

St. Mark's

BETHANY



May 10, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. We will be continuing our annual Faith Promise Drive to support ministries all over the world. This week Randy will be sharing from Acts 1:6-11 with the message "What to Do? (you will be my witness)."

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. 17

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](#).



Faith Promise Update

This past Sunday was Faith Promise Sunday. St. Markians came through again in a good way with pledges and gifts of **\$13,110**. coming in. These funds will continue to give St. Mark's the opportunity to support missions, missionaries and mission related ministries locally, statewide, nationally and around the world. If you have not made your pledge yet we have brochures and pledge cards available still. You can drop your pledges and gifts in the offering plate, mail them or drop by the office with them. Good job St. Mark's!

Global Methodist Church Summit

Come be a part of this historic event as the Regional Global Methodist Church has it's first full summit which will include great worship, sessions and the ordination of our first Global Methodist pastors. You can be a part as an usher/ greeter or come be a part of the workshops.

Read more below!!



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

SUMMIT

A Global Methodist Gathering of Prayer and Ordination!

Help Needed!

St. Mark's has been asked to provide ushers and greeters for the Summit.

We need to have 4-6 greeters on both Friday and Saturday in the morning (Friday @ 8:00 am and Saturday @ 9:30 am).

We need 6-8 ushers on Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00.

If you would be willing to help contact Randy or the church office.

Come be a part of this historic event.

Schedule

Friday,
May 12th

8:00 am Registration Opens

8:00 am Hour of Prayer
Rev. David Player

9:15 am Session 1 "Alive by the Word and Spirit"
by Rev. Angela Pleasants
Scriptures: Jeremiah 7:30-8:3 and Ezekiel 37:1-14

10:45 am Break

Workshops

11:00 am "Global Methodism 101" with Angela Pleasants and Bishop Scott Jones
"Everything is Theological" by Rev. Dr. David Watson
"Building a Culture of Prayer" by Rev. Dr. David & Ginger Daniel
"The Nehemiah Journey" by Rev. Jill Jackson-Sears
"Global Ministries and Missions" by Rev. Paul Lawler

12:15 pm Lunch (Off-Campus)

2:00 pm Session 2 - "A Time to Rebuild"
by Rev. Dr. David Watson
Scriptures: Nehemiah 6:1-9 and Luke 12:54-56 NRSV

4:00 pm Closing and Communion

Saturday,
May 13th

9:30 am Pre Service Concert

10:00 am Ordination Service
Bishop Scott Jones

11:30 am Reception

Hello Traditional Methodists,

You are invited to a gathering for traditional Methodists hosted by the Global Methodist Church, Heartland area. You may have disaffiliated or are in the process and wonder what your options are. You may be looking for a connection and fellowship with others who share an historic, traditional, Wesleyan faith. Enjoy fellowship and learn more about the Global Methodist Church. May 12-13. Bethany, OK.

More information and registration:

[Heartland Global Methodist Church – Worshiping in Spirit & Truth](#)

I hope to see you there.

Your brother in Christ,

Keith Cressman
Pastor, Senior Status
Global Methodist Church



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

ROOTING, SCOOTING & BOOTING!

**JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FUN LUNCH ON MAY 21
FROM NOON TO 2 P.M. BYOLUNCH!**

**INVITE
YOUR
FRIENDS**

**WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN
INFLATABLE HOUSE AND A
MECHANICAL BULL!**

COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST WESTERN FASHION!



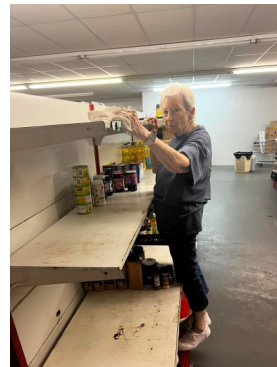
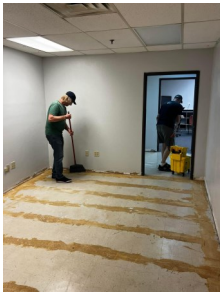
RIGHT NOW MEDIA

St. Mark's offers a wonderful opportunity offered through Right Now Media. Right Now Media offers family devotions, Bible Studies, Christian Children's programming and so much right in your own home. Through Right Now you can take advantage of the service to use the videos, studies and other resources to strengthen your faith. If you have not signed up go to <https://www.righnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/stmarksbethany> and do so now. If you have questions please contact the office and we will help you get started.

Local Missions Outreach



Saturday, May 6th
Great Job St. Markians
Here are a few pics from the event.



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

St. Mark's Dodger Outing

All You Can Eat Group Outing - May 20th



Satisfy your hunger for OKC Dodgers baseball and ballpark fare with our All-You-Can-Eat seats! Hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks are included. There's no better way to catch a game than with a full stomach, an OKC Dodgers hat and the company of your favorite people! If you are interested in going contact Mike Fisher. (405) 826-3844 Boppimike@gmail.com

Gannon family update



For those who haven't heard the Gannon's have their newest addition home. Amelia Joy was born Wed. April 24th at 5:16 am. She weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz and was 21.25 inches long. DJ made it home in time for the birth and all are doing well.

They want to thank everyone so much for the many prayers and acts of love and particularly for the help getting the wagon for all the toddlers. You can see it in action here and it has been a real blessing. If you still want to help there is a [meal train \(click here\)](#) set up for them. THANKS!



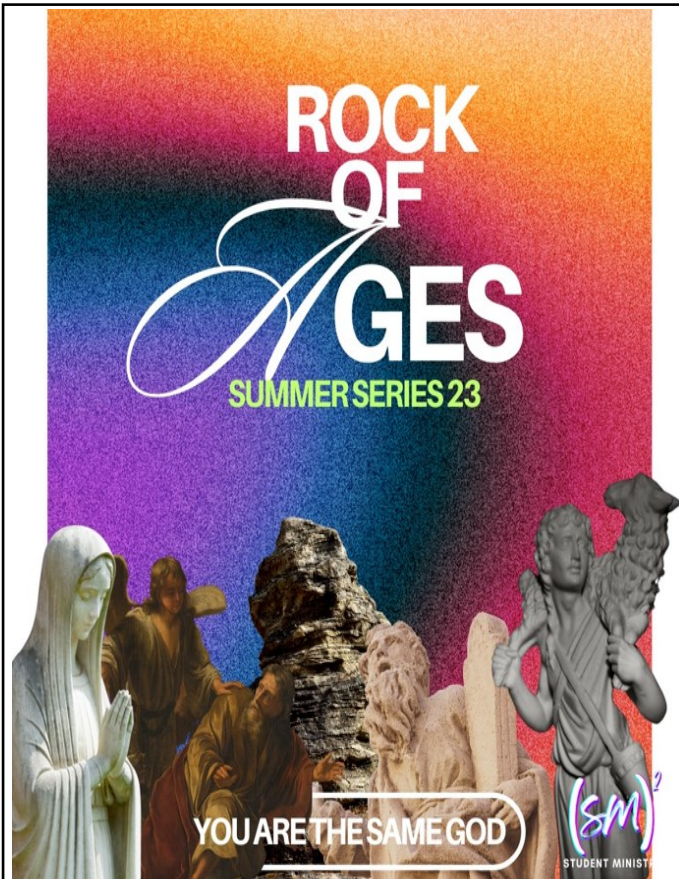
CHURCH CENTER

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.





St. Mark's Student Ministry Prepares for Summer

As school winds down our student ministry is preparing for an amazing summer. The focus of the summer will include their summer series "Rock of Ages". Be in prayer for the ministries as these students grow together in Christ. Below are the special ministries of the summer that covet your prayers

Disciple Camp June 1 - 4

Youth Force Ardmore June 18 - 23

Dayspring Camp July 8 - 14



HEYA!!! COOKING CLASS

**COME AND JOIN US MAKING
DISCADA TACOS!**

WHILE LEARNING SOME BASIC CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH
BRING \$5 AND ENJOY YOUR MEAL!



**MAY 23, 2023
BARNETT HALL
FROM 5:45-7:00 PM**

**EMAIL TO RSVP:
BEQUER@STMARKSBETHANY.COM
OR SIGN-UP ON THE CHURCH COUNTER**



KIDMIN NEWS

Staying Up to Date with the Latest Happenings

Sign Up
today!

St. Mark's Kids Camp Declare Camp 2023



Camp dates: June 8th - 10th.

Cost: \$ 200.00 per person

Register online or thru church center

[Click here to register](#)



scholarship for every child \$ 50.00

If interested in helping sponsor a child to
camp please contact Sharon Hunt

Reserve your spot today.
Everyone registered by
4/15/2022 for a \$ 25.00 credit

Tues. & Thurs.
June and July

[Click here
to register](#)

remarkable
Kids

May 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.

Through Isaiah, God declares, "O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen on your walls; they will pray day and night, continually. Take no rest, all you who pray to the Lord. Give the Lord no rest until he completes his work" (Isaiah 62:6 NLT). You are the watchmen God has posted on the walls of the Global Methodist Church. Your prayers avail much. They are powerful, declaring our utter dependence on Jesus to build the church. As the psalmist writes, "Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted." (Psalm 127:1 NLT)

The Global Methodist Church is one year old. Fueled by your fervent prayers, much has already been accomplished, but much remains to be done. God is building a church with a vision of multiplication so that more and more people come to know Jesus, become his disciples, are transformed by the Holy Spirit, and worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

As we consider what God has already accomplished, we praise God, celebrate, and give thanks. It is important that we remember the mighty acts of God because what God has begun, he will complete. We need God's design, his means, and his ways to be established in us. We need God's protection to ensure we remain true to his calling upon us. We need God's provision, spiritually and materially. We dare not take the next step unless God guides and directs.

In the first year, more than 1700 churches have become members of the Global Methodist Church; more than 2350 clergy have joined us in fulfilling the call of God. Many more long to complete their journey to be part of this new work of God. With Paul, we desire to focus on one thing: "Forgetting the past and looking to what lies ahead, [let us] press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus is calling us." (Philippians 3:13-14 NLT)

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 for what God has accomplished in the first year of the Global Methodist Church. (Ephesians 5:20)

Monday: Give thanks for the many servants who have been our partners in the Global Methodist Church in spreading the Good News about Christ. (Philippians 1:5)

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Tuesday: Pray for the Transitional Leadership Council, the staff of the general Church, the leadership of our provisional annual conferences, the leadership of our Transitional Conference Advisory Teams, and others who are building on the foundation established by Jesus. (1 Corinthians 3:10-11)

Wednesday: Pray for God to make a way for brothers and sisters in Christ in Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe who desire to be part of God's mission through the Global Methodist Church to overcome obstacles and to walk in the way God is establishing. (Isaiah 40:3-5)

Thursday: Pray that each member of the Global Methodist Church would be filled with spiritual wisdom and insight so that we might grow in our knowledge of God. (Ephesians 1:17)

Friday: Pray that God would send more workers into his fields through the Global Methodist Church so that more and more people come to know Jesus, become his disciples, are transformed by the Holy Spirit, and worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. (Matthew 9:37-38)

Saturday: Pray for God to bring to completion the good work he has begun in and through the Global Methodist Church. (Isaiah 62:6)

For since the world began, no ear has heard, and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him!
(Isaiah 64:4 NLT)



Second Winders May 18th

Due to scheduling conflicts the Second Winders will meet the 3rd Thursday in May. They will gather at 11:30 am on Thursday, May 18th. Come and enjoy some great fellowship prior to the meal at noon. The meal for the day will be a covered dish meal with assignments as follows:

A-G Desserts H-M Salads or Veggies N-Z Meat or casserole

Drinks will be provided and there will be no donation for the meal. Following the meal there will be a program which is still in the works. Be watching for details on the program. Come join us for our last gathering until fall. Bring a friend!



St Mark's Bethany Helping Hand Project

Need a ride to the doctor? Your battery need a jump? Need a few groceries? Let us help you. Please contact Pat at St Mark's (405-789-9033) or Elle Mysinger (469-323-1560).

Requests for help will be posted on the Helping Hand Project. Notification of the request will go out to the members of the Helping Hand Project. Whoever can help with the project will notify the group that they will manage the request and then reach out to the person who needs the helping hand.

We welcome anyone who would like to join the Helping Hand Project. Please contact Elle or Pat at the Church.

ROC Still Needs Your Help

Our food drive through Lent was a great success. It was a great benefit to the ROC Food Pantry which serves the hungry among us. 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!



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!



*St. Marks,
you are amazing! Thank you
for all you do for our moms
and their little ones.
So many have been helped
thanks to you!
We appreciate you!*

Ray Merchant

Facts and Figures

2023 Annual Budget	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating 5/9/2023	\$12,065
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 5/9/23)	197,181
Expenses (thru 5/9/23)	181,045

Attendance

Sunday, May 7 Total	250
Traditional Worship	159
Modern Worship	54
Online Worship	48

Prayer Box

Mary Jane Svejkovsky
Annie Imel
Hazel Bremmer
Barbara Homer
Karen Homer
Andrea Frehley (Barbara Homer daughter)
Cheryl Andrews
Greg Spiser
Norma & Dan Boland
Lavina Bonifield (DIL Margaret Bonifield)
Chris Brehm family
Hank Brueggen
Marty Croy
Jeff & Dianna Davidson

Jared Fenton (SIL Davidson's)
Bob Denton (Sandy Kelly brother)
Mary Desmukes
Paula Galt
Jim & Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano
Roger Pautsch
Curtis Scott (SIL Jim Brown)
Dorothy Sipes
Beverly Tully
Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Frank & Nadine)
Rita Wurzer
Joey Pedigo daughter & family