

St. Mark's

BETHANY



July 5, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. Randy will continue the series "Windows of Faith" this Sunday with the message "Butterfly" and we hope you are able to come hear it. The scripture lesson for the week comes from Romans 6:4-11. 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

[9:30 am Sunday morning](#) or at [10:55 Sunday morning](#).



St. Mark's Summer Pop ups!

July 7th Scissortail park
July 21st City Splash pool

Come Join Us!

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SCISSORTAIL PARK



There will be a splash pad open
And roller Skating for \$8.

JULY 7TH
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
801 S ROBINSON AVE, OKC

ST. MARK'S BETHANY WOMEN 2ND ANNUAL



ARTS & CRAFTS

Show

AUGUST 5TH - 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

BOOTHS STILL AVAILABLE
CONTACT BARBARA HILL

*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!



St. Mark's Bethany Women

St Mark's Bethany Women will meet July 10th, in room 18 at 10 am. Our speaker will be Linley Smith, one of the founders of Period OKC. Come join us and learn about this new non-profit organization as Linley shares the Period OKC story on period supplies



Linley Faye Smith
President and Co-Founder

St. Mark's Student Ministry Prepares for Summer



With summer in full swing our student ministry is doing great things. The focus of the summer will include their summer series "Rock of Ages". Be in prayer for the ministries as these students grow together in Christ. Below are the special ministries of the summer that covet your prayers



Dayspring Camp July 8 - 14

ROC Still Needs Your Help



Our food drive through Lent was a great success. It was a great benefit to the ROC Food Pantry which serves the hungry among us. 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!

RETIREMENT PARTY INVITATION

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!

Darrell Cates' forty-nine years of pastoral ministry

Sunday July 23rd, 5-7PM

New Covenant 2700 S. Boulevard, Edmond

Please bring: Cards & Memories, No Gifts

Or mail to: 8829 Parkridge Terr.

Oklahoma City, OK 73132

RSVP TO: Bonnie Cates, bonniecates209@msn.com

By Wednesday July 19th

St. Mark's to feed Putnam City Marching Band

On Monday, July 17th, St. Mark's has agreed to feed the Putnam City Marching band at their annual band camp. If you would be willing to help contact Shab Jupiterwala or contact the church office. The meal will need to be delivered by 11:30 am that morning.



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.

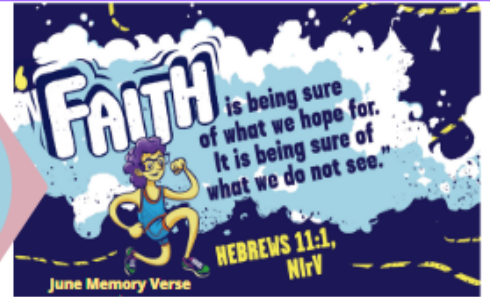
Since the very first New Room Conference back in 2014, Jesus has been building this fellowship as a community who is experiencing an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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

Sunday Mornings

June 11th - Declare Camp Recap
 June 18th - I Can See Clearly Now
 June 25th - Walks Right In

Faith Sunday Morning Kidmin times
 Act Nursery 9:30-12:00 ages 0-4
 Act Kidmin 9:30-10:45 ages 4 thru 5th grade
 Wee Worship 10:45-12:00 ages 3 thru K



Coming Soon Summer Pop ups

S'MORES BY THE LAKE
JUNE 28
 NEXT TO TRAILHEAD CAFE
6:30PM



June and July



- Adelyn Zink
- Arthur Poss
- Jaxon Miller
- Nolan Peters
- Emma Baisden



REMARKABLE Kids! Tuesdays/Thursdays in June and July, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

TASTE AND SEE THE LORD IS GOOD

Psalms 34:8

Coming next:

6/13-15 with Kelly Jo - Bread of life - John 6: 25-59
Mission: make and deliver bread.

6/20-22 Meditate on God's work with Aimee Psalms 1: 1-3
Mission: Canning and Restore OKC

30 WAYS TO ASK KIDS WHAT THEY LEARNED AT CHURCH

(WITHOUT ASKING WHAT THEY LEARNED AT CHURCH.)

1. What Bible story or verse did you talk about today?
2. If someone asked you to retell the Bible story from memory, could you do it? Show me.
3. What was your favorite part of the Bible story?
4. Would you want to be like the main person in today's Bible story? Why or why not?
5. What was the coolest or most interesting thing you learned today?
6. Do you feel like God was telling you anything during church today?
7. How did you feel after hearing today's Bible story?
8. Did you laugh at church today? What was so funny?
9. What was the best thing that happened at church today?
10. Did you have a prayer time at church? What did you pray for?
11. Who is your best friend at church?
12. What is your favorite thing to do at church?
13. Did you learn any new words or songs at church today?
14. What was the best thing you did at church today?
15. If you could change anything about church today, what would it be?
16. Make your day at church an episode from T.I.S. Why did you pick that number?
17. Did anyone ask a really good question at church today? What did they ask?
18. Does anyone in your room need prayer? What do they need prayer for?
19. When you help at church today? How so?
20. Is there anything you want to do differently because of what you learned at church?
21. What did today's lesson teach you about God?
22. What did today's lesson teach you about yourself?
23. If you were in charge of this church, what new rule would you make?
24. If you were in charge of this church, what role would you get to do?
25. Did you play any games or do any activities at church? Did I teach you anything?
26. Tell me something I don't know about the Bible.
27. If I sat with you in this church, what would surprise me?
28. What do you think God was trying to teach you through today's story?
29. What is your favorite thing about your lesson at church?
30. If an angel flew into your room at church, what is one thing you would gasp before running out?

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TEAM ION

456 LEADERSHIP

COMING SOON!

KICK OFF AUG 6TH 12:00-2:00

JULY 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.

THE WAY OF MEEKNESS AND HUMILITY

By: Rev. Dr. Maxie Dunham

I put meekness and humility together as I reflect on “The Way to the Kingdom.” It is difficult to talk about one without referring to the other.

The word “kingdom” easily elicits thoughts about territory. Clearly Jesus is not talking about earthly territory in his third beatitude, “Blessed are the meek, *for they will inherit the earth.*” (emphasis added) This is about a quality of life on earth, about relationship and community. As Christians, all that Christ accomplished through his life, death and resurrection is our inheritance. In Romans 8, Paul says we are “heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.” Our inheritance is the inexhaustible power of the Holy Spirit, sufficient for every situation.

That *pride* is the root of original sin is clearly witnessed in Adam and Eve. Their sin is our sin: the need to be “in charge,” to control our own destiny. God told them they could enjoy the abundance of the Garden of Eden with one exception: they were not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17). They wanted to know everything. Wanting to be like God without surrendering their autonomy, they ate the forbidden fruit.

It is only when we become humble and give up our self-centered attempt to run our lives that we become joint heirs with Christ and inherit the earth.

The supreme reality for Paul was the union of the believer with his Lord. But the fact is this union and all that union with Christ means, is not yet realized. Our position and relation to Christ is that we are loved, accepted, forgiven. We are the partakers of a new life. But all of this is not yet fully worked out in our experience. Someone expressed it in a beautiful image: “Believers were like immigrants to a new country, not yet completely habituated to its ways of life. They had accepted citizenship in a new world and must now learn to live in it.”

Being humble and meek is the dynamic of learning to live as citizens of a new land. Accepting this reality, Paul concluded, “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience” (Col. 3:12 NIV). Our stereotypical thoughts of humility and meekness as cowardly weakness, being without passion, lack of spirit and purpose, are shattered when we look at Jesus. There was nothing weak and colorless about him. Obedience was the essence of his life. Not only in Gethsemane where it reached a pinnacle of commitment, but throughout Jesus’ life, his constant prayer was, “Not my will but thine be done.”

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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: With joyful prayer, claim your place in God's creation: "in the image of God" (Gen. 1:26-27).

Monday: Pray through Jesus' affirmation of our worth when he contrasted our value to that of a sparrow (Matthew 10:29-31).

Tuesday: Pray through our distorted practice of devaluing ourselves because we perceive humility as self-depreciation and self-denial (Psalm 22:6-8).

Wednesday: Pray through whether, in your relationship and actions with others, your "loving" is seeking praise (John 12:42-43).

Thursday: Pray for wisdom in balancing claiming our strength while knowing and acknowledging our weakness (Rom. 12:3-8).

Friday: Examine the way we fail to perceive the difference between loving self and self-love (Matt. 19:16-18).

Saturday: Pray into God's call to humility (2 Chron. 7:11-14).



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Meekness does not mean weakness. The meek Jesus is talking about means total dedication to God's plan. They are strong and are not intimidated because they know who they are. They are dependent upon the power of the Holy Spirit be and do what God wants them to be and do in the world.

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GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

Facts and Figures

2023 Annual Budget	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating 7/3/2023	8,654
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 7/4/23)	282,042
Expenses (thru 7/4/23)	264,850

Attendance

Sunday, July 2 Total	246
Traditional Worship	152
Modern Worship	55
Online Worship	39

Prayer Box

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| Jan Greve | Mary Desmukes |
| Christina Baisden | Paula Galt |
| Sandy Rutherford | Jim & Judy McMinn |
| Carol Hall | Tiffany Montesano |
| Jane Thomas | Montesano family |
| Annie Imel (DIL of John & Joy Imel) | Roger Pautsch |
| Beverly Clark | Dorothy Sipes |
| Cheryl Andrews | Curtis Scott (SIL Jim Brown) |
| Hank Brueggen | Jane Foreman |
| Marty Croy | Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Frank & Nadine) |
| Diana & Jeff Davidson | Karen Hall (friend of Sandy Kelly) |
| Jared Fenton (SIL of Davidson's) | Evelyn Moore |