



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Pentecost Sunday - "The Start of Something New"

Join us this Sunday as we gather for **one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m.** to celebrate Pentecost -- the day the Holy Spirit was poured out and the Church was born. Pastor Randy's message, "**The Start of Something New,**" from Acts 2:1-21 reminds us that God is always at work, bringing renewal, courage, and new beginnings through His Spirit. Our KidMin children will be singing with the choir as well! After worship, stay and celebrate our church family with birthday cake, an ice cream truck, and fellowship as we honor the birthday of the Church together.

COMBINED WORSHIP SUNDAY

This Memorial Day weekend, we'll come together for one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. as we celebrate Pentecost and the birthday of the Church. We'd love to worship with you in person or online.

To watch the live stream, please join us at:
10:00 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

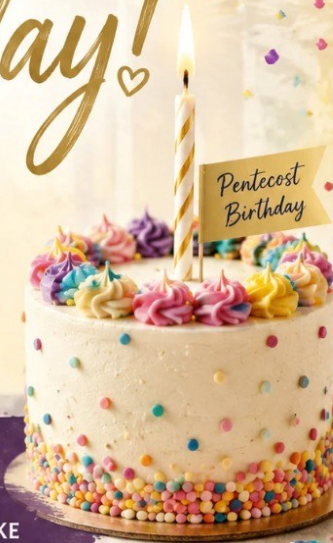
ADULT

• 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

YOU'RE INVITED!

Let's celebrate OUR CHURCH'S Birthday!

We are God's people.
We are the Church.
Together in *faith*.
Together in *joy*.
Together on *mission*.



JOIN US SUNDAY!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

WORSHIP • FELLOWSHIP • BIRTHDAY CAKE

One Church. Many gifts. United in Christ.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. ACTS 1:8

Let's celebrate together!



WORSHIP

We'll lift our voices in praise and give thanks for all God has done and is still doing!



FELLOWSHIP

Stay after worship for laughter, good company, and time together as family.



BIRTHDAY CAKE

Because every birthday party needs cake! Help us celebrate our church family.



BRING A FRIEND!

Everyone is welcome. Help us make this a celebration to remember!

Come, celebrate, give thanks, and be part of what God is doing among us!



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!



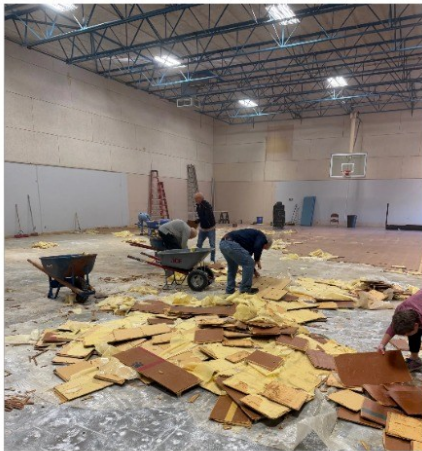
Our partnership with ROC continues to be a simple but powerful way to care for neighbors in need. One of the main ways we support ROC is through donations of canned and boxed food.

Right now, canned meats like tuna and chicken are especially needed, but any nonperishable food items are greatly appreciated. Donations 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 Start of Something New

From worship services and fellowship gatherings to demolition dust and rising steel, the Family Life Center has always been a place where lives are shaped and community is built. Now a new chapter is beginning as this space is transformed for future generations.



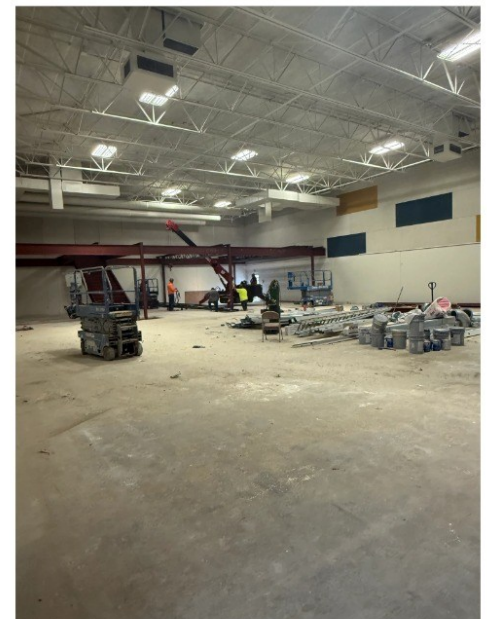
What started with torn-out walls, wheelbarrows, dust, and many helping hands is beginning to look like something new.

We are so thankful for every volunteer, every donation, every prayer, and every person who has helped move this project along. God is doing great things at St. Mark's, and it's been amazing to watch our church family come together to build spaces that will serve generations to come.

And look what's happening now ...

And now... the steel is going up!

This week brought another exciting step forward as crews began installing the steel for the new mezzanine area in the Family life Center. It's exciting to watch the vision begin taking shape right before our eyes!



Monday Morning Gardening

Would you enjoy helping keep our church grounds beautiful?

Mondays, from 10 :00 am to 12:00 noon, Leslie Sipes will be in the garden.

Come join us for planting, watering, weeding, or whatever is needed. Every helping hand makes a difference.

Come when you can. No commitment required.



Men's Bible Study Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Men of St. Mark's gather each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in Room 17 for a time of Scripture, conversation, and prayer.

This group offers a welcoming space to grow in faith, encourage one another, and explore how God's Word speaks into our daily lives. Whether you've been attending for months or are joining for the first time, you are invited to be part of the conversation.

Bring your Bible and come as you are — all men are welcome.

For information, contact

Fred Dalton (405-823-7264) or
Rev. Allen Smith (405-620-1861)



ST. MARK'S BETHANY

We are hiring for paid children/youth 2026 summer internships now!

Apply Here!



We're Hiring! Part-Time Assistant Youth Minister

Do you know someone who:

- Has a heart for students?
- Loves Jesus?
- Is willing to serve?

We'd love to talk with them!

Contact the church office.



KidMin is the Happening Place



Sharing God's love one flower and one smile at a time.



Charlie now has "insider" knowledge!



Even storytime becomes holy when little hearts are listening.

SM Kids is blessed by people of all ages who help our children grow in faith. Whether reading Bible stories, helping with activities, sharing Mother's Day smiles, or simply showing up each week with love and encouragement, these moments remind us that faith is nurtured best in community.



A little joy can brighten someone's Sunday.



It takes a church family to help young hearts grow in faith.



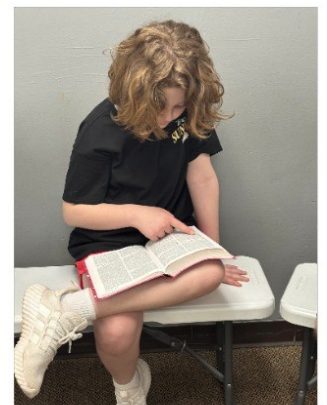
Digging deeper into Scripture.



Learning to navigate God's Word.



Growing in faith, one story at a time.



God's Word is alive--and our students are discovering it.

ROBOTICS CAMP IS COMING June 29 - July 2



Registration is open on Church Center!

The camp is open to students finishing 1st - 5th grade
Fee: \$25 per child

We want every child who wants to attend to be able to come! Scholarships are available.

For more information, see Sharon Hunt.



Showering Our Sweet Moms-to-Be with Love

We have several precious moms in our church who are preparing to welcome little ones soon! As their church family, we'd love to help lighten the load in a practical way. We're collecting diapers, wipes, and other baby essentials to bless these growing families as they prepare for their newest arrivals. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Please note that several of our new moms want to use "non-toxic" diapers. Whether it's a pack of diapers, a box of wipes, or simply a prayer for these mothers and their babies, every gift is a meaningful way to show love and support. Thank you for helping us celebrate these sweet new lives and care for these families in such a tangible way.

"Children are a gift from the Lord..." –Psalm 127:3

Summer Pop-Ups!

TONITE!
SUMMER
POP-UP
EVENT

ALOHA SHAVE ICE
MAY 20TH - 5:30PM

6R OF COUNCIL AND 19TH STREET, BETHANY
WE WILL BE THERE TILL 7 PM
COME AND DO AS YOU WISH!

Andy's
Frozen Custard
SINCE 1984

JUNE 10
6:00 - 8:00
PM

POOL
POP-UP
EVENT

YUKON CITY SPLASH POOL
JUNE 27TH - 5:30-7:00PM
2600 S HOLLI AVE, YUKON

WE WILL BE THERE FROM 5:30-7:00 PM
WE'LL HAVE PIZZA AND DRINKS
COME AND DO AS YOU WISH!



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



Have one of these just sitting in your garage?

Our youth ministry is looking for Little Tikes Cozy Coupe-style cars to use for an upcoming youth camp activity!

If you have one that is no longer being used and would be willing to donate it, we would greatly appreciate it. Gently used is perfectly fine.

Please contact Bequer or drop it off at the church office.

Thank you for helping make this a fun and meaningful experience for our students!

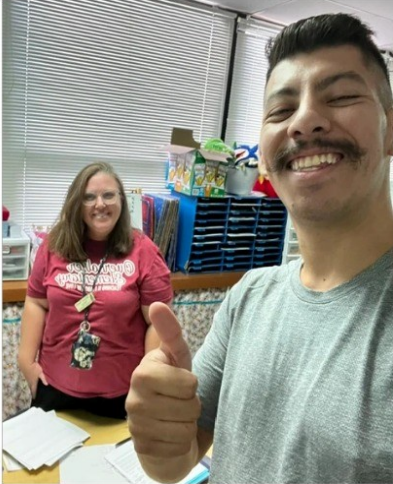
Tanzania Mission Team Preparing to Serve

Our St. Mark's mission team is making final preparations for their upcoming trip to Kigoma, Tanzania, where they will take part in the June 7 dedication of the Women's Center.

Seven team members from St. Mark's will travel to Tanzania, where they will join David and Becky Roman and celebrate what God is doing through this important ministry partnership. This trip reflects years of faithful connection, service, and support -- and we are excited to see how God continues to work through these relationships.

The team departs from Oklahoma City on **May 29** and returns on **June 10**. Please keep the team, their travels, and the Women's Center dedication in your prayers.

Loving Our Neighbors Through Comunidad



Throughout the school year, St. Mark's members have continued building relationships and serving at nearby Overholser Elementary through the Comunidad ministry led by Bequer and a dedicated group of volunteers.

From helping teachers prepare classrooms and supporting school events to hosting the Fall Fest, providing Christmas gifts through the Care Share program, and simply showing up with encouragement and love, Comunidad is all about being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

This ministry is not only impacting students and staff at Overholser Elementary -- it is also creating meaningful friendships and opportunities for our church family to serve together in joyful ways.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, donated, prayed, and participated throughout the year. Your kindness and presence continue to make a difference.



2026 SUMMERCAMPS

Helping Every Child Attend

We want every child to have the opportunity to participate in summer camps and activities. If you would like to help support children this summer, **donations are always welcome.**

See Sharon Hunt for more information.



Learn Character. Learn Independence. Learn Truth.

KIDS NEED CAMP.

www.newliferanch.com

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

We're excited to share information about a **fantastic children's camp at New Life Ranch** this summer for kids **entering 2nd - 6th grade!**

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

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.

Youth Summer Camps 2026!!!



Check out the Youth Newsletter
for camp sign-up links!

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!

Deadline is approaching!

Have you signed up?

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.

Upcoming Events

TODAY - NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5:15 Prayer
6:30 Choir Rehearsal

TODAY - Aloha Shaved Ice POP-UP

May 24 - Combined Service

May 25 - MEMORIAL DAY 
Office Closed

May 26 - Dayspring Camp Begins

May 26 - Men's Bible Study

May 28 - Kings & Queens Plus

May 29 - Mission Trip to Tanzania leave

June 1 - New Life Camp Parent Meeting

June 2 - Men's Bible Study

June 8 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

June 9 - Men's Bible Study

June 10 - Andy's Frozen Custard POP-UP

June 14 - Tulsa Youth Force

June 14 - Junior Camp for Kids

**June 14 - ST MARK'S BETHANY WOMEN
SUNDAY**

FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget	684,155
Rec'd toward Operating 5/16/2026	9,473
Year to Date 2026 Rec'd toward offering (thru 5/16/26)	215,640
Expenses (thru 5/16/26) ..	251,403

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 17	Total	372
Traditional Worship		205
Modern Worship		75
Online Worship		92



Come pray with us – whether you prefer quiet, personal prayer, would like someone to pray with you, or feel led to pray for others. Explore simple prayer tools, spend time in God's presence, or come and go as needed.

All are welcome in this peaceful space.

Join us Wednesdays • 5:15-6:00 pm
Prayer Team gathers at 5:15 pm

We would love to pray with you.



COMMUNION SERVERS May 24, 2026

Sara, Emma & Adam Votaw
Jay & Gwen Sears
Bobbie Gaston & Cheryl Davis



Prayer Board

John Evans	Norma McMurtry
Jeff Imel (son of Joy & John Imel)	Coy Sue Tyler (best friend of Loretta Wright)
Danny Payne	Norma and Dan Boland
Roger Pautsch	Tony Pellegrini
Jo Manharth (mother of Lisa Hutchison)	Evelyn Moore
Gerald Grady	Bill Underwood
Emily & Gordon Denton (sister and BIL of Joey Pedigo)	Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Penny and James Hager	Sandy Rutherford
Nichole Norberto	Barbara Hill
Judy Knight	Elmer (Barbara's friend)
Paul Moon	Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes)
Carol Hall	Judy McMinn
Brandon Kilpatrick (friend of Steve Ross)	Tiffany Montesano
	Jeff Montesano