

Monday Night Bible Study: “*Epic of Eden*”
At 6 pm in Robe Room ~ Taught by Joey Hibbert
All Welcome!

Weds., Adult Bible Studies
Join our Men’s, Women’s, Co-Ed or Veterans
Study Groups @ 6 pm in Wesley Center
Including Pastor Jon’s Weds., Study
“Get Acquainted with Your Bible” at 10 am in Robe Room
and 6 pm in Wesley Center

Thursdays “Journeyman” Men’s Fellowship Group
Meet at 6 pm in our Wesley Center – Sonrise Classroom.
Please contact Joey Hibbert for details.

Children’s Ministry
Kids Weds. Workshops in Asbury Hall @ 6 pm
Sun., Sept. 20 - Tween Night for 3rd-5th Grade Students
For details and all sign-ups contact Anna McGough at
anna@saintmarksum.org

Youth Ministry
Youth Weds., Nights & Sunday Nights @ 5:30 pm (SWH);
Thurs., Youth Prayer Breakfast @ 6:45 am (off campus)
For details email us at youth@saintmarksum.org

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+...*
Sept. 29 – Let’s Play Bingo at 5:30 pm in CLC
Thurs., Oct. 1 – Historic Port Gibson - Bus at 7:30 am
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

Sat. Sept. 26 – Mission Opportunity
Join us for Habitat Faith Build!!
Board church bus at 7:15 am return just after lunch
Please see our weekly Newsletter or contact
Pastor Ryan McGough for further details.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20
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)
3:30 pm SPRC Meeting (1-Choir Rm)
5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)
5:30 pm Tween Night (3)
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Nights (4)

MONDAY, SEPT. 21
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 Monday Night Bible Study (1)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23
7:00 am Men’s Prayer Group (1)
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
10:00 am Adult Bible Study (1)
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper (5)
5:30 pm Youth Weds. Night (4)
6:00 pm Adult Studies / Kids Workshops (2+3)
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice (1)
7:00 pm 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24
6:45 am Youth Prayer Breakfast (off campus)
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
5:30 pm Pickleball (5)
6:00 pm “Journymen” (2)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26
7:15 am Habitat Faith Build (bus)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27
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 Administrative Council Meeting (3-Parlor)
5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Nights (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.”

September 20th, 2026
17th 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

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Traditional Service

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ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

+Call to Worship

+Hymn “There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy” # 121

Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed # 881

Response Gloria Patri # 70

Musical Offering “The Kingdom is Yours” David Hinton

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem “I Turn To You” Choir
Becky Hall, Ann Kaufman, duet

Offertory Prayer

Offertory “Goodness of God” Bettye Payne

Doxology # 94

Passing of the Peace

+Hymn “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”
v.1-3 # 581

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

Scripture Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon Starting at the End Rev. Jon Kaufman

+Hymn “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord” # 438

+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.

Personal Reflections for this Week

Matthew 20:1-16

- 1. Where in your life have you been quietly keeping score — with God, with the church, with someone you feel has "gotten more" than they earned — and what would it take to set that ledger down?
- 2. God's generosity in this parable isn't rationed by how long someone has been faithful. Where do you still measure your own worth, or someone else's, by tenure rather than grace?
- 3. The landowner's generosity wasn't just in what he paid — it was in the wanting itself, the willingness to keep going back for people others had stopped looking for. Where might God be inviting you to loosen your grip and give — of your time, your welcome, your patience — not because someone has earned it, but simply because your heart has room?

Wednesday Nights at St. Mark’s

Join us for Weds. Night Supper
5 pm in Christian Life Center (CLC)
Volunteer Servers Needed!

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, Sept. 20

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Acts 2:14-21, 33-35
Matthew 20:1-16

MON., Sept. 21

Psalm 119:97-104
Exodus 16:31-35
Romans 16:1-16

TUES., Sept. 22

Numbers 11:1-9
Romans 16:17-20

WEDS., Sept. 23

Numbers 11:18-23, 31-32
Matthew 18:1-5

THURS., Sept. 24

Psalm 78:1-4,12-16
Isaiah 48:17-21
James 4:11-16

FRI., Sept. 25

Numbers 20:1-13
Acts 13:32-41

SAT, Sept. 26

Numbers 27:12-14
Mark 11:27-33

SUNDAY, Sept. 27

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4,12-16
Acts 3:1-19
Matthew 21:23-32

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

8/31/2026	Yr. 2026
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,259,835.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$809,809.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	-\$793,758.00
REVENUE Over/Under EXPENSE	\$16,051.00
UNPAID MISSION SHARES	\$35,094.00