



MERRY CHRISTMAS



ST. MARK'S BETHANY

NEWSLETTER

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP!

Combined Service December 29th

This Sunday Pastor Randy will be concluding the sermon series, "All Roads Lead to Bethlehem" with the sermon is "The Road Out" using the scripture Matthew 2:12-15.

We look forward to seeing you this Sunday and in sharing the joy of worship together.

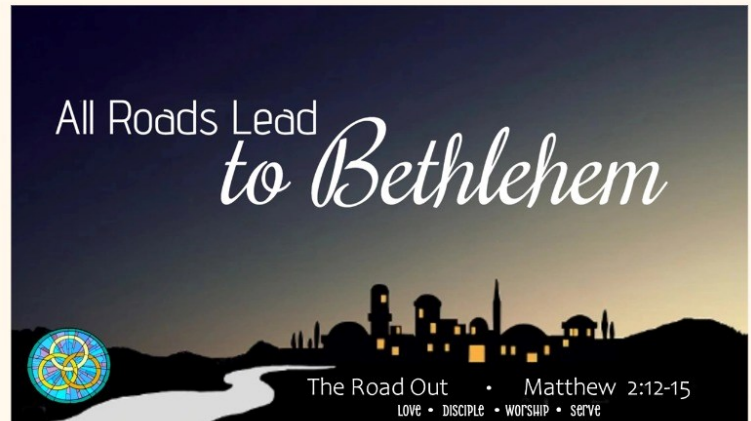
Childcare will be available for 5 and under.

Please check with your Sunday School class to see if there will be class this week and what time.

This week will be a COMBINED SERVICE beginning at 10:00 am. If you are unable to attend the Worship service in person, there will be a live streaming of the service.

To watch the live stream, please join us at:

10:00 am Sunday morning



End of Year Giving Reminder



To be counted for 2024, donations must be turned in to the office or postmarked by 12/31. Donations received in the offering Sunday, January 5th will be credited to 2025.

ALSO, if you are wondering about giving early to our Capital Campaign, the answer is YES!!! We can gladly receive your gifts in 2024.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT
PROGRAMMING TONIGHT!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thank You...

The family of Hank Brueggen would like to thank everyone for the flowers, food and outpouring of love. Words cannot express our appreciation to our church family for the care and concern we have felt.

Thank you so very much.



Let's keep our
children safe!!!



St. Mark's Bethany is a designated SAFE CHURCH. We take the safety of our children very seriously. Only children, parents or caregivers who have been approved by church leadership may enter or pass through this area during the hours of regularly scheduled children's programming:

Sunday - 9:00 am to 12:15 pm

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Wednesday - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

All others, for the safety of our children, please do not enter or pass through this area except in an emergency or to access emergency exits.

(Ref: St. Mark's Procedure for implementation of the Safety Policy for Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults, Paragraph 2.c.)

THANK YOU!!!!

There is still time to make a Donation to the Christmas Eve Offering Help Replace MEFI Drop-In Center Roof

ST. MARK'S BETHANY

Christmas

Eve Offering

MEFI ministers to the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of homeless young people in Mexico City.

*Donate to help replace
the roof at the MEFI
Drop-In Center*

Every year, we dedicate our Christmas Eve special offering to support local and global missions. This year, the offering will go to MEFI, one of our longest-standing mission partnerships. Their Drop-In Center is desperately in need of a new roof and we want to make sure it happens!

Thank you for supporting this vital ministry!

MEFI is a ministry reaching out to Mexico City's homeless children and young people. MEFI is a ministry aimed at saving street children from a life of drugs, prostitution, and abuse. The vision is to equip and train the local churches of Mexico to unite and lead society in the eradication of homelessness among children and young people.



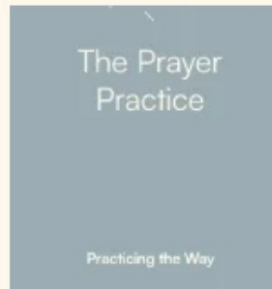
Difference Makers Needed

Want to make a difference in a child's life? Difference Makers are needed for smKids on Sunday mornings at 9:15 to 10:45 or 10:45 to 12:00 noon.

Contact Sharon Hunt to find out how YOU can make a difference!

New Study Beginning in January - The Prayer Practice

Whether you think you already know about and how to pray ... or wish you were better at ... or practicing the way...



COME AND GO DEEPER!

There are two opportunities to attend "The Prayer Practice." One will start on Sunday, January 5th at 8:30 am in Room 17 (Sonshine), and/or ...

Another class will start on Tuesday, January 7th at 1 PM in Room 18. Same content, different times.

No books are needed for the study.

Kathi Fisher and Beverly Ray will be leading this study. Come join us!

Our Local Missions

Check out the LOCAL MISSIONS on the wall across from the sanctuary!!! Remember them this Christmas season!



ROC can always use our donations of canned and boxed food, especially cereal. A Grocery Basket is in the narthex for your donations!

Thank you!!!



Willow Pregnancy Support can always use our donations of newborn - 6 clothes, shoes to size 13, diapers size 4, 5, and 6, bottles, bath wash and lotion and Good Start Formula. Thank you so much for your donations!

Sm kids

Sunday Mornings Kidmin



Merry Christmas

A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. He will rule over us. And he will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God. He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever and Prince Who Brings Peace.



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



HEYA!!! COOKING CLASS

COME AND JOIN US MAKING
CHILES RELLENOS

BRING \$5 AND ENJOY YOUR MEAL!



JANUARY 9, 2025
BARNETT HALL
FROM 5:00-6:30 PM

EMAIL TO RSVP:
BEQUER@STMARKSBETHANY.COM
OR SIGN-UP ON THE CHURCH COUNTER

Mission Trip 2025



stmarksbethany.com

Confirmation Class

CONFIRMATION 2025
confirm your faith

REGISTER NOW IN THE CHURCH APP!
FROM LATE FEBRUARY- APRIL
8-10TH GRADE

St. Mark's
BETHANY

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT 24

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT 24 BEING THE CHURCH

February 14-16 at Sky Ranch Cave Springs
Get ready for it! Cost: \$135
or you can use STRIVE Credits

Deadline to Sign up is February 1st
For Questions get ahold of Bequer
bequer@stmarksbethany.com



The Youth Winter Retreat is coming up
February 14-16 at Sky Ranch in Peoria,
Oklahoma.

Use the QR code to sign up!

The group will leave St. Mark's on Friday
at 5:00 PM and return to OKC around
4:30 PM on Sunday.

Cost of the retreat is \$135 and includes a
t-shirt and meals!

December 25, 2024

KING'S AND QUEENS

DECEMBER 2024



Kings and Queens is not just a Respite program, we also help families plug into our Wednesday nights and Sunday morning programs. Reach out to Kayla Gannon for information!

What a phenomenal Christmas Respite!! We all had a great night all together! Lots of fun, snowball fights, stories and gifts with Santa, and time with our friends and buddies!

Special Thanks!

We are so grateful for the generous donations from the Methodist Women's group to help purchase Christmas gifts for our Kings and Queens kids! They were all excited about their gifts!

JESUS is the Reason for the SEASON!!



COMING UP!

December 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS
NO WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS
Wednesday Meals begin January 15

January 7 - Prayer Practice Study

January 9 - Second Winders
- Cooking Class with Bequer

January 10 - King's & Queen's

January 11 - Men's Breakfast


January 13 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

January 15 - Wednesday Night Meals
begin again

January 16 - Mexico Mission Trip Leaving

January 20 - Wrapped in Love

January 28 - Advance Commitment
Gathering



God doesn't expect you to bear your burdens alone
If you know someone who could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister contact a Stephen Leader or our church office



Prayer Tools
Intercessory Prayer
Pray Alone
Be Prayed For/With
Come & Go
EXPERIENCE GOD

Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 pm
Prayer Team meets 5:00-5:30 pm

FACTS & FIGURES

2024 Annual Budget	603,578
Rec'd toward Operating 12/21/2024	18,178
Year to Date 2024 Rec'd toward offering (thru 12/21/24)	582,724
Expenses (12/21/24)	577,877

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 22 Total	402
Traditional Worship	208
Modern Worship	58
Online Worship	136



Prayer Board

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| LaDonna Matthews | Jan Greve |
| Billy Joe Watson (friend of
Wayne Barnes) | Dennis Bratcher |
| Adrienne Layton
(granddaughter of Diane
Layton) | Lief Hill (son of a friend of
Wayne Barnes) |
| Melissa (neighbor of
Bob Canary) | Jim Brown |
| Beverly Clark | Fred Dalton |
| Barbara Homer | Winn Lusk |
| Barbara Hill | Ginger Fenton (daughter of
Jeff & Dianna Davidson) |
| Sara Miller | Dianna Davidson |
| Michelle (co-worker of Sara
Votaw) | Judy McMinn |
| Evelyn Moore | Cheryl Andrews |
| Cindy Wilkerson (DIL of Frank
& Nadine Wilkerson) | Tiffany Montesano |