zink



Wee Worship

Opening on the First Sunday of
the Month beginning October 1



Book Recommendation

I just finished reading this book, and I can still use these tools in prayer.

Raise kids who are strong in faith and powerful in prayer!

CHURCH CENTER

We need you to sign up if you haven't.

Imagine being able to have the church calendar, directory, giving and financial records, access to latest news, live services and more available at one spot.

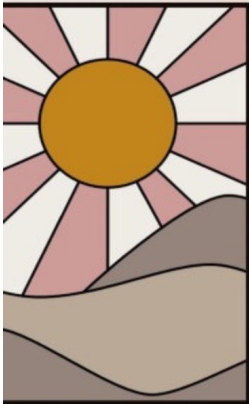
On your phone, pad or computer you will always be up to date. To download the app just click on this link and it will walk you through step by step instructions. [Download Church Center](#) The whole process should take just a few minutes.

Once you have it on your device, we encourage you to take a minute to edit your information for the directory so that we can all get to know one another better.



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



REACHING OUR CITY
COMPASSION • COMMUNITY • CHRIST

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 9/2/2023	6,360
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 9/2/23)	362,256
Expenses (thru 9/2/23)	356,331
<u>Attendance</u>	
Sunday, August 27 Total	277
Combined Worship	209
Online Worship	68

Prayer Box

Gary Davis	Mary Desmukes
Barbara Homer	Paula Galt
Mark Walpus	Roger Pautsch
Ginger Lusk	Dorothy Sipes
Judy McMinn	Karen Hall
Kamden Goff	Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Frank & Nadine)
Kathy Miller	Curtis Scott (SIL of Jim Brown)
Jacob Williams	Jeff & Tiffany Montesano
Hazel Chessmore	Geo Montesano
Dan & Norma Boland	Hank Brueggen
Jane Foreman	Carol Hall
Earl Moore	Rob Ivens (friend of Dennis & Robin Hatcher)
Cheryl Andrews	Sally White
Don & Jan Greve	Sandy Rutherford
Diana & Jeff Davidson	Joey Pedigo
	Beth Bidne