

"FEED MY SHEEP"



# ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

### Wait—It Doesn't End at the Empty Tomb — From Capernaum to Rome

Join us this Sunday as we continue our series *"Wait—It Doesn't End at the Empty Tomb"* with a message titled *"From Capernaum to Rome."* Drawing from John 21:1-19, we encounter the risen Jesus meeting His disciples by the shore—restoring Peter with a simple but powerful call: *"Feed my sheep."*

In this post-resurrection moment, we are reminded that following Jesus doesn't end at belief—it leads us into love, service, and care for others. Come and discover how Christ still meets us, restores us, and sends us out with purpose.

Next week we begin "Kingdom Building," our three-week Faith Promise series—seeking God's heart and discovering how each of us can help build His Kingdom.

### Service times -

The Traditional service will begin at 9:30 am and the Modern service begins at 11:00 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      11:00 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- Kdgt'n) 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

# A Night That Filled Our Cups

Friday night's respite was such a gift!

Several of our kids had the chance to sit with their volunteers and watch the Artemis II astronauts land—what a special moment to share together!

The night was filled with laughter (lots of it!), games of hide-and-seek, and the kind of joy that truly fills your cup. We are so thankful for We Rock the Spectrum Kid's Gym for hosting us during this season—it has been such a blessing to our families.



Play, laughter, and friendship!



And while it's been a wonderful experience, we'll admit... everyone is just a little excited to be back home at St. Mark's soon.



Serving with joyful hearts!



So grateful for our amazing volunteers!



Hide-and-seek champions!



Bouncing into joy!



So much joy in one night!





*Thank You*

The family of Frank Wilkerson extends their heartfelt thanks for the prayers, visits, cards, calls, notes, food, and outpouring of support during the loss of Frank. Your kindness and care were deeply appreciated.



## ST. MARK'S BETHANY

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

Apply Here!



St. Mark's Bethany is a place for children/youth to build a foundation of faith and equip kids to KNOW God, GROW to be like Him, and GO serve Him. At St. Mark's, students come first! Our summer interns must have a heart to serve our church and love working with children and youth!

Interns are people who are interested in exploring ministry in the local church. They are selected because of their demonstrated leadership among their peers and students, maturity in their Christian faith, and a desire to see others come to know Jesus Christ. This would be an unforgettable and valuable experience for someone with a heart for students and wants to be involved with them.

## 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.

# Sm kids Your Thoughts Matter!

On Wednesday nights, we have been learning that our thoughts matter because they lead to what we say and do. Last week, we learned about turning the other cheek and showing love even when it's hard.

This week, we are asking an important question. How many times do I need to forgive someone? In Matthew 18:21-35, Jesus teaches us that forgiveness isn't something we count—He calls us to forgive again and again. That kind of forgiveness reflects the grace and love God shows us every day.



We hope your child will join us on this journey as we discover that Jesus changes everything—for those who choose to follow Him!

He is the way, the truth, and the life.  
— John 14:6

## A Night Set Apart

Our youth gathered for their monthly Wednesday night of prayer, taking time to pause, reflect, and lift one another up. It was a special evening centered on faith, friendship and drawing closer to God—growing in faith together.



*"Pray continually." —  
1 Thessalonians 5:17*

## ROBOTICS CAMP IS COMING June 29 - July 2



Plans are underway as we finalize details such as ages and group sizes. Families and volunteers are encouraged to go ahead and save the date!

Watch Church Center for registration and full details—coming soon!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

# With Grateful Hearts: Thank You, Ushers & Greeters

During this past season—especially throughout the many services of Holy Week and Easter—we have been so blessed by the faithful presence of our ushers and greeters.

From the very first welcome at the door to helping each service run smoothly, you have created an atmosphere of warmth, care, and hospitality that truly reflects the love of Christ. Whether guiding guests, offering a friendly smile, or stepping in wherever needed, **your service does not go unnoticed.**

**Thank you** for the time, energy, and heart you pour into making St. Mark's a welcoming place for all. We are deeply grateful for each of you and the tremendous job you continue to do.

## 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.



## MOMENTUM CAMPUS MINISTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars! Join us for the Momentum Campus Ministry Golf Tournament on Monday, May 4, 2026 for a day of golf, community, and supporting what God is doing on campus.

- Date: Monday, May 4, 2026 (two flights)
- Location: Oak Hills Golf & Country Club, Ada, Oklahoma

All proceeds go toward helping Momentum continue its mission of impacting students' lives for Christ. **CONTACT RANDY IF INTERESTED**

### 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.



### Have Extra Canning Jars?

Do you have any extra canning jars you're not using? One of our St. Mark's Bethany Women lovingly makes homemade jelly for the craft fair and would appreciate any clean, empty canning jars you'd be willing to donate. You may drop them off by the church office -- thank you for supporting her ministry!

## 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)

## Youth Bible Reading Challenge Don't Break the Streak!

The Youth Bible Reading Challenge is going strong, and our students are continuing to build their streaks! Each day spent in God's Word is another step toward growing a steady, lasting faith.

Students -- keep that streak going! Even a few minutes in Scripture each day can make a big impact.

Parents, a simple question like, "What did you read today?" can encourage consistency and open the door for meaningful conversations at home. Let's continue cheering them on as they grow, learn, and deepen their connection with God each day!



## Kigoma Women's Center Dedication Mission Trip

Preparations are being finalized for the June 7, 2026 dedication of the Women's Center in Kigoma, Tanzania. Travel plans are in place, and the team is actively preparing for this meaningful journey.



Eight participants will attend from St. Mark's and David and Becky Roman will be meeting them there. As they gather supplies and make final preparations, this trip continues to be a powerful opportunity to celebrate God's work through long-term mission partnerships and to stand alongside those serving faithfully.

The mission team will depart from Oklahoma City on May 29th and return on June 10th.

**Please continue to keep this mission opportunity, the team, and the Women's Center in your prayers.**

# 2026 SUMMER CAMPS



Learn Character. Learn Independence. Learn Truth.

## KIDS NEED CAMP.

[www.newliferanch.com](http://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 who are **going into 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 your Youth Newsletter for links to sign up for camps!**

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

April 22 - Wednesday Night Meal - PULLED PORK SANDWICHES

5:15 Prayer  
 6:15 KidMin  
 6:15 Youth Ministry  
 6:30 Choir Rehearsal

April 23 - Kings & Queens Plus

April 28 - Men's Bible Study

May 3 - Faith Promise Begins "Kingdom Building"

May 4 - Momentum Golf Tournament

May 5 - Men's Bible Study

May 7 - CDO Lunch with Parents

May 8 - Kings & Queens Kids

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 11 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

May 12 - Administrative Council

May 14 - Second Winders

May 24 - Combined Service

May 26 - Dayspring Camp Begins

May 26 - Men's Bible Study

May 28 - Kings & Queens Plus

May 29 - Mission Trip to Tanzania leave

## FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget	684,155
Rec'd toward Operating 4/18/2026 .....	14,723
Year to Date 2026	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 4/18/26) .....	172,178
Expenses (thru 4/18/26) ..	199,729

### ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 19	Total	435
Traditional Worship .....		204
Modern Worship .....		78
Online Worship .....		153



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 April 26, 2026

Traditional: Danny & Sharon Payne  
 Dwayne & Darlene Hickman

Modern: Mays' Family



## Prayer Board

Ralph Sargeant (friend of Wayne Barnes)	Norma and Dan Boland
Penny and James Hager	Tony Pellegrini
Nichole Norberto	Evelyn Moore
Abbey (Evans) Stowe	Bill Underwood
Judy Knight	Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Paul Moon	Sandy Rutherford
Carol Hall	Barbara Hill
Brandon Kilpatrick (friend of Steve Ross)	Elmer (Barbara's friend)
Norma McMurtry	Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes)
Greg Tyler (friend of Loretta Wright)	Judy McMinn
	Tiffany Montesano