



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Jesus Is -- The Coming King

This Sunday, we turn our hearts toward one of the Scripture's most powerful images of Christ -- the victorious rider on a white horse, crowned with many crowns and called King of Kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:11-16). Jesus is not only our Savior and Redeemer; He is the righteous and mighty King who will return to set all things right. Join us as we celebrate the hope and promise of His coming reign and reflect on what it means to live faithfully in anticipation of the King who is coming again.

See you at church this Sunday!

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 4- 5th grade)	9:30 - 10:35
Wee Worship (Age 3- Kdgt)	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

STRIVE Annual Fundraiser for St. Mark's Student Ministries

STRIVE is the key fundraiser for Student Ministries

STRIVE stands for:

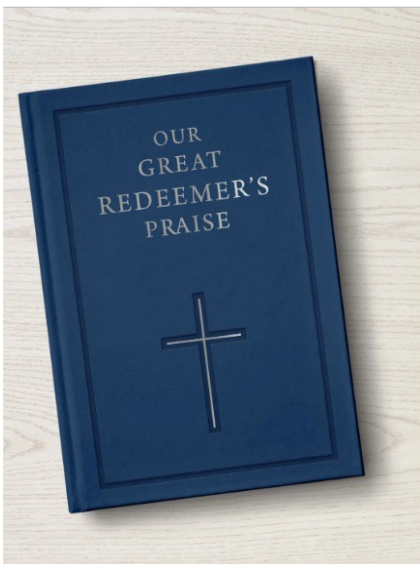
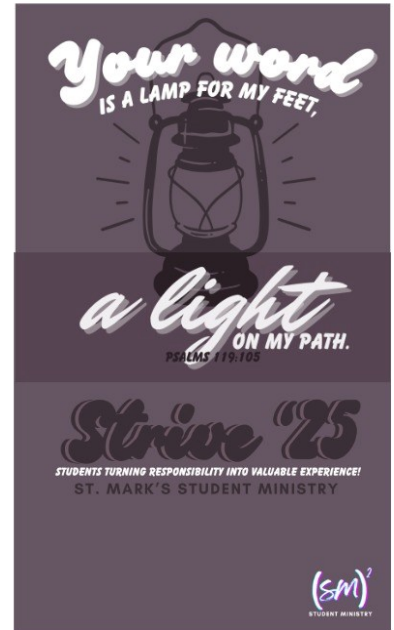
Students Turning Responsibility Into Valuable Experiences

It's not too late to give to STRIVE. Your donations help students on their mission trips, camps, retreats, college scholarships and so much more. They will have a community workday to celebrate wrapping up this year's drive. Then throughout the year the students will use the money they have collected to pay for their mission trips, etc.

This is the **ONLY** fundraiser the student ministry does for the year.

- PLEDGE DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Your support makes an eternal difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for helping them STRIVE in faith and service.!



Fill the pews with

OUR GREAT REDEEMER'S PRAISE!

If you would like to purchase a hymnal for the church in honor or memory of a loved one, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Kelly Jo Poss.

Our new GMC hymnal, "Our Great Redeemer's Praise" will enrich our worship for years to come. Each hymnal placed in our pews is not only a tool for worship, but also a lasting reminder of God's goodness and the faithful witness of His people.

You have a special opportunity to participate in this ministry by purchasing a hymnal in honor or in memory of a loved one. A bookplate inside the hymnal will bear their name, serving as a visible tribute that will inspire worshipers for generations.

If you would like to give a hymnal, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Kelly Jo Poss for more information. The cost is \$30. Together, let's fill our pews and lift our voices in praise to the One who is worthy.

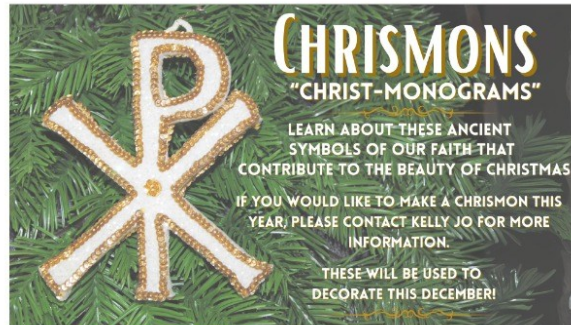
Fill the Pews with Our Great Redeemer's Praise!

Chrismons - Symbols of Our Faith

This year at St. Mark's, we will be creating a special display of Chrismons (Christ + Monograms) to celebrate the Advent and Christmas season. These white and gold ornaments are crafted in the shapes of Christian symbols--reminders of Christ's presence and promises.

Everyone is invited to take part by making Chrismons at home. Kelly Jo has some templates available. Please see her if you are planning on participating.

All of the ornaments will come together to form a giant Chrismon wreath in the narthex, which will be hung when we decorate for Christmas on November 24th.



Try It! Betcha Like It!

Opportunity is walking -- no knocking required!

St. Mark's invites you to step out and join us for a **Prayer Walk (or Ride)** beginning **Wednesday, October 22**. We'll meet in Barnett Hall at 6 pm, then walk the neighborhood in small teams led by team leaders to pray in a simple yet powerful way--no lists, no pressure, and no need to say a word.

Come with **open eyes, ears, and hearts** as we let the Holy Spirit guide us to notice where God is already at work around us. Watch how the Father moves, how Jesus walks beside us, and how the Spirit opens our senses to His presence in everyday moments.



"The Spirit helps us in our weakness... He does our praying in and for us."

-- Romans 8:26-27 (MSG)

Our Local Missions

St. Mark's believes that mission work happens both across the globe and right here at home. ROC and Willow are two incredible ministries that are making a real difference in the lives of individuals and families in our own community.

Through your prayers, service and generosity, we are able to partner with these organizations as they share hope, meet practical needs, and reflect Christ's love in meaningful ways.



Willow Pregnancy Support is grateful for contributions of clothing for newborns to size 6, shoes up to size 13, and diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6. They also welcome donations of bottles, bath wash, lotion, and Good Start Formula. Your support truly makes a difference--thank you for your generosity!



ROC always appreciates our donations of canned and boxed food. Although they accept other types of contributions, our church focuses on providing food. Right now they especially need canned meats such as tuna or chicken, but any type of canned goods is welcome and appreciated. Please place your food donations in the Grocery Basket located in the narthex! Thank you for helping support this important ministry.

Growing Youth, Growing Needs!

Our youth program at St. Mark's is thriving! On Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, our young people are diving into God's Word, making friends, and growing in faith--and the energy in the room is contagious. With all this growth, we need extra hands and hearts to keep things running smoothly.



From leading games, to helping with snacks, to just being a friendly face, there's a spot for you. You don't have to be a Bible expert, just willing to show up and care. Even an hour of your time can make a difference in the life of a student.

If you've been looking for a way to serve, this is it! Come join us in shaping the next generation of Christ-followers.

Interested? Reach out to Bequer, or stop by the church office and we'll get you plugged in!



Help Feed the PCW Football Team!

St. Mark's will once again provide meals for the Putnam City West High School football team. We delivered meals on Thursday, October 9, and we will deliver meals again on Thursday, October 30.

We need volunteers to help prepare the meals beginning at 1:30 pm on October 30th here at St. Mark's. Meals must be ready for delivery by 3:30 pm. Each player receives an individual meal--your help makes this ministry possible!

In addition to meal prep, *we're asking for donations of chocolate chip cookies (the player's favorite!)* or any kind you would like to bring! They can be left those weeks in the church office or in the kitchen.

If you can help with meal prep, please sign up on the counter in the narthex! Thank you for supporting and encouraging our local students.

Hygiene Collection Continues

Thank you for your generous support of the St. Mark's Bethany Women's hygiene collection project. Your donations are making a real difference for those in need. The collecting is still ongoing, and we welcome continued contributions -- but we now have more than enough toothbrushes, so no additional ones are needed at this time.

The Heartland Conference Women's Retreat November 14 & 15, 2025



Mark your calendars for the Heartland Conference Women's Retreat happening November 14-15 at Claremore FMC. The weekend includes teaching, fellowship and encouragement designed to refresh your spirit. Tickets are \$50, with childcare available and hotel options nearby.

Don't wait--registration deadline is October 24 at claremorefmc.org/events.

Men's Bible Study Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

Unashamed of the Gospel

St. Mark's Men's Bible Study

The St. Mark's men's Fall study is "Unashamed of the Gospel". The study meets at 7:00 pm in Room 17. This is Paul's longest letter, which includes some great themes.

For information, call Fred Dalton at 405-823-7264 or Rev. Allen Smith at 405-620-1861.

Bring your bible and join us.

Kings and Queens Christmas Giving

This Christmas season, Kings & Queens is collecting donations to help provide gifts for the amazing kids we serve. Your generosity allows us to make the holidays extra special -- sharing the joy of Jesus' love in a tangible way and reminding these children that they are deeply loved and valued.

Donations can be made in several ways: through Church Center (designated to Kings & Queens), by dropping them off at the church office, or by contacting Kayla Gannon directly. Every contribution, big or small, helps us bring smiles and hope this Christmas!



The Joy Your Giving Makes Possible

Your generosity makes moments like this possible -- thank you for sharing the joy of Jesus' love this Christmas.



Exciting Mission Opportunities Ahead

St. Mark's has two incredible mission opportunities coming up, and we would love for you to prayerfully consider joining in.

Mexico City Mission Trip



We are putting together a team for a mission trip to Mexico. The dates are January 15-21. Final costs will be available soon, but we're asking anyone interested to sign up now so that we can begin making plans. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve, grow, and share Christ's love with our neighbors to the south. Please contact Bequer Gomez if you are interested in going!

Kigoma Women's Center Dedication

We are thrilled to announce that the dedication of the Women's Center in Kigoma, Tanzania has been scheduled for June 7, 2026. This will be a meaningful and historic moment for our church family and our partners in ministry there. At this time, details are still coming together.

Please keep both of these mission opportunities in your prayers, and consider whether God might be calling you to be a part of one of these journeys.

Please contact Pastor Randy if you are interested in going on this trip.

OVERHOLSER FALL FEST



St. Mark's is excited to once again partner with Overholser Elementary for their annual Fall Fest on Friday, October 24, from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. This is a tradition our church family looks forward to every year as we share in fun, fellowship and community.

We need your help to make it happen! Church members are encouraged to decorate their trunks and join the fun as we bless our neighborhood school. Costumes, creativity and joyful hearts are welcome as we shine the light of Christ in our community.

Sign up on the board in the Narthex and/or for the trunk or treating! See you there!!!

There's a place just for you on the board!

Overholser's FALL FEST! Volunteer Sign-Up!		
	5:00-5:45	5:45-6:30
COTTON CANDY	① FOL ②	① ②
Hat making station	① Shelley White ②	① ②
POP CORN	① Steve Couch ② Sara V-Emma	① Trish Patton ②
HOT-POPS & water	① SHAR SUPERNATURAL ② Tammy Taw ③ Votaw Adam	① Shelia Gage ② Cheryl Davis ③
FRANK RAINBOWS	① Logan Sears ②	① ②

YOU CAN SIGN UP AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR PICK A BLOCK AS A family!

OCTOBER 24th
EVENT GOES FROM 5:30-7PM

SIGN UP FOR TRUNK OR TREAT ON THE CHURCH COUNTER!

—SET-UP CREW—

- ① Steve Couch
- ② Christie Couch
- ③
- ④
- ⑤
- ⑥

—TAKE DOWN CREW—

- ①
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- ⑥

— THANKS FOR BEING AMAZING ST. MARK'S! —

"Serve one another humbly in love." Galatians 5:13

Every smile, snack, and helping hand helps us share Christ's love with our neighbors.. Thank you for being part of making this special night happen.

Upcoming Events

TONIGHT - **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS - FALL BREAK**

6:30 Choir Rehearsal

October 16 - YAM

October 20 - Wrapped in Love

October 20 - Lay Leadership Meeting

October 21 - Men's Bible Study

October 23 - Kings & Queens Plus

October 24 - Overholser Fall Festival

October 30 - PC West Dinner

November 2 - ALL SAINTS DAY

November 4 - Men's Bible Study

November 6 - Stephens Ministry Training

Young Adults Ministry

November 8 - Men's Breakfast

November 10 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

November 12 - Men's Bible Study

November 13 - Second Winders

November 14 - Kings & Queens Kids Family Night

FACTS & Figures

2025 Annual Budget	632,679
Rec'd toward Operating	
10/11/2025	12,251
Year to Date 2025	
Rec'd toward offering	
(thru 10/11/25)	454,135
Expenses (10/11/25)	495,657

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 12	Total	328
Traditional Worship		184
Modern Worship		52
Online Worship		92

Come pray with us -- whether you want to pray quietly alone, be prayed for, or join in intercessory prayer for others. Explore simple prayer tools, linger or come and go as you need, and experience the presence of God in a peaceful space.



Wednesdays 5:15-6:00 pm
Prayer Team meets 5:15 pm



Prayer Board

Frank Wilkerson
Cindy Wilkerson
Beth (Bidne) Cook
Keith Crosby (friend of Joy Imel)
Tucker & Clinton Sizemore (friend of Kathy Moore)
Ford (nephew of friend of Sandy Kelley)
Maxine Corrin (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Julie Yardley (friend of Kathy Moore)
Anthony Thomas (friend of Barbara Johnson)
Norma and Dan Boland
Jennifer and infant son, Jacob (friend of Christy Kiespert)
Carole Rosenthal (sister of Elaine Talbot)
Wendell Everett (friend of Gary Layton)
Vickie Wines (grandmother of Chealsie Zink)

Tony Pellegrini
Judy Ross
Jim Donnan (father of co-worker of Deb Wade)
Vernon (Brother of Hazel Bremmer)
Kason (grandson of Cheryl Pavelko)
Sandy Rutherford
Kathi Wagner (Dot Lyon's daughter, Lory's best friend)
Bill Underwood
Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Beverly Clark
Barbara Hill
Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes)
Ginger Fenton (daughter of Jeff & Dianna Davidson)
Dianna Davidson
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano

