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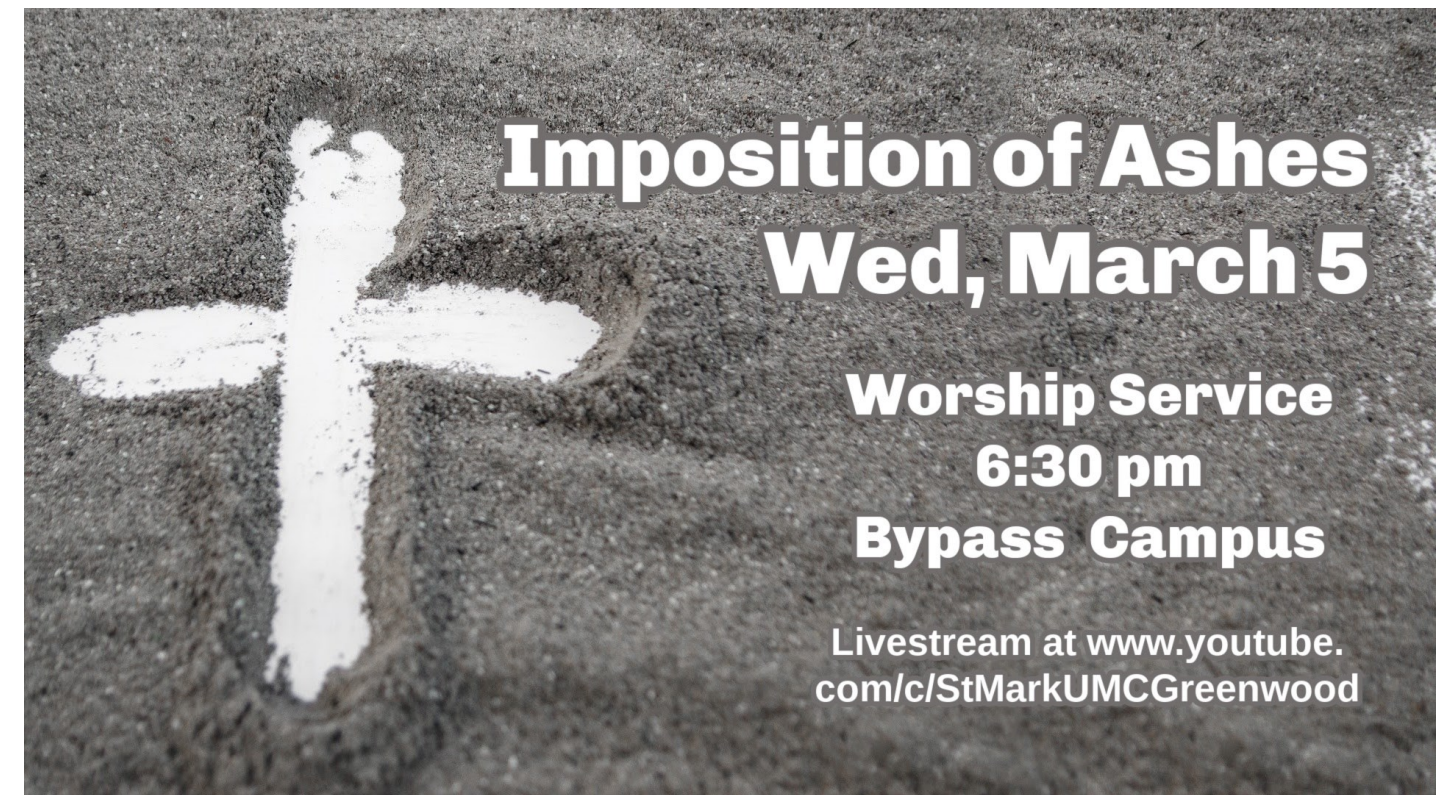
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This March-
We hope to finish strong with our shoe fundraiser! Donate your gently used or new shoes, and help us raise money for the Good Samaritan Fund! We can clean out and help out at the same time!



March



Imposition of Ashes
Wed, March 5

Worship Service
6:30 pm
Bypass Campus

Livestream at www.youtube.com/c/StMarkUMCGreenwood



Jason's Journal

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.” Proverbs 3:5-7

The season of Lent is my favorite liturgical season in the life of the church. As I consider my previous statement, I am reminded of the full schedule the season of Lent presents to pastors and the church, especially during Holy Week. Yet, Lent still holds a special place in my heart and life. I believe the season of Lent is my favorite because the season itself

calls for the church to fully reflect and evaluate one’s life. We are called to reflect and evaluate our lives in light of the life of Jesus. We are called to use the life and teachings of Jesus as a mirror to our own lives so that we may better reflect the life and teachings of Jesus in all that we say and do. I do not know about you, but for me the intentional time of reflection and evaluation of my own life leads to a sense of conviction and my need for repentance, so that my life is better following in the ways of Jesus. Finally, I believe the season of Lent is my favorite in that from sunset on Maundy Thursday through sunset on Easter day are the climax of Lent and the Christian life. Without the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have nothing to believe in nor do we have any hope.

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent is a season of preparation for celebrating the hope of Easter. We prepare for Easter by not only reflecting upon the teachings and life of Jesus, but also remembering the great sacrifice Jesus gave in the giving of His own life for the forgiveness of sins of all people. For many, the season of Lent is spent preparing not only in self-reflection and self-evaluation, but also with intentional times of prayer, fasting, serving, and giving.

As I consider all of these ways in which one can prepare during the season of Lent, I am reminded of the above passage from Proverbs 3:5-7. The Proverbs are often described as wisdom literature in the Scriptures. The Proverbs give great insight of how someone should live their life in a way that honors and obeys God in all that they do; our lives are guided by wisdom from God rather than wisdom from humanity.

This season of Lent, the above passage from Proverbs will be a guide for me in my daily devotions and prayer time. I wonder if you would join me during the forty days of Lent to allow Proverbs 3:5-7 to serve as a guide for self-reflection, self-evaluation, and a reshaping of our lives so that we may be more like our Lord and Savior, Jesus.



Worship Attendance Year to Date Average

As of February 23, 2025

8:45 AM - BPC	78
8:45 AM - RSC	56
11:00 AM - BPC	95
11:15 AM - RSC	83
8:45 Stream - BPC	66
11:15 Stream - RSC	34
Worship Attendance	380
Sunday School Attendance	65

KREW and EPIC Attendance School Year Average

As of February 2, 2025

KREW	53
EPIC	81
HSX	22

The next copy of *The Witness*, the church's monthly newsletter, will be emailed out Thursday, March 27.

Deadline to submit information to the church office for the newsletter is Monday, March 17.

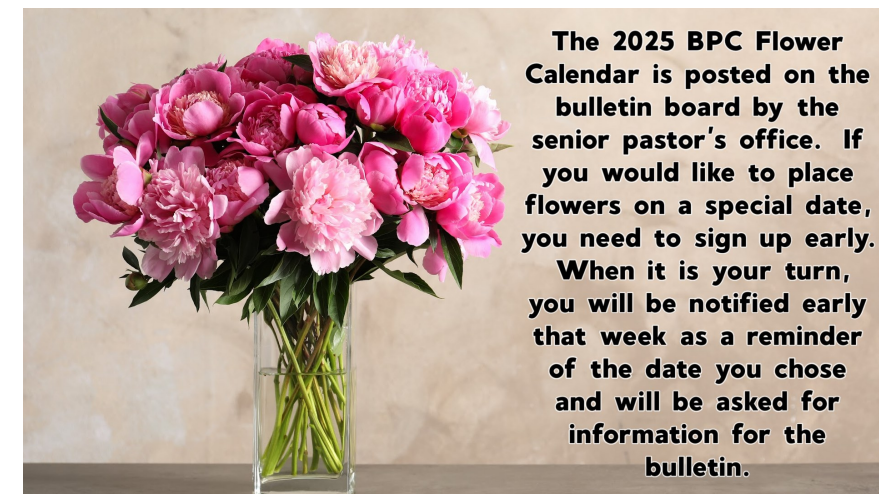
Copies of the March Birthdays list, March Anniversaries list, and Upper Rooms for March/April are located at the narthex/welcome area at each campus.

IN MEMORIAM

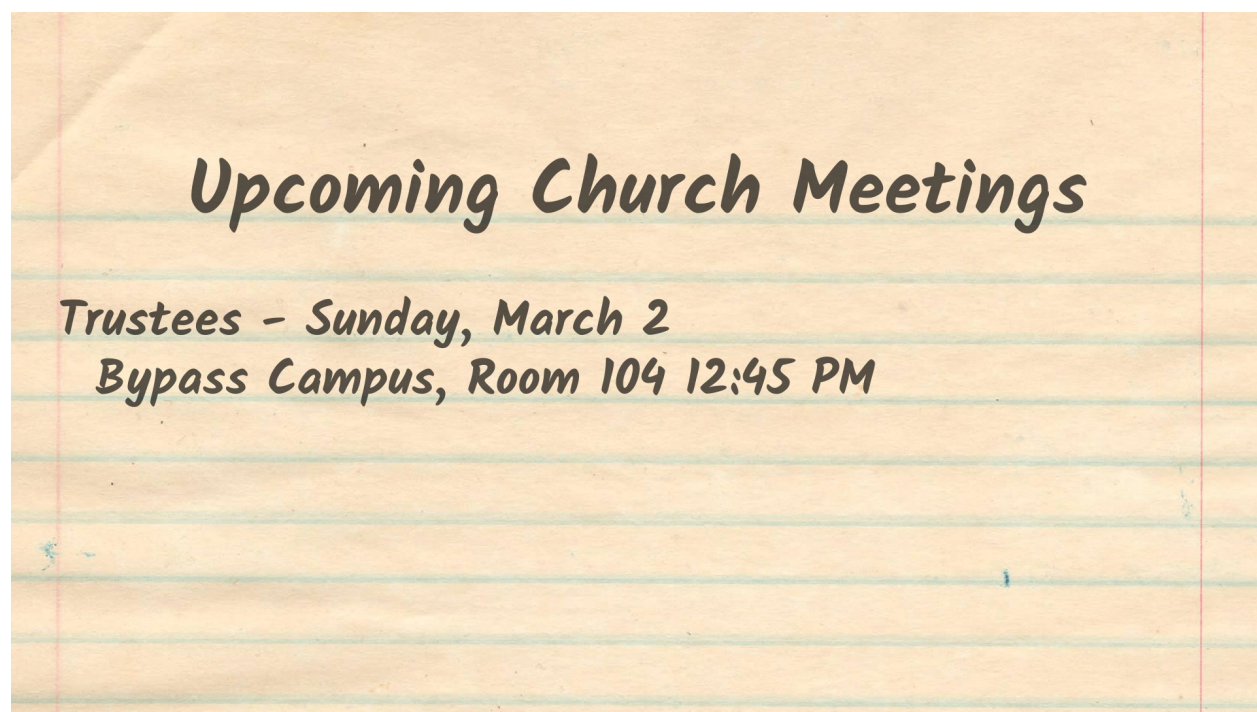
Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.” John 11:25-26

- * Charlotte King Koone
* June 27, 1935 - February 7, 2025
- * Carol Lani Hill Poat
* August 24, 1945 - February 11, 2025
- * Allie Franke
* July 22, 1935 - February 17, 2025
- * Dannie Carroll Bearden
* May 25, 1947 - February 19, 2025
- * Mary Search
* March 1, 1938 - February 22, 2025
- * Betty Lightsey
* November 2, 1926 - February 26, 2025

Dates available are: Apr 27, May, 11, May 18, May 25, Jun. 22, Jun. 29, Jul. 13, Jul. 20, Jul. 29, Aug 10, Aug. 17, Aug. 24, Aug. 31, Sept. 14, Sept. 21, Sept 28, Oct. 12, and Oct. 26.



The 2025 BPC Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board by the senior pastor's office. If you would like to place flowers on a special date, you need to sign up early. When it is your turn, you will be notified early that week as a reminder of the date you chose and will be asked for information for the bulletin.



- Offering will be taken during the Lenten worship services and given to Greater Greenwood United Ministries.
- During the Lenten Pilgrimage, the church office will close on Wednesdays from 12:00 PM to 2:15 PM. This will allow time for our staff to attend the Lenten Pilgrimage.



Hello St. Mark!

“We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”
 (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, NRSV translation)

The Apostle Paul speaks these words of gratitude to the Thessalonian Church who faithfully served God and whose life together exemplifies what it means to be followers of the way of Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 6-7) St. Mark, a week removed from successfully navigating Board of Ordained Ministry interviews, I want to echo Paul’s words of gratitude to the Thessalonian Church to you. Thank you, St. Mark! Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your words of kindness. Thank you to those who read my papers and provided feedback! And of course, thank you for celebrating with me this past Sunday! It was with God’s guidance and your support that I will be commissioned as a Provisional Elder at the SC Annual Conference in June.

St. Mark, a week removed from Board interviews, I have also reflected on these words from the Apostle Paul to the Philippiian Church,

“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call God in Christ.” (Philippians 3:14, NRSV translation)

Paul speaks these words to the Philippiian Church to encourage them to continue to live “a life worthy of the gospel of Christ” (Philippians 1:27) For me, the journey continues as I now begin to work toward full ordination. St. Mark, the calling of the church is to continue to press on as followers of the way of Jesus. Why? Because there are more people who need to know the love, grace, and acceptance of Jesus. There are more people who need your prayers, presence, witness, and service. St. Mark, continue to be the church that encourages, prays, extends kindness, speaks truth in love, and celebrates the work of God through Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

St. Mark, thank you again for being part of my journey. May we press on toward the goal that God sets before us.

Grace and peace,
 Pastor Joey



Hello St. Mark Family!

Can you believe it is already March? March brings the promise of spring, the lengthening of days, and for many, the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. While this holiday is often associated with parades, green attire, and festive meals, its origins point to a man whose life was a testament to God's faithfulness and calling.

St. Patrick was not Irish by birth; he was a young man taken captive and forced into slavery in Ireland. Yet, in his darkest days, he turned to God. After escaping, he eventually felt called to return, not as a prisoner, but as a missionary to share the hope of Christ with the very people who had once enslaved him. His story is one of transformation, trust, and the power of answering God's call, even when the path

seems difficult.

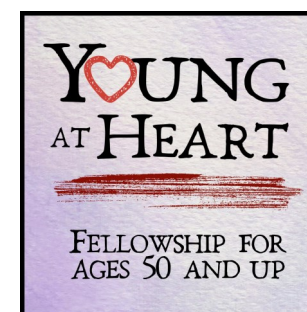
We, too, face seasons of uncertainty and challenge. Sometimes life brings struggles we did not choose—unexpected hardships, loss, or difficult decisions. But sometimes, life doesn't have to be tragic to feel overwhelming. Sometimes, it's just the busyness of life itself that weighs us down. Between work, school, family commitments, and an ever-growing to-do list, we can find ourselves exhausted, disconnected, and wondering where the time has gone. We weren't meant to live like that.

Jesus offers us something different. In Matthew 11:28, He says, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* Whether we are walking through a personal storm or just feeling the weight of daily life, we need time to pause, to reconnect with what truly matters, and to rest in God's presence. That is why gathering for worship and community is so important. Worship isn't just another thing to check off the list—it's a time to reset our hearts, to be reminded of God's love, and to find encouragement from one another. Small groups provide a space where we can share life's ups and downs, be supported in prayer, and grow in faith together.

As we celebrate this month, let's not just wear green, let's be reminded of what it means to live with faith and courage. Like St. Patrick, we are called to step forward, even when the road is uncertain, because Christ goes before us. No matter how hectic life gets, let's not lose sight of what's most important. Make time to worship. Make time to rest in God's presence. Make time to connect with your church family.

I invite you to join us at St. Mark UMC this month for worship and small groups. May we find strength in one another and in the unshakable hope we have in Jesus Christ. Have a great March, and I look forward to seeing YOU at CHURCH! BRING A FRIEND!

Robby



• **IN SEARCH OF:** We are searching for someone who would be interested in leading the Young at Heart for 2026. This person can start working with Debra and Elaine to "learn the ropes" in preparation for taking over in 2026. If you would rather co-chair, then certainly you could partner with someone to help you. The Young at Heart is a very active group and enjoys going out to eat every other month, having luncheons in Founders Hall in the other months, and likes to go on trips. We have scheduled our own trips and also partnered with Adventure Travels for some trips. Contact Debra Robinson for more information at

(864) 993-2957.

- March 1, **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
- March 12, **Monthly Luncheon Greenwood Country Club** - Garden Room 11:30 a.m. Join us for a luncheon at the Greenwood Country Club. Deadline to sign up is March 4. Contact Elaine Moore at elainejmoore3239gmail.com or (864) 992-9668 to reserve your spot.
- April 15, **Amicalola Falls and Gibbs Gardens** Cost: \$145 Adventure Travels Enjoy the spectacular scenery in Amicalola Falls State Park. Amicalola is the tallest cascading waterfall in the Southeast at 729 feet. A buffet lunch will be included at the Lodge's Maple Restaurant. After lunch, we drive over to Gibbs Gardens. The gardens come alive with 40 different types of early, mid and late blooming tulips. The dogwoods blossom. The fern dells are beautiful. Hopefully the daffodils will still be in bloom with the largest display in the nation. A great day to enjoy God's handiwork. Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.
- June 14, **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.
- September 9, **Alpine Helen Georgia** Cost: \$125 In the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Helen takes its inspiration from the villages of Germany. As we arrive in Helen, we will experience the charm of Bavaria as you take in the architectural building style of downtown shops and restaurants. Lunch is included at The Heidelberg (the most photographed building in town and the very first true German restaurant to be built in Helen). You will have a choice of a German or American meal. After lunch our step-on guide will join us in the coach with stories about this charming town. We will drive by Stovell Mill Covered Bridge (smallest covered bridge in Georgia). We continue on through Sautee Nachoochee Valley with a stop at Crescent Hill Baptist Church where you can see and learn about the Indian Mound across the highway. There will be a



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.



◇ **IN SEARCH OF:** We are searching for a woman of St. Mark who would be interested in leading the Women's Ministries. This involves scheduling activities throughout the year, working with staff to send out emails to the women of the church, and sending information to staff so that slides can be made for announcements. This is a very rewarding mission! Contact Debra Robinson for more information at (864) 993-2957.

If there is some craft or event you would like us 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.



LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

Spring 2025 Lay Servant Ministries School

St. Paul UMC, Saluda

April 6 & 13, 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Courses offered in this school are: Basic, Called to Preach, Climate Justice, and Fresh Expressions.

Registration deadline is March 20.

Email info@stmarkgreenwood.com for a link to register.



MARCH PREACHING SCHEDULE AND SCRIPTURE

Church, we begin the season of Lent on Wednesday, March 5 with Ash Wednesday. As we begin the season of Lent together I hope and pray this season will convict us and call us to live our lives in such a way that the world around us knows we are followers of Jesus. I look forward to seeing you in worship, and I hope you will take opportunities to invite people to join you in worship.

March 2 - Transfiguration Sunday - 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

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

March 5—Ash Wednesday - Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

- Rev. Jason Wilson at the Bypass Campus 6:30 PM with Rev. Joey Gambrell and Rev. Robby Lybrand assisting in worship.

March 9 - Luke 4:1-13

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

March 16 - Philippians 3:17-4:1

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

March 23 - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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

March 30 - Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

WESLEY COMMONS

St. Mark/Wesley Commons

Fellowship

Thursday, March 6

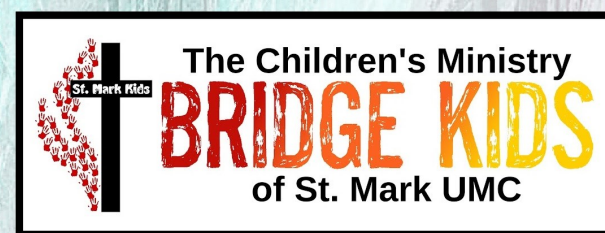
10:30 AM

Wesley Commons

Library


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Yellow symbolizes the radiance of Christ. Red embodies the essence of the home, while orange, when blended, signifies the harmonious collaboration between home and church in nurturing your child's faith. It serves as the bridge that unites these two important aspects. Your child is warmly welcomed to be a Bridge Kid.

We want our Kid to be Really Excited about Worship, and KREW helps us accomplish that! It's NEVER too late to join us! Ages K2-5th grade. Sundays, 4:30-6:00.

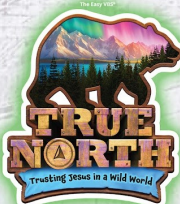
KREW MARCH 2025	MARCH 2 Pizza and ICE CREAM! Wear your KREW shirt! 	MARCH 9 Hot Breakfast  PJ DAY	MAR 16 - 23 TAKE A BREAK ((NO KREW!)) HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FAMILY!
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Our KREW KATEERS are our K2-K5 children! Through worship and interactive Bible stories, they continually reinforce three basic truths: God Made Me, God Loves Me, and Jesus is my Forever Friend.

Our KREW KIDS are our 1st-5th graders. The KREW KIDS use Life Apps to discover how to live in a way that honors God. KREW KIDS learn to apply three principles to every day life: I need to make the wise choice, I can trust God no matter what, and I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 16-20!

This summer, we will guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!



Finding your way in a world gone wild. We have Jesus—our true north! Give kids a rock-solid foundation and point them to Jesus, their unmovable, unshakable friend forever!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Each day at True North, kids trek into rotations that reinforce relevant Bible truths and truly immerse kids in unforgettable life-changing faith formation. We need YOUR HELP to guide the children as they trek!

Registration for VBS is open! Visit www.stmarkbridgekids.com!

For more information about any of these events or other ministries for children at St. Mark, visit www.stmarkbridgekids.com



Prayers of the Church

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

RESIDENTIAL LIVING

Ansley Glen
(1408 Parkway, Greenwood, SC)
Faye Adams

Emerald Gardens
(201 Overland Drive, Greenwood, SC)
Lorene Waldrep

Magnolia Bridge
(1056 TPC Blvd, Unit 155, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576)
Susan Hood

National Healthcare
(437 E Cambridge Ave, Greenwood, SC)
Betty Lightsey

Wesley Commons
(1110 Marshall Road, Greenwood, SC)
Ruth Clark
Jim and Dodie Conley
George and Betty Crane
Skip Heintzelman
Lee Kruzan
Sam and Gene Zittrouer

Shut-In/Homebound
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Extended Care
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Charlotte, NC 28205

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Greenwood, SC 29649

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Clinton, SC 29325

Julie McCaffrey
101 Wendover Road
Greenwood, SC 29649

Wilma McCall
228 Rock Knoll Drive
Greenwood, SC 29646

Jackie Menaker
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Greenwood, SC 29649

MEMBERS AND REGULAR ATTENDEES

Junior and Bobbi Arnold
The Family of Mary Search
The Family of Allie Franke
The Family of Dannie Bearden
The Family of Carol Poat
The Family of Charlotte Koone
Jeanette Vaughn
Ed Hood
The Purcell Family
Jim Conley
Dodie Conley
Betty Moss McGuirt

MEMBERS' FAMILY

Catherine Dixon
Aby Brown
Melissa Meints
Patti Lybrand
Meghan Philcox
Whitney Stennett and family
Janet Holley
Linton Mann

MEMBERS' FRIENDS

Elbert Bowers
The Family of Kathy Bernard
Josh Brown Family
Durham Bley
Will Coleman
Rebecca Hall
Ciara White
Valerie Hazlett
The Frost family (Will, Carrie, and Alex)

MILITARY

Sgt. Jack Boyd - Army
Randall Geddings
Joshua Goff - Marines
Kos Kerhoulas - Navy

MILITARY Cont'd

Mackenzie Latham - Air Force
Will Peeler - Army National Guard
Banner Peksa - Army

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Anderson University:
Eric Philcox
Clemson:
Adam Prince, Brooke Rodgers, Caleb McLaughlin, Caroline Addis, Chloe Ison, Clary Pederson, Dawson Hudson, Emma Arnold, Jasmine Creswell, Josh Godwin, Julia Creswell, Lexi Layland, Savannah Farmer, Thomas Goff, and Wyatt Prince

College of Charleston:
Olivia Murray

Erskine College:
Hampton Ashley

Guilford College:
Jillian Mapes

Lander:
Braeden McDonald, Caroline Rhodes, Jeremiah Holmes, Jordan Mapes, Kylie Camp, Owen Whittington, and Rhianna Philcox

Mars Hill University:
Sara Ellen Johnson

Piedmont Technical College:
Savannah Mallon and Rylee McManus

Presbyterian College:
Beatty Murray

Savannah College of Art and Design:
Izaiah Holmes

University of Georgia:
Haley McLaughlin

University of North Carolina - Charlotte:
Zach Robinson

University of South Carolina:
Caroline Bell, Meg McGovern, and Olivia DeTreville

Winthrop:
Carlie Pundt



St. Mark gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

- To *The Back Pack Meal Fund* in loving memory of **Tommy Burton** by Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **Charlotte Koone** by Wanda Hill, Rick and Nancy Henderson, Charlie and Helen Watkins, Scott and Melissa Fleming.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **Kirk Alexander** by Fellowship Sunday School Class.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **Carol Poat** by Tony Poat, Wanda Hill, Charlie and Helen Watkins, George and Margaret Martin.
- To *The Backpack Meal Fund* in loving memory of **Charlotte Koone** by Dan and Sherry Toole.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **Dannie Bearden** by Wanda Hill.



Growth



St. Mark UMC Growth Committee members

Chair - Casey Tompkins

Kayce Bradley
Levi James

Lisa Crawford
Alyson Perrin

Andrea Hobson
Todd Philcox

Pastors: Rev. Jason Wilson, Rev. Joey Gambrell, Rev. Robby Lybrand
Lay Leaders: Jonathan Creswell and Albert Dukes
Membership Secretary: Paige Holley

If you have any questions or suggestions for the Growth Committee, contact growth@stmarkgreenwood.com.



Items needed at the Food Bank:

Canned tuna, chicken, or salmon, Peanut butter and jelly, Meals in a can (chunky soups, stew, chili), Canned fruits in its own juice or water, Canned food with pop-top lids, Dried beans (pinto, blackeyed, kidney, lima, etc), Pasta (including whole grain), Rice (brown, white, yellow), Low-sugar whole grain cereals, Grits and Oatmeal (bag or box), Powder or shelf-stable milk Bottled water and fruit drinks,

Healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit).

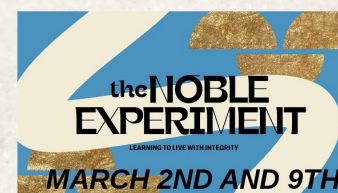


EPIC STUDENT MINISTRY
WWW.STMARKEPIC.COM



EPIC IS A CHRIST-CENTERED MINISTRY FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12. EPIC SUNDAY NIGHTS ARE FROM 6:30-8:00. WE BEGIN WITH FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP, TRANSITION WITH EPIC GAMES, AND THEN FOCUS ON OUR MESSAGE AND SMALL GROUPS.

ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED! BRING A FRIEND! THIS MARCH AT EPIC, WE WILL CONCLUDE OUR THE NOBLE EXPERIMENT SERIES, AND BEGIN AN EASTER SERIES CALLED THE COMBACK KID.



Having integrity means being a whole person. When people see us and interact with us, hopefully they're seeing the real us – we're not faking it. But integrity is more than just authenticity, it also includes being reliable and trustworthy, being people of character. Throughout this series, we'll be using the equation:

Integrity = Authenticity + Good Character. But it's important to remember, living with integrity is not some mere behavior modification. Rather when we choose to follow Jesus with our whole life, the Holy Spirit transforms us and changes the way we live like Jesus in the world. We pray that High Schoolers will discover a way to be the whole person God made them to be.

We'll help them do that by exploring these aspect of integrity with The Noble Experiment of living

Our EPIC Students will be on intersession break March 16 and 23!

Everyone loves a comeback story. In fact, some of the most impactful stories are those about the resiliency of the human spirit—the ability for people to survive extreme circumstances and overcome obstacles. Athletes who return to the game after a devastating injury. Actors who find new success after recovering from substance abuse. Even companies on the brink of failure that somehow find a way to beat the odds and create that one product that changes everything. Those are great, but we want to talk about the greatest comeback ever!

God sent Jesus as a baby, a little kid, to grow up and set in motion a plan to save the world. Now, in our series, Jesus is nearing the end of His time on earth, and He's preparing to stage the greatest comeback ever. His was a comeback was so big that people have been following Him for thousands of years. It's why we're STILL talking about Him today!

Of course, Jesus' come back was the plan all along. Because sin ruined our relationship with God, God knew the world needed a Rescuer. Jesus' was part of God's plan to make a way to restore our relationship with God forever. Because of Jesus, we can have hope that no matter what we face in life, we can experience a comeback.

We'll help students consider what sort of comebacks they could experience in their lives as we take a closer look at incredible moments from Jesus' life.



HSX, our High School Extra Bible study, meets after EPIC. 9th-10th Graders are studying Hebrews and are led by Rev. Robby Lybrand in the Attic. 11th-12th graders are studying Revelation and are led by Julie McLaughlin in the High School Room.



Check www.stmarkepic.com, social media, and your email for updates. Official registration opens March 1. Don't miss out on this opportunity to change homes and lives are you are changed, as well. You must be 14 or older by June 21 to participate.

