



ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

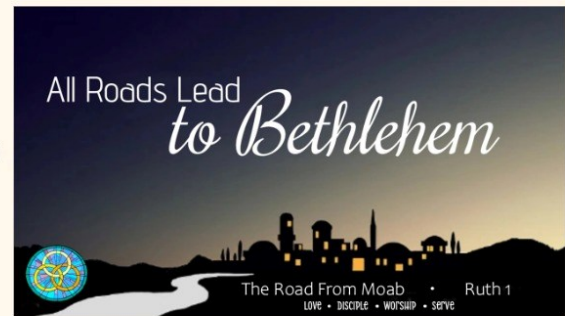
JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP!

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 is the second Sunday of Advent. Pastor Randy will be continuing the sermon series, "All Roads Lead to Bethlehem." This week's sermon is "The Road From Moab" using Ruth 1 as the scripture.

We look forward to seeing you this Sunday and in sharing the joy of worship together as we continue our journey of Advent - a season of waiting, expecting and hoping. The second week of Advent takes us from thinking about hope to a related idea - peace.



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

Get into the Christmas spirit by attending the Lessons & Carols program this Sunday evening in the church sanctuary. The fun begins at 6:30 pm.

This incredible night will feature the adult choir, youth, children and the modern service band. It's going to be a wonderful Christmas time!

A Holiday Reception will follow!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

December 4 5:30 pm	 Wednesday Night Dinner	Tacos	
6:15 pm	 Sm kids	 (SM) ² STUDENT MINISTRY	 BIBLE STUDY
6:30 pm	 Choir Practice	CHOIR PRACTICE	

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.



Christmas Eve
SERVICE

Dec. 24th
4, 7 & 11 PM

ALL CHURCH Caroling

DECEMBER 18TH
6:00 PM

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

CONTACT KELLY JO POSS OR KATHI
FISHER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

CareShare



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!!**

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!



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!!!!

Men's Breakfast Saturday - Dec. 14



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.

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!

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!

Want the best seat in church?



CONTACT KELLY JO POSS FOR INFORMATION!

Local Missions Need Our Help

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



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!!!



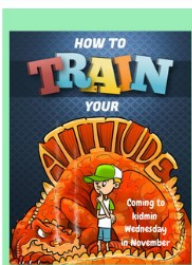
Willow Pregnancy Support can always use our donations of newborn - 6 clothes, shoes to size 13, diapers size 4, 5, and 6, bottles, bath wash and lotion and Good Start Formula. Thank you so much for your donations!



CONTACT FRED OR CAROL DALTON

Sm kids

Sunday Mornings Kidmin



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 :)



All Church

Caroling Dec. 18

Contact Kelly Jo

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



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

Christmas Trivia

Who prophesied Jesus would be Born in Bethlehem?

ADVENT SCRIPTURE SCRATCH-OFF



Family Advent Boxes a few extra on counter in Narthex. see sharon for more information



CONGRATULATIONS



RAYLEE FULLER ON BEING CREATED NEW IN HER BAPTISM

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



THE POSS FAMILY ON THE ADOPTION OF MISS. AMAYA

What does it feel like to wait?

Word of Wonder KING

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!

Word of Wonder KING

Waiting for the KING

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

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

Early Childhood



kidmin Christmas Party December 11th



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!



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

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!



Kings and Queens Thursday Respite Night had a great night out Christmas shopping for their family and friends! We ate pizza, field trip to Five Below, and back to wrap presents! Such a fun night!

Kings and Queens Friday Respite Night We had lots of fun exploring sensory activities and spending time together!



Upcoming!!

DECEMBER RESPITE WILL BE COMBINED!
WE HAVE LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE EVENING!

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!



COMING UP!

December 4 - Wednesday Night Meals
5:30 TACOS

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

December 7 - Lessons & Carols Dress Rehearsal

December 8 - Team ION
- Lessons & Carols Program

December 9 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

December 10 - Administrative Council

December 12 - Second Winders
CDO Christmas Program

December 13 - Kings & Queens
Combined Group

December 14 - Men's Breakfast

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 Minister 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

2024 Annual Budget 603,578

Rec'd toward Operating
11/30/2024 13,651
Year to Date 2024
Rec'd toward offering
(thru 11/30/24) 537,749
Expenses (11/30/24) 541,410

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 1 Total 359

Traditional Worship 186
Modern Worship 76
Online Worship 97



Prayer Board

Barbara Hill
Sara Miller
Family of Arno Pautsch
Michelle (co-worker of Sara Votaw)
Mike Nail (Jerry Grady's stepdad)
Larry Grady (Jerry Grady's brother)
Laurie Buckholtz
Evelyn Moore
Cindy Wilkerson (DIL of Frank & Nadine Wilkerson)
Jan Greve
Dennis Bratcher

Fisher Marchant (Daughter of Jen Marchant and Granddaughter of Kathi & Mike Fisher)
Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes)
Jim Brown
Fred Dalton
David Quick (son of Sandy Rutherford)
Winn Lusk
Dianna Davidson
Judy McMinn
Cheryl Andrews
Jeff & Tiffany Montesano
Kelli Pavelko