

St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 31, 2021



COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Combined Worship at St. Mark's, September 5, 10 am

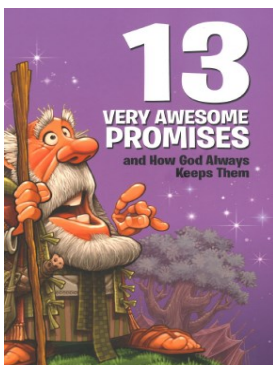
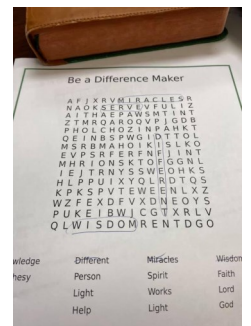
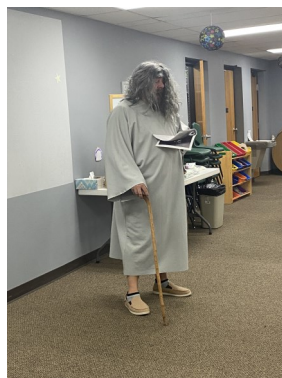
We invite everyone to come out this coming Sunday to join us in a combined worship. Services are @ 10:00 am.

Randy Wade will be continue the series "**Stand-out**" with the message of "A Difference in Welcome". If you are not able to attend there will be a live streaming of it. To watch the life stream you can join us at 10:00 am Sunday morning at:

<https://youtu.be/OfnKF0p-uJ4>

If you missed last weeks service you can still view it at: <https://youtu.be/kEy01V7Huao>

Ministry at St. Marks Last week in Pictures



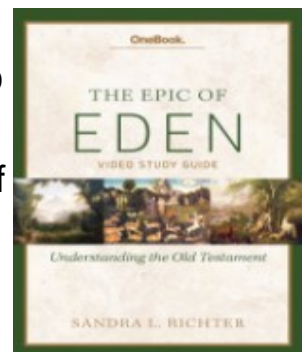
Wednesday Programming to return September 8th

Things are coming together for everyone to be a part of our Wednesday night programming. Plans are for a meal at 5:30 pm with programming for children and youth starting at 6:15 pm. Two to three different adult opportunities are also in the works. The prayer team will meet from 6:00 to 6:30 pm in the prayer room and choir will also meet from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Be watching as details come out about each of these over the next couple of weeks. We want to provide opportunities for everyone to be a part. If you have suggestions, please let us know. Be praying for God to use Wednesday nights for all of us to grow in Christ and in unity.

New Class starting September 8th Understanding the Old Testament

Nancy Johnson will lead a new class kicking off at 6:30 pm on September 8th. You can sign up on church counter or call church office. A quick summary of the study: Does your knowledge of the Old Testament feel like a grab bag of people, books, events and ideas? How many times have you resolved to really understand the OT? To finally make sense of it? In *The Epic of Eden Video Study*, Dr. Sandra Richter clearly and powerfully communicates a history of God's redeeming grace, weaving together a story that runs from the Eden of the Garden to the garden of the New Jerusalem.

Through text and video teaching, Dr. Richter uses this 12-week study to bring a new dimension to the history of the ancient Near East, orienting any study group in time, geography, culture, redemption, and relevance to today — all without diminishing her reader's faith or dumbing down the scripture.



St. Mark's Prayer Team return to meeting on Wednesday evenings



St. Mark's is a church that truly believes in the power of prayer. Through the pandemic faithful prayers continued at homes, etc. On September 8th, we will see the weekly prayer team come back together from 6-6:30 each Wednesday to specifically pray together. If you would like to be a part of this team contact Letha Davis or Becky Roman. As they gather each week they pray over prayer requests as well as over members of the church.

SECOND WINDERS RETURN

The second winders will be returning to their monthly lunch and program on the 2nd Thursday of the month starting September 9th. We will gather around 11:45 am before lunch (pulled pork) at noon. We will not have a program but instead after the long period of not being together we will just have some time to sit around and have good conversations and get caught up with everyone. Hope to see you there!



Choir Practice Resumes September 1 Come Join Us!

On Wednesday, September 1, the choir will return from their summer break with an evening of fellowship and practice. They will gather at 6:30 pm for snacks and fellowship and then have rehearsals preparing to kick the fall off. If you have ever thought of joining the choir this is a great time to do so. You don't have to have a great voice just a desire to share your voice and help others join in to praise the Lord together. Hope to see you then!



St. Mark's Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Food Pantry is changing hours to 1st and 3rd Sundays from 4pm - 5 pm. We appreciate everyone's help through the pandemic in helping to keep things supplied. THANKS for your patience. Currently the following items are needed in the pantry.



Spaghetti Noodles
Mac & Cheese
Canned Meat
Canned Beans

Spaghetti sauce
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit



Women's Bible Study begins new study

The Women's Bible study is beginning an exciting new study. It will take place each Monday starting August 30th. They will be meeting in the home of Kayla Gannon. Any woman of the church is invited to come be a part as we dive into God's Word. Contact Kayla Gannon for more details. Here is a quick overview of the study:

How can you trust that God is good?

With the Bible at our fingertips, we have a story of God's faithfulness right in front of us to show us one example after another of who God is. In this six-session study, we want to walk you through some of the promises and covenants God made with his people to understand more of the story of God and the big picture of his unfailing love for us.

Through this study, you will discover:

- The story of God throughout the Bible, and what it means for you now.
- That God always keeps his word, even if we don't.
- That God never fails, even when his people do.
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God always keeps his promises.

St. Mark's to Feed PCW Football team again this Fall

St. Mark's has the opportunity to reach out to our community again this year through feeding the Putnam City West Football team. The students will join us for dinner on Wednesdays (9/8, 9/22, 10/6 & 11/4). Then on Thursdays of that week we will serve them a meal (9/9, 9/23, 10/7 & 11/5). We are in need of helpers to setup, prepare, serve and clean up for each of the meals. You can sign up on the office counter, contact the church office or contact Shab Jupiterwala if you are willing to help. This is a great outreach as well as an opportunity to have an influence on these young men. Sign up Today.

St. Mark's Social Media Links



Facebook.com

- search for "stmarksbethany"



Instagram.com - search for "St. Mark's United Methodist Church



Twitter.com

- search "@stmarksbethany"



Youtube.com

- search St. Marks United Methodist Church, Bethany, OK

Life Bible Study group resuming September 22, 2:00-3:30

Room 18 (class room with door on east)

In *The Epic of Eden: Ruth*, Dr. Sandra Richter makes the characters come alive.



Participants in this study—young and old, men and women, church and unchurched—will be challenged as they see themselves in these characters and find themselves faced with many of the same questions and challenges. Here is real life, lived out by real people with real fears, real struggles, real hope, and real faith.

Sign up for important updates from St. Mark's UMC, Bethany

Get information for **St. Mark's UMC, Bethany. OK** right on your phone about upcoming events, news, and updates.



To get text notifications from St. Mark's on your phone:

Text the message **@stmarksbe** to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting **@stmarksbe** to **(334) 269-8192**.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/smbethany on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

Church Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

There will be a special called Charge Conference at 6:15 pm on Wednesday, August 8th with the sole agenda item of nomination of an equalization delegate to the Oklahoma Annual Conference in October.

Facts and Figures

2021 Annual Budget	642,374
Rec'd toward Operating 8/22/2021.....	4,899
<u>Year to Date 2021</u>	
Rec'd toward offering	338,052
Expenses	330,185
<u>Attendance</u>	
Sunday, August 29 Combined	260
Classic Service	127
Modern Service	65
Online	68

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles family
Barbara Homer
Pam & Wayne Barnes
Dianna Davidson
Mary King
Patsy McDowell
Marty Croy
Lynn Landis
(Deb Wade's mom)
Barbara Byrd (Dot Lyon's sister)
Jesse & Felipe
(friends of Mike Penny)
Rachel (niece Casey Cassidy)

Carol Rosenthal
Don Greve
Carol Sandburg
Laurie Bucholtz
Patsy McDowell
Darell Brehm
Tiffany Montesano
Harold Kessler family
Esther Withers
Mike Kolar (Ruth Martyn's son)
John Martyn Jr. (Jack Martyn's son)
Billye Stein (Bev Bevin's sister)
Link (grandson of Montesano's)
Ron St. Germaine
(Friend of Wayne Barnes)