

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 at St. Mark's, June 27th

We invite everyone to come out this coming Sunday to join us in worship. Services are @ 9:30 and 10:45. Jay Sears will be bringing the message. 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 9:30 am Sunday morning at <https://youtu.be/Ez0T08fg9G8>

Sunday, July 4th **Combined Worship 10 am**

Join us as Rev. Randy Wade will share his opening message with us.

Come Out and Welcome the Wade family

On July 11th, we will be having a cookout following the 10:45 am service to Welcome the Wade family to St. Mark's. The church will provide the BBQ sandwiches and a couple of sides. If you would like to bring a dessert they would be welcome. There will be seating both inside and outside. This



will be a great time to kickoff the start of the next chapter in the history and ministry of St. Mark's and we hope you, your family and friends join us.

We Need ICE CREAM MACHINES AND MAKERS



For our Extreme Summer Blast on July 7th we are going to help the kids to make ice cream. We need a few people who are willing to share their Ice Cream Maker and expertise that evening to make this happen. Whether you have an old fashioned crank machine or the newest technology, we would love to have you join us to help show the kids how it's done and have some fun together. Contact Sharon Hunt or Alicia Schneider if you are willing to assist.



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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**



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.



St. Markians,

We are always seeking to keep people informed and up to date on things going on at the church. Information on Key events, changes that come up, reminders, and other things come up from time to time that we want you to be aware of. To do that we try various methods from the Church Web Page, e-mails, texts, etc. we attempt to get the word out. One of our sources that has proved helpful lately has been texting. The service we have been using has gone up significantly in price and is continuing to limit the amount we can do. At the end of this month, we will be taking a different route with texting information to save money and improve the system.

We want to invite you to take advantage of this information source and want to help make the transition easy and smooth for you. We will be using a service called "Remind". It should be easier to use and gives you the option to respond which our old service did not do. Below is how you can sign up and start getting messages. If you have any trouble, please contact the church office and we will give you a hand getting signed up.

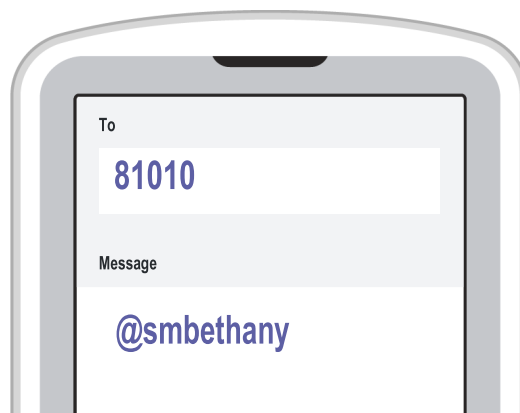
remind Sign up for important updates from St. Mark's UMC, Bethany

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 **@smbethany** to the number **81010**.

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



♦ *Standard text message rates apply.*

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



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.

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. We appreciate the effort leaders are taking to help the next two short months be a constructive and beneficial time in St Mark's history. Thank you for your prayerful support and encouragement for each other and for them.

Anticipate...the best is yet to come!

With His Peace,

Pastor Keith

Live committed to Christ, One another and World outreach and evangelism (COW).

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.



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"

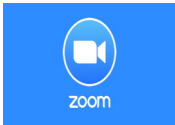


Youtube.com

- 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	642,374
Rec'd toward Operating 5/24/2021.....	10,327
<u>Year to Date 2021</u>	
Rec'd toward offering	219,994
Expenses	199,962
<u>Attendance</u>	
Sunday, June 20th Combined	254
Classic Service.....	116
Contemporary Service	59
Online	79

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
 Barbara Homer
 Pam & Wayne Barnes
 Dianna Davidson
 Mary King
 Margaret Bonifield
 Daughter in law—Lavina
 Alan Joy
 Son (Ladonna Matthew)
 Patsy McDowell
 Marty Croy

Ladonna Mathews
 Janice Brown
 Don Greve
 Carol Sandburg
 Pavelko family
 Dorothy Sipes
 Darell Brehm
 Tiffany Montesano
 Justin Roming
 Step Grandson (Jane Foreman)
 Dominique
 Niece (Christel Longoria)
 Family of Idabelle Whaley
 Laurie Bucholtz