

E-Messenger

Our Mission Statement To build a family of believers who glorify God and help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

Worship, May 16th

We invite everyone to come out this coming Sunday to join us in worship. Services are @ 9:30 and 10:45. Rev. Larry Gaston will be bringing the message. If you are not able to attend there will be a live streaming of it. To watch the live stream you can join us at 9:30 am Sunday morning at <https://youtu.be/j6lLUwRhEFY>

8:30 to 9:30	9:30 - 10:15	10:15 - 10:45	10:45 - 11:30
	Classic Worship	Clean sanctuary	Modern Worship
Adult SS in room 17 and 18	Adult SS room 19 (9:30 to 10:30)	Adult may continue into or start during this time frame. See next pane below for youth & children	Adult SS (10:30 to 11:30) Rooms 17 and 18 (and choir room)

In Person Services Guidelines

In addition to our continued support of online worship, we are excited to say the live service has been and going well. When you feel comfortable we invite you to join us for services.

Before attending the Service ask yourself these questions:
Are any of the following true for you or anyone in your party:

- Showing any flu-like symptoms
- A fever of 100.4 or higher in the past 14 days.
- Prolonged exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

Any medical reason to think you should not be around others.
If you answered yes to any of these, we strongly encourage you to watch the services online rather than attend service. You can participate online by going to YouTube.com and searching for St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Bethany, OK, there you will find a link to the service on Sunday morning.

What Goes on Between Pastors?

St. Mark's leadership has planned for the time between when Pastor Keith retires and Pastor Randy Wade arrives.

During **May and June**, we will be blessed by the **preaching** of some of the retired pastors who call St Mark's their home. They will also be on call to respond to emergencies during the week following their message. Either Pat Morford or Julia Bevers can help you reach one if needed.

Pat Morford will be serving as "Staff Manager" during the interim. He will be able to assist with scheduling and ministry related questions. He will be helping coordinate the mission and ministry work of our **staff** during the first several busy months of summer.

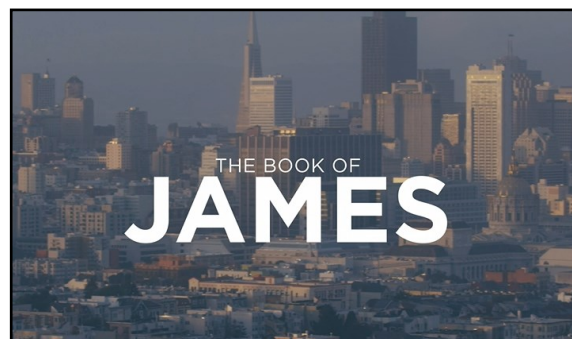
Becky Roman will be coordinating **worship** services and related events. Music, praise teams, and special events occurring during worship services (e.g. Senior Sunday) will be scheduled, approved, and coordinated through her.

Remember that Jay Sears, Chair of Church Council, and David Miller, Lay Leader, are available to serve and help in any way they may be able.

Do not hesitate to reach out to any of the leaders mentioned for help and clarification.

New Sunday Morning Bible Study Coming

Starting **May 16th, at 9:30 am** a new Sunday morning Bible Study is kicking off. KJ and Casey Cassidy will lead the groups as they open up with a Right Now Video series on the book of James with Francis Chan. This study is for anyone interested. We invite you to be a part as they jump into God's Word together and build relationships together.



They will meet in room 17. You can contact KJ or Casey for more information or contact the church office.

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



Senior Class of 2021

Congratulations to the Senior Class of 2021 from St. Mark's. We are excited for you on this next step in your life. Prayers go out for you and we look forward to recognizing you on May 23rd at 10:45 am. This year's class is listed below.

Hestan Barnes

Kasee Brown

Keyshaun Dudley

Jayce Easter

Kelsey Evans

Dametrious Hamilton

Angel Lira

Katie McKenzie

Samantha Miller

Draven Montesano

Kavon Porter

Kesean Sadler

Adrian Trolinger

Quin Washington



RIGHT NOW MEDIA

Hopefully you have been taking advantage of the Right Now Media for personal, group and family opportunities offered by Right Now Media. But with the Corona virus having us all at home and isolated more than usual we hope you take advantage of the service to use the videos, studies and other resources to use this time to strengthen your faith. If you have not signed up go to <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/stmarksbethany> and do so now.

Great Resource Available

Feel free to pick up one of the boxes on the church counter if you are looking for a great way to open some great conversation around your family dinner table with these discussion starter questions.



OTHER NEWS NOTES

If you need to visit with someone

St. Mark's wants to extend an invitation to anyone feeling disengaged or just needing a friendly voice to share, pray and just hear a word of encouragement. If you would like to visit with someone who cares and wants to be there for you feel free to contact Jan Greve at (405) 641-5863 and she will help you make that connection.



Wednesdays in June & July

6:00—7:30 pm 5 years old through 5th graders

Children

Be a part of this Xtreme summer as we come together for amazing Bible lessons, super fun and exciting activities. Every Wednesday will have an XTREME activity such as Nerf Wars, Water Slides, Minute to Win it and much more. This is our Xtreme alternative to VBS taking it to the next level. A great place to invite your friends and neighbors as we enjoy an XTREME time together. Registration coming. Watch for them and get ready for an Xtreme Summer.

Volunteers

We need volunteers to make Xtreme Summer Blast a powerful experience for young people. Volunteers will be needed each Wednesday from 5:30 to 8:00 pm for setup through clean up. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex where you can sign up for the entire summer or for weeks when you are available. You are the key to this event and we ask that you prayerfully consider being a part.

St. Mark's Social Media Links



Facebook.com - search for "stmarksbethany"



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



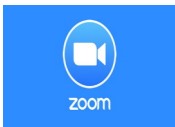
Twitter.com - search "@stmarksbethany"



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



RightNow Media.com - "St. Mark's United Methodist Church"



Zoom.com - sign up and then watch for upcoming announcements on Bible Studies, Sunday School classes and other things you can join with other members of St. Mark's

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Facts and Figures

2021 Annual Budget	TBA
Rec'd toward Operating 4/25/2021.....	4,731
<u>Year to Date 2021</u>	
Rec'd toward offering	181,745
Expenses	152,861
<u>Attendance</u>	
Sunday, May 9nd Total	223
9:30 Service	111
10:45	49
Online	63

Prayer Box

Corona Virus issues	Pat Wonderly
Don & Fran Nobles	Norma Boland
Barbara Homer	Pat McDowell
Pam & Wayne Barnes	Jane Foreman
Carolyn Rosenthal	Marty Croy
Dianna Davidson	Ladonna Mathews
Letha Davis	Janice Brown
Mary King	Don Greve
Katrina Lambert	Carol Sandburg
Norma McMurtry	Pavelko family
Margaret Bonifield	Dorothy Sipes
Daughter in law—Lavina	Darell Brehm
Paula Galt	