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The Witness

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Please leave any of the items below in the black Cares and Shares boxes, located at both campuses.

SUPPLIES

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissue
- Laundry Pods
- Disinfectant Cleaners
- All-Purpose Cleaners
- 40 Gallon Trash Bags

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Deodorant
- Body Wash (Full Size)
- Shampoo (Full Size)
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Socks
- Ladies' Undergarments
- Men's Underwear

FOOD ITEMS

- Bread
- Cereal
- Coffee
- Pasta
- Rice
- Sugar
- Tea Bags



Help us help the Pathway House fight homelessness by donating these items for our April Cares and Shares.

COMMUNITY CARE DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 12



Use this QR code or email info@stmarkgreenwood.com for a link to sign up!

We will gather for a time of worship and devotion at 10:00 am at the Bypass Campus, and then leave the building to serve!

THE CHURCH IS LEAVING THE BUILDING.





Jason's Journal

"So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid..."

Mark 16:8

A few weeks ago, Amber and I began watching a new TV series entitled Fire Country. The premise of the series is about a young convict who gets a second chance in prison when he joins a conservation camp for prisoners in hopes of shortening their prison sentence. The work of the conservation camp is for the prisoners to assist the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in the work of fire prevention and

the putting out of fires that are prone to occur in Northern California. Amber and I like the show as it is an action drama and there are some twists and turns in the constant tensions of life in the character's lives. One thing I have noticed is that when an episode is ending and the credits begin to roll, there is always a tension and struggle left open ended. While the episode is ending, the end is not really the end.

I share this with you all as we begin the month of April for a specific reason. Within just a few days of beginning the month of April we will gather to worship to remember again the betrayal, arrest, torture, and crucifixion of Jesus. On April the 3rd, Good Friday, we will remember again the death of Jesus on a cross for all the world. Jesus died; the end. Then, Saturday April the 4th, Holy Saturday, is a day in the tradition and life of the church to be that of quiet reflection as we remember Jesus' body lying in a tomb. Jesus is dead; the end. Yet in the Christian faith, we know the hope that is coming - Easter. Easter is a reminder that the end is not really the end. My question for each of us for the upcoming Easter season is how will we live into the hope we possess, knowing that in this life the end is not really the end? There is more. There is hope. There is life, even in the face of death, because of the resurrection of Jesus.

One of my favorite, if not my favorite, accounts of the resurrection of Jesus is in Mark's Gospel. I like Mark's account for the reason that the end is not really the end. In the earliest of manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, the gospel ends in verse 8. Over time, because we humans do not like things to be left open ended two more endings were added, a shorter and a longer version. These were most likely added after other gospel accounts were written. Mark's Gospel is believed to be the first Gospel written and Mark was in a hurry to write about the good news of Jesus. So much so, that Mark does not spend a ton of time on details of situations, but merely recounts the stories. Even more so, when reading Mark he uses over and over again the word 'immediately' stressing the hurriedness and urgency of presenting the good news of Jesus as Mark moves quickly from one story to the next. When Mark ends the gospel in chapter 16, verse 8, it ends abruptly as if Mark just stopped midsentence and the reader is left hanging. The reader is left with what will we do with this news of Jesus' resurrection? It is almost like Mark is giving the reader a choice, how will we live out the hope of this good news? How will we live knowing that the end is not really the end?

I share this with us, St. Mark UMC, because that is a question we all must answer for ourselves. How might our lives look different this Easter? What are some ways we can begin to live out the hope of the resurrection of Jesus in our everyday lives, relationships, words, and actions? How can we live in such a way that shows the world experiencing struggle, chaos, and trouble that the end is not really the end? We know this truth because the empty tomb says so. Jesus is alive! Are we living like we believe it?



Worship Attendance Year to Date Average

As of March 22, 2026

8:45 AM - BPC	82
8:45 AM - RSC	59
11:00 AM - BPC	90
11:15 AM - RSC	79
8:45 YouTube Stream - BPC	54
11:15 YouTube Stream - RSC	48
8:45 Facebook Stream - BPC	279
11:15 Facebook Stream - RSC	227
Facebook Stream	287
10:30 AM - One Church	237
10:30 Stream - One Church	60
Worship Attendance	672
Sunday School Attendance	43

KREW and EPIC Attendance School Year Average

As of March 22, 2026

KREW	57
EPIC	74
HSX	12

The next copy of The Witness, the church's monthly newsletter, will be emailed out Thursday, April 30th. **Deadline to submit information to the church office for the newsletter is Monday, April 20th.**

Copies of the April Birthdays list, April 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

* Jimmy "Jim" Edward Conley April 24, 1939 - February 28, 2026

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

- Judy Corriher and her family on the death of her mother, Helen Whitlock, on March 8th.
- Mary Helen Eppelsheimer and her family on the death of her grandmother, Helen Whitlock, on March 8th
- Emily Corriher on the death of her grandmother, Helen Whitlock, on March 8th
- Eliot Eppelsheimer and her family on the death of her great grandmother, Helen Whitlock, on March 8th
- Trey Grant and his family on the death of his father, Lee Grant, on March 17th
- Christy Hewitt and her family on the death of her father, Lee Grant, on March 17th.
- Angela Evans and her family on the death of her father, Lee Grant, on March 17th.



April Church Meetings

Growth Committee
April 6 at 5:30 PM
Room 104

Kids' World Committee
April 15 at 4:30 PM
Room 104

Trustees
April 26 at 12:45 PM
Room 104

All meetings will be held at the Bypass Campus.



Shred & E-Waste Day

Saturday, April 25, 2026

@ St. Mark United Methodist Church
Bypass Campus
9am-12pm

Paper Shredding and Electronic Recycling



Hello St. Mark Family!

As we move into April and continue through the season of Easter, we are reminded that the church was never meant to be just a place we attend; it was meant to be a people we belong to. For some, church has become something we “go to” for an hour on Sunday. We arrive, we worship, we listen, we leave. And while that hour is incredibly important, it was never intended to be the full picture of what it means to be the church.

Scripture paints a much richer and deeper vision. In Acts, we see the early church not just gathering for worship, but living life together. They shared meals, prayed together, supported one another, and walked through both joys and struggles side by side. They were not just attendees; they were a community. They were a family. That is still what the church is called to be today.

Over the past several months, I have experienced this in a very real and personal way through our Conversations Small Group. What started as a simple idea has become something deeply meaningful. Each week, we gather on Sunday mornings, not just to study Scripture, but to talk about life. Real life. Parenting, marriage, friendships, stress, faith, doubts, and everything in between. We open God’s Word together, but we also open our lives to one another. And I can tell you this; it has made a difference. There is something powerful about knowing you are not walking through life alone. There is something encouraging about hearing someone else say, “I’ve been there too.” There is something grounding about having people who will pray for you, support you, and point you back to Jesus when life feels overwhelming. I am incredibly thankful for that group and for the people in it. They have encouraged me, challenged me, and reminded me what the church is truly meant to be.

And the truth is, that kind of community is not meant for just a few people. It is meant for all of us. If you have not found that kind of connection yet, I want to encourage you; don’t settle for just Sunday morning. There is more. And it matters. We would love to help you find that community. Whether it is a Sunday morning small group, a Bible study, a serving team, or another gathering, there is a place for you. And if you do not see something that fits, maybe God is inviting you to help start something new; just like we did. Because at its core, the church is not a building, a program, or a schedule.

It is a family.

A family that worships together, yes; but also walks together, grows together, and supports one another through every season of life. My prayer for each of us this month is that we would take a step deeper into that kind of community. That we would move beyond simply attending church and begin truly experiencing it. Because when we do, we begin to see what God intended all along. We are not meant to do life alone. We are meant to do it together.

Have a great April and I look forward to seeing YOU at CHURCH! BRING A FRIEND!

Robby

APRIL PREACHING SCHEDULE AND SCRIPTURE

April 2 - Maundy Thursday - Service of Darkness

- Rev. Jason Wilson and Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Bypass Campus 6:00 PM.

April 5 - Easter Sunday - Matthew 28:1-10

- 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.

April 12 - Community Care Day - John 20:19-31

- Rev. Jason Wilson and Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Bypass Campus 10:00 AM.

April 19 - Luke 24:13-35

- Rev. Rett Haseldon 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.

April 26 - John 10:1-10

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



TWO PASTORS PODCAST



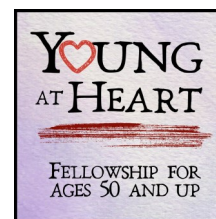
Conversations About Everything

Every Wednesday at Noon

*An all-new podcast
from Pastor Jason
and Pastor Robby!
New episodes drop
every Wednesday at
noon!*

**Ideas for an episode?
Let us know!**





- This month for YOUNG AT HEART will meet in Founders Hall on April 13th at 11:30. Baked spaghetti, drinks and bread will be provided. Those of you with last names ending with A-R please bring some kind of salad or fruit. Names ending with N-Z please bring a dessert. It would be helpful if you plan to attend to let Fran Brown know by April 10th. You can call or text Fran at 864.341.4092 or send her an email at franbrown112@gmail.com.



Are you busy with lots of spring cleaning chores?

It is that time of the year! As you clean out those closets, cabinets, attics, and basements....be sure to set aside donations for this year's Tinsel & Treasures Sale!


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*Call or text Cyndi Cioffi (404)683-0222
to arrange a time for you
to drop off your donations!*
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We are seeking donations of Christmas Decor including: wreaths, rugs, tableware, dishware, pictures, trees, tabletop decorations, linens.....

And also donations of "Treasures"....especially vintage items (linens, jewelry, glassware, pottery, toys, furniture, artwork, etc.)

WESLEY COMMONS

St. Mark/Wesley Commons
Fellowship
Thursday, April 2
10:30 AM




Wesley Commons Asbury Hall
1110 Marshall Road



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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
 April 2nd
 Worship Service &
 Holy Communion
 Bypass Campus
 6:00 pm

ONE CHURCH
 ST. MARK UMC
 TWO CAMPUSES

This service will be live streamed.
 A nursery will be provided.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil
 Friday, April 3
 Bypass Campus
 Sanctuary
 7:00am - 3:00pm

ONE CHURCH
 ST. MARK UMC
 TWO CAMPUSES

Prayer • Fasting • Almsgiving

Flowering the Cross
 Easter Sunday
 at All Services

Be sure to bring flowers to place on the cross before or after the service.



The Children's Ministry
BRIDGE KIDS
 of St. Mark UMC

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

Happy Easter! INTERSESSION BREAK
 APRIL 5
 EASTER BREAK
 ENJOY YOUR FAMILY TIME

APRIL 12
CAREER NIGHT
 PIZZA AND ICE CREAM

APRIL 19
PIRATE NIGHT
 TACOS AND CHURROS

APRIL 26
PAJAMA PARTY WITH BREAKFAST

KREW is still going strong this April! If you have a child K2-5th grade that hasn't joined us yet, it is not too late!

Sundays
4:30-6:00

Instagram: @stmarkkidmin
 Facebook: @St Mark UMC Children's Ministry
 Website: www.stmarkbridgekids.com

Do you want to make sure you are up to date on everything that's happening in our children's ministry? Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, check our website, and email julie@stmarkgreenwood.com to have your email added to our distribution list!

This Summer, our Kids Will Explore the Nature of God!

JUNE 15-19 9:00-noon



This June, we will step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids will plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their Creator, a safe place in life's storms.

WE NEED YOU to make VBS happen! If you're 6th grade through adult age, there is something you can do to make VBS a success. Please contact julie@stmarkgreenwood.com today to volunteer!



Registration is now open for children three years old through fifth grade! www.stmarkbridgekids.com/vbs



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.



APRIL 12 - 26

Have you ever thought about what's needed for you to demonstrate resilience? Maybe some grit, hustle, determination? I don't know about you but those seem exhausting. But that's often what students hear when it comes to living life with resilience.

If you keep going, pull the all-nighter, work the extra hours, or push down any sort of perceived negativity, you'll figure it out and succeed. Truth be told, all of that doesn't usually lead to resilience, it leads to burn out. As we try to follow the way of Jesus, the essentials for resilience might actually look more like rest than hustle. That's why we're taking this series to shine a light on some lesser talked about aspect of resilience.

We hope this entire series offers some practical ways to help students trust God to help them face their failures and get back up again with resilience! We'll talk about resilience like this: the willingness to get back up and grow stronger from challenges and setbacks. And we have four incredible passages from the Old Testament Wisdom books to help us see what God has to say about that.

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



Confirmation class begins in April. If you have an 8th or 9th grader that would like to participate, please contact julie@stmarkgreenwood.com. Confirmation Sunday is May 31.



If you have a high school graduate that you would like to be recognized and you have not let Julie know, please contact julie@stmarkgreenwood.com. Graduation Sunday is May 17.



June 20-27, 2026 Penn Center Salkehatchie

Registration is open!
Contact Julie today to register. Don't miss out on this opportunity to change homes and lives as you are changed, as well. You must be 14 or older by June 20 to participate.



This Summer for EPIC Students!



St. Mark VBS June 15-19 9:00 - noon

We need your help!
Contact Julie today to sign up to help with VBS! We need station assistants and crew leaders! Let us know today that you can help this summer!



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

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

Wesley Commons
(1110 Marshall Road, Greenwood, SC)
Ruth Clark
Dodie Conley
George and Betty Crane
Skip Heintzelman
Betty Moss McGuirt
Lorene Waldrep
Gene Zittrouer

Shut-In/Homebound
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Lexington, SC 29072

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MEMBERS AND REGULAR ATTENDEES
Ruth Clark,
Traci Pruitt
Dale and Ann Staley
Kenny Walden
Rich Heinlein
Ed Hood
Dodie Conley
Betty Moss McGuirt

MEMBERS' FAMILY
Mom
Sumer Sherfield
Chris Littlefield
Whitney Stennett

MEMBERS' FRIENDS
"Little Rosie"
Jim and Pats Sheehy
Gail Rumpfelt
John-Mark Scruggs
Dee Dee Setzler
Will Coleman
Rebecca Hall
Valerie Hazlett

MILITARY
Sgt. Jack Boyd - Army
Christian Furman - Army
Audrey Garver - Army
Ethan Garver - Army
Randall Geddings
Joshua Goff - Marines
Kos Kerhoulas - Navy
Mackenzie Latham - Air Force
Will Peeler - Army National Guard
Banner Peksa - Army

COLLEGE STUDENTS
Anderson University:
Luke Godwin and Eric Philcox

Chowan University:
Cameron Addis

Citadel:
Olivia Murray and Owen
Whittington

COLLEGE STUDENTS Cont'd
Clemson:
Adam Prince, Bentley Setzler,
Brady Wilson, Caroline Addis,
Charlee Layland, Chloe Ison,
Dawson Hudson, Emma Arnold,
Jackson Hamm, Josh Godwin,
Julia Creswell, Lexi Layland,
Liam Tompkins, Lily Lambert,
Liza Justesen, Matthew Dalton,
Noah Perrin, and Thomas Goff

Erskine College:
Hampton Ashley

Guilford College:
Jillian Mapes

Kenneth Shuler:
Rylee McManus

Lander:
Jordan Mapes, Kylie Camp, Mary
Peden Light, and Rhianna
Philcox

MUSC Charleston:
Wyatt Prince

Mississippi State University:
Walker Self

North Georgia Technical
College:
Thomas Hudson

Piedmont Technical College:
McCutchen Geoly and Savannah
Mallon

Presbyterian College:
Beatty Murray

Tri County Technical College:
Luke Hannah

University of Georgia:
Haley McLaughlin

University of North Carolina -
Charlotte:
Zach Robinson

University of South Carolina:
Caroline Bell, Grace Lollis, and
Meg McGovern

Wofford College
Hannah Crooks



The Kids' World Corner

Spring has sprung, and our classrooms are enjoying the season of growth and new beginnings! During the month of April, our little learners will be exploring spring themes, learning about nature, and spending more time outside as the weather warms up.

As we approach Easter, our classrooms will also be learning about the love of Jesus and the joy of new life that the season reminds us of. Through stories, songs, and hands on lessons, we help our kiddos begin to understand God's love and kindness toward others.

We are grateful for the opportunity to care for and teach such wonderful kiddos each day. Thank you for allowing Kids World to be a part of this church community!

Kids World will be hosting a fundraiser at Thrive on April 24. We would love the community's support as we raise funds for our center and the children we serve!

— Kids' World Staff



St. Mark gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

To *The General Fund* in loving honor of **Olin and Kathy Dorroh's 63rd Wedding Anniversary** by Dena Byrd, Griff and Noah Dorroh.



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).



March 29th is **PALM SUNDAY!**
 All children are invited to participate in our palm processional! We will gather outside the entrance ten minutes before each service at both campuses.



JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Tuesday, March 31st
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Rivers Street Campus



April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>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</p>			<p>1 6:30 Men's Bible Study 12:30 Lenten Service at Morris Chapel Baptist Church 6:30 Blend Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>2 Kids' World Teacher Inservice Day 10:00 Grief Support 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA 6:00 Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>3 Kids' World is closed 7:00 Good Friday Prayer Vigil</p>	4
<p>5 Easter Sunday</p>	<p>6 Church Office and Kids' World are closed 5:30 Growth Committee meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>7 6:00 Teen Journey 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>8 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Blend Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>9 9:30 Founders Hall in use 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 8:00 Wayne Goff Hall and kitchen in use</p>
<p>12 Community Care Day 10:00 Church Service - BPC 4:30 KREW 6:30 EPIC 8:00 HSX</p>	<p>13 10:00 Kairos - Leath arriving to use at RSC 12:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>14 Kairos - Leath staying at RSC 6:00 Teen Journey 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>15 Kairos - Leath staying at RSC 6:30 Men's Bible Study 4:30 Kids' World Committee Meeting 6:30 Blend Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>16 Kairos - Leath staying at RSC 5:15 Daisy Troop 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA 6:30 Cadette Troop</p>	<p>17 10:00 Kairos - Leath leaving RSC</p>	18
<p>19 4:30 KREW 6:15 EPIC 8:00 HSX</p>	<p>20 Information due for the church newsletter 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>21 6:00 Teen Journey 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>22 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Blend Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>23 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>24 6:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast</p>	<p>25 9:00 Shred Event BPC Parking lot</p>
<p>26 9:00 Founders Hall in use 4:30 KREW 6:15 EPIC 8:00 HSX</p>	<p>27 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>28 9:30 Puppet Theater is in use 6:00 Teen Journey 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>29 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Blend Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>30 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>		