

**Wednesday Night Supper @ 5:00 pm in CLC ~ All Welcome!**

Join us for Supper **February 19th** Here's our Menu:

**Spaghetti, Corn, Broccoli, Garlic Bread,  
Salad, Beverage & Tonda's Yummy Dessert!**

Please scan the QR Code to the right to Register  
for Wednesday Night Supper or just call the office:  
-\$10 Adult Meals (6 grade & up), - \$7 Child Meals



*\* Please consider Pre-Registering for the semester at a discount!*

*\*In lieu of Family pricing we have introduced a new option to  
Pre-Purchase for a Semester of Meals at a discount Adults \$150 & Child \$105.  
Please sign up early to get this special offer! We have excellent weekly menus!*

**Volunteers are needed and welcome! Please contact Thelma in  
Church Office to be added to our weekly volunteer schedule.**

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 12/31/2024		Yr. 2024
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$ 1,573,165.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD		\$ 1,198,376.16
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD		-\$ 1,280,154.11
Revenue Over/Under Expense		(\$81,777.95)

**St. Mark's Shelby Giving**  
Please click on the QR code to the right with your  
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Jon Kaufman..... Senior Pastor  
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Will & Amanda Lawson ..... Directors Youth Ministry  
Anna McGough ..... Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Darlene Baker..... Music Assistant/Pianist  
Jason Boyd..... Music Assistant/Organist  
Thelma Lorentz..... Administrative Assistant

**Mark Your Calendars...**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark's FB or Saintmarksum.org)  
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)  
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark's FB or Saintmarksum.org)  
3:00 pm Grief Recovery Group (2-WWF w105)  
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Nite (4)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)  
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)  
6:00 pm Disciple Fast Track (1-Robe Rm)  
6:00 pm Youth Council Meeting (4)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)  
9:30 am Tabitha Circle (1-Robe Rm)  
6:30 pm Ruth Circle (1-Robe Rm)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm)  
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)  
10:00 am Adult Study (1-Robe Rm)  
5:00 pm Weds. Night Supper (5-CLC)  
6:00 pm Adult Bible Studies (2)  
6:00 pm Kids Workshops (3)  
6:00 pm Youth Weds. Nite. (4)  
7:00 pm 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)  
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

Trendsetters Trip - Atlanta, GA "World of Jesus" Exhibit  
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

Trendsetters Trip - Atlanta, GA "World of Jesus" Exhibit  
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark's FB or Saintmarksum.org)  
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)  
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark's FB or Saintmarksum.org)  
3:00 pm Grief Recovery Group (2-WWF w105)  
3:30 pm Handbells & Music Rehearsals (1)  
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Nite (4)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 16**

Psalm 1  
Jeremiah 17:5-10  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

**MONDAY, FEB. 17**

Psalm 120  
2 Kings 24:18-25:21  
1 Corinthians 15:20-34

**TUES., FEB. 18**

Psalm 120  
Ezra 1:1-11  
2 Corinthians 1:12-19

**WEDS., FEB. 19**

Psalm 120  
Jeremiah 22:11-17  
Luke 11:37-52

**THURS., FEB. 20**

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
Genesis 43:16-34  
Romans 8:1-11

**FRIDAY, FEB. 21**

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
Genesis 44:1-17  
1 John 2:12-17

**SAT, FEB. 22**

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
Genesis 44:18-34  
Luke 12:57-59

**SUNDAY, FEB. 23**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38

**KEY:**  
1 - Sanctuary building  
2 - Wesley - adult education  
3 - Asbury - children's education  
4 - SWH - youth building  
5 - CLC - Christian Life Center

# Saint Mark's

## United Methodist Church

[www.saintmarksum.org](http://www.saintmarksum.org)

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

**ENTERING INTO WORSHIP**

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude Jason Boyd  
*Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst*

+Opening Hymn *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* # 427  
vv. 1,3-6  
(hymn tune is The Gift of Love)

+Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed # 881

Musical Offering *Blest are They* Ann Kaufman

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem *God is Our Refuge* Sanctuary Choir

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Stewpot Video

+Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* # 94  
Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children's Church

Passing of the Peace

+Hymn Seek Ye First # 405  
vv. 1,2,1

Gospel Reading Luke 6:17-26

Sermon A Right Relationship with Money Rev. Kaufman

+Closing Hymn Have Thine Own Way Lord # 382

+Benediction

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

We are always pleased to welcome new members. If you wish to unite with our church family today, please come forward during the singing of the last hymn; or you may speak with one of the ministers following the benediction.

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

## Prayer Concerns...

### In Sympathy to Family & Friends of:

Bob Grigsby on his sudden passing, February 13<sup>th</sup> (Member Ways & Means SS Class & Sunday morning greeter/usher)

Baylor Zeidman on his passing last week (Son of Ben & Rachel Zeidman and Grandson of Patsy and A.M. Zeidman (former members of St. Mark's UMC)

### Members Needing Prayers:

Chuck Jeffcoat	Gwen Robertson	Bill & Lanelle Weems
Jean Lancaster	Merriam Smilley	Pat White
Gene Reynolds	Glenn Thomas	Johnnie Yakstis

### Family & Friends --- January 2025:

Chris Allard (brother David Allard)	Scott Gumina (Chuck Jeffcoat)
James Allard (father David Allard)	Julie Hebert (Michael & Jo Hebert)
Dorothy Ashby (Clyde Payne)	David Leach (Lance Wilson)
Linda Ball (Kyle Ball, Melanie D. Ball)	Mac Lofton (Skip Kuzel)
David Brewer (Arlene Pettus)	Jessica McIngvale (Jane Mapp)
Kristin Cox (Beth Cox)	Shani Meck (Mike & Linda Kennedy)
Mary Ann Curry (Skip Kuzel)	Baby Rainer Clark (Karen Reed)
Bryanna Frisbee (Beth Cox)	Cody Watson (Karen Reed)
Robert Ghoston (Charlie Crenshaw)	Chris Whitlock (Karen Reed)

### Long Term Prayers:

Carole Bell	Jerry Klomparens	Carolyn Phillips
Tinker Colwell	Sara Meeks	Janette Thomas
Bernie Drowne	Joel Melton	Linda Thomas
Camille Dumas	Dixie Miller	Frances Upchurch
Barbara Glasscock	June Miracle	Mike & Connie Weaver
Martha Gower	Jonnie Norton	

Mally & Ian (Katie Baker)	Janet Lawing (Jo Hebert)
Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams)	Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)
Larry Case (Lyn Smith)	Garner Peacock
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)	Tommie Pittman (Hewitt Pittman)
Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr)	Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins)
Mrs. Lou Fomby (Sandra Haskett)	Luke Shappley & Family (Sara & Rodney Meeks)
Russell Gaines (Linda Jennings)	Will & Marti Sorey (Dennis O'Neal)
Renea Griffith (Russ & Beth Griffith)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)
Beth Haggerty (Beth Griffith)	Leslie Toombs (Robby Toombs)
Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)	Temple Tynnbaris (Clarene Reynolds)
Luanne Hitselberger (Chris Zachow)	Mimi Watts
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Lane West (Betty Wheat)
Jerry Kirkland (Lois Minchew)	Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)

### Serving our Country:

Justin Cox, Cody Howrigan, Donna Phillips, Casey Powell, Eric Spellman, Brad Suggs, TJ Riley.

### Notes:

## Upcoming Events, Mission & Volunteer Opportunities...

**Grief Recovery Group** - Sunday's at 3:00 pm Jan. 19 – Feb. 23 in the Wesley Center at St. Mark's UMC. Join us for a 6-week journey from mourning to joy as we explore the good aspects of grief. Please call 601-992-2131 or stop by office to Sign Up.

**Our Weds. Night Adult Studies @ 6 pm All Welcome!**  
Men's, Women's & Co-Ed Groups ~ Meet in Wesley Center

### **St. Mark's Stewpot Service Week**

Stewpot Volunteers are needed to work in pantry...  
Week of Feb. 17-21 (9:00 am–11:30 am) 3-4 volunteers needed each day  
Please contact Jane Brown to Sign Up & for details email [Info@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Info@saintmarksum.org)

### **RACE for GRACE PLACE Fundraiser**

When: Saturday, March 29, 2025  
Where: Galloway UMC, (Downtown Jackson, MS)  
What: 5K AND FUN RUN (please register to join the race!)  
Grace Place serves the needs of people who are food insecure and provides breakfast 4 days a week, a clothing closet, worship opportunities, and celebrations. For more info please email [spbranson@gmail.com](mailto:spbranson@gmail.com)

### **Mark your calendars... Honduras trip is May 26-June 2, 2025!**

For details, please contact - Angie Maxwell 601-934-2243 or  
Chuck McNeil 601-616-9363

### **Trendsetter Opportunities - for anyone 50+**

Join our St. Mark's UMC Senior Adults! ...

#### **Thurs. & Fri. Feb. 20 + 21 (Overnight Trip) to Atlanta , Ga**

**"The World of Jesus Exhibition"** This is a very special opportunity to view over 350 never before seen relics from the Holy Land including the James Ossuary.

**Thurs. Feb. 27**—Bingo Afternoon at 2 pm in CLC—Coffee & Desserts

— Please bring a \$5 Bingo prize "white elephant" wrap or unwrapped.

**Tues., March 4** @ Movie: "The Unbreakable Boy" Time: TBA

**Tues., March 11** Please join us for "Game Day" In CLC—bring your favorite board games to share then out for Lunch.

**Thurs., March 27**—9 am Bus from Church to Natural Science Museum for the Mindbender Mansion then Lunch at Lou's.

**Thurs., April 10** - Bingo Night at 5 pm in CLC—Join us for Bingo & Dinner

— Please bring a \$5 Bingo prize "white elephant" wrap or unwrapped.

**For further opportunities & a complete list contact or stop by the church office... Sign Up in Church Office: Contact Rev. Sandra Thomas or call Church Office for more details regarding Trendsetter & trip opportunities!**  
601-992-2131 or email [Sandra@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Sandra@saintmarksum.org)

## Youth Ministry...

For all students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades



\*\*\*Note: We need adults for each of these events to make them possible.

**Sunday School (Rush Hour) every Sunday @ 9:30 am in SWH**  
MS Guys/Gals & HS Bible studies!

**Join us for Youth Sunday Nite activities (5:30 – 8 pm) in SWH**

**Youth Wednesday Nites 6-7pm, & hangout in SWH till 8:00 pm.**

**Monday, Feb. 17 - Youth Council Meeting at 6 pm in SWH**

**Youth Ministry is welcoming donations of lightly used furniture, to help revamp our SWH youth rooms. Thank you so much!**

**Will and Amanda Lawson, St. Mark's Youth Directors**  
[Will@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Will@saintmarksum.org) or [Amanda@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Amanda@saintmarksum.org)

## St. Mark's Preschool News...



St. Mark's UMC Preschool is currently enrolling students for the 2025-2026 school year. Please contact Lisa Iannelli, Director for a registration form. [smpreschool@saintmarksum.org](mailto:smpreschool@saintmarksum.org) or 601-992-2244.

## Children & Family Ministries...

Sunday, February 16, 2025

All activities are for PreK  
through 5th Grade

Acolytes @ Traditional & 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Services  
&

**Sunday School @ 9:30 AM**  
(3 - A102/A104)

Children's Church  
(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)



**Wednesday Night Supper & Bible Studies.**  
[You can sign up to eat here](#) and even prepay if you would like for the meal or the semester.

**Wednesday Night Workshops for kids at 6pm in Asbury for kids. We will be learning the Apostles Creed over the next two months!**

**Sun. Mar. 2 - Children's Co. Meeting at 12 noon Asbury Hall - Big Rm / Parlor**

**Sun. Mar. 2 – Tween Night at 5:30 - 7:30 pm in Asbury Hall – Big Rm. / Parlor**

Please Contact **Anna McGough** for all Sign Ups at: 601-992-2131 (Ext.109)  
Or email [Anna@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Anna@saintmarksum.org) for more info.