

**Weds., July 22 – MS Blood Drive Services
at St. Mark's Campus (3-7 pm)**

**Thurs., July 30 – College / Young Adult Cookout
(SWH/CLC-Outdoors) @ 6 pm**

**St. Mark's UMC ~ Men's Conference / Retreat
Sat., August 22, 2026 (8:30am-3:30 pm) in CLC**

This is a one-day event for any man seeking a time of worship,
fellowship, and great spiritual teaching. For more info please
contact Rev. Ryan McGough at Em: Ryan@saintmarksum.org
or Register with link below:

<https://saintmarksum.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/08cb8f48-709c-4321-9c91-8bfcf1d714f0>

Aug. 16 - Honduras Mission – Interest Meeting @ 4 pm

Weds., Adult Bible Studies @ 6 pm in Wesley Center

As well as Veterans Bible Study @ 6 pm and our Summer Bible
Study "Messy People." at 10:00 am in Robe Room and 6:00 pm
in Wesley Center. Taught by Pastor Jon Kaufman

Children's Ministry

July 19 - Kids Pool Party @ Rez. YMCA (5:30 – 7:30 pm)

July 26 – Tween Night @ Asbury Hall 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

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

Youth Ministry

Youth Weds., Nights & Sunday Nights @ 5:30 pm

Aug. 2 - Back to School Bash @ 5:30 pm

For details email us at youth@saintmarksum.org

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+...*

July 20 – Movie: "Young Washington"

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

Media / Technology Volunteer Assistants Needed!

Flexible scheduling for Sunday Services

Please contact Dennis O'Neal with interest phone:
601-992-2131 (ext. 116) or email: Info@saintmarksum.org

SUNDAY, JULY 19 – National Ice Cream Day!

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 Finance Council Meeting (1-Choir Rm)

4:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)

5:30 pm Kids Pool Party @ Res. YMCA

5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night (4+5)

MONDAY, JULY 20

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

10:00 am Joyful Connections Respite (5)

10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)

2:00 pm Trendsetters @ Movie (Bus)

7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, JULY 21

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

No Tabitha Circle Gathering in July

6:00 pm Ruth Circle Gathering (1-Robe Rm)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

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)

10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

3-7pm MS Blood Drive Services (on campus)

5:30 pm Youth Wednesday Night (4)

6:00 pm Adult Bible Studies (2)

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice (1)

7:00 pm 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)

THURSDAY, JULY 23

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

5:30 pm Pickleball (5)

6:00 pm "Journeyman" (2)

7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, JULY 24

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

SATURDAY, JULY 25

SUNDAY, JULY 26

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)

5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)

5:30 pm Tween Night (3)

5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night (4+5)

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."***

**July 19th, 2026
8th 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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Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

+Call to Worship

+HymnCome, Ye Thankful People, Come# 694

Affirmation of FaithApostle’s Creed# 881

Response“Gloria Patri”# 70

Musical OfferingWe Beseech Thee

Jason Boyd, Staci Curry, Shera Higbee

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

AnthemWe Shall Behold HimChoir

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Doxology# 94

Passing of the Peace

+HymnOn Eagle’s Wings# 143

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

ScriptureMatthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon“Don’t Pull the Weeds!” Rev. Jon Kaufman

+HymnHere I am, Lord# 593

+Benediction

Postlude

+Please stand as you are able.

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary today are in Honor of
Trey & Staci Curry’s 30th Wedding Anniversary (July 13th).

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.

This Week’s Message: Don’t Pull the Weeds!
From the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds
(Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

Jesus tells a parable about a farmer who lets weeds
and wheat grow side by side until harvest. Today’s
message walks through three big ideas:

1. We have a real but already-defeated enemy at
work in the world.
2. Good and evil often grow so close together that
we can’t always tell them apart.
3. Our call is not to sort and judge, but to keep
sowing seeds of love, mercy, and grace and trust
God with the harvest.

Reflection Questions:
Where have I recently tried to "pull a weed" —
quickly judging a person or situation — when the
wiser move might have been patience?
What would it look like this week to spend more
energy sowing good than uprooting what’s wrong?

Wednesday Nights at St. Mark’s

Weds. Night Supper is recessed for
Summer we will resume
September 9th!

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!

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT:	
5/31/2026	
	Yr. 2026
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,259,835.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$524,333.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	-\$520,773.00
REVENUE Over/Under EXPENSE	\$3,560.00
UNPAID MISSION SHARES	\$17,062.00

BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, July 19
Genesis 28:10-19
Psalm 139:1-12,23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

MON., July 20
Psalm 129:13-18
Genesis 32:3-21
Revelation 14:12-20

TUES., July 21
Genesis 33:1-17
Galatians 4:21-5:1

WEDS., July 22
Genesis 35:16-29
Matthew 12:15-21

THURS., July 23
Psalm 105:1-11,45
Genesis 29:1-8
1 Corinthians 4:14-20

FRI., July 24
Genesis 29:9-14
Acts 7:44-53

SAT, July 25
Genesis 29:31-30:24
Matthew 12:38-42

SUNDAY, July 26
Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11,45
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33,44-52