



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP!

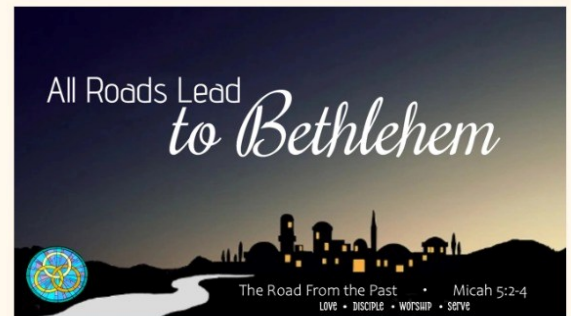
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- 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

This Sunday Pastor Randy will be beginning the sermon series, "All Roads Lead to Bethlehem." The title of the first sermon is "The Road From the Past."

The scripture reference for this week's sermon is Micah 5:2-4.

We look forward to seeing you this Sunday and in sharing the joy of worship together! Come to refocus your heart and mind and get equipped with new strength for this coming week!



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

Lessons & Carols December 8 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Make sure to mark your calendars to attend the Lessons and Carols presentation on December 8th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Everyone has worked so hard to make this a fun evening, be sure to be there! You won't want to miss it!

Refreshments will follow!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

There will be no Wednesday night programs this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Also, the church office will close at noon on Wednesday. Happy Thanksgiving!!!



Poinsettias to Decorate Sanctuary for Advent

Poinsettias help decorate the sanctuary for this coming Advent Season. You can give one in memory of or in honor of someone and you will be able to take it home with you following Christmas Eve Services.

Please sign up for your poinsettias on the church counter, in church center or call the church office. The price of the poinsettias this year will be \$20 apiece.



WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH AND CARPOOL TO THE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.

CONTACT KELLY JO POSS OR KATHI FISHER FOR MORE INFORMATION.



St. Mark's is taking part in the Care Share program again this year for Overholser Elementary. Thank you, St. Mark's!!! All the names have been taken.

Please be sure to return your gifts (unwrapped) to the church by DECEMBER 8TH!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVING, GENEROUS HEARTS!!

St. Mark's Bethany Women Meeting December 9th



St. Mark's Bethany Women are hosting a Christmas "Thank You" brunch at 11:00 am on December 9th in Barnett Hall for the Monday Morning Men's Crew who have helped the ladies so much this year.

All guests have been asked to bring a box of cereal as a donation to ROC.

Men's Breakfast Saturday - Dec. 14



Second Winders Going to Armstrong Museum December 2nd

Second Winders will journey to the Armstrong Museum in Edmond for a guided tour of the David and Solomon exhibit.

Want to joint us? Meet at the church at 12:00 to travel together, either in your vehicle or ride with someone.



For those meeting at the church, there are plans to eat at Cracker Barrel on I-35 and Memorial before going to the museum. You are welcome to meet us at the museum if you only want to go to the museum. Please be there by 1:00 pm. Armstrong Museum is located at 14400 S Bryant Road, Edmond, OK.

Please let us know if you will be joining us by contacting Phil Davis at 405-249-1307.

Second Winders Meeting December 12th

Second Winders will have their monthly meeting on December 12th beginning at 11:00 am with the CDO Christmas Program. Lunch will be at 12:00 noon and will include beans and cornbread and other sides and, of course, dessert for a \$5 donation.

The meal will be followed by "Jesus" Bingo and prizes. There will also be a Christmas sweet treat exchange.

If you are over 21, we hope to see you there!

Difference Makers Needed
smKids
Sunday Mornings
9:15-10:45 or 10:45-12:00ish
Contact Sharon Hunt to find out how you can make a difference!

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT 24

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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!

Greeters Needed



Lend your smile to
Sunday Morning!

Contact
Fred or Carol Dalton
to Volunteer

Have you thought about
joining the tech team?



The Tech Team needs volunteers for camera, sound, online streaming, etc. CONTACT KELLY JO POSS for information. You can email her at KellyJo@stmarksbethany.com or see her after church.

Local Missions Need Our Help

Check out the LOCAL MISSIONS on the wall across from the sanctuary!!!



REACHING OUR CITY

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!

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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



Word of Wonder
Isaiah 9:6

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.

Elementary

A child will be born.
He will be the Prince of Peace.

Early Childhood

Kidmin is pivoting!

December 1st, we are opening a new class for children 3yr - kindergarten. at the 9:30 hour.

Please drop your kids off in the kidmin room for worship and games. We will transfer them to their new class from there.

Any questions???
contact Sharon or Lauren

We will finish our series on How to Train your Attitude December 4th.

Dragons will be given to kids who have completed monthly reading and recite Colossians 3:2

Please bring signed reading to class, and have your child ready to recite verse :)



Caroling
Dec. 18

Look at the Candy Cane
What do you see?
Stripes that are red
Like the blood shed for me
White is for my Savior
Who's sinless and pure!



"J" is for Jesus My Lord, that's for sure!
Turn it around
And a staff you will see
Jesus my Shepherd
Was born for me!

What does it feel like to wait?

What does it feel like to wait?

Read Isaiah 9
But even in the waiting,
God is at work, preparing you for what lies ahead.
Read Luke 1:46-55
God is faithful in the waiting.
Talk about what this means.
So, keep watch.
The King is coming!



kidmin
Christmas
Party
December
11th



Family Advent Boxes
now Available
for Pick up
See Sharon or Lauren



ADVENT
SCRIPTURE SCRATCH-OFF



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



Kings and Queens Special Needs Ministry



We are still taking donations to purchase Christmas gifts for our Kings and Queens kids. Reach out to Kayla Gannon!

Upcoming for Kings and Queens:

- K&Q - Fun November sensory activities, games, and crafts!
- K&Q+ - Christmas Shopping for family gifts and wrapping party!



Come join us on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:30pm as we participate with Kidmin!

Kings and Queens + night at the Pumpkin patch! Animal feeding, corn maze, pumpkin slinging and painting!



Kings and Queens Friday Nights are the best!

Lots of fun with pumpkins, furry friends, and crafts!



COMING UP!

November 27 - NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS / MEAL

NOVEMBER 28 - THANKSGIVING

December 1 - Beginning of Advent

December 7 - Lessons & Carols Dress Rehearsal

December 8 - Team ION
- Lessons & Carols Program

December 9 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

December 12 - Second Winders
CDO Christmas Program

December 13 - Kings & Queens
Combined Group

December 18 - Caroling

December 24 - Christmas Eve
Services at 4, 7 & 11 PM

December 25 - CHRISTMAS

December 29 - Combined Service

January 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY



A Stephen Ministers listens, cares and prays for you. If you know someone who could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister contact 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

Prayer team will be meeting in Room 5 on December 4th.

FACTS & FIGURES

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| 2024 Annual Budget | 603,578 |
| Rec'd toward Operating 11/23/2024 | 5,112 |
| Year to Date 2024 | |
| Rec'd toward offering (thru 11/23/24) | 524,098 |
| Expenses (11/23/24) | 525,337 |

ATTENDANCE

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| Sunday, November 24 Total | 379 |
| Traditional Worship | 192 |
| Modern Worship | 63 |
| Online Worship | 93 |



Prayer Board

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| Barbara Hill | Fisher Marchant (Daughter of Jen Marchant and Granddaughter of Kathi & Mike Fisher) |
| Sara Miller | Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes) |
| Family of Mary Desmukes | Jim Brown |
| Arno Pautsch (father of Roger Pautsch) | Beverly Clark |
| Michelle (co-worker of Sara Votaw) | Fred Dalton |
| Mike Nail (Jerry Grady's stepdad) | David Quick (son of Sandy Rutherford) |
| Larry Grady (Jerry Grady's brother) | Winn Lusk |
| Laurie Buckholtz | Dianna Davidson |
| Evelyn Moore | Judy McMinn |
| Cindy Wilkerson (DIL of Frank & Nadine Wilkerson) | Cheryl Andrews |
| Jan Greve | Jeff & Tiffany Montesano |
| Dennis Bratcher | Elizabeth Emerson (Mother of Jeff Montesano) |
| Melissa (neighbor of Bob Canary) | Kelli Pavelko |