



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

To The Ends of the Earth — Caesarea: The Vision That Changed the World

Our journey To the Ends of the Earth continues this Sunday as we travel to Caesarea and step into the home of Cornelius. In Acts 10:1-8, we meet a man whose sincere faith and willingness to listen to God set the stage for one of the most significant moments in the life of the early church.

Join us as we discover how God was preparing Cornelius for something far bigger than he could have imagined, and what that same invitation means for us today.

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 3 - 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



After many years of faithful service to St. Mark's Bethany, Kayla's last day on staff will be Tuesday, July 21. Throughout the years, she has touched countless lives through her leadership as our Children's Day Out Director and her dedication to the Kings & Queens ministry. We are deeply grateful for the love, care, and commitment she has shared with our church family.

Please join us this Sunday for a reception honoring Kayla between the worship services. Stop by to enjoy refreshments, share your memories, and thank her for the many ways she has blessed our church.

If you would like to bring a card or note of encouragement, there will be a card basket at the reception. If you are unable to attend or would like to drop off your card early, a basket is also available in the church office.

Please join us as we celebrate Kayla's ministry and wish her God's richest blessings in the next chapter of her journey.

Beyond Sunday: The Sermon Continues



Have you ever left worship on Sunday wanting to spend a little more time with the message? This summer, we invite you to go "Beyond Sunday" as Pastor Randy leads a deeper discussion of the weekly sermon and our journey through the book of Acts. Together, we'll explore the movement of the Holy Spirit, the life of the early church, and what these lessons mean for us today. Bring your Bible, your questions, and a willingness to grow as we continue the conversation beyond Sunday morning.

Join us on **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 pm** or **Wednesday mornings from 10:30 - 11:30 am**. (Please note that Men's Bible Study will return this fall.)

We would love for you to be part of the journey!

Creativity & Fellowship



The St. Mark's Bethany Women enjoyed a wonderful morning of creativity and fellowship at their recent meeting as they created beautiful textured artwork using joint compound. Under the guidance of Sondra Drake, each participant designed a unique piece that reflected her own creativity and style. The finished artwork is on display at the church--be sure to stop by and enjoy this beautiful reminder of the joy found in faith, friendship, and creating together.



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! 



SAVE the DATE

SMBW

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

 **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026**

 **10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

 **SHOP**  **CREATE**  **CONNECT**

 **Vendor Applications AVAILABLE NOW!** 

 **ST. MARK'S BETHANY GMC** 



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, canned meats like tuna and chicken are especially needed, but any nonperishable food items are greatly appreciated. Donations 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.

Administrative Council Meeting Monday, July 20 | 6:00 pm

The St. Mark's Administrative Council will meet on **Monday, July 20, at 6:00 pm in Room 18**. Council members are encouraged to attend, and all church members are welcome and encouraged to attend as well. We will continue planning and making decisions for the ministry and future of our church. Please keep our leadership in your prayers as they seek God's wisdom and guidance.

MISSIONS MEETING **DATE CHANGED** **July 19th**

Please note our Mission Meeting immediately following the 2nd worship service on **July 19 in Room 18**.

Everyone welcome!

Wrapped in Love Meeting Monday | July 20 | 10 am

Join us for Wrapped in Love on Monday, July 20, at 10:00 am in Room 18. This caring ministry creates handmade baby items that are donated to Willow Pregnancy Support to bless new and expectant mothers. Whether you sew, knit, crochet, or simply enjoy fellowship while serving others, there's a place for you. Come be part of sharing Christ's love, one handmade gift at a time.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR J. B. KING

A MEMORIAL SERVICE
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
J. B. KING WILL BE HELD
ON **FRIDAY, JULY 31, AT
10:00 AM** AT ST. MARK'S
BETHANY. PLEASE KEEP
THE KING FAMILY IN YOUR
PRAYERS AS THEY GATHER
TO REMEMBER AND
CELEBRATE HIS LIFE.

Youth Summer Camps 2026!!!

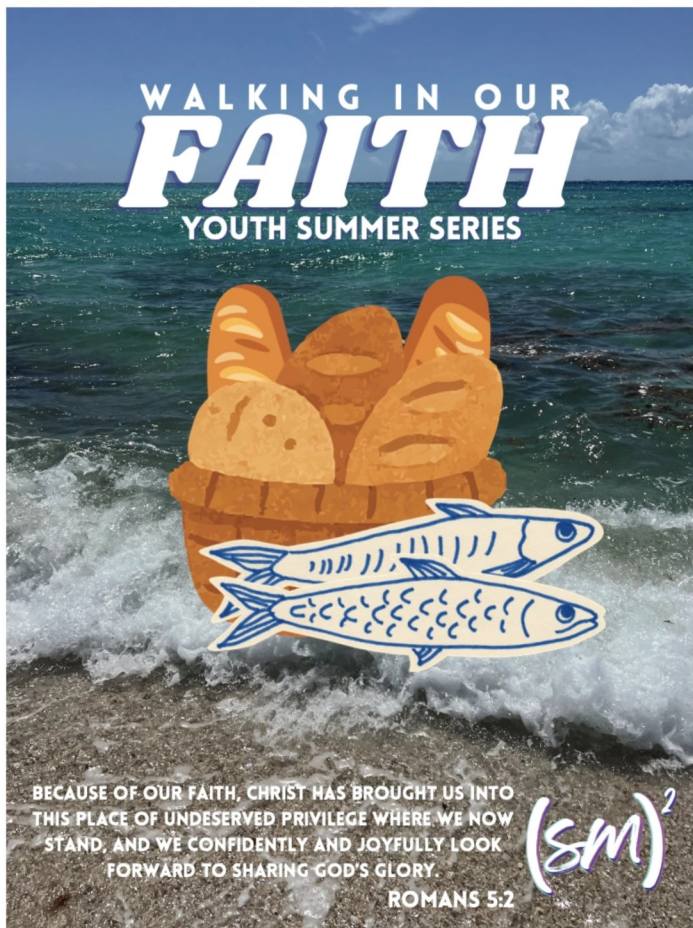


DISCIPLE CAMP - July 22-25

Our students will soon be heading to Disciple Camp, and we are excited for all that God has in store for them! The group will depart from St. Mark's on Wednesday, July 22, at 12:00 pm for several days of worship, Bible study, recreation, and fellowship.

Please keep our students, adult leaders, and camp staff in your prayers as they grow in their faith, build lasting friendships, and experience God's presence in meaningful ways. We pray for safe travels, open hearts, and a week filled with life-changing moments.

Thank you for supporting the youth of St. Mark's through your prayers and encouragement.



Our children are having a wonderful summer as they learn through the Psalms and discover how wonderfully God has made them. Over the past two weeks, they have been exploring Psalm 23 and what it means to have the Lord as our Shepherd. Together they have learned that God provides for us, protects us, gives us rest, refreshes our souls, and faithfully guides us through every season of life.

Please continue to pray for our children and leaders as they grow in faith and learn more about God's love each week.



You're Invited!



YOU HAVE BEEN
PRAYED FOR!



JOIN THE

Titus 2 *Team!*



The Titus 2 Team exists to create a safe, fun, and Christ-centered environment for children while the women gather, grow, and encourage one another.



Let's encourage, equip, & inspire together!

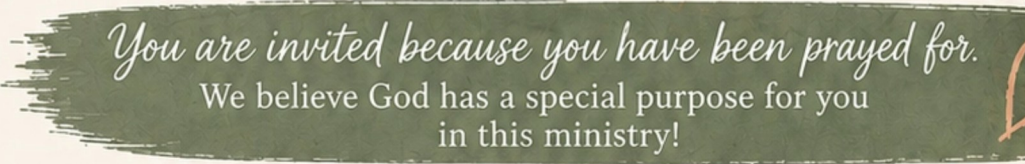


INFORMATION MEETING



Come learn more about the Titus 2 Team, what it looks like to serve, and how you can be a part of what God is doing!

Tuesday July 21
10:30 am or 6:30 pm



You are invited because you have been prayed for.
We believe God has a special purpose for you in this ministry!



Upcoming Events

July 15 - NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5:15 Prayer

July 19 - Mission Committee Meeting

July 20 - Wrapped in Love

July 20 - Administrative Council
(Note this is a Monday)

July 21 - Beyond Sunday

July 22 - Beyond Sunday 2

July 22 - Disciple Camp

July 28 - Beyond Sunday

July 29 - Beyond Sunday 2

July 31 - JB King Memorial Service

Aug 1 - Faithbuilders Ice Cream Party

Aug 4 - Beyond Sunday

Aug 5 - Beyond Sunday 2

Aug 8 - Men's Breakfast

Aug 9 - Back to School Breakfast

Aug 9 - Mission Committee Meeting

Aug 10 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

Aug 11 - Beyond Sunday

Aug 12 - Beyond Sunday 2

FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget 684,155

Rec'd toward Operating
7/11/2026 23,254

Year to Date 2026
Rec'd toward offering
(thru 7/11/26) 348,482
Expenses (thru 7 /11/26) .. 336,839

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 12 Total 326

Traditional Worship 192
Modern Worship 44
Online Worship 90



Join us Wednesdays •
5:15-6:00 pm

Prayer Team gathers at 5:15 pm
We would love to pray with you.

Come pray with us – whether you prefer quiet, personal prayer, would like someone to pray with you, or feel led to pray for others. Explore simple prayer tools, spend time in God's presence, or come and go as needed. All are welcome in this peaceful space.

Stephen Ministry is Here for You



STEPHEN MINISTRY
Christ caring • for people • through people

Life can be hard sometimes.
You don't have to go through it alone.

Stephen Ministers are members of our church who are trained to listen, care, encourage, and walk alongside you during difficult times.

**It's confidential. It's caring.
It's here for you.**

Contact a Stephen Minister
or call the church office.



Prayer Board

Ruby Wilkey
Lucas (12 yr old nephew of Carolyn Grady's supervisor)
Laurie Buckholtz
Benni (DIL of Cheryl Davis)
Helen Sullivan
Beverly Clark
John Evans
Abbey Evans Stowe
Danny Payne
Roger Pautsch
Jo Manharth (mother of Lisa Hutchison)
Gerald Grady
Emily & Gordon Denton (sister and BIL of Joey Pedigo)
Penny and James Hager (daughter & SIL of Barbara Homer)

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