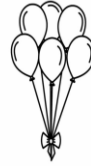




May 17th ~ Graduate Sunday Congrats to Class of 2026!



Stewpot Mission Opportunity

May 18-22 (9am-11:30am) 3-4 Volunteers are needed each day.
For more info on how you can help please contact Jane Brown.

St. Mark's - Campus Cleanup Day

Sat., May 30 (8-Noon) Let's Spring into Action!
Something for Everyone - All Welcome!

Wednesday Adult Bible Studies

Men's and Women's Studies @ 6 pm in Wesley Center
Note – Anchored Women's Study will resume May 20th.

Children's Ministry

VBS Sign Ups have **BEGUN!** We want Jesus to build the Kingdom of God in us and through us to the **WORLD!** Take up the quest and join us for Kingdom Quest 2026 @St. Mark's UMC
Help needed with VBS Crafts: May 19, 20 & 24 and
Training Date: June 14th - 5-7:30 pm
VBS Dates: June 15-18th 5:45 pm - 8:15 pm

[SIGN UP >>> https://vbspro.events/p/smkvbs2026](https://vbspro.events/p/smkvbs2026)

For details and all sign-ups contact Anna McGough at
anna@saintmarksum.org

Youth Ministry

May 17 - Sunday Night @ 5:30 pm in CLC / SWH
May 31 – Youth Summer Kick-Off Party @ 5:30 pm in CLC/SWH
For details email us at youth@saintmarksum.org

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+...*

Bingo, Concerts, Live Theatre, Movies & Trips...Join the fun!
Sign up in church office. For details text Sandra Thomas at
601-940-5120 or email Info@saintmarksum.org

SUNDAY, MAY 17 – Graduate Sunday

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)
4:00 pm Adult SS Class Meeting (2-Sonrise Rm)
5:00 pm Trendsetters Bingo Night (5-CLC)
5:30 pm Tween Night (3-Parlor)
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Nights (4)

MONDAY, MAY 18

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)
10:00 am Joyful Connections Respite (5)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, MAY 19

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
9:30 am Tabitha Circle Gathering (1-Robe Rm)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
10:00 am VBS Craft Day (3)
6:00 pm Ruth Circle Gathering (1-Robe Rm)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm)
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
10:00 am VBS Craft Day (3)
6:00 pm Bible Studies (2)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)
7:00 pm 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)

THURSDAY, MAY 21

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
5:30 pm Pickleball (5)
6:00 pm "Journeymen" Fellowship Group (2)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, MAY 22

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

SATURDAY, MAY 23

SUNDAY, MAY 24

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)
2:00 pm VBS Craft Day (3)
4:00 pm Finance Council Meeting (1-Choir Rm)
No Youth Activities

Monday, May 25th ~ Memorial Day
Office Closed in Observance

KEY:

- 1 – Sanctuary building
- 2 – Wesley – adult education
- 3 – Asbury – children's ed.
- 4 – SWH – youth building
- 5 – CLC – Christian Life Center



***“Authentically Imperfect Christ Followers
Uniting all seeking Grace and Belonging.”***

May 17th, 2026
7th Sunday of Easter

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Jon Kaufman, Senior Pastor
Ryan McGough, Associate Pastor
Sandra Thomas, Pastor of Worship & Senior Adults
Anna McGough, Director of Children's Ministries
Elliott Frankel, Director of Youth Ministries

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Instagram – [stmarksumc_brandon](https://www.instagram.com/stmarksumc_brandon)
TikTok - [stmarksumc](https://www.tiktok.com/@stmarksumc)

Traditional Service
May 17th, 2026
7th Sunday of Easter

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude *Seek Ye First* Handbells

+Call to Worship

+Hymn *How Firm A Foundation* # 529

Affirmation of Faith “An Easter Affirmation” # 888

Response “Alleluia, alleluia” (chorus only) # 162

Graduate Recognition

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem *Here I Am, Lord* Choir

Offertory Prayer

Doxology # 94

Passing of the Peace

+Hymn *God Is So Good* # 2056

Children ages 3K through 5K are
dismissed to Children’s Church

Scripture 1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11

Sermon “The God of All Grace”
Rev. Jon Kaufman

+Hymn *Stand By Me v. 1,3,5* # 512

+Benediction

Postlude

+Please stand as you are able.

Holy Communion immediately follows 8:20 am service,
except on first Sundays.

Livestream available for 8:20 am Traditional & 10:45 am 11th Hour on
St. Mark’s UMC FB or at Saintmarksum.org

Nursery is available ages up to and including two (2) years.

To Request Prayers Email: Prayerrequest@saintmarksum.org
(A complete copy of our Prayer List available at the exits doors)

(New) St. Mark’s Devotional & Prayer Line
601-487-0930

Call St. Mark’s Devotional & Prayer Line to hear a
devotional message and a word of prayer. It’s available
anytime you need encouragement or spiritual reflection.

The prayer message is typically updated weekly.

College Graduates

**Matthew Byrd graduated in December from Mississippi
College with a BA in Computing and Information Systems**

**Hailee Humphries receiving her BS in Recreational
Therapy from the University of Southern Mississippi**

**Sierra Humphries receiving BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences
from the University of Southern Mississippi**

High School Graduates

Boz Beam-Ingram (NWR)

John David Caldwell (NWR)

Aiden Curry (NWR)

Caroline Embry (NWR)

Hayden Maxwell (NWR)

Bella Vega (HA)

Hines Wells (NWR)

Wednesday Nights at St. Mark’s

**Weds. Night Supper is recessed for
Summer we will resume
In September!**

Please scan the QR Code below to
Register or call Church Office
at 601-992-2131.



Reminder
Wednesday Night Adult Studies
at 6:00 pm in Wesley Center
All Welcome!



**St. Mark’s Online
Shelby Giving**

Please scan the QR code
with your smartphone to access
the Shelby Giving app.
Thank you for your continued
support of our Ministries!

BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, May 17
Acts 1:1-14
Psalms 47+68:1-10,32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53
John 17:1-11

MON., May 18
Psalms 99
Leviticus 9:1-11,22-24
1 Peter 4:1-6

TUES., May 19
Numbers 16:41-50
1 Peter 4:7-11

WEDS., May 20
1 Kings 8:54-65
John 3:31-36

THURS., May 21
Psalms 33:12-22
Exodus 19:1-9
Acts 2:1-11

FRI., May 22
Exodus 19:16-25
Romans 8:14-17

SAT., May 23
Exodus 20:1-21
Matthew 5:1-12

SUNDAY, May 24
Acts 2:1-21
Psalms 104:24-35
1 Corinthians 12:3-13
John 7:37-39

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT:	
3/31/2026	Yr. 2026
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,259,835.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$293,701.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	-\$290,817.00
REVENUE Over/Under EXPENSE	(\$2,884.00)
UNPAID MISSION SHARES	\$18,032.00