

St. Mark's BETHANY



August 23, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. Randy continues his series "Seeking God" this Sunday with the message "Meeting God in Acts of Mercy" and we hope you are able to come hear it. The scripture lesson for the week comes from Matthew 25:31-46.



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](#).

COMBINED
WORSHIP SERVICE
September 3rd 10:00 am

Kickoff - Wed. September 6th



5:00 pm



5:30 pm



6:00 pm



6:15 pm



6:15 pm



6:15 pm



6:30 pm

Wednesday Night Study starting September 6th at 6:15pm in Room 19

how to pray

a simple guide
for normal
people

pete greig

Is prayer the most challenging area of your Christian journey? It doesn't have to be. Peter Greig is passionate about introducing people to simple and honest conversations with God.

The book and video are designed to provide a starting point for new and seasoned believers alike to discover prayer as the most natural thing in the world because we are created for a relationship with God.

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

Save the Date

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!**

NEW ROOM CONFERENCE
KOINONIA
TEN YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP



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](#)

*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!



KIDMIN NEWS

Staying Up to Date with the Latest Happenings

Sunday Mornings

Aug 13 - Paul Shipwrecked Acts 27:7-28:10
 Aug 20 - The Church Heb. 10:23-25
 Aug 27 - Heaven Rev. 21:3-5a

Sunday Morning Kidmin times
 Nursery 9:30-12:00 ages 0-4
 Kidmin 9:30-10:45 ages 4 thru 5th grade
 Wee Worship 10:45-12:00 ages 3 thru K



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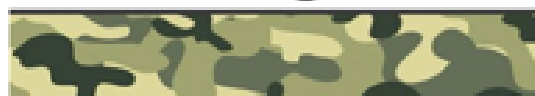
COMING SOON

Aug. 20th
Team ION

Aug 26th
Bible Boot Camp

Sept. 6th
Wed. Evenings

Sept. 10th
Fall Picnic



COMING
 AUGUST 26TH
 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
 LEARN HOW TO
 USE YOUR
 BIBLE

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)


Happy Birthday

Madelynn Risinger

Owen Zink

COLLEGE AGE RETREAT



RENEW



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



@RENEW__RETREAT

Looking For A Place to Serve?



You may be new or maybe just never been asked. If you would like to have the opportunity to assist with communion by either setting the table or serving we would love to have you. It's always a blessing to be a part of communion and a privilege to be a part of helping at the Lord's table. If interested contact Kathi Fisher or give a call to the church office.

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.

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!

August 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 TO AWAKENING

By: Rev. David Thomas

When all the dust has settled, it's hard to predict all the details of what form our new connection will take. But this we know for certain: what our moment requires is not just a better Methodism. Long ago we left behind the times when denominational improvements were a sufficient hope. If denominational corrections were enough to stem the tide of societal decay and renew the church, it would have happened by now. We are the best-resourced Christians who have ever lived, and look where we find ourselves. At the least, our current ecclesial crisis is confronting us with unambiguous proof of how human excellence is too small a thing. What we are needing is something only God can do. We need awakening.

The Methodist tree sown and husbanded by our forebears, the fruit and shade of which shaped our society, has deteriorated down to little more than a stump compared to the great "oak of righteousness" (Is 61:3) that we once were. In its deep taproot beneath that stump, however, Methodism was—and, I believe, still is—an awakening movement. We began as a protracted movement of God that produced deep wholeness in people, renewal of the church, evangelization of generations, and transformation of society. And that awakening sap still lies dormant in the cherished root system of what we are becoming. We steward the archetype in our story of what the Church can be when it expresses the fullness of "plain scriptural Christianity," in John Wesley's words.

"There is a wide-open door for a great work here," Paul wrote the Corinthians (I Cor 16:9 [NLT]), and we could say the same of our moment now. The stakes are too high for the Global Methodist Church to be about little more than cobbling together whatever remains of traditionalism in the hope that liberated affinity will revitalize us. We will have to dig deeper than that, beneath the surface, down to the sacred root system from which we came and where there is awakening life still nascent.

What we find there is not complicated. Thirst, heart cry, and holy love. Safe and honest soul-friendship among the faithful. Passionate concern for the unbelieving. Endurance married to urgency. Overflow into culture-change. It's all down there in our inheritance.

We can never squeeze new life out of this legacy any more than we can restructure ourselves back into vitality, now or at any other time. Awakening is not something we can manufacture. But we can remove impediments to it. We can position ourselves to receive it. We can crucify careerism and offer ourselves afresh to these hopes. And we can join hands and hearts to cry out to God for His new work of grace until He sends it. More than at any other moment in our lives, this could be the way to awakening.

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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.

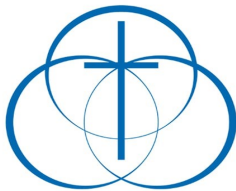
Sunday: Give thanks to the Father for the gift of forgiveness and pardon through Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Monday: Ask the Lord to reveal to you any places where you have departed from the way of holy love and ask for the Holy Spirit to enable you to return to the way of holy love. (1 John 1:9)

Tuesday: Pray for the leaders of our movement to be captured by holy love and freed from "love of the world, the love of pleasure, of ease, of honor, of money." (1 John 2:15-17)

Wednesday: Pray for God to open doors for you to share God's holy love with others. (Mark 16:15)

Thursday: Thank the Lord for all of the faithful witnesses to holy love God has raised up who provide examples for us to learn from and follow. (Hebrews 12:1-2)



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

Friday: Reflect on God's perfect love for you and ask the Father to help you receive his holy love more deeply. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

Saturday: Ask God to revive the people called Methodists. (Psalm 85:4-7)

Facts and Figures

2023 Annual Budget	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating 8/12/2023	14,348
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 8/12/23)	335,605
Expenses (thru 8/12/23)	320,512

Attendance

Sunday, August 20 Total	314
Traditional Worship	147
Modern Worship	86
Online Worship	81

Prayer Box

Jim McMinn family
Judy McMinn
Kamden Goff
Jacob Williams
Hazel Chessmore
Sally White
Dan & Norma Boland
Jane Foreman
Mary Jane Svejkovsky
Earl Moore
John Imel
Sandy Rutherford
Cheryl Andrews
Greg Spiser

Don Greve
Hank Brueggen
Diana & Jeff Davidson
Mary Desmukes
Paula Galt
Roger Pautsch
Dorothy Sipes
Karen Hall
Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Frank & Nadine)
Curtis Scott (SIL of Jim Brown)
Jeff & Tiffany Montesano
Geo Montesano
Logan Sears
Carol Hall
Rob Ivins (friend of Dennis & Robin Hatcher)

