

ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

Telling the Story of God's Work at St. Mark's

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

That's a Good Question — "Who Do You Say That *I Am*?"

Who is Jesus to you? Is He a great teacher, a source of comfort, or something much more? In Matthew 16:13-17, Jesus asks His disciples a question that still challenges each of us today: *"Who Do You Say That I Am?"* This Sunday, Pastor Randy continues our **"That's a Good Question"** sermon series as we explore Peter's powerful confession of faith and what it means to truly know Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Join us as we consider how our answer to this important question shapes the way we live, love, and follow Christ.

Service times —

The Traditional service will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the Modern service begins at 11:00 a.m.. 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 a.m. Sunday morning on **YouTube** or on **FaceBook**



Sunday School Classes

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

St. Mark's Bethany Women – November Meeting



St. Mark's Bethany Women will meet on Monday, **November 9**, in Barnett Hall. The business meeting will begin at **10:00 a.m.**, followed by a special program at **11:00 a.m.** titled **"What I Didn't Know Because I Didn't Know."**

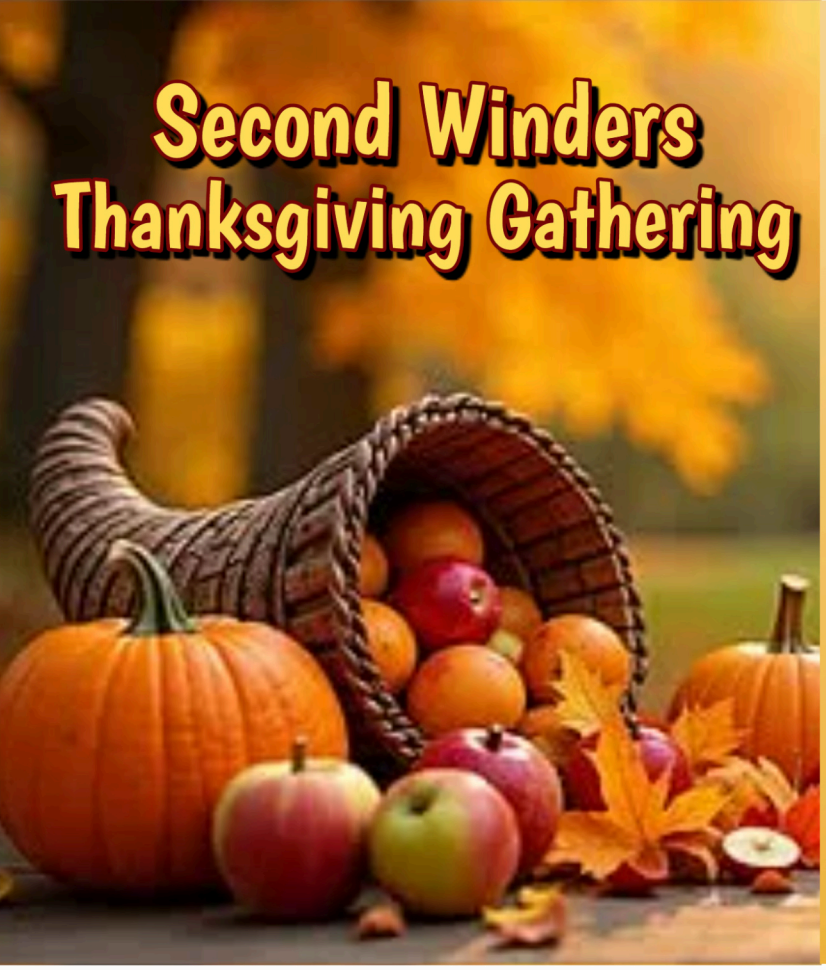
This informative presentation will focus on VA disability benefits, including how veterans who have not yet received a 100% disability rating may qualify for an increased rating and the additional benefits that may be available to them and their spouses. Many veterans and their families may not realize what benefits they could be eligible to receive.

Whether you are a veteran, spouse, family member, or someone who cares for a veteran, we encourage you to attend and learn more about these valuable resources.

Everyone is welcome!

Be sure to bring a notebook! You'll want to take notes on all the helpful information being shared.





Join the Second Winders on Thursday, **November 12**, in **Barnett Hall**, for a special Thanksgiving feast filled with delicious food, warm fellowship, and grateful hearts! We'll begin gathering at 11:30 a.m., with our Thanksgiving meal served at noon. **Turkey, dressing, gravy, ham, and drinks** will be provided. To complete our feast, everyone is asked to bring a favorite side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Following the meal, **Katelyn King from Navigating Medicare** will present an informative program about Medicare.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Second Winders Hit the Road!

Get ready for a little shopping, sightseeing, and fellowship! The Second Winders are heading to **Guthrie, Oklahoma, on Tuesday, November 10**, for a fun-filled day of antique hunting!

We'll meet in the **church lobby at 10:00 a.m.** before heading to Guthrie to explore five antique stores and enjoy lunch (on your own). Whether you're searching for a hidden treasure or just enjoying time with friends, it's sure to be a wonderful day!

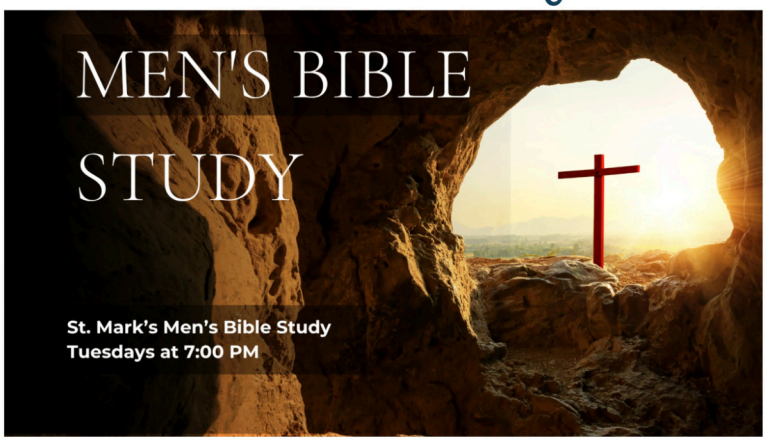
We plan to return to the church by **4:00 p.m.**

Want to join the fun?
Contact Phil or Cheryl Davis
for more information.
(405) 249-1307





Men's Bible Study



Men's Bible Study has resumed and will meet weekly at 7:00 p.m. at the church. All men are invited to join us for Bible study, fellowship, and spiritual growth as we continue growing together in God's Word. Questions? Contact Fred Dalton or Allen Smith.



Church Charge Conference

Join us this Thursday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 18 at St. Mark's for our annual Charge Conference. This is an opportunity to celebrate the ministries of St. Mark's, reflect on the past year, and look ahead to what God has in store for our church.

All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend as we celebrate what God is doing through St. Mark's and continue moving forward together in faith and service.

Our Local Missions

At St. Mark's, sharing God's love doesn't stop at our church doors! Through our partnerships with local ministries like Willow Pregnancy Support and Reaching Our City (ROC), we have opportunities to make a meaningful difference right here in our community.

Together, we're putting our faith into action and showing Christ's love in practical ways!

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PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Willow Pregnancy Support is continuing its ministry of caring for families at its new location, 41 7 N. Council in Bethany! Through encouragement, practical assistance, and compassionate support, Willow helps families feel valued and cared for during important seasons of life.

Donations currently welcomed include: Children's clothing (newborn - size 6), Children's shoes (up to size 13), Diapers (sizes 4-6), baby bottles, bath wash, lotion, and Good Start formula.

Every gift, large or small, is an opportunity to remind a family that they are loved and supported. Thank you for helping St. Mark's be part of this important ministry!

ROC
REACHING OUR CITY

Sometimes sharing God's love begins with something as simple as helping put food on a family's table! Through our partnership with ROC, St. Mark's continues to help provide food and encouragement to neighbors facing difficult circumstances.

Current food needs include green beans, corn and soup, although all nonperishable food donations are gratefully appreciated.

Please place your donations in the Grocery Basket in the Narthex.

The ROC Thrift Store and donation drop-off center is located at 5107 N. MacArthur in Warr Acres. Thank you for helping us make a difference--one meal, one family, and one act of kindness at a time!

FEEDING THE PATRIOTS



What a joy to welcome the Putnam City West football team back to St. Mark's for our annual team dinner! After delivering meals to the players last year, we were especially happy to have approximately 50 team members and guests join us this year! It is a great way to show our support and encourage these young athletes.





Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who prepared the food, served the meal, and helped to make the evening a success! A special thank-you to our St. Mark's bakers for all the chocolate chip cookies!





Go Patriots!









Mexico Mission Trip

January 9-16, 2027

The Team is Ready — Will You Pray With Us?



Our Mexico Mission Trip team is complete, and preparations are underway for their journey January 9-16, 2027! We are grateful for those who have answered the call to serve and share God's love with others.

Although the team is filled, everyone in our congregation can be a part of this mission through prayer! Please pray for safe travels, good health, strength, unity, and opportunities for our team to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those they encounter.

Most importantly, pray that God's love will shine through everything they say and do. We look forward to hearing how God works through this mission.

Thank you for supporting our mission team with your prayers!

Little Pumpkins, Big Smiles!

Our St. Mark's CDO trick-or-treaters brought a whole lot of cuteness to the church office and Narthex! Dressed in their adorable Halloween costumes, these little visitors made their rounds collecting treats and spreading smiles along the way. There were plenty of sweet faces, happy giggles, and Halloween fun! What a special treat it was for all of us to share in their excitement.

We think we got the sweetest treat of all!







Growing in God's Love - One Fruit at a Time!



KidMin is continuing their journey through the Fruit of the Spirit, discovering how God's love can grow in their hearts and shine through their everyday lives!

Each week brings new opportunities to grow in faith and become a little more like Jesus!

KidMin Sprouts

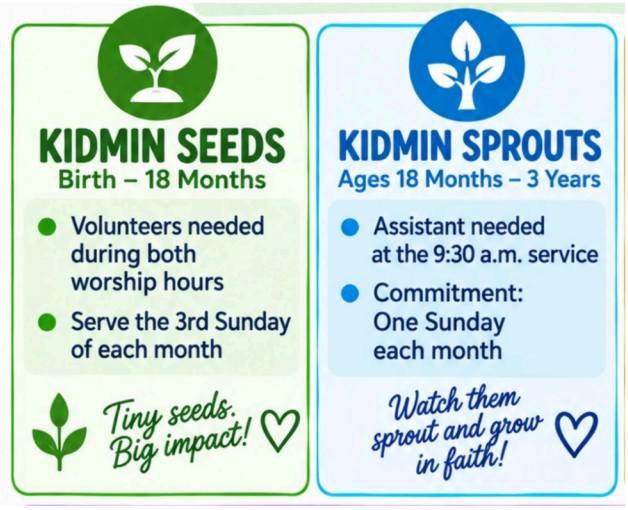
Big faith begins with little hearts! KidMin Sprouts provides a loving, nurturing environment for children ages 18 month through 3 years. During the 9:30 a.m. worship service, Miss Christie Couch helps our little ones experience God's love through activities, play, and caring attention. We're planting seeds of faith that will continue to grow for years to come!

WE STILL NEED DIFFERENCE MAKERS!

.Our KidMin ministry is growing, and we need YOU to help make a difference in the lives of our youngest children! Volunteers are needed for KidMin Seeds and Sprouts, and we also welcome anyone willing to fill in when an extra hand is needed.

Even serving just one Sunday a month can make a lasting impact!

If you have a heart for children and a willingness to help, please contact **Sharon Hunt** to learn how you can be a **Difference Maker**!



The Gathering

There are wonderful opportunities for moms to connect, grow and encourage one another at St. Mark's! **The Gathering** meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m., offering moms a welcoming place for friendship, encouragement, and study.

Meanwhile, our **Titus 2** ministry provides loving care for babies and toddlers while their moms participate in Bible study and fellowship. Together these ministries are helping build friendships, strengthen families, and share God's love with the next generation!

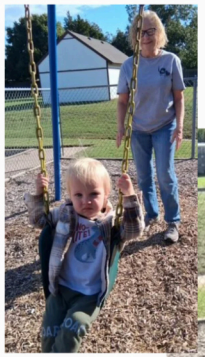


Little Hearts, Big Faith!











There's always something wonderful happening in St. Mark's Children's Ministry! From KidMin on Sunday to Titus 2 and Wednesday evenings, our kids are learning about God's love, growing in faith, making friends, and having fun along the way! Through Bible lessons, creative activities, and time spent together, we're planting seeds of faith that will last a lifetime. Just look at those smiling faces!

Big things are happening in little hearts!























Get ready for the TURKEY OLYMPICS!

Who knew turkeys could be so competitive? The **Turkey Olympics** is coming to St. Mark's Student Ministry on **Wednesday, November 18!** Get ready for an evening filled with crazy challenges, plenty of laughs, friendly competition, and maybe even a little turkey-themed glory.

Students, bring your friends, bring your competitive spirit, and come prepared to have a great time. **You won't want to miss this one - because at the Turkey Olympics, everyone has a chance to be a champion!**



A TREE THAT TELLS A STORY!

What do an apple, a rainbow, a crown, and a star have in common?

They all help tell the greatest story every told!

This Advent, something special is taking root at St. Mark's. Through the Jesse Tree, we'll discover how God's promises connect the stories of the Old Testament to the birth of Jesus.

One tree.
Many stories.
One amazing promise.

Stay tuned! There's more to come!



Our St. Mark's youth are wrapping up their annual STRIVE fundraiser, having raised over **$11,000**! On Saturday, November 7, they'll put their faith into action by helping members of our church and community with yard work and other projects. The day will conclude with a celebration banquet and STRIVE Awards, recognizing their hard work and dedication. **A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our youth through their generous donations!** Your kindness and encouragement help make this ministry possible! What a wonderful example of young people serving other and making a difference in our community!

Fall Fun with St. Mark's Youth!



Our St. Mark's youth have been making great memories together! They enjoyed a fun-filled evening of costume bowling, *followed by a sweet treat of ice cream*.



At a separate Wednesday gathering, the fun continued with pumpkin painting and *more ice cream* after their Bible lesson! From bowling lanes to colorful pumpkins, these activities are a great way for our youth to build friendships, share laughter, and grow together in faith.

*And apparently, you can **never** have too much ice cream!*



















Upcoming Events

Nov 4 - TONIGHT!
5:30 pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL
Chicken Taco Soup

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

Nov 5 - Charge Conference
Nov 8 - Team ION
Nov 9 - St. Mark's Women -
Veterans' Benefit Program
Nov 10 - Men's Bible Study
Nov 11 - Gathering/Titus 2
Nov 11 - VETERANS' DAY
Nov 12 - Second Winders
Nov 14 - Men's Breakfast
Nov 16 - Wrapped in Love
Nov 26 - THANKSGIVING

Communion Servers - November 1

Traditional	Dwayne & Darlene Hickman Linda Whaley & Cheryl Davis Sandy Kelley & Kathi Fisher
Modern	Clay & Marty Croy Mike & Sally Kilby

FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget 684,155

Rec'd toward Operating
10/31/2026 7,041

Year to Date 2026
Rec'd toward offering
(thru10/31/26) 517,686
Expenses (thru 10/31/26) ... 548,027

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 1 Total 347

Traditional Worship 203
Modern Worship 56
Online Worship 88





Prayer Board

Family of Don Boland
Norma Boland
Elle Gather
Don Greve
Christina Baisden
Donna Shriver
Karen Hall (Friend of Sandy Kelley)
Bobbie Gaston
Mary Jane Svejkovsky
Tamara Spear Kerr (friend of Dot Lyon's daughter, Lori)
Lucas (12 yr old nephew of Carolyn Grady's supervisor)
John Evans
Nichole Norberto
Judy Knight
Carol Hall
Judy McMinn
Brittany (Friend of Robin Stephenson-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 Rutherform
Barbara Hill
Elmer (Friend of Barbara Hill)
Tiffany Montesano