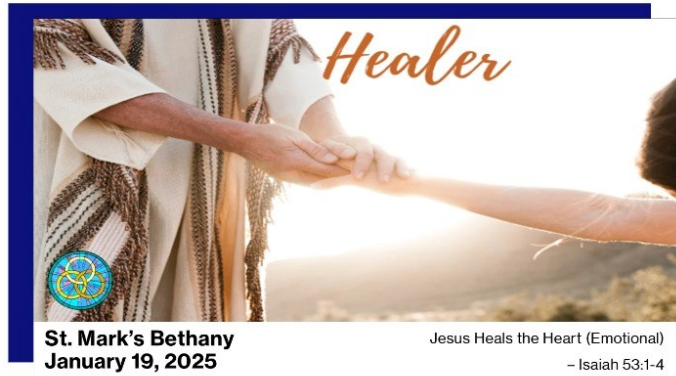




ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP!



This Sunday Pastor Randy will continue the sermon series, "Healer," with a sermon titled "Jesus Heals the Heart (Emotional)," and he will be preaching from Isaiah 53:1-4.

We look forward to seeing you this Sunday and in sharing the joy of worship together. Don't forget to invite a friend to church this week!

St. Mark's Bethany
January 19, 2025

Jesus Heals the Heart (Emotional)
- Isaiah 53:1-4

Traditional services begin at 9:30 am and the Modern service begins at 10:55 am. If you are unable to attend Worship services in person, there will be a live streaming of each service.

To watch the live stream, please join us at:

9:30 am Sunday morning

10:55 am Sunday morning

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- 8:30 New Life Rm 18
Sonshine Rm 17
- 9:30 Books of the Bible Rm 17
Disciple Rm 18
Young Adults Rm 5
- 10:45 Faithbuilders Rm 18
Good News Rm 5
R.O.C.K. Rm 19
Understanding God's Word
Rm 17 - Epistle of Romans



Get your best chili recipe ready for the Kings & Queens 4th Annual Chili Cook Off!

Who will be the winners this year?



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

January 15
5:30 pm



Spaghetti

6:15 pm



6:30 pm

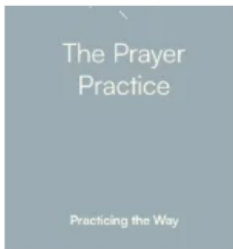


Come dance the night away with your princess!



February 22nd - 6:30 PM - Barnett Hall

New Study Beginning in January "The Prayer Practice"



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 14th at 1 PM in Room 5. Same content, different times.

No books are needed for the study.

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

Gospel of John Study Begins Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Since the second century, the gospel of John has been known as the "spiritual gospel," highlighting the spiritual significance of Jesus more than the earthly details. Why is John so different from Matthew, Mark and Luke? In this class we will learn about the unique witness of John's Gospel to the person and ministry of Christ.

Join Clayton Croy as he teaches this class beginning next Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Room 18.

Knowing Jesus Bible Study Continues Wednesday at 6:15 pm

Join Beverly Ray as she continues teaching the Knowing Jesus as King Bible study as we study the second part of Matthew - Chapters 17 thru 28. Having the book "Knowing Jesus as King" is helpful, but not required.

Contact Beverly Ray or Casey Cassidy for more information. The class will meet again on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm and will be in Room 17.



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!!!!

Confirmation Class



Mission Trip 2025



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!

Mexico Mission Trip



Please pray for the members of the church going on our Mexico City Mission Trip -- Steve Couch, Mike Kilby, Brian Ray, Elijah Coats, Josh Coats and Bequer Gomez.

They'll be serving with our long term missionary partners Troy and Jenny Gentry in Mexico City. St. Mark's just raised funds for one of their facilities' roof, one of their main outreach programs called MEFI, through the Christmas offering.

MEFI is a ministry reaching out to Mexico City's homeless children and young people. Proyecto MEFI (Mercy, Esperanza (hope), Faith, and Integration) plays off the name "Mephibosheth" from 2nd Samuel 9. 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.

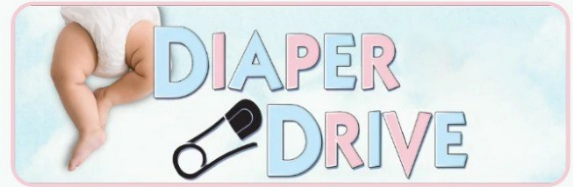
Please pray for safe travels and that God prepares their hearts for what He has in store for them.

BABIES, BABIES, BABIES

St. Mark's has been blessed in recent months with new babies! Margaret Emsley Booth was born November 21, 2024 and our church family is expecting two additional babies! (Katie Miller and Lorelei White will deliver soon.)

Babies mean LOTS of diapers!

Bring your diapers (size Newborn to 1 Year) to the church and let's bless these parents!!!



Contact Sharon with any questions!!!

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

SCAN FOR REGISTRATION FORM

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!

Sm kids

Happy
New Year

2025

Sunday Mornings
Kidmin

Nursery
9:30 - 12:00 ages 6mo - 3

Early Childhood
9:30-10:45 ages 3-Kindergarten

Wee Worship
10:45 - 12:00 ages 3-kindergarten

Elementary
9:30-10:45 ages 1st-5th grade

LIFT OFF JANUARY 15TH



MISSION MOSES

A 9-Week series for elementary kids exploring the EPIC Adventures of Moses and the ways God used an ordinary man to accomplish an extra-ordinary mission that changed the world!

MAY THE LORD BE WITH YOU


Why Go to Church?



BECAUSE....

THERE IS A KIDMIN PARENT MEETING 1/26/24 ... AFTER CHURCH



 SMKids Camp is coming

Be Wonder FILLED



For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Ephesians 1:4 (NIV)

God chose us to be holy. He loves us.

-from Ephesians 1:4

BLESSING

God created you to be uniquely you!
Because God knows you, loves you,
and leads you,

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU; THE LORD FACE SHINE UPON YOU

MARGARET EMSLEY BOOTH
11/21/2024 7LB 20Z

GARRETT & ERIN BOOTH
SISTER: ELEANOR BOOTH

WINDSOR POSS ON BEING CREATED NEW IN HER BAPTISM

AMAYA POSS ON HER DEDICATION TO THE LORD





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

COMING UP!

January 15 - Wednesday Night Meals
5:30 SPAGHETTI

6:15 KidMin
6:15 Youth Ministry
6:15 King Jesus Bible Study
6:30 Bible Study of JOHN
6:30 Choir Rehearsal

January 16 - Mexico Mission Trip Leaving

January 19 - Team ION

January 20 - Wrapped in Love

January 28 - Advance Commitment
Gathering

February 2 - Taking Root
Capital Campaign Launch

February 22 - Daddy Daughter Dance

February 23 - Kings & Queens Chili
Cookoff

February 23 - Capital Campaign
COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Irene Stafford Service



Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 17th at 2:00 pm at St. Mark's. Viewing will begin at 1:00 pm, one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow the service at Bethany Cemetery.



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

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

FACTS & FIGURES

2025 Annual Budget	632,679
Rec'd toward Operating 1/11/2025	11,232
Year to Date 2025 Rec'd toward offering (thru 1/11/25)	12,878
Expenses (1/11/25)	16,445

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 12	Total	337
Traditional Worship		182
Modern Worship		63
Online Worship		92



Prayer Board

Kelli Pavelko (Daughter of Cheryl Pavelko) Mae and baby Lina Jones (Granddaughter & Great Granddaughter of Lorna Garner) LaDonna Matthews Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes) Melissa (neighbor of Bob Canary) Beverly Clark Barbara Hill Sara Miller Michelle (co-worker of Sara Votaw)	Evelyn Moore Cindy Wilkerson (DIL of Frank & Nadine Wilkerson) Jan Greve Dennis Bratcher Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes) Fred Dalton Winn Lusk Ginger Fenton (daughter of Jeff & Dianna Davidson) Dianna Davidson Judy McMinn Cheryl Andrews Tiffany Montesano
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