

SUNDAY IS COMING!



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

The People of Salt and Light -- With Fear and Great Joy

As we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we come to the powerful conclusion of our series, *The People of Salt and Light*. In *With Fear and Great Joy*, we step into the wonder of resurrection through Matthew 28:1-10 — where sorrow turns to astonishment, and fear is met with overwhelming joy. Like the women at the empty tomb, we are invited to encounter the risen Christ and carry His light into the world. Come and rejoice in the hope, the promise, and the life we find in Him.

Service times -

Our Sunrise Service will begin at 7:00 am. Weather permitting, it will be held at Overholser Lake (map in newsletter).

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- Kdgtn) 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

HOLY WEEK

Worship Services

Maundy
THURSDAY

APRIL 2
7:00 PM

Good
FRIDAY

APRIL 3
7:00 PM

Easter
SUNDAY

APRIL 5
Sunrise Svc - 7:00 AM
(at Overholser)
Traditional - 9:30 AM
Modern - 11:00 AM

Please note that our Maundy Thursday service and our Good Friday service will be livestreamed as well as our Easter morning services at 9:30 and 11.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held between the traditional and modern services on Easter morning! (approximately 10:40 am) Please be sure to get your children to the "hunting area" so they don't miss the fun!

In case of inclement weather, "hunting area" will be announced on Sunday.

Holy Week invites us to pause, reflect, and remember the depth of God's love for us. It is a sacred time to step away from the busyness of everyday life and turn our hearts toward the story at the center of our faith. Whether you are able to join us for one service or walk with us through the entire week, we pray this will be a meaningful time to worship, consider His love, and rejoice in the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Together, we will remember His sacrifice, reflect on His love, and celebrate the promise of new life found in the resurrection. We invite you to bring a friend, gather your family, and come experience the story of Easter with us.

For your convenience, a map for the Sunrise Service is provided on the final page of the newsletter today!



Mark your calendars! A Robotics Camp is coming June 29—July 2. Plans are currently underway as we finalize details like ages and group sizes, but we wanted families and volunteers to go ahead and save the date.

More information and registration will be coming soon through Church Center—stay tuned!

Church Office Closed Monday

Please note that the church offices will be closed on Monday following Easter.

Thank you!

Administrative Council Meeting Tuesday | April 7 | 6:00 PM

Our next Administrative Council meeting will be held Tuesday, April 7th at 6:00 pm in Room 18. All church members are invited to attend as we review ministry updates, discuss upcoming plans, and continue working together to support the mission of St. Mark's.

Your presence matters --please join us if you're able.

VOLUNTEERING IS A WORK OF HEART

♥ THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO! ♥

At St. Mark's, so much of what we do is made possible by the many hands and hearts who serve so faithfully.

From Sunday School and Wednesday nights, to the Monday morning crew, to those who care for our grounds and mow each week, to those who step in to help make worship and live stream possible, to those who cheerfully greet us each week, along with so many others – we are deeply grateful.

Your willingness to serve, often behind the scenes, does not go unnoticed. Thank you for the ways you share your time, your gifts, and your love. You are a true blessing to our church family.

We truly could not do this without you.

Second Winders' Gathering Thursday, April 9 | Room 18

Come gather with friends for a time of conversation, food, and a program.



The group will meet in Room 18 at 11:30 with visiting, followed by announcements and a meal of pizza, salad and desserts.

The program, *Legends of the Castles on the Rhine*, will explore the stories behind these famous castles. How many are there? What are the legends — and are they real? Come find out!

St. Mark's Bethany Women Monday, April 13 | Room 18

Beginning at 10:00 am, our Women's group will join in fellowship, refreshments, a program, and the Women's meeting.



Today's program will be presented by The Salvation Army "Bed & Bread Club." Major Analese Ryerson will share how the Salvation Army serves our local community by providing beds and meals for those in need.

We would love to see you there!

MOMENTUM CAMPUS MINISTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars! Join us for the Momentum Campus Ministry Golf Tournament on Monday, May 4, 2026 for a day of golf, community, and supporting what God is doing on campus.

- Date: Monday, May 4, 2026 (two flights)
- Location: Oak Hills Golf & Country Club, Ada, Oklahoma

All proceeds go toward helping Momentum continue its mission of impacting students' lives for Christ.

Contact Randy if you are interested.

Monday Morning Gardening

Would you enjoy helping keep our church grounds beautiful?

Mondays, from 10 :00 am to 12:00 noon, Leslie Sipes will be in the garden.

Come join us for planting, watering, weeding, or whatever is needed. Every helping hand makes a difference.

Come when you can. No commitment required.





ST. MARK'S BETHANY

We are hiring for paid children/youth 2026 summer internships now!

Apply Here!



St. Mark's Bethany is a place for children/youth to build a foundation of faith and equip kids to KNOW God, GROW to be like Him, and GO serve Him. At St. Mark's, students come first! Our summer interns must have a heart to serve our church and love working with children and youth!

Interns are people who are interested in exploring ministry in the local church. They are selected because of their demonstrated leadership among their peers and students, maturity in their Christian faith, and a desire to see others come to know Jesus Christ. This would be an unforgettable and valuable experience for someone with a heart for students and wants to be involved with them.

SAVE
The
DATE

SMBW
Arts &
Crafts Fair

Requests for applications for the 2026 Craft Fair are already coming in! Applications are available at St. Mark's! Be sure to get yours and get your booth reserved!

Not having a booth???
Mark the date ...
Saturday, October 3rd!

You don't want to miss it!!!



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.

Willow has recently moved to a new location at 4107 N. Council in Bethany and continues to serve families in our community with care and compassion.

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.

Men's Bible Study Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

The St. Mark's Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Room 17. This group offers a welcoming space for men to gather around God's Word, grow in faith, and encourage on another through thoughtful discussion and prayer. Bring your Bible and join the conversation as we explore Scripture together and seek how it speaks into our daily lives. Whether you've been part of the group before or are joining for the first time, all men are welcome.

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

Youth Bible Reading Challenge Don't Break the Streak!

The Youth Bible Reading Challenge is going strong, and our students are continuing to build their streaks! Each day spent in God's Word is another step toward growing a steady, lasting faith.

Students -- keep that streak going! Even a few minutes in Scripture each day can make a big impact.

Parents, a simple question like, "What did you read today?" can encourage consistency and open the door for meaningful conversations at home. Let's continue cheering them on as they grow, learn, and deepen their connection with God each day!



Kigoma Women's Center Dedication Mission Trip

Preparations are underway for the June 7, 2026 dedication of the Women's Center in Kigoma, Tanzania. Travel plans are in place, and the team is actively preparing for this meaningful journey.



Eight participants will attend from St. Mark's and David and Becky Roman will be meeting them there. As they gather supplies and make final preparations, this trip continues to be a powerful opportunity to celebrate God's work through long-term mission partnerships and to stand alongside those serving faithfully.

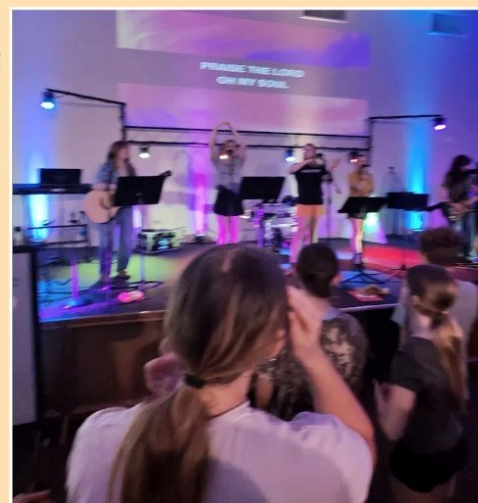
The mission team will depart from Oklahoma City on May 29th and return on June 10th.

Please continue to keep this mission opportunity, the team, and the Women's Center in your prayers.

Youth on the Move ➡ RACE TO THE TOMB



Our youth enjoyed a fun and meaningful evening on March 25 at Crossroads Methodist, participating in the "Race to the Tomb" scavenger hunt. Working together through each clue, they explored the Easter story in an interactive and memorable way.



The night was filled with laughter, teamwork, and a growing understanding of the hope we have in Christ.





Learn Character. Learn Independence. Learn Truth

KIDS NEED CAMP

www.newliferanch.com

St. Mark's Children's Summer Camp SAVE THE DATE!!!

We're excited to share information about a **fantastic children's camp** at **New Life Ranch** this summer for kids who are **going into 2nd-6th grade!**

Junior Camp runs June 14-20 (Sunday-Saturday) with fun, high-energy theme "Superheroes."

Camp at New Life Ranch is an incredible opportunity for children to grow in faith, build friendships, and experience God's love in a fun and encouraging environment.

Scholarships are available to help make camp possible for every child.

Youth Summer Camps 2026!!!



Check out your Youth Newsletter for links to sign up for camps!

Mark your calendars for our 2026 summer camps! These camps are wonderful opportunities for students to grow in faith, build friendships, and have fun in a Christ-centered environment.

DAYSPRING May 26 - 30

This is our high school camp for students entering 9th grade through graduating seniors. Camp will be held at New Life Ranch - Frontier Cove. The cost is \$325 per student, and Strive funds may be used for camps and retreats!

YOUTH FORCE TULSA - June 14 - 19

DISCIPLE CAMP - July 22-25

We encourage families to start planning now and prayerfully consider which camp opportunities are right for their students.

Upcoming Events

April 1 - Wednesday Night Meal - SANDWICHES

5:15 Prayer
 6:15 KidMin
 6:15 Youth Ministry
 6:30 Choir Rehearsal

April 2 - Maundy Thursday

April 3 - Good Friday

April 5 - EASTER

April 6 - Church Office Closed

April 7 - Administrative Council

April 9 - Second Winders

April 10 - Kings & Queens Kids

April 13 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

April 14 - Men's Bible Study

April 20 - Wrapped in Love

April 21 - SPRC Meeting

April 21 - Men's Bible Study

April 23 - Kings & Queens Plus

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



COMMUNION SERVERS April 5, 2026

Traditional: Ed and Gina Boerner
 Kathy Moore and Nichole Norberto
 Steve and Christie Couch

Modern: Gannon Family

FACTS & Figures

2026 Annual Budget	684,155
Rec'd toward Operating 3/28/2026	18,008
Year to Date 2026	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 3/28/26)	133,116
Expenses (thru 3/28/26) ..	154,118

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 29	Total	431
Traditional Worship		222
Modern Worship		88
Online Worship		121

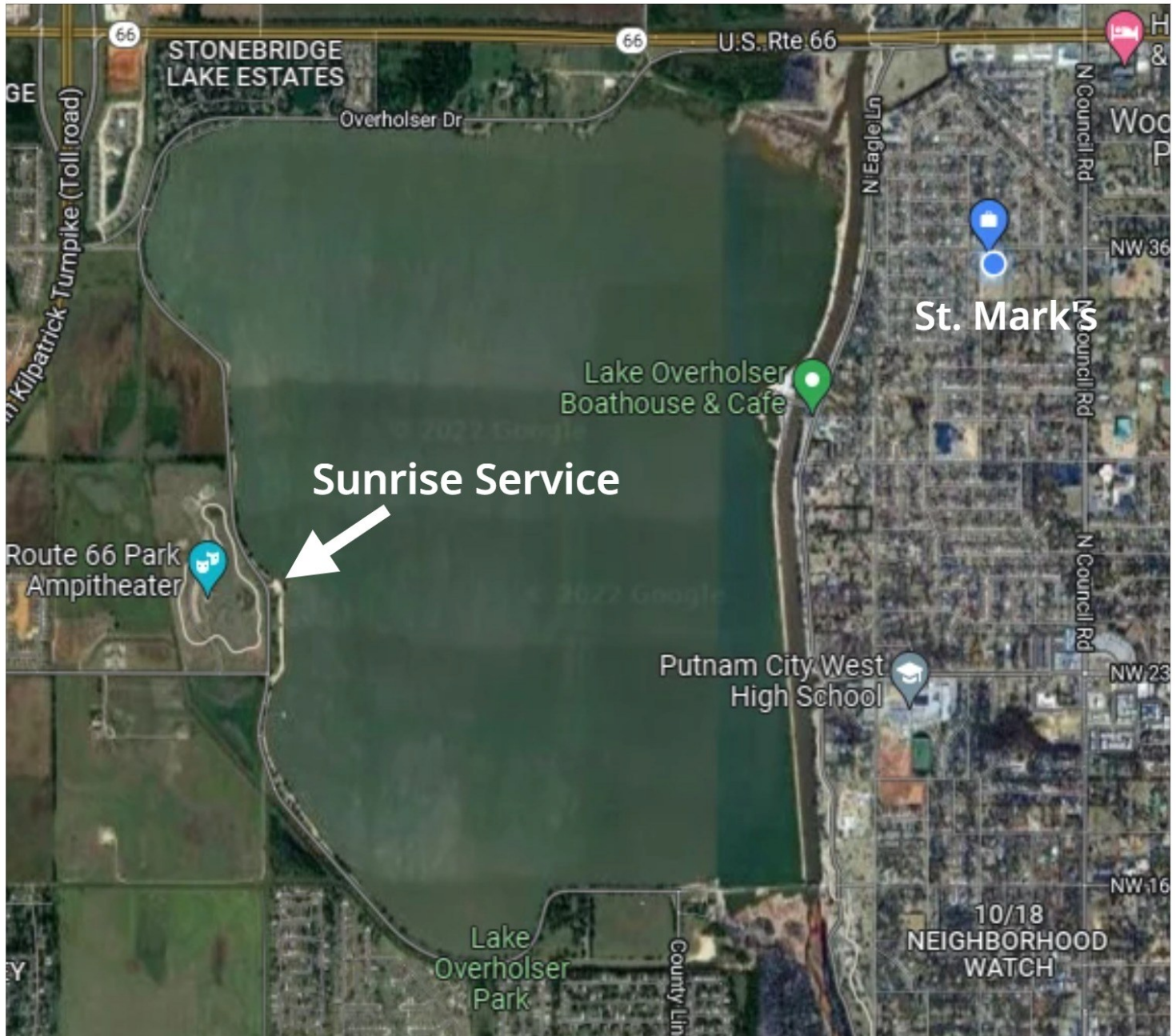


Prayer Board

Judy Knight	Norma and Dan Boland
Paul Moon	Tony Pellegrini
Carolyn Grady	Evelyn Moore
Carol Hall	Bill Underwood
Kason (grandson of Cheryl Pavelko)	Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Brandon Kilpatrick (friend of Steve Ross)	Sandy Rutherford
Norma McMurtry	Barbara Hill
Greg Tyler (friend of Loretta Wright)	Elmer (Barbara's friend)
	Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes)
	Judy McMinn
	Tiffany Montesano

Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m.

Join us as we gather in the quiet beauty of Easter morning to celebrate the hope and joy of the risen Christ. Our Sunrise Service begins at 7:00 a.m. and all are welcome to come and worship together as the day begins. See the map below for directions -- we would love to share this special morning with you.



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