



ST MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Happenings

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.

March 23rd – 3rd Sunday in Lent

ADD YOUR PRAYERS TO THE CROSS
March – April 13, 2025

YOU'RE INVITED TO
add your *Prayer*
to the cross

This Lent
March 5- April 13, 2025
take a streamer, write your
prayer and hang it on the cross

Streamers available in the Hospitality Center and near the cross. If you need assistance, we will hang it for you.

LENT CALENDAR

March 23, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Third Sunday in Lent	Simplicity
March 30, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Lent	Submission
April 6, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent	Guidance
April 13, Palm Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	Worship

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday with Children's Palm Parade

April 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

April 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner, Worship Service and Communion

Family Life Center

(Bring one pair of new fuzzy socks for chemo patients)

Good Friday

April 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 20

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. Continental Brunch, Egg Hunt and

Butterfly Release

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

ST. MARK 5TH SUNDAY SPRING POTLUCK
SUNDAY MARCH 30TH AT 11:30 A.M.



Spring Potluck

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SPRING DISH TO SHARE

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 at 11:30 AM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER



HISTORY OF THE ST. MARK CHRONOLOGICALLY GIFTED (CG'S) 1999-2019

With the recent introduction of the *Thank God in Fellowship* (TGIF) fellowship group, it is only fitting that we look back to the group it evolved from.

The CG's, (The Chronologically Gifted Group) enjoyed getting together every two or three months for dinner, an evening at the theater, a theme party, or perhaps a day trip or tour. They considered themselves Empty Nesters or over 50's age group. The original Steering Committee for this group (1999) was comprised of late members Gerry Pfeil, Jack & Elie Williams, Joan Godsey and current members Bill Lemoine and Toni Hensley.

Later, the late Charlie Sapp and wife Lori joined this group which Charlie Chaired for several years. Charlie eventually turned over the reins to Nalga and Paul Mebane in 2009. The group remained active while introducing the Church Wide Olympics, Chili Cookoff, Octoberfest, and other tours and activities. In 2019, member Steve Crowell took over the Chairmanship. When COVID occurred, however, this group ceased to be active.

Written by Nalga & Paul Mebane

ST. MARK SCHOLARSHIP

Application packets for the 2025 St Mark Presbyterian Church Scholarship(s) are now available on the church website; go to "About Us" and click on "Resources." There is a PDF version to make applying even easier. Or click on this link: [Scholarship Application](#)

Applications must be completed and turned to the church office or via email to Gina Klein at ginaklein@gmail.com. The deadline is May 1, 2025.



ST. MARK PICKLEBALL NEWS



St. Mark Presbyterian Church pickleballers traveled to Kerrville's KROC Center for a double's tournament on Saturday, March 8. Congratulations to Champs Pete Swanson and Woody Paul! Also making a strong showing (and having a great time!) were Jay and Crystal McElhenny, Carol Trono, and Becky Collie.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A colorful poster for Vacation Bible School 2025. The background is purple with a white grid pattern and colorful wavy lines. The title "Discovering God's Mysteries" is written in a playful font, with "VBS 2025" below it. A paper bag is shown with a card inside that says "June 9-13 9:00 a.m. to Noon" and "ST MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4 yr. old - 5th grade students and adults with special needs". To the left, there are two circular icons of men in detective hats, with the text "Faith Detectives wanted". A QR code is on the bottom right of the bag, with the text "Free Event Registration Opens 4/1". A quote from Genesis 50:20 is at the bottom left: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good..."

[Registration for volunteers is open now!](#) (childcare available for volunteers with children under age 4 as of June 1, 2025)

Participant registration opens 4/1 <https://vbspro.events/p/4074f1>

FIRST FRIDAY APRIL 4

First Friday

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APRIL 4, 2025
6:00-8:00 PM

Drop the kids off for a night of fun learning to serve like Jesus with dinner, games and activities!

ages 0 to 5th grade
Free event | Register 3/24-3/31

"JUST AS THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY." -MATTHEW 20:28

GROWING FULLER at Table Fellowship

This Sunday, March 23rd
Next Sunday, March 30th
Following Sunday, April 6th

Pure Country BBQ & Grill
St. Mark 5th Sunday Potluck, FLC
Po Po Family Restaurant



REFLECTIONS - SCAPEGOATS

Are there any scapegoats in your life? Maybe you've been made the "fall guy" when something went wrong in your personal or professional life. Or conversely, maybe you've scapegoated someone else or another group even if they were without fault. Here's a little quiz for you:

When something goes wrong in your life, who are you likely to blame?

- Definitely another person
- I would accept responsibility
- No reason to assign fault
- Everyone involved is at fault
- Who isn't there becomes my scapegoat

So, according to the Cambridge Dictionary, a scapegoat is most commonly viewed as "a person who is blamed for the wrongdoings, mistakes, or faults of others, especially for reasons of expediency". The Bible, however, provides us with a different take on a scapegoat. Perhaps the earliest reference to a scapegoat is found in the book of Leviticus as an act of atonement to bring about reconciliation between God and His people: "*Then Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and sending it away into the wilderness by means of someone designated for the task. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a barren region; and the goat shall be set free in the wilderness*" (Leviticus 16:20-21, NRSV).

If you think about it, the casting of this sin-carrying goat into an unknown land prefigures Jesus, the *Lamb of God*, becoming the scapegoat for all Christian believers. The sins and iniquities of we the people were carried away by Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. Because of Christ's single sacrifice for our sins, the Apostle Paul tells us we have this assurance from the Holy Spirit: "*I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more*" (Hebrews 10:17, NRSV). *We are forgiven people.*

"....and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all")Isaiah 53:6b, NRSV).

Offered by Larry Warren



ST. MARK LEADERSHIP 2025

ELDERS	
Adult Christian Education	
Children and Youth Christian Education	Faith Cleary
Communication / Evangelism	Dave Thomas
Congregational Life	Gina Klein, Sally West
Finance/Stewardship	Wally Doppenberg, Kim Heinze
Outreach	Woody Paul, Crystal McElhenney
HR	Lynn Manzini
Property	Rick Eckersley
Worship	E-J Warren, Kathleen Ramey
Clerk of Session	Julie McCarty, Dave Thomas
Treasurer	Bill Manzini
Deacon Liaison	Kathleen Ramey
ELC Liaison	Dave Thomas
Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC)	Dave Thomas, Kathleen Ramey
DEACONS	
Moderator/Pastoral Support / Prayer Chain Support	
Receptions	Pat Anderson
New Member Integration	Nona Annett
Visitor Follow Up Ministry	Tonya Beilstein
Member Care Ministry	Melanie Doppenberg
Receptions/ Diaconate Clerk / Flower Delivery Ministry	Lisa Paul, Kim Hodge
Receptions/ Diaconate Clerk / Flower Delivery Ministry	Monica Phillips
Driver Assistance Ministry / Meal Coordinator	Wanda Pounders
Member Follow Up Ministry	Betty Robertson
Card Ministry	Paula Witt
TRUSTEES	
Dave Thomas	
Gina Klein	
Lynn Manzini	



Weekly Calendar March 23rd – March 28th

Sunday, March 23rd

Explorers Class - Rick Eckersley	9:00 AM	FLC # 107/108
Nursery Care (Birth to pre-kinder)	9:15 AM	FLC # 106
Elementary Sunday School	9:15 AM	FLC # 104
Disciple Class – Dan Garber	9:15 AM	FLC # 109
Youth Sunday School	9:15 AM	FLC # 103
Engaging God’s Word	9:15 AM	FLC # 101
St. Mark Worship Service in Person	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkpresbyterianchurchbo7319/streams		Online
Table Fellowship – Karen Ragsdale	11:30 AM	Pure Country BBQ
Escape Room	11:30 AM	All Campus
Lenten Devotional Group (Mary Jane Elly)	5:00 PM	Menger Springs
Lenten Devotional Group (The Mangums)	5:30 PM	FM 474, Boerne

Monday, March 24th

Jericho	6:00 PM	FLC
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Tuesday, March 25th

Staff Meeting	12:00 PM	Parlor
Lenten Devotional (The Mebanes)	5:30 PM	Fair Oaks Ranch
Pickleball – Carol Trono	6:00 PM	FLC
Worship Team – Ron Thompson	6:30 PM	Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 26th

Morning Glorias – Carlyn Crawford	8:00 AM	ZOOM
Bible Study – Rev. Ann Marie Quigley Swanson	10:30 AM	FLC # 107/108
Compassion in Action – Betty Parr	12:00 PM	FLC # 107/108
Lenten Devotional Group (Children & Families)	4:00 PM	FLC
Centering Prayer – Lynn Bellow	5:00 PM	ZOOM
Lenten Devotional Group (The Friedels)	5:30 PM	The Rim
Choir Rehearsal – Mary Beth	6:30 PM	Choir Room
A Few Good Men – Robert Klein	6:30 PM	Parlor

Thursday, March 27th

Women of the Word – Angela Grover	9:00 AM	FLC # 107/108
Pickleball – Paul Cashion	11:00 AM	FLC

Friday, March 28th

Youth Bible Study	7:15 AM	Mary’s Tacos
Lent Devotional Group (The Phillips)	6:00 PM	El Rio Restaurant

FLC – Family Life Center