



March 24th – Palm/ Passion Sunday
Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11

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.

The Happenings

LENTEN SEASON SERMON SERIES



Holy Week

Palm Sunday

March 24

10:30 am Worship with Children's
Palm Waving Processional

Maundy Thursday

March 28

6:30 pm Dinner & Worship with Communion
in the Family Life Center

Good Friday

March 29

6:30 pm Tenebrae Service of Darkness
in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

March 31

9 am Contemporary Service
10 am Continental Breakfast, Easter Egg
Hunt, Butterfly Release
11 am Traditional Service

FAMILY LUNCH OUT
PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24



ST. MARK **FAMILY LUNCH OUT**

SUNDAY, MARCH 24
AFTER WORSHIP (11:30 ISH)
BLACKSMITH GRILL

Kids can play in the arcade
We will reserve a table, RSVP to Angela
ChristianEd@Stmarktx.org



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

St. Mark Outreach invites you to support our siblings affected by disaster, hunger and oppression through One Great Hour of Sharing.

PC(USA)'s One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering we at St. Mark donate to during the Easter season. This special offering supports 3 programs that serve individuals and communities in need around the world.

- *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance(PDA)
- *Presbyterian Hunger Program
- *Self-Development of People

With your support, PDA remains ready with immediate needs for millions of people affected by natural disaster and war. Hygiene kits, psychosocial support, shelter, medicines, winterization items, food packages and more are available to our siblings around the world because of your ongoing offerings.

Please look for the special offering envelopes in the pews on Easter Sunday, March 31.
Checks can be made out to St. Mark and marked for OGHS in the memo line.

Thank you for sharing your many blessings

*You did not choose me
But I appointed you so
That you bear fruit so*
Alec Grover (John 15:16)

**JOURNEY TO THE CROSS
TWO MORE WEEKS TO MARCH 30**



Prayer is one of the most powerful tools God has given us. Whether you are seeking wisdom, peace, healing, protection, joy, or daily prayers, the Outreach ministry invites you to Journey to the Cross on Bandera Road this Lenten season. Leave your prayer(s) to be lifted up to God on Easter Sunday.

Supplies and instructions are at the base of the cross on Bandera Road and the cross in the Hospitality Center.

Guide us, O God, by your Holy Spirit, that all of our prayers and all of our lives may serve your will and show your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY MISSION TRIP REVIEW 2024



St. Mark missionaries spent four blessed days in the Rio Grande Valley where they served and were served by God's people. It wasn't all work; games were played, music & laughter filled the rooms. Attendees were: Lynn Bellow, Kaitlyn Chavez, Becky Collie, Mary Jane Ely, Toni Hensley, Dinah McDougall, Crystal McElhenney, Jay McElhenney, Lisa Paul, Woody Paul, Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson, Carol Trono & Ruben Trono.

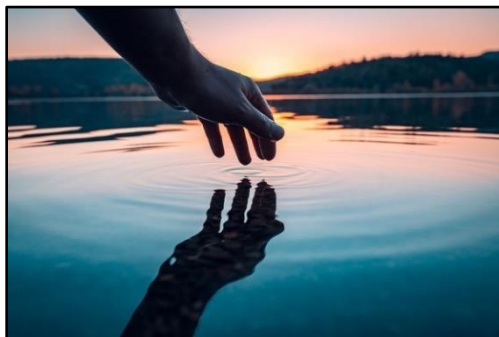
Day1: The trip began at the peaceful Basilica of Our Lady San Juan Del Valle, San Juan, Texas where Ines & Ezequiel Herrera fed us a hearty Dominican Republic style soup while Yoan shared joyful songs.

Day 2: Sister Fatima spoke of her work with the Human Development Project and guided a tour of their facility including their garden where locals learn how to grow & cook nutritious meals. Here St. Mark volunteers distributed bags of fresh produce, fish, dry goods, soccer balls & school supplies. Thankfully bilingual volunteers like Kaitlyn were eager to help guide the process.

Day 3: Puentes de Cristo was the site for a building project for new above ground planters. New friends from Refugio en la Roca Ministry were there to welcome us with warm food and open hearts.

Day 4: Celebration of New Life Faith Community's 2nd anniversary was joyful for all who attended. Pastor Ann Marie was the guest preacher where she spoke of the lost sheep. Again Ines and her church family served a fabulous meal and the room was filled with lively, meaningful music meant to draw God's children close in a loving embrace.

Outreach plans an annual mission trip to the Rio Grand Valley where we will grow together with our covenant church, New Life Faith Community for a better world focused on Godly principles. During Spring break 2025, we hope you will join us!



REFLECTIONS: GOD’S CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

To me, one of the more shameful behaviors I know is when someone with a disability is bullied, made fun of, or simply ignored. I started advocating for the “handicapped” when I was in high school. I vividly remember confronting a kid much bigger than me who was bullying one of our special needs students. Fortunately for me, he was a coward at heart and shamelessly retreated. During my Air Force career, one of my duties was serving as an Exceptional Family Member Program Officer at several bases. In that role, I successfully campaigned for improving accessibility on the installations I was assigned to, started two parent support groups, headed a summer camp for special needs children at one base, and arranged for the statewide Alaska Boys & Girls Club to include military “special needs” children in their summer camp.

The issue for caring for children with “special needs” is even more personal for me as my oldest grandson has autism on the spectrum. My son and daughter-in-law began home schooling him when he was in the fourth grade because of bullying in the public school system. With the support of his family, he not only completed high school, but is an honor roll college graduate with a degree in computer science and a minor in biology. Yet, it still breaks my heart that he experienced this cruelty when he was younger.

Upon reading the four Gospels, it is clear that Jesus included the deaf, the mute, the lame, the blind, and other disabilities in his ministry. In John 9:1-12, we read the story of Jesus healing a man born blind. Jesus’ healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment is recounted in Mark 7:31-37. Another example occurs in Matthew 15:29-31 when Jesus sat on a mountain near the Sea of Galilee and “the crowds brought the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others and they put them at his feet and he healed them” (ESV). A final example is retold in Matthew 17:14-16. when Jesus healed a boy with epileptic seizures at the bequest of his father. Because of Jesus’ undisputed love for children, I can envision a small boy with Down’s Syndrome sitting next to a little blind girl on His lap. Praise God!

Offered by Larry Warren, Elder at St. Mark



TRANSITIONAL WORSHIP
SUNDAY, APRIL 7



Children in Worship



Beginning April 7, we have some new options for elementary children!



Sunday Morning Options:

Children remain in sanctuary for all of worship

Children stay in sanctuary until Time With Young Disciples then go to **Transitional Worship***

Nursery-age children, 0 to Pre- Kinder, check-in to the Nursery anytime between 9:00 and 11:30, located in the Family Life Center

Transitional Worship

Scripture Reading

hands-on activities

dancing

singing

offering

praying

Contact: Angela Grover,
Director of Christian Education
ChristianEd@StMarkTX.org

SPRING PLANTING
APRIL 5 & APRIL 6

Spring Planting

Dates: Friday April 5, 10 am to 1 pm
Saturday April 6, 10 am to 1 pm

We need volunteers to help plant!

Sign up to help on the sign-up sheets
in the hallway

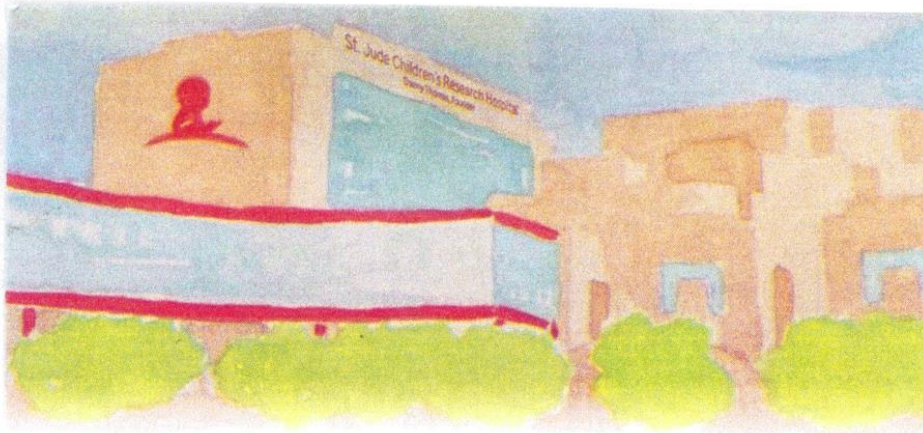
Come for the fellowship and to beautify St. Mark!

Bring a spade & gloves or we will provide

Questions? Call Pam Brant at 210-392-5718

SUMMER

THE FAMILY OF BRUCE ROBERTSON



The family of Bruce
Robertson wishes to thank
all for your loving support
during our difficult
time. Many blessings
have been lovingly bestowed
on us. Thank you.

FIRST FRIDAY
APRIL 5

First Friday

April 5, 2024 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Drop-off event for kids age 0 - 5th grade
includes: dinner and fun in God's Word

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Free Event
Must register in advance
www.StMarkTX.org

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

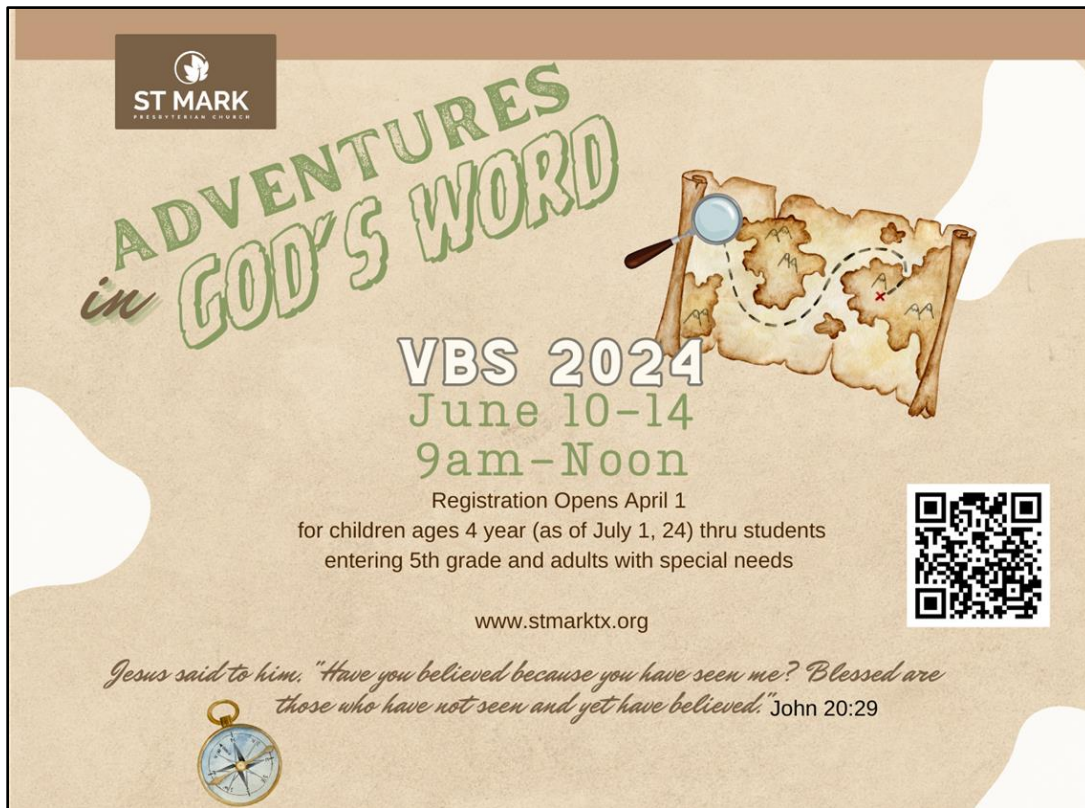
*"The Lord is with
you, mighty
warrior."*
-Judges 6:12



Registration will open on **3/25**.

Please click on the following link to register <https://forms.gle/vPdyvDc4XDPXoezw9>

ST. MARK VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School at St. Mark is a wonderful opportunity for Christian education, worship, outreach, and fun! We expect to serve 120+ children, adults with special needs and their families throughout the week. This will require lots of hands: hands folded in prayer, hands to donate items (sign-up will be out in May) and hands to physically volunteer for the week ([register here!](#)) If you have any questions how your hands can serve for this mission, please contact Angela Grover, ChristianEd@StMarkTX.org <https://vbspro.events/p/ea820d>

COMPASION IN ACTION THANKS YOU



St. Mark's own C.I.A. thanks you for your generous donation of socks for the patients receiving treatment at the South Texas Radiology Imaging Center. Your love and compassion are warming the feet of those in need of healing.



Be wise to shine bright
Guide others to know our God
Shine like stars forever
Angela Grover (Daniel 12:3)

EARLY LEARNING CENTER'S *BOOTS & BLING GALA!*
THANK YOU!



Thank You to all who supported the Early Learning Center's ***Boots & Bling Gala!*** Whether you attended the event, purchased a raffle ticket or donated an item to our auction, we truly appreciate your support!

The night was a great success and the funds raised will go towards scholarships, teacher development & training, and needed updates to the buildings.



ST. MARK LEADERSHIP 2024

ELDERS	
Adult Christian Education	Dan Garber
Children and Youth Christian Education	Kathleen Ramey
Communication	Karen Ragsdale
Congregational Life	Christine Snyder, Gina Klein
Finance/Stewardship	Wally Doppenberg
Outreach	Lynn Bellow, Woody Paul
Personnel	Neal Patton
Property	Rick Eckersley
Strategic Planning	Dave Thomas
Worship	Andy Phillips, Rylynn Fenton
Clerk of Session	Julie McCarty
Treasurer	Bill Manzini
ELC Liaison	Wally Doppenberg
Deacon Liaison	Lynn Bellow
DEACONS	
Card and Flowers	Monica Phillips - Clerk
Driver Assistance	Wanda Pounders - Moderator
Meal Train and Prayer Chain Liaison	Sarah Hinman
Member Follow up	Christina Meeker
Member Care	Crystal McElhenney
Member Care and In-Home Communion	Ruben Trono
Pastoral Support	Pat Anderson
Receptions	Nona Annett, Paula Witt
Visitors Follow Up	Melanie Doppenberg
TRUSTEES	
Member	Gina Klein
Chair	Andy Phillips
Secretary	Dave Thomas



Weekly Calendar **March 24-30**

Sunday, March 24th

Explorer's Class – Rick Eckersley	9:00 AM	FLC # 107/108
Nursery Care (birth to pre-kinder)	9:15 AM	FLC # 106
Children's Sunday School – Angela Grover	9:15 AM	FLC # 104
Youth Sunday School – Theresa Gateley	9:15 AM	FLC # 103
Disciple Class – Dan Garber	9:15 AM	FLC # 109
Engaging God's Word – Rob West	9:15 AM	FLC # 101
Palm Sunday Worship Service in Person	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkpresbyterianchurchbo7319/streams		Online
St. Mark Family Lunch Out	12:00 PM	Black Smith
Congregational Life Committee – Gina Klein	1:00 PM	FLC # 109

Monday, March 25th

Jericho – Jenny Cashion	6:00 PM	FLC, Kitchen
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Tuesday, March 26th

Staff Meeting	12:00 PM	Parlor
Pickleball	6:00 PM	FLC
Worship Team Rehearsal	6:30 PM	Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 27th

Bible Study – Pastor Ann Marie Swanson	10:30 AM	FLC # 107/108
Maundy Thursday Setup	12:00 PM	FLC
Compassion in Action – Betty Parr	12:00 PM	FLC # 107/108
Centering Prayer	5:00 PM	ZOOM
Midweek Men's Group – Robert Klein	1:00 PM	FLC # 109

Thursday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday Set up	8:00 AM	FLC
Women of the Word	9:00 AM	FLC # 107/108
Maundy Thursday (Light Supper)	6:30 PM	FLC

Friday, March 29th

Good Friday	6:30 PM	Sanctuary
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