

Tailgate with the Choir



Feel that cool fresh fall air? No? Well, at least we can anticipate it.

Along with fall, some of us are looking with an even greater feeling of anticipation for that sport season that heralds in a new year of learning, new challenges, new opportunities and old favorites. That's right, the "Football Season." The St. Mark's Choir invites all of our Church members to a family friendly "kick off" of this year's football season. Join us for a "Tailgate with the Choir" event on Sunday, August 30, 12:00 noon, in the north church parking lot. Meet and have fellowship with choir members, enjoy a Malone grilled treat and homemade tailgate delights, try your passing skill at the tire throw, or that popular tailgate game of bean bags.

While you're there, ask about opportunities to be of service to our Lord through our Choir ministry. Choir offers new learning experiences, a challenge to your musical skills, an opportunity for Christian growth, and you get to sing and hear those old favorite hymns while learning new favorites. You may have a special talent other than singing such as guitar, woodwind, flute, brass instrument, percussion and other musical instruments that would enhance and complement our worship experience.

Our Choir is made up of members on many different levels of skill and ability but during worship service, our voices and instruments become one joyous sound praising God. We would love to have your voice/instrument become one with our voice, so to join our joyous sound, ask one of us.



UMW Tablescapes

How would you like to eat a catered meal on a beautifully decorated table? Or hear an inspiring speaker? Or contribute to local missions?

You can do all of these at one time by coming to St. Mark's United Methodist Women's tablescapes.

Members of our three UMW circles will decorate 20 tables on Saturday, August 29th. Viewing of the tables will start at 11:30 followed by lunch at 12:00.

The general theme of this year's tablescape is "Falling in Love." Some specific table themes already chosen are "Falling in Love with Missions" and "Falling in Love with Music." Even the staff of St. Mark's is decorating a table.

Speaking at this year's Tablescapes of Love will be the Rev. Dr. Connie Shelton, newly appointed District Superintendent of the East Jackson District. She has previously served as Director of Connectional Ministries and Communication for the Mississippi Conference as well as senior pastor at Galloway United Methodist Church. Many people may also recognize Connie from her appearances on the televised United Methodist Hour.

The moneys raised from ticket sales will go directly to support local missions. The Little Lighthouse, the McLean Fletcher Center, the Center for Violence Prevention, and the Bethlehem Center are the four local charities selected to receive proceeds from this year's events.

The Little Light House is a tuition-free Developmental Center that has served children with special needs and their families in central Mississippi since 2006. The Center is currently located at Briarwood Presbyterian Church. The mission of the Little Lighthouse is to glorify God by improving the quality of life for children with special needs, their families, and their communities.

The McLean Fletcher Center provides support for children and teens as well as their families who are grieving the death of a loved one. The Center, named for McClean Fletcher who died at the age of 19, opened its doors in 1999 as Mississippi's first grief center for children and their families. It is a service of Hospice Ministries and is located on Northtown Drive in Jackson.

The Center for Violence Prevention serves victims of domestic violence in Rankin County and nine surrounding counties. Their programs include crisis and referral lines, temporary shelter, counseling, and workshops. The Center is located in Pearl.

The Bethlehem Center is a community center which aids neighborhood and low-income families in downtown Jackson through affordable daycare, free income tax assistance, a counseling center, and community development initiatives. Its mission is to provide academic, health, and community programs within a spiritual context. The Bethlehem Center is one of the United Methodist Missions in Mississippi.

Tickets for this year's tablescape are \$20 and may be purchased from any UMW member or by calling the church office at 992-2131. Tickets may also be obtained from Julie Blake, this year's tablescape organizer, at 601-397-8880.



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From the Director of Nurture and Outreach

rightnow MEDIA

In this age of instant information, most of us have become users of the vast array of online media. If you are a "millennial" or "generation Y", watching clips on YouTube is an everyday occurrence. Even the baby boomer generation can navigate their phones/ I-pads and watch media on them.

With this recent media push, our staff is excited to let you know that St. Mark's has purchased an extensive new video library called Right Now Media. It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a huge library of faith based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want – on your phone, I-pad, computer, or at home on your TV.

As Christians, we are always looking for ways to strengthen our intentional faith development. Right Now Media has video topics for everyone – children, youth, parents, married couples, college, single adults, working professionals – all aimed at helping us grow in our faith. The ability to access these lessons on Sunday morning as teaching tools is an added bonus. Many Sunday School classes, Vine Groups and weekly small groups will be interested in having some of their regular lessons provided by well known Christian authors streamed through a TV screen. Youth and children can use these video lessons for Children's Church and possible Wednesday evening activities. Even our St. Mark's college students can watch wherever they are and then participate in a video chat to gain meaning and insight from all participants. The opportunities for Right Now seem endless!

To access this incredible resource, watch your email for an invitation from RightNow Media. If the church doesn't have a current email address, please contact the church office. When or if you respond to the invitation, you will receive an email from them, where you will be asked to create a password. Your account is then active and you can begin watching whenever and wherever you desire. You can contact Delores at delores@saintmarksum.org or Martha at mhand@saintmarksum.org if the church doesn't have your email address.

We are excited about this opportunity, and pray that Right Now Media will be a blessing for you and your family.

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY

As we resume our regular Wednesday night activities for adults, we will use our new online resources from Right Now Media. Both our adult class which meets in Wesley Hall and our in-home Vine Group will begin a study based on John Piper's book, *Don't Waste Your Life*. This ten-week guided study will explore the meaning and significance of making life count for eternity.

A lot of people get by in life with little thought about how their life will count for eternity. A lot of time is spent on all kinds of diversions and activities... and maybe thinking about not sinning. Our faith tells us that God has created us for more than this. Our study and reflection will invite us to ponder what the apostle Paul said about his own life in Christ: "to live is Christ, and to die is gain." All of us are called to grow in our faith and to help others grow in theirs. *Don't Waste Your Life* will help us in our own witness as we grow deeper and reach wider.

The study begins on August 12. If Wednesday doesn't work for you, contact us. We'll try to come up with another time that meets your needs.



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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

ADVENTURE IS WAITING.
BUILD YOURS.



BEASCOUT.ORG

- Cub Scout and Boy Scout recruitment is coming in August
- 1st - 5th graders can join Cub Scouts and boys from 6th grade up are eligible to join Boy Scouts
- St. Marks is the Charter Organization for both a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout Unit
- Contact Trey Curry at either 601-992-9226 or tcurry@aol.com to find out more about getting your sons involved

Wednesday night activities including supper will resume
LOOK! August 12



Children's Corner

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

ST. MARK'S KIDS have had a wonderful summer of blessings and fun! We are looking forward to another exciting fall ahead! Mark your calendars &

CHECK OUT THESE EVENTS:

**WEDNESDAYS
600-645
PREK (3-4)
"LITTLE FAITH FRIENDS"
AND ELEMENTARY (K-2ND GRADE)
"FAITH FRIENDS"
6-7PM
PATH 345
KICKS OFF AUGUST 12TH**

**AUGUST 2ND
Promotion
Sunday
&
Blessing of the
BACKPACKS**



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
Through August 2nd! Your donations will help local Rankin County elementary kids! *PS-it's not too early to shop the deals for Operation Christmas Child!

DC4K will begin August 11th with Orientation. Classes for our Divorce Care adults and children starts August 18th ! Contact Karie Sue for more information.

YOUTH News

Kick off is August 23!

merge
bringing students and god together



Dinner/Hang Time & Life Groups
SUNDAYS ~ 5:30 - 7:30 pm (free dinner @ 5:30)
For students in grades 6 - 12

The 5th BLOCK Starts Aug. 12!

Wednesday's 3:30-5:00 @ the Hub

FUEL
High octane for your soul midweek!
Wednesdays ~ 5:30 - 7:00 pm
KICK-OFF is Wed., August 12th!
A new midweek worship experience for students!

TAILGATE PARTY @ NWR HS LOT 5:30 PM Aug. 21
Football
Entree Provided
Last names A - L bring canned drinks
Last names M-Z bring side dish/dessert

Youth Family Fest!

Cookout & Pitch-in

Sunday, August 9 ~ 4 - 7 pm
@ the Hallett's ~ 982 Stump Ridge Rd
For all students in grades 6-12 & their FAMILIES!



Last names A-H: canned drinks
Last names I-P: side dishes
Last names Q-Z: Desserts

Bring your swim stuff, fishin' stuff, & lawn chair.
RSVP to Jeanne through August 7th!

START your ENGINES!
back2school BASH
Sun., Aug. 16
5-8 pm ~ FREE!
Food! Fun! Friends! Games! Prizes!
All students grades 6-12!

Confirmation

Confirmation is an opportunity for students to explore the Christian faith, Methodism and full church membership. The confirmation experience will offer a variety of learning opportunities including class instruction, service projects, retreats, field trips and building a relationship with a spiritual mentor (Friend in Faith). Confirmation is open to all current 8th grade students and above, who have not already been confirmed. Registration is open through August 31. To receive a confirmation packet, please contact Jeanne at jeanne@saintmarksum.org.

Kick-Off Dinner ~ Thursday, Sept. 10 ~ 6 pm ~ Youth Bldg
For all confirmands and their families.
No cost, but registration is required.

Trendsetters to visit wonderful places in Monroe, LA Tuesday, August 11,

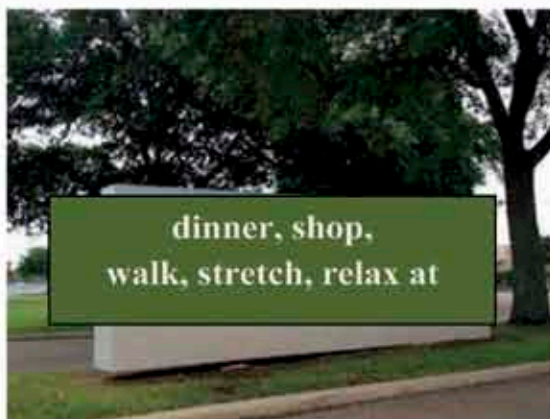


The Biedenharn Museum and Gardens is a home museum and botanical garden located beside the Ouachita River at 2006 Riverside Drive in Monroe in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, USA.

Leave at 7:00 a.m.
Return at 9:00 p.m.
Cost is \$70.00
Cost includes museum fees, donations, lunch, transportation.
Dinner will be on your own.



- 10:00 a.m. - visit Biedenharn Museum
Coke Museum
Military Museum
- 12:15 p.m. - Lunch at Warehouse No. 1
- 1:30 p.m. - Duck Commander Gift Shop (Duck Dynasty)
- 2:30 p.m. - Chennault Aviation and Military Museum
- 4:00 p.m. - Pecanland Mall
- 9:00 p.m. - Return to Saint Mark's



Tuesday, August 18

Lunch at Biaggi's at Renaissance Mall

Movie at Malco Theater
"The Man from U.N.C.L.E." (cast photo)
Times to be announced.

