



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

You Become Like Who You Love

Who is shaping the person you are becoming?

Join us this Sunday for one combined worship service at **10:00 a.m.** as **Rev. Keith Cressman** will share a message titled **"Where is Home?"** using **John 15:1-12** and **2 Timothy 3:1-5**. As Jesus calls us to remain in Him, we are reminded that the people and things we give our hearts to have a way of shaping our lives. When we stay close to Christ--loving Him, listening to Him, and walking with Him--His character begins to be reflected in us.

Join us for worship as we consider what it means to remain in Jesus and become more like the One we love.

Service time —

The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. For individuals unable to attend in person, we are pleased to offer live streaming.

To watch the live stream, please join us at:

10:00 a.m. Sunday morning



Sunday School Classes

We have classes for all ages and interests

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

ENCOUNTER

A 4-WEEK JOURNEY
INTO WORSHIP



TONIGHT



Last **Wednesday, August 26**, we began **Encounter**, a four-week journey into what worship really means, why we do what we do, and how it shapes our lives beyond Sunday morning.

Each week, we'll explore a different part of worship:

- The Heart of Worship
- The Beauty of Worship
- The Order of Worship
- The Lifestyle of Worship

Come enjoy dinner at 5:30 p.m., then join us for **Encounter** from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the **Sanctuary**.

No matter where you are in your understanding of worship, this is a chance to go deeper into both the what and why behind what we do, while discovering how worship connects us more deeply with God.

Come for dinner. Stay for Encounter.

BEYOND SUNDAY

The Sermon Continues

Don't let the conversation end when worship does.

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This summer, join Pastor Randy as we continue the journey through **Acts**, exploring how the Holy Spirit moved through the early church—and how God is still at work through His people today.

Come Ready To:

- BRING YOUR BIBLE
- SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS
- ASK QUESTIONS
- GROW TOGETHER

SUNDAY IS JUST THE BEGINNING.
We'd love for you to be part of it.

ST. MARK'S BETHANY

Join us on **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** or **Wednesday mornings from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

Reminder!

SEPTEMBER 6TH WILL BE **ONE SERVICE** at 10 a.m.

SEE YOU AT 10:00!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Just a reminder this **Sunday, September 6**, we will have **ONE** worship service at 10:00 a.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our entire St. Mark's church family to come together in one service for worship and fellowship.

Please mark you calendar, adjust your usual Sunday morning routine, and join us at **10:00 a.m.** We look forward to worshiping together as one church family!



Step Right Up, Second Winders!

The sights and sounds of the State Fair are coming to Second Winders!

Second Winders will kick off the fall season with a fun **State Fair-themed gathering on Thursday, September 10, beginning at 11:30 a.m.**

Come hungry and enjoy a delicious lunch featuring **State Fair favorites**, followed by a special performance from the **Cottonwood Creek Cloggers!**

You won't need a ticket of a trip to the fairground--just come ready for good food, great entertainment, and plenty of fellowship with friends.



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, green beans, corn and soup are especially needed, but any nonperishable food items are greatly appreciated. Grocery items 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 ROC thrift store and drop-off center has moved. The new address is:
5107 N MacArthur
Warr Acres



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

♥ Thank you for using your talents to make a difference! ♥

Hey MOMS, DADS & KIDS!

Have you checked out the grids lately?

There's lots of **NEW** stuff waiting for you! Pick up a family devotion, grab a Know-Me-Note, or discover another simple way to connect at home.

These resources are designed to help families **talk together, grow closer together, and grow closer to God**--one little moment at a time.

Stop by the grids and **TAKE SOMETHING HOME** this week! ❤️



The Gathering

A COMMUNITY FOR MOMS
of babies + toddlers

Moms, you're invited! ❤️

Join us each **Wednesday** morning from **9:30–11:00 am** in **Room 19** for The Gathering, a welcoming time for moms to connect, encourage one another, and grow in faith while your little ones are lovingly cared for by our Titus 2 volunteers. Whether you're a first-time mom or have older preschoolers, we'd love to have *you join us!* ❤️

We can't wait to see you! ❤️

KidMin sprouts

 Ages 18 Months–3 Years

 Beginning September 13

 9:30 Worship Hour

Led by

Miss Christie Couch

Something new is sprouting in KidMin! 🌱 Beginning **September 13**, KidMin Sprouts will provide a special place for our littlest ones, ages **18 months through 3 years**, during the **9:30 a.m. worship hour**. Led by **Miss Christy Couch**, Sprouts will give young children an opportunity to begin learning about God's love in a fun, nurturing, age-appropriate environment. We're excited to watch these little ones **sprout and grow in faith!**

We're Hiring!

St. Mark's Bethany Global Methodist Church

Ministry Leader

Kings and Queens Ministry

St. Mark's is seeking a compassionate and organized Ministry Leader for the Kings and Queens Ministry to develop, coordinate, and grow a biblically based ministry serving children with special needs and their families. This role will focus on faith formation, family support, volunteer coordination, and respite care programming, while partnering with church leadership to ensure the ministry reflects the mission and vision of St. Mark's.

Focus Areas

- Faith Formation
- Family Support
- Volunteer Coordination
- Respite Care Programming

Help families feel seen, supported, and loved.

Resumes may be emailed to lenita@stmarksbethany.com

Called to Serve • Rooted in Faith • Together in Love

St. Mark's is looking for someone special to lead our **Kings and Queens Ministry!** Perhaps that person is already part of our church family--or perhaps you know just the right person. If you're interested or know someone who might be a great fit, please let us know.

St. Mark's Women to Meet September 14th

All women of the church are invited to join us on Monday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 18 for our next St. Mark's Bethany Women's gathering.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for as wonderful morning of food, fun and fellowship!

More information coming soon!



ST. MARK'S BETHANY

Women's

CRAFT SHOW

OCTOBER 3RD

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Calling All Vendors!

Join us for a day of shopping, supporting local artisans, and celebrating creativity!

We are looking for vendors to be a part of our fun and festive Craft Show.

Interested in being a vendor?

Contact Carol Brown at
(405) 823-1345
for more information or
to reserve your spot!

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mark's Fall Picnic

Sunday, September 20

Mark your calendars for one of our favorite fall traditions! **St. Mark's Fall Picnic** is **Sunday, September 20**. We'll provide the grilled hamburgers and hot dogs -- you bring a covered dish to share, along with your lawn chairs and blankets.

Come ready for good food, great fellowship, and plenty of fun! We'll have games and activities for the kids and lots of time to relax, visit, and enjoy being together as a church family.

Save the date and plan to join us!



St. Mark's Bethany
FALL Picnic!

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 20
STARTS AT **5:00 PM**
ON THE **EAST LAWN!**

WE'LL PROVIDE **GRILLED BURGERS & HOT DOGS!**

YOU BRING A **Covered Dish** TO SHARE!

BRING YOUR **Lawn Chairs & BLANKETS!**

GAMES & FUN FOR THE KIDS!

**GOOD FOOD
GREAT FRIENDS
BEAUTIFUL FALL DAY!**

Everyone IS INVITED!

— Let's make memories together! —



Growing in God's Love Every Week!

Join us in **KidMin 2** (during the 11:00 a.m. service) and on **Wednesday nights** as we discover how the Fruit of the Spirit helps us live more like **Jesus!**

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|  LOVE |  GOODNESS |
|  JOY |  FAITHFULNESS |
|  PEACE |  GENTLENESS |
|  PATIENCE |  SELF-CONTROL |
|  KINDNESS | |

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

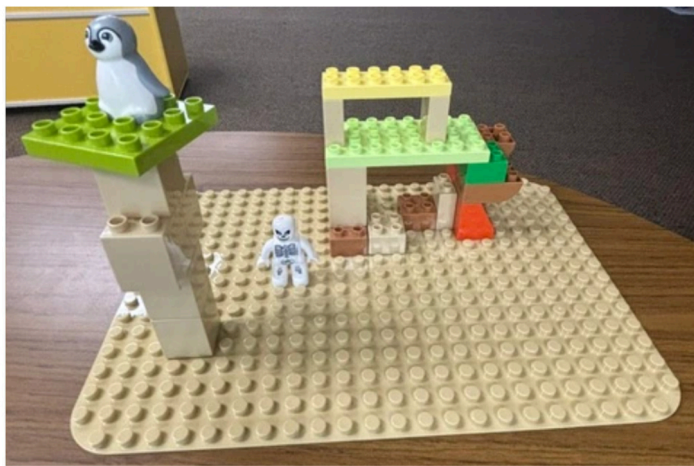
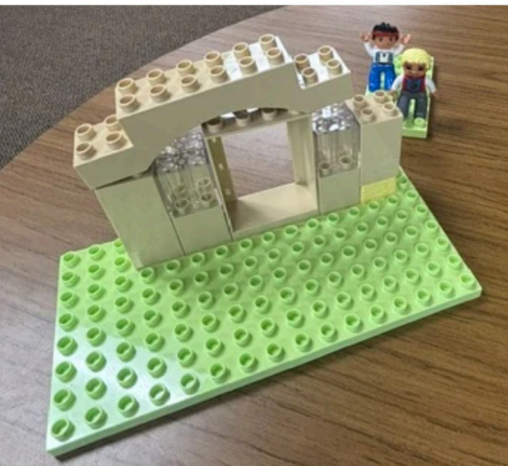
GALATIANS 5:22-23

THE LUNCH TABLE

There's Always Room at God's Table

KidMin wrapped up it's Lunch Table series with the story of Zacchaeus. The kids learned that Jesus didn't wait for Zacchaeus to change or repent before welcoming him. Jesus welcomed him first--and that welcome changed Zacchaeus's heart. It's a beautiful reminder that there's always room at God's table.

Then the kids used LEGO blocks to retell the story, creating scenes of Zacchaeus up in the tree and Jesus and Zacchaeus walking together. What a fun way to bring the Bible story to life and remember that Jesus sees us, welcomes us, and invites us to follow Him.



ONE SUNDAY a Month. AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE.

Follow Jesus. Make a Difference. 

Jesus welcomed children with open arms—
and you can help us do the same.

Our KidMin ministry is looking for a few caring volunteers to help create a safe, fun, and Christ-centered environment where children can learn about God's love. Whether you can serve once a month or be available as a substitute, your time makes an **eternal difference**.



DIFFERENCE MAKER OPPORTUNITIES



KIDMIN SEEDS (BIRTH-18 MONTHS)

- Volunteers needed during **1st and 2nd hour**
- Serve the **3rd Sunday** of each month



KIDMIN SPROUTS

- Assistant needed during the **9:30 a.m.** service
- Commitment: **Once each month**



KIDMIN 2

- Assistant needed during the **11:00 a.m.** service
- Serve the **3rd Sunday** of each month



KIDMIN RESPONSE TEAM

We also need a few volunteers who are willing to step in when someone is sick or unable to serve. If you're flexible and enjoy helping wherever you're needed, we'd love to have you on our Response Team.

EVERY CHILD.
EVERY STORY.
EVERY LIFE.
ETERNALLY IMPACTED.



Every smile, every hug, every story, and every prayer helps plant seeds of faith that can last a lifetime.



*Ready to make
a difference?*



Contact Sharon
to learn more or sign up to serve.

Help Build Our Titus 2 Team

 **Love LITTLE ONES?** 
JOIN THE
Titus 2 Team!

 CARE FOR OUR YOUNGEST  SUPPORT FAMILIES IN FAITH  MAKE AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE  BE PART OF SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

A little time. A lasting impact. 

We're looking for caring adults who enjoy spending time with babies and toddlers while parents participate in Bible studies and church activities.

No teaching required. Just a caring heart and a willingness to love our youngest children.

If you'd like to learn more about serving on the Titus 2 Team, **contact Sharon Hunt**.

DIFFERENCE MAKERS TRAINING

EQUIP • ENCOURAGE • EMPOWER

TONIGHT!

SEEDS, SPROUTS & TITUS 2 TRAINING

 **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**
 **4:30 PM**
 **CHILDREN'S AREA**

 **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**
 **4:30 PM**
 **CHILDREN'S AREA**

*Thank you for making
a difference in the lives of kids!*

Upcoming Events

Sept 2 - TONIGHT!

4:30 pm Difference Makers Training

5:30 pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL M Wrap Sandwiches

6:00 pm Encounter Worship

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sept 6 - One Service

Sept 7 - Office Closed - LABOR DAY

Sept 12 - Men's Breakfast

Sept 14 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

Sept 20 - Fall Picnic

Sept 21 - Wrapped in Love

Sept 23 - The Gathering/Titus 2

Sept 27 - Youth Metro Worship

Sept 28 - Administrative Council

Sept 30 - The Gathering/Titus 2

Communion Servers - September 6

Vickie Maynard

Trish Patton

Lorna Garner

Vicki Leonard

Dwayne & Darlene Hickman

FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget 684,155

Rec'd toward Operating
8/29/2026 5,569

Year to Date 2026
Rec'd toward offering
(thru 8/29/26) 417,160
Expenses (thru 8/29/26) .. 416,503

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 30 Total 332

Traditional Worship 199
Modern Worship 48
Online Worship 85

Need Someone TO WALK WITH YOU?



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Christ caring for people through people

You are not alone.



WE CARE.

Stephen Ministers are caring members of St. Mark's who are trained to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian support during life's difficult times.



WE LISTEN.

Whether you're experiencing grief, illness, loneliness, caregiving, or another life challenge, we are here to listen.



WE WALK WITH YOU.

We will encourage, pray, and walk alongside you—every step of the way.

Hope begins with a conversation.



CONTACT ONE OF OUR
STEPHEN MINISTERS



CALL THE
CHURCH OFFICE

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

“Remain in me,
as I also *remain* in you.”

— JOHN 15:4



Prayer Board

Jason Jupiterwala
Bob Kanary
Karen Hall (Friend of Sandy Kelley)
Bobbie Gaston
Kathi Fisher
Heidi (Friend of Esther Underwood)
Mary Jane Svejovsky
Tamara Spear Kerr (friend of Dot Lyon's daughter, Lori)
Lucas (12 yr old nephew of Carolyn Grady's supervisor)
Laurie Buckholtz
Benni (DIL of Cheryl Davis)
John Evans
Danny Payne
Gordon Denton (BIL of Joey Pedigo)

Nichole Norberto
Judy Knight
Carol Hall
Brandon Kilpatrick (friend of Steve Ross)
Brittany (Friend of Robin Bratcher)
Coy Sue Tyler (best friend of Loretta Wright)
Tony Pellegrini
Evelyn Moore
Bill Underwood
Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Sandy Rutherford
Barbara Hill
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano