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Jason's Journal



"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."

Malachi 3:10

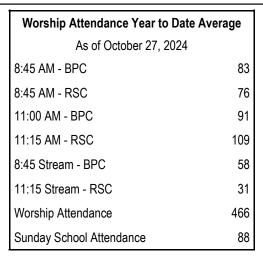
Whenever the month of November arrives, my mind automatically thinks of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of celebration. Like many families, our family has a Thanksgiving tradition. Over the years, our family has grown and so has the celebration. When we first began our gathering together I would only fry

one turkey. Now, every year, I fry two turkeys. Amber prepares some of the usual Thanksgiving side dishes, and the rest of the family bring other sides. Once everyone arrives, the turkeys are carved, and all of the sides are placed on the tables, I stand back and just admire it all. While looking at the tables filled with food, I cannot help but reflect upon the goodness, faithfulness, and blessings of God. I am reminded that without God, none of this would even be possible.

Amber and I have been extremely blessed by God. We are convinced one of the reasons we have been so blessed is because we decided years ago when we were planning to get married, we would always make sure we tithed to the church. We decided we would take God at God's word in the above passage of Scripture. In Malachi 3:10, God invites the people of God to test Him on this one issue. If you will bring in your tithe to the storehouse, for us New Testament people the storehouse is the church, then God will open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. Over the years of our marriage, we have experienced God doing this very act God promised. God has always provided all that we needed and in God's grace has allowed us to even have things we want. We have come to realize that God's math is not our math and sometimes God's math just doesn't add up. I will also add our decision in choosing to tithe and give offerings is not that we will be blessed, but being blessed is a result of the giving.

St. Mark UMC, we are a blessed church! Since 1965 God has continually been faithful to St. Mark in the hard times and the good times. I believe reasons for God's faithfulness is that we have strived to be faithful to God in mission and ministry, but also in our giving. Years ago, St. Mark adopted a principle that our Sending Forth budget would be ten percent or a tithe of our overall budget. In adition, St. Mark UMC continues to faithfully pay 100% of our apportionments to the South Carolina Annual Conference. With this mindset of giving and looking outside the walls of St. Mark, we have continued to make a difference in this community and the world. St. Mark, your giving matters, and your giving has made, is making, and will make a difference. This month as the Thanksgiving holiday is quickly approaching, I wonder if we would consider all the ways that God has blessed us. I know it is cliché, but the statement is true, "We are blessed to be a blessing." St. Mark, as we reflect upon all of the ways God has blessed us, I wonder if we all would consider ways we can be a blessing as we give back to God, through the giving of God's tithes and our offerings. Through the give back to God, through the giving of God's tithes and our offerings. Through the giving of the church the mission and ministry of the church is able to do what Jesus has called the church to do. We are able to go and make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. I cannot wait to see the abundance of what God will do through the people of St. Mark UMC.

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KREW and EPIC Attendance School Year Average					
As of October 13, 2024					
KREW	60				
EPIC	90				
HSX	25				

The next copy of The Witness, the church's monthly newsletter, will be emailed out Wednesday, November 27. Deadline to submit information to the church office for the newsletter is Monday, November 18.

Copies of the November Birthdays list, November Anniversaries list, and Upper Rooms for November/ December are located at the narthex/welcome area at each campus.

IN MEMORIAM

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." John 11:25-26

- Micky Rodriguez
 - * October 7, 1950 October 9, 2024
- Patricia "Pat" Garrett
 - September 21, 1938 October 13,

The Pastors and congregation extend Christian sympathy to the following members of our church family.

- Fred Engler and his family on the death of his mother, Ilse Engler, on October 2.
- Becky Holland and her family on the death of her father, Steven Patterson, on October 3.
- Tracy Patterson and his family on the death of his brother, Steven Patterson, on October 3.





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If you can sew, volunteer to help make the quilts. If you can't sew, donations are always needed. If you hear of someone who might need a quilt, please make sure they want it and then contact Kay Gregory at 864-554-4740 or Patricia Rickenbaker at 864-980-4293 or email Stmarkprayerquilts@gmail.com.



St Mark Women

- Tinsel & Treasures November 8 and 9 in Founders Hall. Come enjoy shopping among vintage collections of furniture, homewares, and accessories as well as timeless Christmas treasures. Friday, November 8 is preview night from 4:00 -7:00 p.m. This evening is a ticketed event. You will enjoy holiday refreshments as well as the first opportunity to make purchases. Tickets: \$5.00. Saturday, November 9 is open to public from 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. (No ticket required). IF YOU HAVE ANY CHRISTMAS ITEMS, FURNITURE, HOUSEWARES, OR ACCESORIES THAT YOU WANT TO DONATE, PLEASE GIVE CYNDI OR DEBRA ROBINSON A CALL. THEY SHOULD BE IN GOOD CONDITION, GENTLY USED. All proceeds go to the church. Contact Cyndi Cioffi at (404) 683-0222 for tickets or either Cyndi or Debra regarding donated items. Tickets are now available for the Preview.
- Fused Glass Class. November 16 at LEB Glass in Greenville. Class starts at 10:00 a.m.. Cost is \$30. Everyone had so much fun with the first class they wanted to go again. Come with us and make between 6-10 Christmas ornaments from glass. No experience is necessary. We will be taking the bus from the church. Contact Debra at debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to make your reservation.
- December 7-8, (Open to the Public) <u>2nd Annual Festival of Creches</u> in Founders Hall. We would love to have your nativities on display during the upcoming Festival of Creches. This year we would like everyone to bring their nativities on December 6 and set them up on the provided tables in Founders Hall at the Bypass Campus. You will take your boxes back home with you and then you can come pack and pick up your nativities on Monday, December 9. This was a big hit last year! Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com so we will know how many to expect.
- Notice that the pecan trees were damaged during Helene so there will not be any pecans this year.

If there is some craft or event you would like us to organize or you have a talent you would like to share, please contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com and she will get with the Women's Ministry Committee. We are looking for fun ideas.

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Greeting St. Mark,

You have heard all the pastors say that as followers of the way of Jesus, the most important thing we can do is pray. St. Mark, over the four years that I have been here, I have seen you time and time again live out the importance of prayer as you pray for each other and for St. Mark. Now that November is upon us, the month of Thanksgiving, I invite you during your prayer time to reflect on these scriptures and prayer prompts and offer a prayer of gratitude as you continue to pray for each other and St. Mark.

November 1st-9th (Gratitude for the Saints)

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance that is

set before us." (Hebrews 12:1)

This week, reflect on the people, past and present, who have had a significant impact on your faith journey. Thank God for their influence and consider how you can pass along their legacy of faith to others.

November 10th-16th (Gratitude for the Outcasts)

"I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers." (Ephesians 1:15-16)

Reflect on the least, the last, and the lost this week. They are beloved children of God. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving and encouragement for them. Consider donating to the local food bank or volunteering at the community soup kitchen.

November 11th (Gratitude for Veterans)

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13)

Today, pray for the veterans in your life and in your community. Consider engaging in an act of service as a way of honoring their service.

November 17th-23rd (Gratitude for God's Blessing)

"Give thanks to Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 107:1)

This week, reflect on the goodness and everlasting love of God. Give God recognition for the things you are thankful for and God's presence in every moment of life.

November 24th-Nov 30th (Gratitude for God's Provisions)

"And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

This week, reflect on God's provisions that come in moments of abundance and in moments and moments of need. Pray for a spirit of contentment in Christ and for a heart that reflects generosity. Seek ways to be a blessing for others.

Happy Thanksgiving from my family to yours,

Pastor Joey

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Hello St. Mark Family!

As we step into November, I find myself reflecting on the resilience and hope that have emerged in our community following the devastation of Hurricane Helena. While the storm left behind significant destruction, it also unveiled the remarkable spirit of togetherness and support that defines our church and our community.

In the aftermath, our River Street Campus has become a beacon of hope for those in need. Opening its doors to provide essential services—showers, laundry, ice, and a welcoming space for fellowship—has been nothing short of inspiring. Each day, Jennifer and Julie have been there, not just providing essential resources, but also offering compassion and understanding to everyone who walks through our doors. Their warmth and genuine care have created an environment where people can find solace, share their burdens, and connect with others facing similar challenges. This

ministry of presence exemplifies the heart of St. Mark, reminding us that sometimes the most powerful thing we can offer is our support and companionship.

A powerful symbol of our faith and resilience stood in the front yard of the River Street Campus: a large cross made of I-beam steel. Though it was bent to the ground by the hurricane, it remained anchored firmly in place. Alyson Perrin beautifully reminded us that, even amidst the storm, we should stay anchored in God's promises. This cross, though bent, stands as a testament to our enduring faith; it illustrates that while we may be knocked down by life's storms, we can remain steadfast and secure in God's love and purpose for us. Just like that cross, we are reminded that our foundation is not dependent on our circumstances, but on the strength of our faith.

Seeing Brian Waldrep's tireless efforts to clean up the damage and assist families whose homes were affected by fallen trees has inspired us all. His commitment to helping others demonstrates that even in the midst of adversity, we can come together to make a difference. As C.S. Lewis wisely said, "You come to know God not by being told about him, but by experiencing him." Brian's hands-on approach has allowed many to experience God's love in tangible ways. Many of you have stepped up, bringing supplies, offering meals, and lending a hand to those in need. This collective response showcases the incredible spirit of our congregation. Each act of kindness, no matter how small, contributes to the healing and restoration of our community.



As we explore the story of Job in our current sermon series, we are reminded that faith can flourish even in the harshest circumstances. Job's journey through immense suffering teaches us that while we may not have all the answers, we can still hold on to hope and trust in God's presence. In the midst of his trials, Job declared, "Look, He may well kill me, but I will hope in Him." (Job 13:15, Voice). This powerful declaration inspires us to cling to our faith, even when the storms of life rage around us. In times like these, we can also remember the words of A.W. Tozer, who said, "Sometimes when we get overwhelmed, we forget how big God is." It's easy to lose sight of God's greatness when faced with challenges, but our shared experiences remind us that hope can be found even in the darkest moments. This November, let us continue to support one another, embracing the hope that shines brightly even in dark times. Together, we can be a source of light for our community, embodying the love and grace that God calls us to share.

I hope you have a great November, and I hope to see YOU at CHURCH! BRING A FRIEND! Robby





November 4, <u>Luncheon</u> at 11:30 AM in Founders Hall. Contact Elaine Moore at elainejmoore3239gmail.com or (864) 992-9668 to reserve your spot.

FELLOWSHIP FOR

AGES 50 AND UP

- December 6, Holiday Fair Cost: \$10.00 (Covers ticket, parking, and gas fee) Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year at the 54th Annual Holiday Fair at the Greenville Convention Center. Find a large selection of holiday arts, crafts, and gifts for everyone on your list. More than 350 crafters and commercial vendors are represented. We will use the Kids World bus to head up there and check everything out! Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.
- December 7, Flat Rock Playhouse Christmas Adventure Travels Cost: \$139.00 The tradition continues at A Flat Rock Christmas. Kick off the holiday season as you hear your holiday favorites that help you get in the Christmas spirit! Get excited as you share in the excitement and joy of this wonder Christmas production! Lunch is included at a local restaurant. Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.
- December 11, <u>Christmas Party</u> 11:30 AM in Founders Hall. Meal to be determined. Join us to celebrate the Christmas season. Everyone should bring a gift that is something Christmas themed that is laying around your house that you don't want anymore (wrapped please). Don't buy anything new. It should be fun to see all the items. Contact Elaine Moore at elainejmoore3239gmail.com or (864) 992-9668 to reserve your spot.
- March 1, 2025 And Then There Were None Milltown Players in Pelzer, SC Cost \$15.00 Ten strangers are summoned to a remote island. All that the guests have in common is a wicked past they're unwilling to reveal and a secret that will seal their fate. One of Christie's darkest tales and a masterpiece of dramatic constructions. Its unfaltering tension will keep you guessing to the very end. Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up
- June 14, 2025 The Odd Couple Milltown Players in Pelzer, SC Cost: \$15.00 Felix Ungar, a neurotic, neat freak, is thrown out by his wife, and has no other option than to move in with his divorced, disheveled pal, Oscar Madison. The two men's conflicting habits, with Oscar's sloppiness classing with Felix's obsessive-compulsive cleanliness, prove to be a hilarious mismatch. Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.



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Upcoming Church Meetings

Trustees - Sunday, November 3 Bypass Campus, Room 104 12:45 P.M.

Church Council - Sunday, November 17 Bypass Campus, Room 105/107 12:45 P.M.

Congratulations on your baptism

- Kenzie Walden Sunday, October 20, at the 11:15 AM worship service by Rev. Robby Lybrand. Sawyer Walden Sunday, October
- 20, at the 11:15 AM worship service by Rev. Robby Lybrand.

Welcome to the St. Mark Family Join the staff of St. Mark in welcoming our new church members: Seth and Kenzie Walden.



Seth, Kenzie, and Sawyer Walden

Third quarter contribution statements went out Tuesday, October 15 via either mailed or emailed, depending on whether we had a good email address for you. If you receive it by mail, please email Debra with your correct email address so we can have it on file. She can be emailed at debra@stmarkgreenwood.com. Thanks.

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NOVEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE AND SCRIPTURE

November 3 All Saints Sunday - Mark 12:28-34

- Rev. Jason Wilson at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
- Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Rivers St. Campus 8:45 AM at 11:15 AM and Rev. Joev Gambrell assisting in worship at 11:15 AM

November 10 - Mark 12:38-44

- Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM Rev. Joey Gambrell at the Rivers Street Campus 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM

November 17 - Mark 13:1-8

- Rev. Jason Wilson at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM and Rev. Joey Gambrell assisting in the worship at 11:00 AM
- Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Rivers Street Campus 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM

November 24 Christ the King Sunday - Revelation 1:4-8

One Church Worship Service at the Rivers Street Campus. Rev. Jason Wilson preaching at 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM and Rev. Joey Gambrell and Rev. Robby Lybrand assisting in worship. We have something special planned for this day!! More details will be shared soon.



WESLEY COMMONS

St. Mark/Wesley Commons Fellowship Thursday, November 7 10:30 AM



Wesley Commons Asbury Hall Chapel 1110 Marshall Road



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BRIDGE KIDS



It's not too late to be a part of KREW! KREW is our Sunday afternoon children's ministry, and it really lives up to it's name - Kids Really Excited about Worship! Our KREW children are divided into two groups.

KREWKATEERS are K2-K5, and KREW KIDS are 1st-5th graders. Both groups start out together for worship, and then we break into two groups, allowing children to learn and experience Biblical truths in an age-appropriate setting!

Ages K2-5th grade.
Sundays, 4:30-6:00.

Register today at www.stmarkbridgekids.com







Think about all of the places you go: home, school, the grocery store, the soccer field, the top of a mountain, the deep blue ocean. God is with you wherever you go. God is always with you, and we want our preschoolers to know that no matter where they go, God will be with them, too.



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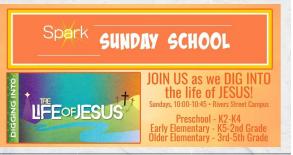
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supper



As we follow Jesus, His love transforms us. His Spirit helps us show self-control. We can follow Jesus' example and choose to do what's best—even when we don't want to.

Digging Into The Life of Jesus leads kids in walking in Jesus's footsteps from birth to resurrection to ascension. Kids don't just learn about the historical Jesus; they get to know him personally. Through the Life of Jesus Sunday School Curriculum, they'll discover that Jesus is a real person—a real friend—who makes a difference in their lives today.





Each year, the children of St. Mark UMC present the story of the birth of Jesus in the most heartwarming way. Contact julie@stmarkgreenwood.com to make sure your child is a part of this special tradition. All children K2-5th grade are encouraged to particiapte.

www.stmarkbridgekids.com



Prayers of the Church

Prayer requests will remain on this list for three weeks unless we are notified differently.

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The Family of Pat Garrett
The Family of Barbara Sthare
The Purcell Family
Barbara Jean Smith
Jim Conley
Dodie Conley
Betty Moss McGuirt

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Kathy Krauss Linton Mann

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Brent Calvert
Will Coleman
Rebecca Hall
Ciara White
Valerie Hazlett
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Randall Geddings
Joshua Goff - Marines
Kos Kerhoulas - Navy
Mackenzie Latham - Air Force
Will Peeler - Army National Guard
Banner Peksa - Army

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College of Charleston: Olivia Murray

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Guilford College: Jillian Mapes

Lander:

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Winthrop: Carlie Pundt October 31, 2024 The Witness page 10

Church Offerings during Advent

Advent Study

Please join Pastor Joey on Mondays starting December 2, at 1:00 p.m. in room 104 at the BPC for an Advent study called On the Way to Bethlehem. During the study, we will follow a five-stop spiritual itinerary to enrich our observation and celebration of the Advent Season.

Stop 1: Rome (A Place of Longing)-What do we long for? How does Jesus meet those

longings?

Stop 2: Jerusalem (A Place of Waiting)-How can seasons of waiting deepen our faith in God and our faithful response?

Stop 3: Nazareth (A Place of Simplicity)-How can we carry Jesus in ourselves, nurturing the Word becoming flesh in everyday ways?

Stop 4: Bethlehem (A Place of Humility)-How can we become people who both receive and give blessings in our world today?

Stop 5: Persia (A Place of Return)-How is God calling us to return and offer gifts of value to others?

Please contact the church office at office@stmarkgreenwood.com if you plan to attend so we can order a study guide for you.

Blue Christmas Service

Are you grieving this holiday season? Join us Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Founders Hall for an evening of sharing and remembering.

Fellowship opportunity

Come and experience the Christmas story through a living nativity. We will meet at the BPC campus on Saturday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m. to travel to Cold Springs Mennonite Church. You can either carpool someone or catch a ride on the bus. After we finish the living nativity, you are invited to a meal at the Old Country Diner in Abbeville, SC. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.



St. Mark gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **Pat Garrett** by Charlie and Helen Watkins, Jeff and Patsy McCutcheon.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **Micky Rodriguez** by Zane and Terry Scarlett, Roger and Sandy Skeen.
- To The Good Samaritan Fund in loving honor of St. Mark members who volunteered to help those in need during Helene and to the Glory of God by Dan and Sherry Toole.

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EPIC STUDENT MINISTRY



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EPIC IS A CHRIST-CENTERED MINISTRY FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12. EPIC MEETS FROM 6:30-8:00. ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED! BRING A FRIEND! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT EPIC!

We will start the month with the end of our series, Start the Party. Have you ever noticed how some people seem to be living more life than others? Well, put simply, some people know how to start the party better than others. The kind of party we're talking about is one that interrupts your routine, helps you celebrate the value of others, and adds a better perspective to your life. See, Jesus was great at these kinds of parties. From weddings to dinner parties, He had a way of leveraging the energy of a good party to remind all of us of what mattered most. Over the course of these eleven weeks, teenagers will be challenged to see ordinary moments as extraordinary opportunities to bring more life, more joy, more hope, and more energy to their own lives and the world around them. From practically serving other people to fostering a personal vision for a better world, all summer long through stories from Scripture and on-the-ground highlights from story tellers around the globe, teenagers will be inspired to be people who make life a party.





When someone new arrives, everything changes. That was never truer than Christmas day, about 2000 years ago. When The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood (John 1:14 MSG), everything changed for everyone. This Christmas, we're going to take a few weeks to talk about what exactly this means for today's teenager. We'll start by focusing on the fact that Jesus brough a new way to live, when He showed up. Then, in week 2, we'll talk about why Jesus is meant to be experienced, not just explained. Then week 3, we'll celebrate the season with a Christmas party and a short talk inviting students to follow Jesus and discover the full life He offered to everyone. This Christmas, students will discover why everything changes when Jesus shows up.



Passion Camp is centered around the glory of Jesus. Middle and high school students gathered together for four days of worship, teaching and community. Not to mention, four fun days on the shores of Daytona Beach! We want middle schoolers and high schoolers to leverage their lives for what matters most — the fame and glory of Jesus!

Register today at www.stmarkepic.com/passion-camp



We would like to offer a sincere
THANK YOU to everyone who
supported our youth pumpkin patch!

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Services are: Bypass Campus:8:45 am & 11:00 am Rivers Street Campus: 8:45 am & 11:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am					1 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class	2
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