

Calendar of Events

JUNE

- June 2 – Mission Fest
- June 3 – Mission Fest
- June 4 – Mission Fest
- June 5 – Mission Fest
- June 6 – Mission Fest
- June 9 – VBS
- June 10 – VBS
- June 11 – VBS
- June 12 – VBS
- June 13 – VBS, Honduras mission trip
- June 14 – Honduras mission trip
- June 15 – Honduras mission trip
- June 16 – Honduras mission trip
- June 17 – Honduras mission trip
- June 18 – Lifeline Screening, Honduras mission trip
- June 19 – Trendsetter luncheon, Youth Summer block, Honduras mission trip
- June 20 – Honduras mission trip
- June 21 – High School/Junaluska
- June 22 – High School/Junaluska
- June 23 – High School/Junaluska, Youth to MS Braves game
- June 23 – High School/Junaluska
- June 24 – High School/Junaluska
- June 25 – High School/Junaluska
- June 26 – Middle School/High School/Junaluska
- June 27 – Middle School/High School/Junaluska
- June 28 – Middle School/Junaluska
- June 29 – Middle School/Junaluska
- June 30 – Middle School/Junaluska, Administrative Council

JULY

- July 4 – office closed
- July 8 – Stewpot
- July 9 – Stewpot
- July 10 – Stewpot, Youth go M.A.D. Grace Place
- July 11 – Stewpot
- July 12 – Stewpot
- July 14 – Finance
- July 16 – Youth swimming @ Millcreek
- July 17 – Youth Summer block
- July 18 – Middle School Mystery trip
- July 19 – Middle School Mystery trip
- July 24 – Youth Summer block
- July 25 – High School mystery trip
- July 26 – High School mystery trip
- July 28 – Faure` Requiem @ Crossgates
- July 30 – Youth swimming @ Millcreek
- July 31 – Youth Summer block, Faure` Requiem @ St. Mark's



United Methodist Women's Brunch

On Saturday, May 11, the three circles of St. Mark's United Methodist Women sponsored a very successful brunch with tablescapes in the CLC. Over 120 participants enjoyed admiring 15 beautiful tables all decorated around the theme of spring. Individual table themes ranged from Easter bonnets to English tea time to spring weddings all based on different Bible verses.

Mistress of Ceremonies Julie Blake greeted the circle members and their guests and acknowledged special guests Associate Pastor Sandra Thomas, Youth Director Jeanne Chapman, and former long-time Director of Children's Ministries Jill Beshell.

Guests were served a delicious brunch prepared by circle members and served by members of St. Mark's youth group. Participants then enjoyed a dramatic monologue on the life of Ruth, written and performed by Rita Sweatt, well-known guest soloist and speaker for many women's conferences.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Sweatt's stirring performance, participants joined hands and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Proceeds from the fundraiser benefitted summer scholarships for St. Mark's youth as well as UMW missions.

Members of Tabitha, Ruth, and Abigail Circles were delighted to offer this experience to the ladies of St. Mark's and the community, and plans are already underway for another tablescapes brunch next year.

St. Mark's has three active UMW circles

- Abigail Circle meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the church parlor at 9:30 am.
- Tabitha Circle meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the church parlor at 9:30 am.
- Ruth Circle meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in member's homes at 7:00 pm.

MISSION NEWS

It has been said, "You are either called to go down into the well, or hold the rope for those who go down, either way, there will be scars on your hands."

Could you "hold the rope" for those who are going to Honduras for this summer's global mission trip? On June 13-20, a team from Saint Mark's will join a team from Madison United Methodist to make the name of Jesus known to the Honduran people (Malachi 1:11).

While there, they will be declaring the gospel with words and demonstrating the gospel with many tasks. They will help build an orphanage for the fatherless; they will help a local school with their facilities, as well as witness to teenage girls about purity. Lives will be changed, not just for the Hondurans, but for the ones who are "going down into the well."

The scars are worth the great commission (Matthew 28:16-20). What will your scars be? Will you bear the scars of prayer for this time? Will you bear the scars of financial support? You can still donate \$25 for a block that goes towards building the orphanage. There is also Honduras coffee that you can purchase that goes towards "Salt and Light" Ministries (they set up everything for the Honduras trips). The coffee sells for \$10 in the church office or the CLC.

Would you hold the rope for our team?



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Saint Mark's United Methodist Church

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Church Staff:

- Rob Gill, Senior Pastor.....x103
- Jeff Nesbit, Teaching Pastor.....x105
- Sandra Thomas, Minister of Worship & Music.....x104
- Gary Cazier, Director of Nurture/Outreach.....x109
- Jeanne Chapman, Youth Director.....601-992-9554
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- Delores Seward, Administrative Assistant.....x101
- Martha Toombs, Business Office.....x106
- Corrine Carpenter, Preschool Office.....x110
- Darlene Baker.....Pianist
- Jason Boyd.....Organist
- Drew Herring.....11th Hour Worship Leader
- Robert Ghoston.....Custodian

Check the church website or Sunday bulletin for times of events and further information. See the bulletin for all on the caring list.

Worship is each Sunday at 8:20, 10:45 and 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m.

www.saintmarksum.org

Rob's Remarks



Coming to a Children's Ministry near you soon! On June 18th we will welcome the Rev. Karie Sue McCaleb to our ministry team at Saint Marks. She will assume the role of Children's Minister. She brings a solid background from her college days at Delta State University and from her theological training at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. She has been the Associate Pastor of the Jefferson Street UMC in Natchez for the past four years. Karie Sue is married to Rev. Reed McCaleb of Greenwood. They have a son, Reynolds, who will be entering kindergarten and a daughter, Riley Kate, who is three. They will be living in our parsonage, which is just of the parking lot on the west end of the campus. Please be prayerful for the McCalebs as they transition from Natchez to our area.

Rob

St. Mark's Vacation Bible School

June 9-13, 2013
 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.



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Woe is me...Blessed is me...Send Me
Isaiah 6:5, 7, 8

WOE IS ME

A man named Isaiah "had" to "live" on mission for His King. It "burned" within him. He could not sit still. I'm wondering what causes a man to be "on fire" for His King so much that he "has" to go on mission for Him? He cries out in verse 8, "Here I am! Send me!" What could cause a church like ours to be compelled to "live" on mission with a burning passion like Isaiah had?

For Isaiah, the first thing that started the fire within was a look above. He saw King Jesus "high and lifted" up. He saw His majesty. He saw His might. He saw His awesomeness. So holy is Jesus the seraphim had to declare it three times: "Holy, holy, holy..." When Isaiah saw this, I imagine all he could say was, "Wonderful is HE and woe is me."

We don't see our sin until we see our Savior. We are blind to it. But when we see our Savior-King, everything becomes real. A true look above will reveal a true look within. That's the second thing that compelled Isaiah to live on mission and say, "Send me". But first, he said, "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips, for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

BLESSED IS ME

You and I just need one true glimpse of Jesus and everything will change. Even the guilt that lies within us will change. Jesus didn't point the finger at Isaiah and call him a filthy sinner. He had a seraphim touch his lips with a burning coal and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

Do you see? Isaiah should have received a "guilty" sentence. We should get the guilty sentence - but Christ took the "woe is me" and turned it into a "blessed is me"!

SEND ME

Saint Mark's, do we realize our "blessing" from the King of Kings? Until we see our sin for what it is like Isaiah did (woe is me), we will not see our Savior for who He is and what He has done (blessed is me). When we realize the impact He has on our heart, soul, mind, and strength, we will then "burn" with the passion and say in response, "Here I am. Send me!" Send me. Send me.

We have a team from Saint Mark's who have said, "Send me". A team of missionaries are joining Madison United Methodist for a trip to Honduras in June. Read about it under the mission section of the Beacon!

Jeff



Back row: Avery Bracken, Reagan Johnson, Jewel Hinton, Annelise Barnes, Madeline Cook, Jordan Smith; Middle Row: Nicole Iannelli, Julie Cook, Jennifer Moorman, Tinsley Taylor, Chloe Fowlkes; Front Row: Charlie Ladd, Bishop Barlow, Graham Gill, Flint Christian, Kenneth Niemejer

Confirmation Class of 2013

St. Mark's celebrated the confirmation of these students on April 28, 2013 and looks forward to seeing what God continues to do in their lives. Confirmation began last September and culminated with their public profession of Christ on Confirmation Sunday. The confirmation experience included weekly class instruction, two retreats, service hours, church visits, creating a stole and participating in a mentor relationship with a Friend in Faith. Confirmation was a joint effort led by Jeanne Chapman, Rev. Rob Gill, Rev. Jeff Nesbit and Rev. Sandra Thomas.

Church Directory

We are pleased to announce that our church is in the process of putting together a beautiful, full-color church membership. This directory will be professionally produced and will include full-color family portraits with names, address and telephone numbers of all members. It is very important that each family be included to assure a complete up-to-date directory.

Our directory will also include a full-color cover, special pages for church use, and a roster of total church membership. The new directory is sure to be a family keepsake and help all the church families grow closer together.

Appointment times are given on a first come first-serve basis, sign up now to insure a convenient time for you. The dates available are August 1, 2, and 3.

Sign up today! Every family needs to be included in this beautiful new directory to make it complete AND to be able to receive a new directory.

Please email the church to obtain the link to sign up or go to the church website, click on church news and the link is there.

Children's Corner

June
9-13



6:00 to
8:30 p.m.

ST. MARK'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration has begun for those who have completed K5 through 4th grade and for those who have completed 5th and 6th grades. The VBS directors are Debbie Hartung and Lee Anne Robinson.

The 5th and 6th graders will have separate activities and projects and be led by Jeanne Chapman.

You can sign up in the church office or on Sundays.



Jo Hebert

An Encouraging Word From Jo Hebert

I missed the deadline for the Beacon last month. In a sea of kids' activities, appointments, and the usual day-to-day tasks, I found myself struggling to tread water a few times last month. My prayers vacillated between, "Thank you God that you hold everything—including me—together," to "I can't keep up, Lord." I had to drop any ideals of perfection (it would do me well to drop them forever), and reckon with the fact that a few things (like the Beacon) had slipped out of my grasp.

When our perception tells us that the demands are higher than our supply, we can feel stressed, depleted, defeated, frustrated... anxious. Anxiety can take many forms and levels of intensity. Because it is so prevalent and such a joy-stealer, I'd like to use this and next month's articles to share some practical tips for dealing with anxiety.

I'm going to start with addressing a severe level of anxiety: Panic attacks. If this section doesn't apply to you, be thankful. And, keep reading, because you might be able to help someone you know. A full-fledged panic attack can be very terrifying and even debilitating for a time. But, knowing what is going on physiologically and knowing how to "ride out" the attacks can limit their severity and frequency.

In a panic attack, your body goes into a "fight or flight" response. An errant message is sent to your brain telling you that you need to prepare for an emergency, which would require exorbitant amounts of energy. There may or may not be an identifiable trigger, and it can even happen while asleep. Symptoms of a panic attack can include: accelerated heart rate, sweating, trembling, shortness of breath, chest pain, nausea, and dizziness, accompanied by an intense fear or discomfort. Also present is usually the fear of dying or the fear of losing control/"going crazy."

If this sounds familiar to you, take heart. You are not dying or going crazy. Your body is doing something it was designed to do...but out of context. You can learn to recognize the signs quickly and take action. Oddly, the action needed is to resist the urge to fight it and, instead, float through it—reminding yourself that this is only a panic attack and you will feel ok soon. Then, finding a somewhat mindless, repetitive activity is your next step. This can be playing an instrument, playing solitaire, folding clothes, washing dishes, etc. Something to do with your hands is ideal, though watching TV can also be helpful. Many people discover that once they implement these methods, the panic attacks

lesson dramatically. (I have other techniques and handouts I could share with you if you need more tips on what to do during a panic attack).

Once your anxiety level has reached a more rational level, you can begin to combat it with TRUTH. Keep Philippians 4:9 close by: "Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue, and if there is anything praiseworthy, meditate on these things." What is true and good in your life? Ask God to call those things to mind and to help you "hold captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5). Remind yourself of how He has helped you overcome troubles in the past, and that "God always leads us in triumph in Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:14). Another triumph is coming. Watch for it.

Stay tuned for more next month, provided I meet the deadline.

My office is just off the robe room in the main church building. I am available Mon., Wed., and Fri. mornings and some evening hours. You can reach me by phone (601-259-1749) or email (jhebertlpc@comcast.net).

St. Mark's Youth Ministry presents...
"A BLOCKBUSTER SUMMER"

SUMMERGE

(Summer Sunday Night Youth Group)
6 - 8:30 pm (snack included)

JUNE Schedule

- 2 - MissionFest
- 9 - VBS
- 16 - Father's Day (NO Summerge)
- 23 - MS Braves Game
- 30 - Special Feature: w/ Jeff Nesbit

summer block

(Select Wednesdays during the summer)

June 19, July 17, 24 & 31

Noon - 4:00 pm
HUB/CLC

Food, Friends, Devo, Games, Ping Pong, Pool, Foos Ball, & More!

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH!

Transportation is available. Please contact Jeanne for more info or to sign up for a ride!

MS Braves Game

Sunday, June 23

3:45 - 8:30 pm

Cost: \$13

Includes admission, hamburger OR hot dog, soda, peanuts OR Cracker Jacks, fun zone admission & hat!

Deadline to register is Wed., June 19

For more info contact Laurie Johnson or Gigi Sinyard



MISSIONFEST @ Millsaps College

June 2 - 6 ~ Please pray for us as we serve the Jackson community in the name of Christ!

SURGE @ Lake Junaluska, NC

Join us for a week of Bible study, worship, fellowship, & white water rafting!

High School: June 22 - 27 ~ Cost: \$325 (completed 9th - 12th grades)

Middle School: June 26 - 30 ~ Cost: \$270 (completed 6th - 8th grades)

To register for SURGE, submit your \$75 deposit to Jeanne ASAP.
IMPORTANT Participant/Parent Meeting - Sun., June 9 @ Noon in Worship Room

Jeanne's 2 Sense:

jeanne@saintmarksum.org



Hollywood has once again created a plethora of movies for the summer season. Drama, comedy, romance, sci-fi, suspense, adventure, fantasy and horror will flood theaters across our nation. Perhaps you've already made your "must see" list. Hollywood is hoping you will spend big bucks to make their films blockbusters. The word 'blockbuster' has several meanings. Of course, we know it refers to a movie that is a great commercial success and earns tons of money and popularity. But another definition states, "a person or thing that is overwhelmingly impressive, effective or influential."

Our theme for this summer is "*A Blockbuster Summer*". St. Mark's has a plethora of opportunities (features) premiering this summer that we hope you have on your "must do" list: Bible studies, camps, service projects, road trips, hang time, camping, swimming, worship and more. Our prayer is that this summer is influential in your life - in your relationship with Jesus (THE most influential person that has ever lived!). That by participating you will know Him more, love Him more, depend on Him more, serve Him more, trust Him more and understand more of His grace and His influence. That when you look back on the summer of 2013 you will think 'That was a Blockbuster summer' in my life. A summer I will never forget!

So, grab your popcorn and candy and join us! We are saving you a seat! ~ g.

Trendsetters Adults Over 50

Trendsetter events in June provide a wide variety

Thursday, June 13

Mississippi Museum of Art - 3 exhibits

"Old Masters to Monet"
 "Symbols of Faith, Hope and Beyond"
 "The Mississippi Story"

A studio session with a master teaching artist.
 Lunch at The Palette Cafe by Viking
 All of this for \$30.00

Leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and return at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday June 19 Noon

Covered Dish luncheon

Program: "Smart Money Moves in Scary Times" shows the impact of the new health care law on seniors - protect yourself from identity theft and scams. Reducing income taxes and protecting assets from nursing homes and more. Cost: \$2.00



Trendsetters who attended the last of the semester Millsaps lecture by Felder Rushing and Robin Mather, April 30, 2013: Front row: Rosemarie Roebuck, Anita Womack, Sherry Essington, Frances Upchurch, Eileen Giudice, Shirley Skipper, June Bragg, June Miracle. Second row: John Wheat, Billy Bates, Sandra Bates, George Kendrick, Libbie Kendrick, Jon Wimbish, Jerry Klomparens. Photo by Don West

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments! God's blessings as you begin this next chapter in your lives!

Andrew Clements is receiving his high school diploma from Northwest Rankin High School. He participated in Future Farmers of America, FCA, Cross Country, Top Soccer, served as football manager and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. His accomplishments include receiving an ACT scholarship to Holmes Community College. Andrew's future plans include attending Holmes Community College and then Mississippi State University.

Cline Cook is receiving his high school diploma from Northwest Rankin High School where he ran Cross Country and served as the baseball team manager for one year. Cline's future plans include attending the University of Mississippi in the fall.

Jessica Dawn Corn is receiving her high school diploma from Northwest Rankin High School. She was Editor of the Northwestern, and a member of the Key Club and FCA. Her accomplishments include graduating with honors. Jessica plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in the fall.

Cole Dillon is receiving his high school diploma from Northwest Rankin High School.

James "Russell" Dumas IV is receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree from Mississippi State University. He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, MSU Student Association, and the Stennis-Montgomery Association. He was the Head Swim coach for Starkville Academy, Starkville HS, and Shockwave Aquatics. His accomplishments include: graduating Magnum Cum Laude, being named to the President's List and Dean's List, and earned a Leadership Recognition Scholarship, an ACT Scholarship, and a Mississippi College of Law Academic Scholarship. Russell's future plans include attending the Mississippi College School of Law in the fall.

Cue Gardner is receiving his high school diploma from Northwest Rankin High School where he played varsity

football and was a member of FCA. His accomplishments include graduating with honors and receiving academic and football scholarships to Belhaven University. Cue's future plans include attending and playing football at Belhaven University in the fall.

Kyle Hart is receiving his high school diploma from Northwest Rankin High School where he was a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the Beta Club and baseball team. He received scholarships from MSU and Millsaps. His future plans include attending Mississippi State University in the fall to study biology. receiving his high school diploma from Northwest Rankin High School where he was a member of the football team, Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Club and FCA. Accomplishments include graduating with honors and receiving academic scholarships to Ole Miss.

Paul Alexander Harvey is receiving his high school diploma from Northwest Rankin High School where he was a member of the football team, Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Club and FCA. Accomplishments include graduating with honors and receiving academic scholarships to Ole Miss. Alex's future plans include attending the University of Mississippi in the fall.

Austin Palmer Harvey is receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy from the University of Mississippi. He was a member of the ATO fraternity and the Trent Lott Leadership Institute. His accomplishments include receiving the Lott Leadership Scholarship and an academic scholarship to MC Law. Austin's future plans include attending Mississippi College - School of Law in the fall.

Christopher Lee Lewis is receiving his high school diploma from Jackson Preparatory School. Throughout his high school years he was involved in: Youth Legislature, served as a HOBY Representative, Student Council, Spanish Club, Debate Team, Drama Club, Service Club, Office Worker, Stage Crew, YMC Youth Legislature and was a member of

the Track Team. His accomplishments include becoming an Eagle Scout, BSA God and Country Four-Star Recipient, YMCA Youth Legislative Awards - Signed Platform Bill, Outstanding Representative, Outstanding Committee Chair, and was selected for the National Society of HS Scholars. He received the Hamstead, MS Alumni, and Eagle Scholarships. Christopher's future plans include attending Mississippi College in the fall.

Sarah-Kelly McGinnis is receiving her high school diploma from Northwest Rankin High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She was also a member of the Nantahala Outdoor Elite Youth Paddling Team. Her accomplishments include graduating with honors and receiving the Junior Auxiliary of Rankin County Scholarship and University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Mocs Scholarship. Sarah-Kelly's future plans include attending the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in the fall to study environmental geology.

Justin Reedy is receiving his Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology degree from Mississippi State University. He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and MSU Ducks Unlimited Chapter. His accomplishments include receiving the Wesley Scarborough Scholarship and being a two-time recipient of the LMGCAA Scholarship. His future plans include pursuing a career after graduation.

Alix Zachow is receiving her Bachelor of Science in English degree from Middlebury College in Vermont.

