

# St. Mark's

BETHANY



August 30, 2023

## COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

**September 3rd 10:00 am**

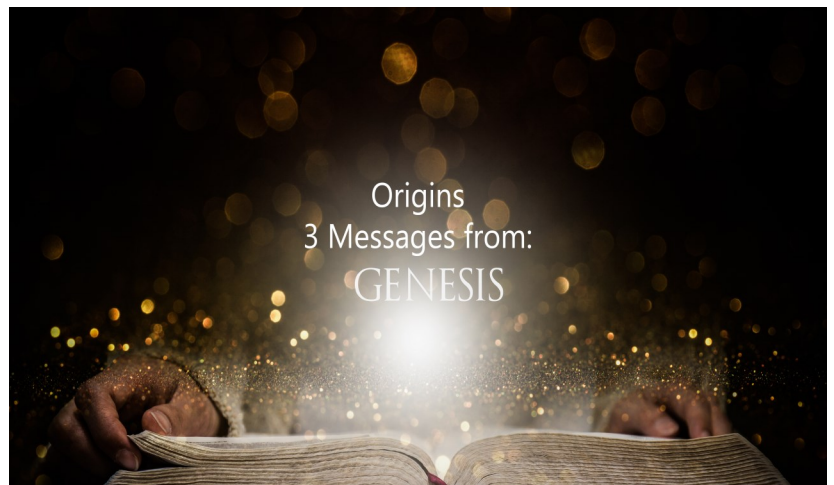
Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. Randy will begin a new series "Origins: 3 messages from Genesis" this Sunday with the message "Day 1 - God Created" and we hope you are able to come hear it. The scripture lesson for the week comes from Genesis 1:1-5.

Sunday School classes will not be meeting this week.

Services are at 10:00 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 [Combined Service](#).



Mark Your Calendars NOW  
You don't want to miss this

### 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!



# Kickoff - Wed. September 6th



5:00 pm



5:30 pm



6:00 pm



6:15 pm



6:15 pm



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6:30 pm

Wednesday Night Study starting September 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Coming September 24  
A nine-week course  
Learn *God's ways*  
of handling money.

RAMSEY  
FinancialPeace  
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## St. Mark's Bethany Women Meet

The St. Mark's Bethany Women will have their monthly meeting Monday, September 11th, and 10 am in room 18. Kayla Gannon will be our guest speaker and will be sharing about the ministries of Kings & Queens (special needs) and CDO (Children's Day Out). It will be a great time of fellowship and learning and all women are invited. Hope to see you there.



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/](http://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](#)



  
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!



# Sm kids NEWS

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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.



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.



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





# Sm kids

## NEWS



Bibles presented

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



Sept. 6th  
Wed. Evenings

Sept. 10th  
Fall Picnic  
Team ION

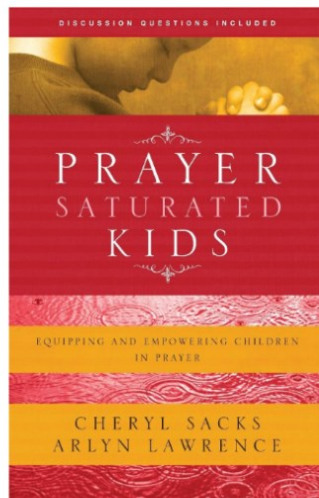
Sept. 20th  
parent meeting  
for Christmas  
TBD

Sept. 24th  
Team ION



# 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!

**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**



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**



## 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.

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## 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.

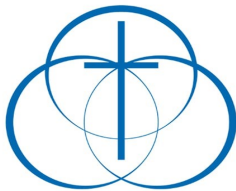
**Sunday:** Give thanks to the Father for the gift of forgiveness and pardon through Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

**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 8/26/2023	5,395
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 8/26/23)	354,902
Expenses (thru 8/26/23)	342,731

#### Attendance

Sunday, August 27 Total	287
Traditional Worship	145
Modern Worship	81
Online Worship	61

### Prayer Box

Ginger Lusk  
Judy McMinn  
Kamden Goff  
Kathy Miller  
Jacob Williams  
Hazel Chessmore  
Dan & Norma Boland  
Jane Foreman  
Mary Jane Svejkovsky  
Earl Moore  
Cheryl Andrews  
Greg Spiser  
Don Greve  
Diana & Jeff Davidson

Mark Walpus  
Mary Desmukes  
Roger Pautsch  
Dorothy Sipes  
Karen Hall  
Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Frank & Nadine)  
Curtis Scott (SIL of Jim Brown)  
Jeff & Tiffany Montesano  
Geo Montesano  
Logan Sears  
Hank Brueggen  
Carol Hall  
Rob Ivens (friend of Dennis & Robin Hatcher)  
Sally White  
Sandy Rutherford  
Barbara Homer