

# St. Mark's

## BETHANY



August 2, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. Randy kick off a new series "How We Grow Closer to God" this Sunday with the message "Sacrament" and we hope you are able to come hear it.



The scripture lesson for the week comes from I Corinthians 11:23-26 & Galatians 3:26-27

All Sunday school classes will be at their regular time and area. If you don't attend a class drop by one and try it out.

Sunday School classes:

8:30 New Life Rm. 18

Sonshine Rm. 17

9:30 Books of the Bibles Rm 17,

Disciple Rm. 18,

Young Adults Rm. 17

10:45 Faithbuilders Rm 18,

Good News Choir room,

R.O.C.K Rm. 19

Traditional services are at 9:30 am and Modern services are at 10:55 am. If you are not able to attend Worship services there will be a live streaming of worship.

To watch the life stream, you can join us at:



*St. Mark's Bethany Women  
Invite you to our Second annual*



*August 5th 10 am to 4 pm  
8140 NW 36th St.*



## Lunch at Arts & Crafts Show

Lunch will be a part of this years show and we want to invite everyone to come out for a great meal of pulled pork sandwiches.

Lunch will be served from 11 am to 1 pm and is a great way to enjoy your shopping and fun even more!



## Training for volunteers with Children/Youth and CDO

If you currently work with any of these groups or would like to work with them, you can join us for training on either **Sunday, August 13th at 12:00 pm** or; **Monday, August 14th at 10:00 am**. Both days will involve the same information and are required to work with children and youth. On Sunday, lunch will be provided. Both sessions will provide you with vital information for caring, leading and loving children and youth and will also include information on safety issues and other pertinent information. St. Mark's takes seriously the discipleship of young people and we are always looking for people who love Jesus and want to help young people grow. Contact Sharon Hunt, Kayla Gannon or Bequer Gomez for more information.



## St. Mark's Bethany Women Meet



The St. Mark's Bethany Women will have their monthly meeting Monday, August 14th and 10 am in room 18. Becky Roman & Rev. Randy Wade will be sharing about the missions trips to Mexico and Tanzania. All are invited to hear them. Come Join Us!



*Come & Go Prayer Time*

*Wednesdays 5-6 pm (starting March 8)*

*Be Prayed For/With*

*Pray Alone*

*You are invited to spend time with God*

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PREGNANCY SUPPORT

*Now Collecting Donations for:*

- Newborn clothes size 6 Gently used or new
- Shoes up to size 13
- Bath wash and Lotion
- Bottles
- Diapers size 4, 5, and 6
- Good Start Formula

Collection Box  
outside of Sanctuary  
near West Entry



*Thank You!*





## Looking For A Place to Serve?



You may be new or maybe just never been asked. If you would like to have the opportunity to assist with communion by either

setting the table or serving we would love to have you. It's always a blessing to be a part of communion and a privilege to be a part of helping at the Lord's table. If interested contact Kathi Fisher or give a call to the church office.

## Online Worship Update

We love to have you join us at St. Mark's for services online. We are in the process of updating our sound and are having a few problems. Please be patient with us as we work through them. If you are not able to see (or hear) the service in one time slot, you might try checking the other. **THANKS FOR JOINING US!**

## CDO Hiring Teachers



St. Mark's CDO is looking for a couple of new teachers for their Fall Session. If you love to work with children, or know someone who does, contact Kayla Gannon at

[kayla@stmarksbethany.com](mailto:kayla@stmarksbethany.com)

**children's day out**  
St. Mark's Bethany

## Found

A necklace was found in the parking lot this past Sunday. If you have lost one please contact the church office and we will try to get it back to it's rightful owner.

NEW ROOM CONFERENCE  
**KOINONIA**  
TEN YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP



Sept. 20-22, 2023  
**HOUSTON, TEXAS**  
(THE WOODLANDS METHODIST CHURCH)

St. Mark's is putting a team together to be a part of Seedbed's New Room Conference. If you are interested in going please contact the church office or any staff member to get signed up. Cost for the event will be \$249 plus travel and lodging. It will be a life changing event including some of the top Christian speakers from around the world, powerful break out sessions and God filled worship services. This is the chance to go to an event that is not that far from home that will challenge and equip you in your walk with Christ. You can learn more at: <https://newroomconference.com/>

Deadline for signing up is August 15th.

Overview from Seedbed:

We learned something about Koinonia through the recent days we spent at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky.

We have always known that Koinonia means the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, but our understanding now grows. We learned by experience that Koinonia is the community that gets generated under an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Since the very first New Room Conference back in 2014, Jesus has been building this fellowship as a community who is experiencing an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

At Asbury we witnessed in a profound and concentrated way what we have caught glimpses of every year in our New Room Gatherings.



# Back to School Breakfast

August 6th, 2023  
9:30 am - 10:30 am  
in Barnett hall

Register here

# THE CEREAL BOWL

July 9th @ 9:30am  
Barnett Hall  
kidmin 'vs' youth

# church center

## DOWNLOAD TODAY



### Staff Emails

If you have questions please feel free to contact the staff.

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# YOUNG ADULT GET TOGETHER



JOIN US ON THE 20TH AFTER  
CHURCH FOR A GET  
TOGETHER AND FOOD

SIGN-UP  
HERE



## ROC Still Needs Your Help



St. Mark's you have done a great job of meeting needs. We will keep the grocery cart set up in the narthex for your donations of canned and

boxed food for a couple more weeks. Ramen noodles, pasta, any type of canned beans and cake mixes have been requested. Plastic and paper bags are always needed to pack the food. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Thank you!

## RIGHT NOW MEDIA

St. Mark's offers a wonderful opportunity offered through Right Now Media. Right Now Media offers family devotions, Bible Studies, Christian Children's programming and so much right in your own home. Through Right Now you can take advantage of the service to use the videos, studies and other resources to strengthen your faith. If you have not signed up go to <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/stmarksbethany> and do so now. If you have questions please contact the office and we will help you get started.

August 2023

# Prayer Guide

The Way to the Kingdom



**Photo: John Wesley's prayer kneeler – The birthplace of Methodism.**

Each morning at 4 a.m., John Wesley would kneel in prayer in his London home. It was in this place that the fires of Methodism began. As we seek to reconnect to our Wesleyan heritage, it seems the best place we can begin is in prayer. Join us in our monthly prayer series: The Way to the Kingdom.

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## THE WAY TO AWAKENING

By: Rev. David Thomas

When all the dust has settled, it's hard to predict all the details of what form our new connection will take. But this we know for certain: what our moment requires is not just a better Methodism. Long ago we left behind the times when denominational improvements were a sufficient hope. If denominational corrections were enough to stem the tide of societal decay and renew the church, it would have happened by now. We are the best-resourced Christians who have ever lived, and look where we find ourselves. At the least, our current ecclesial crisis is confronting us with unambiguous proof of how human excellence is too small a thing. What we are needing is something only God can do. We need awakening.

The Methodist tree sown and husbanded by our forebears, the fruit and shade of which shaped our society, has deteriorated down to little more than a stump compared to the great "oak of righteousness" (Is 61:3) that we once were. In its deep taproot beneath that stump, however, Methodism was—and, I believe, still is—an awakening movement. We began as a protracted movement of God that produced deep wholeness in people, renewal of the church, evangelization of generations, and transformation of society. And that awakening sap still lies dormant in the cherished root system of what we are becoming. We steward the archetype in our story of what the Church can be when it expresses the fullness of "plain scriptural Christianity," in John Wesley's words.

"There is a wide-open door for a great work here," Paul wrote the Corinthians (I Cor 16:9 [NLT]), and we could say the same of our moment now. The stakes are too high for the Global Methodist Church to be about little more than cobbling together whatever remains of traditionalism in the hope that liberated affinity will revitalize us. We will have to dig deeper than that, beneath the surface, down to the sacred root system from which we came and where there is awakening life still nascent.

What we find there is not complicated. Thirst, heart cry, and holy love. Safe and honest soul-friendship among the faithful. Passionate concern for the unbelieving. Endurance married to urgency. Overflow into culture-change. It's all down there in our inheritance.

We can never squeeze new life out of this legacy any more than we can restructure ourselves back into vitality, now or at any other time. Awakening is not something we can manufacture. But we can remove impediments to it. We can position ourselves to receive it. We can crucify careerism and offer ourselves afresh to these hopes. And we can join hands and hearts to cry out to God for His new work of grace until He sends it. More than at any other moment in our lives, this could be the way to awakening.

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A Suggested Pattern of Prayer

As you pray through the following prayer points, invite the presence of the Lord into your time of prayer. Each day’s prompt has a Scripture reference for you to pray through. As you pray also allow time to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you. When you have prayed through the Scripture and prayer point, you may be led to add your own prayers. Pray and consider what action steps you might take in response to the Lord’s leading. Repeat this prayer pattern weekly for the month.

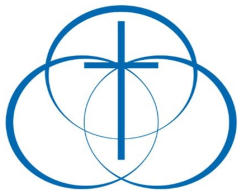
**Sunday:** Give thanks to the Father for the gift of forgiveness and pardon through Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

**Monday:** Ask the Lord to reveal to you any places where you have departed from the way of holy love and ask for the Holy Spirit to enable you to return to the way of holy love. (1 John 1:9)

**Tuesday:** Pray for the leaders of our movement to be captured by holy love and freed from “love of the world, the love of pleasure, of ease, of honor, of money.” (1 John 2:15-17)

**Wednesday:** Pray for God to open doors for you to share God’s holy love with others. (Mark 16:15)

**Thursday:** Thank the Lord for all of the faithful witnesses to holy love God has raised up who provide examples for us to learn from and follow. (Hebrews 12:1-2)



**GLOBAL**  
METHODIST CHURCH

**Friday:** Reflect on God’s perfect love for you and ask the Father to help you receive his holy love more deeply. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

**Saturday:** Ask God to revive the people called Methodists. (Psalm 85:4-7)

**Facts and Figures**

2023 Annual Budget	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating 7/30/2023	9,029
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 7/29/23)	313,676
Expenses (thru 7/29/23)	295,814

Attendance

Sunday, July 23 Total	294
Traditional Worship	168
Modern Worship	68
Online Worship	71

**Prayer Box**

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| Mark & Michael McDowell             | Diana & Jeff Davidson                |
| Nancy Lyon (Dot Lyon's sister)      | Jared Fenton (SIL of Davidson's)     |
| John & Brittany Ivens               | Mary Desmukes                        |
| Dennis Bratcher                     | Paula Galt                           |
| Dan & Norma Boland                  | Jim & Judy McMinn                    |
| Mary Jane Svejkovsky                | Roger Pautsch                        |
| Earl Moore                          | Dorothy Sipes                        |
| Mary King                           | Karen Hall                           |
| Annie Imel (DIL of John & Joy Imel) | Carol Hall                           |
| Beverly Clark                       | Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Frank & Nadine) |
| Sandy Rutherford                    | Jeff & Tiffany Montesano             |
| Cheryl Andrews                      | Geo Montesano                        |
| Hank Brueggen                       | Logan Sears                          |