



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Jesus Is -- The Risen Lord

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate the powerful truth that **Jesus Is the Risen Lord!** In John 20:19-29, we witness the resurrected Christ bringing peace to His fearful disciples and inviting Thomas to believe. Through this passage, we're reminded that faith in the risen Savior transforms doubt into devotion and fear into joy. Come and experience the hope and assurance that only the Risen Lord can bring.

We look forward to worshipping with you!

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

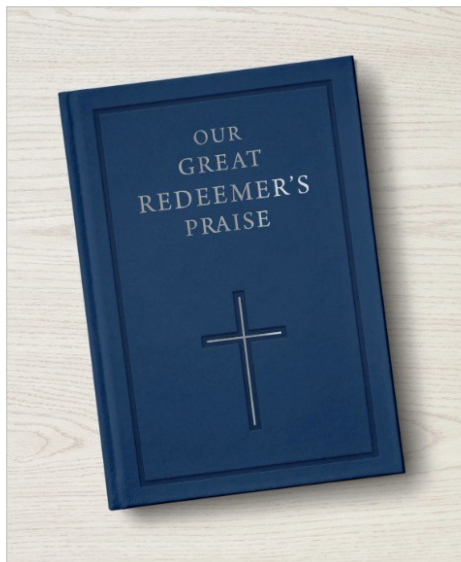


Sunday School Classes

We have classes for all ages and interests

- 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

Fill the Pews with Our Great Redeemer's Praise!



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OUR GREAT REDEEMER'S PRAISE!

If you would like to purchase a hymnal for the church in honor or memory of a loved one, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Kelly Jo Poss.

Our new GMC hymnal, "Our Great Redeemer's Praise" will enrich our worship for years to come. Each hymnal placed in our pews is not only a tool for worship, but also a lasting reminder of God's goodness and the faithful witness of His people.

You have a special opportunity to participate in this ministry by purchasing a hymnal in honor or in memory of a loved one. A bookplate inside the hymnal will bear their name, serving as a visible tribute that will inspire worshipers for generations.

If you would like to give a hymnal, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Kelly Jo Poss for more information. The cost is \$30. Together, let's fill our pews and lift our voices in praise to the One who is worthy.

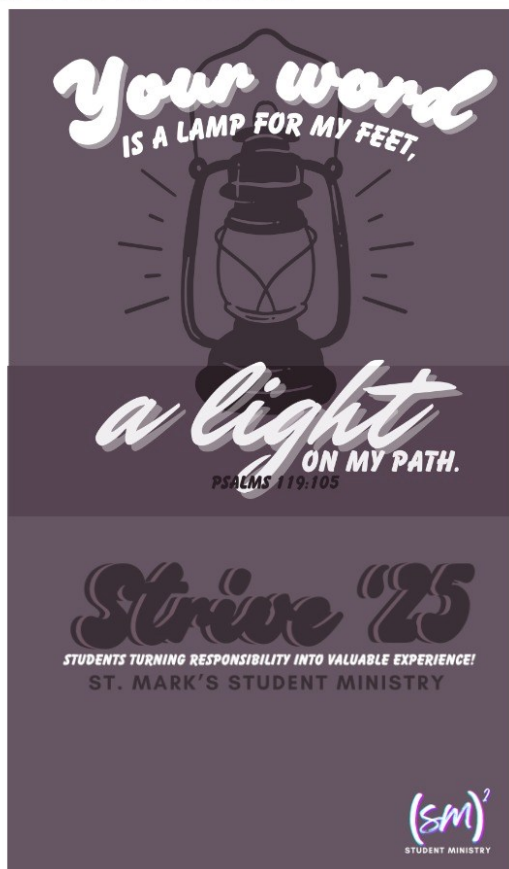
STRIVE Annual Fundraiser for St. Mark's Student Ministries

This year marks the 26th anniversary of STRIVE at St. Mark's!

Here's how it works:

- Students will ask the St. Mark's family and friends and members of their families and the community for donations to support St. Mark's fall 2025-26-student camps, retreats, missions and the Jesus University Scholarship fund.
- At the end of the fundraiser, students will participate in an 8-hour workday as a way of saying "Thank You" to the church and the community!
- Each student will have a pledge card and envelope for donors.
- Donations may be either a flat amount or based on the number of hours a student works during the workday.
- Donors complete the pledge cards and keep the receipt.
- **PLEDGE DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 2, 2025**

Your support makes an eternal difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for helping them STRIVE in faith and service.!



Oktoberfest

Second Winders Meeting

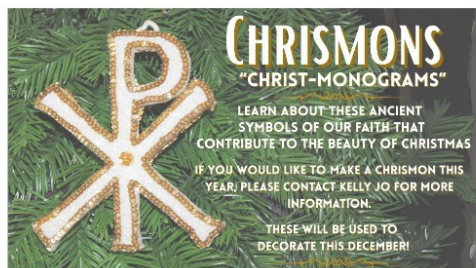
October 9th

Welcome (Willkommen) to the sites and smells of an Oktoberfest at the Second Winders on Thursday, October 9. The group will begin their gathering at 11:30 am for visiting (besuchen) and at noon we will have our devotion and meal. Our meal (mahlzeit) will feature German favorites such as Brats (sausage) and Bierocks (Hamburger-filled rolls), Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Pretzels with mustard, German Apple Cake, and Strudels.

After lunch, sit back and enjoy a special treat as Carrie Fox from the Oklahoma Historical Center brings history to life with her WWII Home Front reenactment.

Come join (Komm Beitreten) in the festivities

Chrismons - Symbols of Our Faith



This year at St. Mark's, we will be creating a special display of Chrismons (Christ + Monograms) to celebrate the Advent and Christmas season. These white and gold ornaments are crafted in the shapes of Christian symbols--reminders of Christ's presence and promises.

Everyone is invited to take part by making Chrismons at home. Kelly Jo has some templates available. Please see her if you are planning on participating.

All of the ornaments will come together to form a giant Chrismon wreath in the narthex, which will be hung when we decorate for Christmas on November 24th.

This is a wonderful opportunity to use your creativity and help fill our church with meaningful symbols of faith as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE VIDEO

If you missed last week's Capital Campaign Construction Update following the second service, you can now watch the presentation on our YouTube channel.

Learn more about the progress, plans, and next steps for our upcoming building improvements.

Click the box to watch -

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH](#)

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. 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.

Growing Youth, Growing Needs!

Our youth program at St. Mark's is thriving! On Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, our young people are diving into God's Word, making friends, and growing in faith--and the energy in the room is contagious. With all this growth, we need extra hands and hearts to keep things running smoothly.



From leading games, to helping with snacks, to just being a friendly face, there's a spot for you. You don't have to be a Bible expert, just willing to show up and care. Even an hour of your time can make a difference in the life of a student.

If you've been looking for a way to serve, this is it! Come join us in shaping the next generation of Christ-followers.

Interested? Reach out to Bequer, or stop by the church office and we'll get you plugged in!



Help Feed the PCW Football Team!

St. Mark's will once again provide meals for the Putnam City West High School football team on Thursday, October 9, and Thursday, October 30. This year we will be delivering the meals.

We need volunteers to help prepare the meals beginning at 1:30 pm on each of those dates here at St. Mark's. Meals must be ready for delivery by 3:30 pm. Each player receives an individual meal--your help makes this ministry possible!

In addition to meal prep, ***we're asking for donations of chocolate chip cookies (the player's favorite!)*** or any kind you would like to bring! They can be left those weeks in the church office or in the kitchen.

If you can help with meal prep, please sign up on the counter in the narthex! Thank you for supporting and encouraging our local students.



The Heartland Conference Women's Retreat November 14 & 15, 2025



Mark your calendars for the Heartland Conference Women's Retreat happening November 14-15 at Claremore FMC. The weekend includes teaching, fellowship and encouragement designed to refresh your spirit. Tickets are \$50, with childcare available and hotel options nearby.

Don't wait--registration deadline is October 24 at claremorefmc.org/events.

Men's Bible Study Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

Unashamed of the Gospel

St. Mark's Men's Bible Study

The St. Mark's men's Fall study is "Unashamed of the Gospel". The study meets at 7:00 pm in Room 17. This is Paul's longest letter, which includes some great themes.

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

Bring your bible and join us.



The St. Mark's Women's Arts and Crafts Show was a wonderful success -- thanks to our amazing St. Mark's community!

Bequer and the Youth Group handled the setup of all the tables and chairs, while Kelly Jo and the Young Adults took care of cleanup afterward. The St. Mark's Bethany Women's group volunteers assisted vendors, served lunch, donated crafts for the St. Mark's Women's table, and helped keep the show running smoothly.

We truly couldn't have had such a successful event without everyone's help. A special word of thanks goes to Hardy Sears, Bill Underwood and Steve Couch for their tireless work on the air conditioning system.

Thank you for all your time, energy and teamwork -- it made the day a great success!

Youth Costume Bowling

Get ready for a night of strikes, spares, and spooky fun! The youth will join a few other youth groups for Costume Bowling on Sunday, October 12 from 4 to 7 pm.

Meet at the church at 4 pm -- we'll ride together to Holiday Lanes. Make sure to sign up!



Exciting Mission Opportunities Ahead

St. Mark's has two incredible mission opportunities coming up, and we would love for you to prayerfully consider joining in.

Mexico City Mission Trip



We are putting together a team for a mission trip to Mexico. The dates are January 15-21. Final costs will be available soon, but we're asking anyone interested to sign up now so that we can begin making plans. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve, grow, and share Christ's love with our neighbors to the south. Please contact Bequer Gomez if you are interested in going!

Kigoma Women's Center Dedication

We are thrilled to announce that the dedication of the Women's Center in Kigoma, Tanzania has been scheduled for June 7, 2026. This will be a meaningful and historic moment for our church family and our partners in ministry there. At this time, details are still coming together.

Please keep both of these mission opportunities in your prayers, and consider whether God might be calling you to be a part of one of these journeys.

Please contact Pastor Randy if you are interested in going on this trip.

OVERHOLSER FALL FEST



St. Mark's is excited to once again partner with Overholser Elementary for their annual Fall Fest on Friday, October 24, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. This is a tradition our church family looks forward to every year as we share in fun, fellowship and community.

We need your help to make it happen! Church members are encouraged to decorate their trunks and join the fun as we bless our neighborhood school. Costumes, creativity and joyful hearts are welcome as we shine the light of Christ in our community.

Sign up on the board in the Narthex and/or for the trunk or treating! See you there!!!

USHERS -- We Are Growing!



Hospitality is excited to share that we've added **USHERS** to our

Sunday morning crew! They'll be helping with seating and making sure everyone-- both longtime members and first-time guests-- feels welcome.

To help make room for everyone, please scoot toward the center of the pews and keep your belongings on the floor in front of you.

We're so blessed by our wonderful volunteers who serve as greeters and now as ushers. Thank you for helping make St. Mark's such a warm and welcoming place to worship!



St. Mark's Bethany Women

St. Mark's Bethany Women will meet on Monday, October 13th at 10:00 am in Barnett Hall. There is no formal program this month, but everyone is invited to come for a time fun, fellowship and conversation!

Please come join us!
Everyone is welcome!



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And let us keep on running the race marked out for us. ² Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith. —
Hebrews 12:1-2

KIDMIN ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS



JONAH PLAYLIST

1. Big Fish by FFH
2. In the Belly of a Whale by Newsboys
3. Second Chance by Rend Collective
4. I Will Follow by Chris Tomlin
5. When We Pray by Yancy
6. Came to My Rescue by Hillsong United
7. This Is Amazing Grace by Amber Sky Records
8. Rescue by Lauren Daigle
9. Resurrection Story by Phil Wickham
10. Your Love Never Fails by Amber Sky Records

SUNDAY MORNING



Relationships can't happen without communication, and our God is relational. He knows us and wants to be known by us. He is the God who speaks. Throughout His story, we see our Father talking to His kids. Whether in an audible voice or a gentle whisper, or through the godly advice of others, God speaks. And His words are always worth listening to. As you explore in this series the Old Testament stories of people who listened (and didn't listen) to God's voice, may you and the kids you lead tune your ears to the kind voice of our loving Father.

**Come near to God, and
he will come near to you.**
James 4:8a



**Train up a child in the way he should go,
even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6**

GOD
SPEAKS

Upcoming Events

TONIGHT - Wednesday Night Programs

5:30	Meal - SUBS
5:15	Prayer
6:15	KidMin
6:15	Youth Ministry
6:30	Choir Rehearsal

- October 9 - Second Winders
- October 9 - PC West Dinner
- October 9 - YAM - New Series!
- October 10 - Kings & Queens Kids
- October 11 - Men's Breakfast
- October 13 - St. Mark's Bethany Women
- October 14 - Finance Meeting
- October 14 - Men's Bible Study
- October 16 - YAM
- October 20 - Wrapped in Love
- October 21 - Men's Bible Study
- October 23 - Kings & Queens Plus
- October 24 - Overholser Fall Festival
- October 30 - PC West Dinner

FACTS & Figures

2025 Annual Budget	632,679
Rec'd toward Operating 10/04/2025	7,974
Year to Date 2025	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 10/04/25)	441,347
Expenses (10/04/25)	485,317

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 5	Total	337
Traditional Worship		203
Modern Worship		58
Online Worship		76

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 October 12, 2025

Traditional: Sharon & Danny Payne
Linda Whaley & Margaret Bonifield



Prayer Board

Ford (nephew of friend of Sandy Kelley)	Vernon (Brother of Hazel Bremmer)
Maxine Corrin (friend of Wayne Barnes)	Kason (grandson of Cheryl Pavelko)
Julie Yardley (friend of Kathy Moore)	Sandy Rutherford
Anthony Thomas (friend of Barbara Johnson)	Kathi Wagner (Dot Lyon's daughter, Lory's best friend)
Norma and Dan Boland	Bill Underwood
Jennifer and infant son, Jacob (friend of Christy Kiespert)	Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes)
Carole Rosenthal (sister of Elaine Talbot)	Beverly Clark
Wendell Everett (friend of Gary Layton)	Barbara Hill
Vickie Wines (grandmother of Chealsie Zink)	Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes)
Tony Pellegrini	Winn Lusk
Judy Ross	Ginger Fenton (daughter of Jeff & Dianna Davidson)
Jim Donnan (father of co-worker of Deb Wade)	Dianna Davidson
	Judy McMinn
	Tiffany Montesano