

St. Mark's BETHANY



May 31, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. Randy will start a new series "Windows of Faith" this Sunday and we hope you are able to come hear it.

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

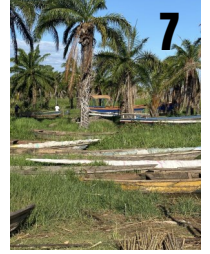
Traditional services are at 9:30 am and Modern services are at 10:55 am. If you are not able to attend Worship services there will be a live streaming of worship. To watch the life stream, you can join us at

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

Updates from Tanzania Mission Team

Pray for them as they wrap up trip and make the long trip home

Began our Monday at the Tanzania Annual Conference that is being hosted at St Mark's. The bishop called on both David (1) and Becky (2) to lead the body in prayer. We then went to visit the Methodist church in Ujiji. (3) After that we went to the Livingstone Museum in Ujiji. (4) The monument marks the spot where Stanley came upon the dr. and uttered the famous "Dr Livingstone I presume". (5) The final pics are of the small fishing village adjacent to the museum. (6-7)



St. Mark's Bethany Women to Meet

The St. Mark's Bethany Women will meet on Monday, June 12th at 10 am in room 18. Sharon West from R.O.C. resale shop will be our speaker. The resale shop has a need for socks and undies in infants and adult sizes. Let's help them with this need and give them socks and undies. There will be a box next to the grocery cart for the socks and undies. Thank you for your help?



*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

St. Mark's Summer Pop ups!

June 16th Andy's Frozen Custard

June 28th Campfire & S'mores

July 7th Scissortail park

July 21st City Splash pool

Come Join Us!

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ST. MARK'S BETHANY WOMEN 2ND ANNUAL



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

BOOTHS STILL AVAILABLE
CONTACT BARBARA HILL



Join Us Welcoming our 2023 Summer Interns!



DANIEL CEPEDA

Excited to welcome our 2023 Summer Interns for Children and Youth Ministries. Pray for them as they minister to our young people and take some time to get to know them better and encourage them!



LOGAN SEARS

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.righnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/stmarksbethany> and do so now. If you have questions please contact the office and we will help you get started.

St. Mark's Student Ministry Prepares for Summer

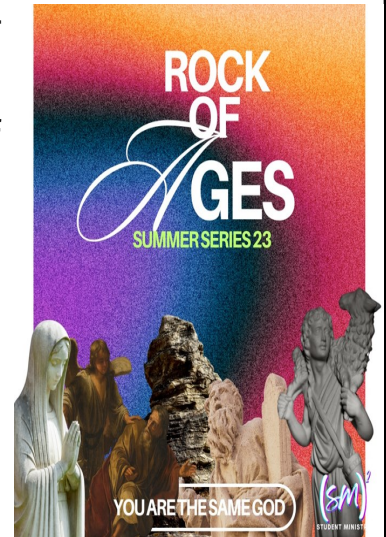


As school winds down our student ministry is preparing for an amazing summer. The focus of the summer will include their summer series "Rock of Ages". Be in prayer for the ministries as these students grow together in Christ. Below are the special ministries of the summer that covet your prayers

Disciple Camp June 1 - 4

Youth Force Ardmore June 18 - 23

Dayspring Camp July 8 - 14



Second Winders Fall Planning Day



This is your chance to get your thoughts and ideas going. On Thursday, June 8 at 1 pm in room 17 a group will meet to do planning for fall for Second Winders. They will lay out fall meals, programs and trips for the group and your input is needed.



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!



Staff Emails

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

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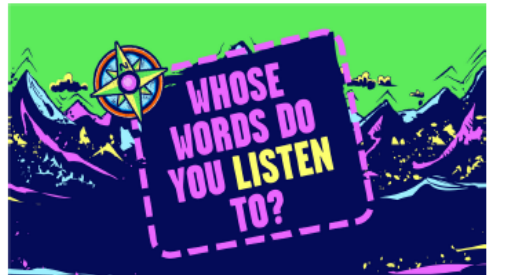
Kayla Gannon kayla@stmarksbethany.com



KIDMIN NEWS

Staying Up to Date with the Latest Happenings

Sunday Mornings



June 4th - I'm a Believer

June 11th - Declare Camp Recap

June 18th - I Can See Clearly Now

June 25th - Walks Right In

Acts 9:1-9

Faith & Believe

Acts 9:10-31

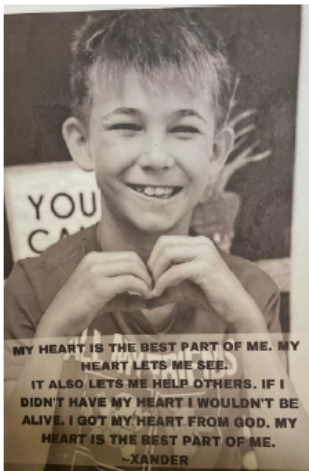
Acts 10

Sunday Morning Kidmin times

Nursery 9:30-12:00 ages 0-4

Kidmin 9:30-10:45 ages 4 thru 5th grade

Wee Worship 10:45-12:00 ages 3 thru K



Yes! when we live with a heart for God, it is the best part of ourself.

MY HEART IS THE BEST PART OF ME. MY HEART LETS ME SEE. IT ALSO LETS ME HELP OTHERS. IF I DIDN'T HAVE MY HEART I WOULDN'T BE ALIVE. I GOT MY HEART FROM GOD. MY HEART IS THE BEST PART OF ME. -XANDER



SMKids Declare Camp

We currently have 26 people heading to Denton, Texas for Declare Camp. There is still time to enroll at the link

[Click to Register](#)

Thank you to all who generously supported scholarship money.



JUNE 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 to the Holy Spirit

By: Steve Seamands

In his classic book, "The Way to Pentecost," originally published in 1932, Samuel Chadwick, a leader in the British Methodist Church, poignantly describes, "The Church without the Spirit." As we embark upon this new adventure called the Global Methodist Church, how crucial it is for us to soberly reflect upon his words:

The presence of the Spirit is vital and central to the work of the Church. Nothing else avails. Apart from [the Spirit], wisdom becomes folly, and strength weakness. ... Scholarship is blind to spiritual truth till He reveals. Worship is idolatry till He inspires. Preaching is powerless if it be not a demonstration of [the Spirit's] power. Prayer is vain unless He energizes, human resources of learning and organization, wealth and enthusiasm, reform, and philanthropy, are worse than useless if there be no Holy Ghost in them.

The Church always fails at the point of self-confidence. When the Church is run on the same lines as a circus, there may be crowds, but there is no Shekinah. ... Education can civilize, but it is being born of the Spirit that saves. The energy of the flesh can run bazaars, organize amusements, and raise millions; but it is the presence of the Holy Spirit that makes a Temple of the Living God. The root-trouble of the present distress is that the Church has more faith in the world and the flesh than in the Holy Ghost, and things will get no better till we get back to His realized presence and power.

In sharp contrast to what Chadwick describes, our prayer this month is that every local Global Methodist Church becomes a "Church in the Power of the Spirit," like the one Luke so wonderfully describes in the first two chapters of "Acts."

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.

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Sunday: Pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, our churches would be bold and faithful in witnessing for Christ locally, nationally, and globally. (Acts 1:8)

Monday: Pray that every local GM Church would truly experience a “Day of Pentecost” of Wind, Fire, Speaking in other languages, where those who are gathered together are “filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:1-4)

Tuesday: Pray that, according to Joel’s prophecy, the Holy Spirit would be poured out on us so that our sons and daughters will prophesy, our young see visions and our old dream dreams. (Acts 2: 17-18)

Wednesday: Pray that the Holy Spirit will anoint us all, clergy and laity alike, as he did Peter, to proclaim Christ with such clarity, conviction, and boldness that those who hear will be “cut to the heart” and cry out “What shall we do?” (Acts 2:32-37)

Thursday: Pray that when we gather as congregations, classes, small groups, and bands, the Holy Spirit would be present and empower us as we devote ourselves to apostolic teaching, fellowship with one another, sharing in the Lord’s Supper, and corporate prayer. (Acts 2:42)

Friday: Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill us with expectation and awe, and will increase signs and wonders among us, coupled with generous, extraordinary giving to those in need. (Acts 2:43-45)

Saturday: Pray that the Holy Spirit will inhabit our praise and worship, so that as joy, gladness and sincerity flow from our hearts, people will experience God’s presence and salvation through Christ. (Acts 2:46-47)

*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.
(Acts 2:4)*

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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!

Facts and Figures

2023 Annual Budget	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating 5/28/2023	\$4,507
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 5/30/23)	232,194
Expenses (thru 5/23/23)	217,279
<u>Attendance</u>	
Sunday, May 21 Total	222
Combined Worship	171
Online Worship	51

Prayer Box

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| Barbara Hill | Diana & Jeff Davidson |
| Eric Oesch | Jared Fenton (SIL Jeff & Dianna Davidson) |
| Annie Imel (DIL of John & Joy Imel) | Bob Denton (Sandy Kelly brother) |
| Frank Wilkerson | Mary Desmukes |
| Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Frank & Nadine) | Paula Galt |
| Mary Jane Svejkovsky | Jim & Judy McMinn |
| Rita Wurzer | Tiffany Montesano |
| Beverly Clark | Roger Pautsch |
| Cheryl Andrews | Curtis Scott (SIL Jim Brown) |
| Norma & Dan Boland | Dorothy Sipes |
| Hank Brueggen | Beverly Tully family |
| Marty Croy | |