

**St. Mark's to Host Red Clay Hills
District Charge Conference
Sunday, October 11, 2026 – 4:00 PM**

St. Mark's is honored to host a regional Charge Conference for the Red Clay Hills District on Sunday, October 11 at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary. We invite all St. Mark's members to join us for this special gathering of seventeen United Methodist churches from our district.

Please plan to join us as we host our sister congregations and share in the joy of being United Methodists. A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow, so stay a while and get to know our guests.

**Weds., Adult Bible Studies - Men's, Women's, Co-Ed
or Veterans Study Groups @ 6 pm in Wesley Center**
We will resume all Studies on Oct. 14.

**Thurs., Oct. 15 - College / Young Adults will gather
at 6 pm in Asbury Hall - Parlor**

Children's Ministry
Kids Weds. Workshops in Asbury Hall @ 6 pm
Oct. 18 – Children's Council at Noon and
Tween Night at 5:30 pm in Asbury Hall - Parlor
For details and all sign-ups contact Anna McGough at
anna@saintmarksum.org

Youth Ministry
Youth Weds., Studies & Sunday Nights @ 5:30 pm (SWH);
Thurs., Youth Prayer Breakfast 6:45 am (off campus)

St. Mark's Harvest Fest ~ Youth Fundraiser Sun. Nov. 8th
Please reach out if you have any questions about details.
For details email us at youth@saintmarksum.org

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+...*
Weds., Oct. 14 – Senior Day at the MS State Fair (am)
Thurs., Oct. 15 MercyMe in Concert (pm)

Join the fun! Sign up in church office. For details text Sandra Thomas at 601-940-5120 or email Info@saintmarksum.org

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

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 Red Clay Hills District Charge Conference (1)

MONDAY, OCT. 12

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Joyful Connections Respite (5)
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1)
6:00 pm *Epic of Eden* - Bible Study (1)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1)
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
9:30 am Trendsetters - MS State Fair (Bus)
10:00 am Adult Bible Study (1-Robe Rm)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
5:00 pm Weds. Night Supper (5)
5:30 pm Youth Studies (4)
6:00 pm Bible Studies (2+3)
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice (1)
7:00 pm 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

6:45 am Youth Prayer Breakfast (off campus)
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
Trendsetters - MercyMe Concert (Bus)
5:30 pm Pickleball (5)
6:00 pm College / Young Adults (3-Parlor)
6:00 pm "Journeyman" (2)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

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)
12:00 pm Children's Council Meeting (4-Parlor)
5:30 pm Tween Night (4-Parlor)
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night (4)

Key:
1 – Sanctuary Building
2 – Wesley - Adult Ed.
3 – Asbury - Children's Ed.
4 – SWH – Youth Bldg.
5 – CLC – Christian Life Center



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

October 11th, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Contact Us:
(601) 992-2131
info@saintmarksum.org

Ministry Staff
Jon Kaufman, Senior Pastor
Ryan McGough, Associate Pastor
Sandra Thomas, Pastor of Worship & Senior Adults
Anna McGough, Director of Next Gen Ministries
Elliott Frankel, Director of Youth Ministries

Connect With Us Online:
www.saintmarksum.org

Facebook - St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Instagram – [stmarksumc_brandon](https://www.instagram.com/stmarksumc_brandon)
TikTok - [stmarksumc](https://www.tiktok.com/@stmarksumc)

Traditional Service

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ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

+Call to Worship

+Hymn “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” # 340

Affirmation of Faith A Modern Affirmation # 885

Response Let There Be Peace on Earth # 431
(only the last line)

Musical Offering “How Great Is Our God” Handbells
Jason Boyd, solo

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” Choir

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Jayne Crenshaw

Doxology # 94

Passing of the Peace

+Hymn “He Touched Me” # 367
Children ages 3K through 5K are
dismissed to Children’s Church

Scripture Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon A Place at the Wedding Party Rev. Jon Kaufman

+Hymn “Lord of All Hopefulness” # 2197

+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
(Complete prayer lists are available at the exits doors)

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.

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary today are in
Celebration of Phillip & Jane Brown’s 50th
Wedding Anniversary (Oct. 9th)

Personal Reflection for this week.

Matthew 22:1-14

The king in the parable keeps sending invitations, even to
people who ignored the first ones. Where in your life have
you sensed God inviting you again, and what has made it
easy to put off a response? Can you think of a time you said
“yes?”

Galatians 3:27 says we have clothed ourselves with Christ, a
garment given rather than earned. In what areas do you still
try to earn your place at the table, and what would change if
you simply received it?

Clothing ourselves with humility (Colossians 3:12) is how we
wear what we’ve been given. Where is God asking you to
practice humility this week, perhaps in a relationship, a habit,
or a conviction you’ve been holding on to?

Wednesday Nights at St. Mark’s

Weds. Night Supper & Studies on
will resume on Oct. 14

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, Oct. 11
Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6,19-23
Acts 8:14-25
Matthew 22:1-14

MON., Oct. 12
Psalm 97
Exodus 32:15-35
Jude 17-25

TUES., Oct. 13
Exodus 33:1-6
Philippians 3:13-4:1

WEDS., Oct. 14
2 Kings 17:7-20
John 6:25-35

THURS., Oct. 15
Psalm 99
Exodus 33:7-11
3 John 9-12

FRI., Oct. 16
Exodus 31:1-11
1 Peter 5:1-5

SAT, Oct. 17
Exodus 39:32-43
Matthew 14:1-12

SUNDAY, Oct. 18
Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 22:15-22

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
9/30/2026

Yr. 2026	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,259,835.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$885,694.56
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	-\$894,759.09
REVENUE Over/Under EXPENSE	- \$9,064.53
UNPAID MISSION SHARES	\$36,104.82