

THE HAPPENINGS

FALL SERMON SERIES Transition

“You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation...” - Peter 2:9

God loves us, has chosen us, and calls us to holy work.

This fall we will explore how we live out our
sacred purpose in our daily lives.



Our mission is to glorify God and by the power of the Holy Spirit, provide opportunities for all people to know, love and follow Jesus Christ.



Sunday Service

This week:

Matthew 5:1-12

Once We Were Poor

Rev. David M. Evans

GROWING FULLER at Table Fellowship

September 28th

Bella Sera

October 5th

Inferno's

October 12th

The Bevy

October 19th

El Rio

Deadline for Articles

The Happenings is a weekly newsletter published for the members of St. Mark.

The deadline to submit articles is

12 pm on Tuesday.

Contact:

communications@stmarktx.org

Guest Pastor - Rev. David M. Evans

Pastor Ann Marie has been out this week for Continuing Education and will return to the office on Monday, September 29. This Sunday we are pleased to welcome The Rev. David M. Evans as our guest preacher.

David is a retired pastor who lives near Driftwood, Texas (near Salt Lick Barbecue!). For the past few years, he has been the Parish Associate, a volunteer position, at University Presbyterian Church in Austin.

He is a Trustee of Mission Presbytery. David is a 1972 graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and then served two congregations in Maryland before being called as the organizing pastor of Shepherd of the Hills in the Oak Hill community southwest of Austin.

Eighteen years later he moved to Parkway in Corpus Christi for six years before serving as the Seminary Relations Officer at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

As he slid into retirement, he did interim pastorates here at St. Mark (June 2009 to February 2011), St. Andrew in Marble Falls, and First, Georgetown. He previously served on the Boards of Trustees at Schreiner University and Mo-Ranch. In retirement he spends much of his time watching his five grandchildren play sports (two of the girls were born during his time at St. Mark) and heading West in his Jeep to hike, explore, and fish the Rockies.



Peace and Global Witness

Special Offering

Sunday, Oct. 5



The Peace and Global Witness Special Offering will take place Sunday, October 5. By giving to this PC(USA) Special Offering you are helping to bring peace to all.

- 50% supports work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.
- 25% supports our mid-council to support peacemaking work in our region.
- 25% supports the San Antonio Center for Refugee Services, assisting local, legally settled refugees. Outreach will match your donations up to \$1,000.

We will be accepting donations during worship and in the office during the week of October 5.

We encourage you to consider this opportunity in your giving plans. **Checks may be written to SMPC with "Peace and Global Witness Special Offering" on the memo line.**

Thank you,
Outreach



On Sunday, September 21, the congregation celebrated Angela's 10 years of faithful service at St. Mark. We are so thankful for all the cards and notes of gratitude you all presented, and the Human Resources Committee presented her with a bracelet with the St Mark leaf logo.

We truly appreciate all the work that Angela has done with Christian Education with Adults, Youth and Children and we look forward to many more years of shared ministry.

ELC News

St Mark Presbyterian Church presented each of the 106 ELC Children with a Bible Storybook Thursday morning, September 18th, in Chapel time.

Our prayer is that these books will be well-loved and well-read as these children begin their faith journeys that will last a lifetime.



*Train up a child in the way he
should go, and when he is old,
he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs: 22:6

Walking With the Cashions – A Community United in Love and Support

On Saturday, September 20, a wonderful gathering of friends and community members came together to Walk With the Cashions.

Friends from St. Mark, Boerne Blaze (Special Olympics), Jericho, the St. Mark Pickleball group, former BISD colleagues, and others in our community joined in a heartfelt show of love and encouragement for the Cashion family.

The Boerne Walk was held in solidarity with the Colorado Epilepsy Walk in Fort Collins, where the Cashion's team—Cashion Bashin'—was participating at the same time. Together, across state lines, we walked as one to raise awareness, share hope, and uplift a beloved family in our community.

Many thanks to all who participated—whether by walking, donating, praying, or cheering on our team!



Finance Update

Hello to our family and friends of St. Mark from the finance committee.

We would like to update you regarding the financial status of St. Mark. As of August 30, we are \$14,000 over budget with our income. We are also \$56,000 under budget with our expenses which give us \$70,000 positive cash flow. This is a wonderful position for us to be in as we are entering the fall. However, we do realize that our expenses are not linear, and we know expenses will increase as we enter the last quarter of the year.

We also never know when we will have unexpected and unbudgeted expenses.

With that being said, I encourage everyone to pray and be diligent with your giving. We can do so much good with our resources both in our church family and our community.

Finance Committee



Church Directory



Realm Connect
For Google & Apple Store

The Church Directory is available to members of St. Mark in several ways:

- Online access to the Church Directory is available through our church database, <https://e.onRealm.org>
- If you have not set up your personal Realm account, please contact Claudia Bledean and she will email you an invitation to set up your account giving you automatic access to our online directory and much more including News Communication, Events, and Giving.
- The Realm app is free and available on Google Play or through the Apple App Store. The link to these is on the church website www.stmarktx.org under the Members tab.
- Printed copies are available in the Church Office
- You may request a printed copy from Claudia Beldean

To contact Claudia Beldean, our Office Associate, please call the church office at (830) 816-3000 or email

office@stmarktx.org

St Mark Oak Leaf Jewelry

Many have noticed and asked about the Oak Leaf pendants being worn by a few church members! These beautiful pieces of jewelry were designed by, and are custom made, at a local San Antonio jewelry store.

The artisan takes about two to three weeks to pour the molds, polish, and finish each piece, so you will need to plan ahead if you are interested in purchasing any of these pieces of St. Mark Oak Leaf jewelry.

The smaller pendant can be fitted as a lapel pin rather than a loop (bail) if desired.

For more information about obtaining this jewelry, you may stop by or call the Church Office at (830) 816-3000





This Month Events



St. Mark Volunteer Day

Every Hand Makes a Difference
No Experience Needed

Saturday, Oct 4, 2025

8:00AM - 12:00PM

Habitat Office
121 McGinnis Court, Kerrville

Sign up at the link below, or if you prefer there will be a sign-up table after Sunday worship, September 28th for those who wish to participate.

For safety reasons, Habitat asks youth participants to be accompanied by a parent or youth sponsor. If requested, childcare for little ones can be provided at St. Mark.

We look forward to a wonderful day of serving others in Jesus' name, enjoying fellowship, and having fun!

[Register Here](#)

Minute For Mission – Habitat Project

Come join us as we volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in Kerrville on **Saturday, October 4.**

For those who wish to carpool, **we will leave the church at 7:00 that morning.** After the work is done, for those who wish to, we will find a place to have lunch before returning.



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FIRST FRIDAY

OCTOBER 3
6-8PM

Drop the kids for dinner and fun in God's Word!
Free event | Register 9/18-9/26

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION—WHOM SHALL I FEAR? PSALM 27:1

[Register Here](#)



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Next Step Class

Do you want to learn more about St. Mark? Are you considering membership? Do you want to get involved in the mission and ministries of St. Mark?

Are you looking for a connected community?

Join us on Sunday, October 19th
9:00 am - Library
(in the Hospitality Center)

Questions? Contact Melanie Doppenberg at melanie.doppenberg@gmail.com or call at (229) 224-3186

WEEKLY CALENDAR September 28th – October 4th

Online Service Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkpresbyterianchurchbo7319/streams>

Sunday, September 28th

Explorers Class 9:00 AM FLC # 107	Engaging God's Word 9:15 AM FLC # 101	Disciples Class 9:15 AM FLC #109
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Youth Sunday School 9:15 AM FLC # 103	Breakfast Club 9:30 AM Parlor	St. Mark Worship Service in Person 10:30 AM Sanctuary

Table Fellowship 11:30 AM Bella Sera

Monday, September 29th

Boerne Blaze Pickleball 4:15 PM FLC

Tuesday, September 30th

Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Parlor	Pickleball 6:00 PM FLC	TGIF Meeting 6:30 PM Parlor
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Wednesday, October 1st

Morning Glorias – Carlyn Crawford 8:00 AM ZOOM	Wednesday Bible Study 10:30 AM FLC # 107/108	Compassion in Action (CIA) 1:00 PM FLC # 107/108
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Faithful Friends and Family 4:30 PM PM FLC

Centering Prayer – Lynn Bellow 5:00 PM ZOOM	Church Dinner & Youth 5:30 PM FLC	A Few Good Men – Robert Klein 6:30 PM Parlor
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Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Choir Room

Thursday, October 2nd

WOW 9:00 AM FLC #107/108	Pickleball – DeWitt Ragsdale 11:00 AM FLC	Bach Basketball 5:00 PM FLC
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Worship Committee Meeting 6:30 PM FLC #107/108

Friday, October 3rd

Church Admin Office Closed

First Friday (Angela Grover) 6:00 PM FLC

Saturday, October 4th

Adam Johnson Basketball 2:30 PM FLC

Habitat for Humanity - Callen Friedel 8:00 AM 121 McGinnis Court, Kerville

ST. MARK LEADERSHIP - 2025

ELDERS

Adult Christian Education	Curtis Friedel
Children and Youth Christian Education	Faith Cleary, Curtis Friedel
Communication / Evangelism	Dave Thomas
Congregational Life	Gina Klein, Sally West
Finance/Stewardship	Wally Doppenberg, Kim Heinze
Human Resources	Lynn Manzini
Outreach	Woody Paul, Crystal McElhenney
Property	Rick Eckersley
Worship	E-J Warren, Kathleen Ramey

ADDITIONAL DUTIES:

Clerk of Session	Julie McCarty, Dave Thomas
Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC)	Dave Thomas, Kathleen Ramey
Deacon Liaison	Kathleen Ramey
ELC Liaison	Dave Thomas
Property Evaluation Task Force Liaison	Dave Thomas
Treasurer	Bill Manzini

DEACONS

Moderator / Pastoral Support / Prayer Chain	Pat Anderson
Card Ministry	Karen Ragsdale
Driver Assistance Ministry / Meal Coordinator	Wanda Pounders
Member Care Ministry	Lisa Paul, Kim Hodge
Member Follow Up Ministry	Betty Robertson
New Member Integration	Tonya Beilstein
Receptions	Nona Annett
Receptions / Diaconate Clerk / Flower Delivery Ministry	Monica Phillips
Visitor Follow Up Ministry	Melanie Doppenberg

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TRUSTEES

Chair	Dave Thomas
Member & Registered Agent for St. Mark	Gina Klein
Recorder	Lynn Manzini

STAFF

Pastor, Head of Staff	Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson
Office Associate	Claudia Beldean
Nursery Coordinator	Marilyn Bonaguro
Financial Associate	Jennifer Dillard
Worship Team Drummer	Conner Eddy
Dir. of Christian Education & Youth	Angela Grover
Organist	Alex Gudmundsen
Worship Team Bass Guitarist	Denny Krueger
Dir. of Early Learning Center (ELC)	Kristine Luisi
Pianist	Andy Phillips
Organist	Alex Gudmundsen
Sexton	Alan Reyes
Chancel Choir Director	Mary Beth Thomas
Worship Team Leader	Ron Thompson
Communications Associate	Kelsey Wallace
Ministry Associate	Kayla Young
Nursery Care Workers	Georgette Hodge, Kim Hodge, Maryam Salstrand, Zoey Schmidt



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