



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Jesus Wants -- My Whole Self

Following Jesus is more than a checklist of good deeds -- it's a call to surrender everything. In Matthew 19:16-22, we meet a man who longs for eternal life yet struggles to let go of what holds his heart. This Sunday, we'll explore what it means to give Jesus our whole selves -- our time, our treasures, our priorities, and our hearts -- and discover the freedom and joy that come when we fully trust Him.

See you at church this Sunday!

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- 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

STRIVE Annual Fundraiser for St. Mark's Student Ministries

STRIVE is the key fundraiser for Student Ministries

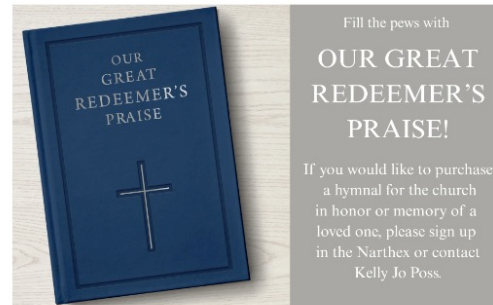
It's not too late to give to STRIVE. Your donations help students on their mission trips, camps, retreats, college scholarships and so much more. They will have a community workday to celebrate wrapping up this year's drive. Then throughout the year the students will use the money they have collected to pay for their mission trips, etc.

This is the ONLY fundraiser the student ministry does for the year.

- **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!

Fill the Pews with Our Great Redeemer's Praise!



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 a visible tribute that will inspire worshipers for generations.

If you would like to give a hymnal, please contact Kelly Jo Poss or see Lenita in the office 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.

St. Mark's Bethany Women Holiday BAZAAR



Kick off the holiday season with the St. Mark's Bethany Women at our Holiday Bazaar, happening during and after worship on Sunday, November 16th. You'll find handmade crafts, gifts, and festive treasures perfect for stocking stuffers or special surprises.

If you've donated items in the past, you're invited to bring them back so they can find a new home this season. And if you enjoy creating, new handmade donations are joyfully welcomed too!

Shop. Share. Celebrate. Come support the women of St. Mark's and take home something special for the holidays. Questions??? Call Evelyn Moore at (405) 659-0633.

Try It! Betcha Like It!

Opportunity is walking -- no knocking required!

St. Mark's invites you to step out and join us for a **Prayer Walk (or Ride)** beginning **Wednesday, October 22** and the following 4 weeks. We'll meet in Barnett Hall at 6 pm, then walk the neighborhood in small teams led by team leaders to pray in a simple yet powerful way--no lists, no pressure, and no need to say a word.

Come with **open eyes, ears, and hearts** as we let the Holy Spirit guide us to notice where God is already at work around us. Watch how the Father moves, how Jesus walks beside us, and how the Spirit opens our senses to His presence in everyday moments.



"The Spirit helps us in our weakness... He does our praying in and for us."

-- Romans 8:26-27 (MSG)

Want to Make Some Chrismons?

This Advent season, we're creating something beautiful together at St. Mark's -- a special display of Chrismons (short for "Christ monograms") to celebrate the hope and joy of Christmas.

Would you like to be part of it? But don't want to make them by yourself? Join us for a time of crafting and fellowship as we make these handmade ornaments together. We'll meet on Wednesday evenings, November 5th and 12th, at 6:15 pm in Barnett Hall and again on Tuesday, November 18, at 10:00 am in Room 18. All supplies will be provided - just bring your creativity and holiday spirit!

Every ornament we create will become part of a beautiful Chrismon wreath that will hang in the narthex when we decorate for Christmas on November 24th.

Questions?? Contact Gina Boerner or Beverly Ray. Come join the fun!



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.

Introducing The Fridge Door

This special feature appears whenever there's something worth celebrating from our St. Mark's family! It's our way of highlighting the accomplishments, recognitions, and acts of kindness that make us proud--just like posting good news on the front of a refrigerator



THE FRIDGE DOOR

Where We Celebrate Each Other

We love celebrating the good things happening in the lives of our St. Mark's Family! From community awards and special recognitions to inspiring acts of kindness, these are the moments that make us proud. Just like the front of a refrigerator covered in snapshots and achievements, this page is a place to share and celebrate the wonderful things our members are doing beyond our walls.

John Schneider Honored for His Dedication to Oklahoma's Children

John Schneider, Executive Director of Youth & Family Services, Inc., has been nominated for the prestigious Anne Roberts People's Choice Award in Child Advocacy. This annual award celebrates individuals who make a lasting difference in the lives of Oklahoma's children -- and John's impact is hard to overstate.

From late-night advocacy calls to tireless leadership behind the scenes, John's passion and dedication have touched countless children and families across the state. His work continues to shape a brighter future for the next generation, and this nomination is a well-deserved recognition of his commitment.

Let's celebrate John and incredible difference he's making in our community!



Know a St. Mark's family member doing something wonderful?
Share their story with us -- we'd love to stick it on the fridge!



Help Feed the PCW Football Team!

St. Mark's will once again provide meals for the Putnam City West High School football team. We delivered meals on Thursday, October 9, and we will deliver meals again on Thursday, October 30.

We need volunteers to help prepare the meals beginning at 1:30 pm on October 30th 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.



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!

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.

Kings and Queens Christmas Giving

This Christmas season, Kings & Queens is collecting donations to help provide gifts for the amazing kids we serve. Your generosity allows us to make the holidays extra special -- sharing the joy of Jesus' love in a tangible way and reminding these children that they are deeply loved and valued.

Donations can be made in several ways: through Church Center (designated to Kings & Queens), by dropping them off at the church office, or by contacting Kayla Gannon directly. Every contribution, big or small, helps us bring smiles and hope this Christmas!



The Joy Your Giving Makes Possible

Your generosity makes moments like this possible -- thank you for sharing the joy of Jesus' love this Christmas.



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



Fall Fest is almost here. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help--we appreciate your commitment and willingness to serve our community!

DATE - OCTOBER 24TH

TIME - 5:30 - 7:00 PM

PLACE - OVERHOLSER SCHOOL

We've been keeping an eye on the weather forecast and it looks like rain may be heading our way. If that happens, no worries--Plan B is to move everything indoors so the fun can go on! We'll keep you updated as the week goes on.

Serve at the Lord's Table

One of the most meaningful ways to be part of worship is by helping serve Holy Communion. Each Sunday, volunteers from our congregation assist in sharing the bread and cup -- a simple yet powerful act that reminds us of Christ's love and sacrifice for all.



If you would like to take part in this special ministry, we'd love to include you on the communion serving group. Whether you've done it before or this would be your first time, your presence makes a difference.

To learn more or sign up, please contact Cheryl Davis (cdpd2church@gmail.com / (405) 249-1307) or call the church office.

Small but **Mighty**

Every Sunday morning, a dedicated group of behind-the-scenes volunteers makes sure our worship space is ready to welcome you. They greet everyone with a warm smile, hand out bulletins, prepare communion elements, pick up donuts and brew the coffee that fuels our fellowship time. It's simple, faithful work that might go unnoticed, but it makes a big difference -- creating a warm, welcoming space where we can gather to worship, connect, and grow together. Thank you for all you do!

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 28

Our Church Council will meet next Tuesday evening, October 28, to discuss important updates and decisions that guide the life and ministries of St. Mark's. In the spirit of transparency and shared mission, we're including the agenda here so that everyone in our congregation can stay informed about the conversations and planning happening behind the scenes. All are welcome to attend and listen in as we work together to lead our church forward. And even if you can't be there in person, we invite you to keep our leaders and their work in your prayers as they seek God's guidance for the future of St. Mark's.

Church Council Agenda

October 28, 2025

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

Chair – Mike Kilby

Lay Leader – Steve Couch

SPRC Chair – Shab Jupiterwala

*Committees
Trustees*

*2025
Gregg Miller
Brian Ray*

*2026
Fred Dalton
Rebekah Wade
Leslie Sipes*

*2027
Mark Willy
Gwen Sears*

Finance

*Karen Kapka
Carol Brown*

*Terry Pope
Linda Whaley*

*TBA
Jim Marr*

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Review/Approve Minutes (attached)

Trustees Brian Ray/Leslie Sipes

Capital Campaign Chairperson Report Jay Sears

Missions

Discipleship

St. Mark's Bethany Women

Stephen Ministers

Hospitality Carol and Fred Dalton

Finance Report Terry Pope

SPRC Shab Jupiterwala

Lay Leader Comments Steve Couch

Pastor's Report Randy Wade

Old Business

New Business

Next Meeting Date

Closing Prayer

Upcoming Events

TONIGHT - Wednesday Night Programs

5:30	Meal - POTATO BAR
5:15	Prayer
6:00	Prayer Walk
6:15	KidMin
6:15	Youth Ministry
6:30	Choir Rehearsal

October 23 - Kings & Queens Plus
- Young Adult Ministry

October 24 - **OVERHOLSER
FALL FESTIVAL** 

October 28 - ADMINISTRATIVE
COUNCIL MEETING

October 30 - PC West Dinner
- Young Adult Ministry

November 2 - ALL SAINTS DAY

November 4 - Men's Bible Study

November 6 - Stephens Ministry
Training
- Young Adult Ministry

November 8 - Men's Breakfast

November 10 - St. Mark's Bethany
Women

November 12 - Men's Bible Study

November 13 - Second Winders

November 14 - Kings & Queens Kids
Family Night

FACTS & Figures

2025 Annual Budget	632,679
Rec'd toward Operating 10/18/2025	8,645
Year to Date 2025	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 10/18/25)	462,781
Expenses (10/18/25)	516,363

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 19	Total	287
Traditional Worship		179
Modern Worship		59
Online Worship		49

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 26, 2025

Traditional:

Nina & Miller Gerardy
Elle & Terry Gather

Modern:

Youth



Prayer Board

Frank Wilkerson
Cindy Wilkerson
Beth (Bidne) Cook
Tucker & Clinton Sizemore
(friend of Kathy Moore)
Ford (nephew of friend of
Sandy Kelley)
Maxine Corrin (friend of
Wayne Barnes)
Julie Yardley (friend of
Kathy Moore)
Anthony Thomas (friend
of Barbara Johnson)
Norma and Dan Boland
Jennifer and infant son,
Jacob (friend of Christy
Kiespert)
Vickie Wines (grandmother
of Chealsie Zink)
Tony Pellegrini
Judy Ross

Jim Donnan (father of
co-worker of Deb Wade)
Vernon (Brother of
Hazel Bremmer)
Kason (grandson of
Cheryl Pavelko)
Sandy Rutherford
Kathi Wagner (Dot Lyon's
daughter, Lory's best
friend)
Bill Underwood
Billy Joe Watson (friend of
Wayne Barnes)
Beverly Clark
Barbara Hill
Lief Hill (son of a friend of
Wayne Barnes)
Ginger Fenton (daughter of
Jeff & Dianna Davidson)
Dianna Davidson
Judy McMinn
Tiffany Montesano