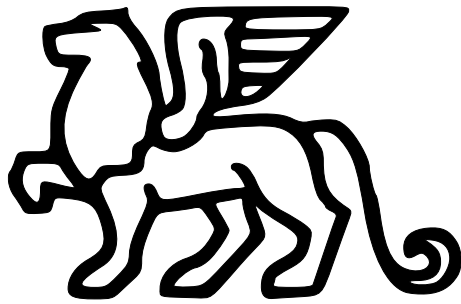


ST. MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVING GOD, LOVING YOU

May 15, 2016



Why All Christians are Pentecostals

Pentecost was the day on the Jewish calendar that God chose to pour out his Holy Spirit on the first small group prayer meeting of Jesus-followers. My friend Brian Russell, evangelist and Bible teacher, says, "The book of Acts demonstrates the empowering role of the Holy Spirit in the advancement of the gospel." The final words of Jesus are powerful: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Russell continues, "The Spirit is the driver of God's mission in the world. After Jesus' resurrection, God sends the Spirit to unleash his people to serve as witnesses to the good news of the kingdom. The empowerment of the Spirit is the key difference between the Old and New Testament people of God. The church is a people of the Spirit."

So all Christians are Pentecostals, by definition.

Without the Pentecost gift of the Spirit, you would never have had the chance to hear the gospel. Without the Pentecost gift of the Spirit, you and the whole world would still be living in the confusion of Babel (Genesis 11). Without the Pentecost gift of the Spirit, you would be self-absorbed and unable to see that God has created you, loved you, and equipped you to represent him with joy and effectiveness in the world.

Not sure you want to be a Pentecostal? Get over it. Claim your gift, and find your place in the great chain of believers that brought the gospel to you on the way to getting the gospel to someone else.

With joy,

Scott

St. Mark Staff Announcements

As the SPRC announced in worship last Sunday, **Shannon Baxter** has accepted an offer to serve as Director of Missions Ministries at Isle of Hope UMC in Savannah, starting in early July. He will stay on at St. Mark long enough to help with transition and to kick off a great summer of Family Ministries here in the month of June.

A move across the state for Shannon means that the **Rev. Aimee Baxter** will be leaving her role as our associate pastor, though she will continue to serve in her full-time job as an adoption recruiter for Bethany Christian Services.

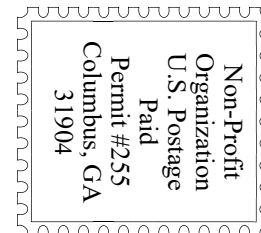
Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 12—not their last day, but the day the SPRC has set aside to celebrate Shannon and Aimee, their family, and their ministry among us over the last decade.

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Your Church Staff

- Scott Tucker**
Senior Pastor
- Aimee Baxter**
Associate Pastor
- Shannon Baxter, Jr.**
Director of Family Ministries
- Sarah Jane Hebert**
Associate Director of Family Ministries
- Joni Biancardi**
Director of Kitchen and Recreation Ministries
- Patrick Duncan**
Director of Music Ministries
- Kenny Roberts**
Church Administrator
- Angela Leichter**
Administrative Assistant
- Tavada Patton**
CDC Director
- Kate Collier**
Preschool Director
- Wiley Gray**
Facilities Manager
- Glenn Myhand**
Groundskeeper
- David Roberts**
Pianist
- Shirley Williamson**
Organist
- Andy Funderburk**
Jonny Hicks
Media Technicians

Return Service Requested



St. Mark United Methodist Church

May 15, 2016	Day of Pentecost	8:30 and 11:00 am
Worship Song		<i>Your Grace is Enough</i>
Welcome and Announcements		Scott Tucker
*Fellowship Moments		
*Songs of Worship		<i>Holy Ground</i> <i>Holy Spirit Rain Down</i> <i>Revelation Song</i>
Morning Prayer		Scott Tucker
Anthem	<i>No More Night</i>	Choir and Orchestra
Children's Moments		Sarah Jane Hebert <i>(Children may leave for Children's Church during the 11:00 service)</i>
*The Doxology		
Offertory Prayer		Patrick Duncan
Offertory	<i>Blessed Be The Name</i>	Orchestra
Sermon	"The Pentecostal Life" <i>or Why You Depend on Jesus and He Depends on You</i> Joel 2:28-32; Acts 1:8; 2:1-41 (Pew Bible, pp. 481 & 575)	Scott Tucker
*Song of Personal Response		<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>
*Benediction		Scott Tucker
*Postlude	<i>Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i> *Please stand as you are able.	Orchestra

*The Altar flowers are given by Joni Biancardi to the Glory of God
And in loving memory of her mother on her birthday.*

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Contact Scott Tucker at scott@stmarkumc.com or 706-327-3376 with your questions or to inquire about the next St. Mark 101 orientation... a time of fellowship and teaching about how we follow Christ at St. Mark United Methodist Church.

Sunday Servants for May 15, 2016

Worship Ministries	Children & Youth Ministries
8:30 Servants: Ushers: Team Captain – Ty Niblack David Rulon, Bobby Streetman, Jeff Kennedy, & Ronnie Barnes On Call: Frank Zylstra Greeters: Rae Meriaux & Sandy Cullen C.A.R.E. Cards: Carla Askew 11:00 Servants: Ushers: Team Captain – Tommy Cox Sunday Ben, Mike Stanislawski, Fred McCraw, Clark Webster & Ray Durden On Call: Jack Pope Greeters: Angie Pope & Buzz Brown C.A.R.E. Cards: Lauren Funderburk Acolytes: Clark Zanella & Sophia Luquire Altar Guild: Corey Salzman, Gretchen Smith, & Dianne Peed Flower Ministry: Rae Meriaux, Lawanda Myers, & Darlene Van Pelt	Children's Sunday School: Preschool: Gwen Wetherington K-3 Girls: Monica Milner K-3 Boys: Shannon Gaither 4th-5th: Kevin & Kacey Brown Children's Church Helper: Heather Zanella & Sara Jane Hebert Praiseland Teacher & Helper: Melanie Melvin & Kristi Gibson Youth Sunday School: Middle School Guys (Ed. Ctr. Rm 20): Garrett Affleck Middle School Girls (Ed. Ctr. Rm. 14): Amy Pierson & Sarah Jane Hebert High School Guys (Youth Center): Ward Jordan & Buzz Brown High School Girls (Starbucks): Jennifer McCarty, Janice Dukes, Sandy Nelms, & Corey Salzman

Adult Sunday School Opportunities		
Class Name/Teacher	Current Study	Location
Fellowship Lynn Harbour	<i>Heaven (small booklet)</i> By Randy Alcorn	Activity Center Room 223
Friendly Carla Askew	<i>The Sermon on the Mount</i> By John Stott	Activity Center Room 242
Good News Aina Cummins	<i>Mark</i>	Education Center Room 3
Lost and Found Lauren Funderburk	<i>The Story</i> By Randy Frazee	Education Center Room 4
Faith and Marriage Clark and Hanna Webster	<i>Christian Marriage</i>	Church Office Conference Room
Young Adult Class David and Louisa Brown	<i>1 John</i>	Education Center Room 19
New Song Lynn Davis	<i>1 Peter</i>	Activity Center Room 129
Nonamé		Activity Center Room 107
Seekers (Men's Class) Dick Meriaux	<i>Acts</i>	Activity Center Room 116
St. James Bill Weekes	<i>Faithlink: Contemporary Issues</i>	Education Center Room 301

ST. MARK UMC

Announcements

Thank you

Thank you for your love, prayers, and support during the recent death of Dan's mother, Emma Phillips and during the surgery of our granddaughter, Emma Armour. We appreciate every prayer, phone call, and card. We are blessed to be part of the St. Mark Church family.

Dan and Helen Phillips

Kid's Camp Mandatory Volunteer Meeting

All volunteers are asked to attend an informational and training meeting this **Sunday, May 15th** from **2 - 4 pm** in Hallelujah Hollow.

If you have not signed up previously and are interested in helping out as a Counselor, Kitchen Helper, Activity Leader, etc., please come to the meeting.

For more information contact Sarah Jane Hebert in the church office or at sarahjane@stmarkumc.com.



May 8—June 19

A young woman recently came in to Sound Choices for a scheduled ultra-

sound. During her appointment, she was surprised to find that she was having twins! On her Exit Questionnaire, she wrote, "I thought I was ready to have an abortion. Thanks to everyone, again."

Thanks to the help of YOUR support, these two babies are going to experience LIFE! Remember to fill your Baby Bottles with a check (made out to St. Mark), cash, or coins and bring it back on Father's Day, June 19. **Our church is setting a goal to fill 100 bottles. Together we can save lives!**

Church and Society Committee

What is Church and Society?

Church and Society is a group of St. Mark members who partner with local agencies to help and encourage those in need. God is at work all over our community. Our congregation's generosity through this partnership expands our outreach into a variety of local missions.

What local missions do we support through church and society?

Teen Challenge -Valentine Gifts (February)

Sound Choices -Baby Bottle Boomerang (May & June)

Open Door -Showering Program (Spring), Holiday Food Drive (Fall)

South Columbus UMC -School Supplies (Back to School), Food Drive (November), Christmas Toys (December)

Our House (Carpenter's Way & Arabella) -School Supplies (Back to School)

What can we do to become a part of this ministry?

Support this work with your prayers and gifts. Prayerfully consider becoming an active member of this group. If God is leading you to join the Church and Society Team, please call the church office or Gail Mc Nair (334-614-3019).

Only 20 spots left for this year's Kid's Camp!!



columbus area kids camp 2016

Don't forget to register for the annual **Kid's Camp** at Pine Eden Retreat Center in Hamilton, Ga. Visit www.stmarkumc.com/kidscamp to register your rising 2nd - 6th grader (2016-17 school year).

Cost: \$210

Dates:

June 19-23 (2nd - 4th* graders)

July 17-21 (4th* - 6th graders)

*4th graders may choose one of either week

CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

St. Mark Family

Ann Cason	Helen Edwards	Nell Scarborough
Ann Dermer	Joyce Jordan	Mary Thompson
Ann Cannon	Lynn Davis	Nina Kennedy
Louise Simmons		

St. Mark Extended Family

Jennifer Jenkins	C. D. Phillips	Jean Hammond
Emma Armour	Butch Lammert	Pat Wells
Glenda Smith	Kay & Rob Cox	Cheryl Metivier
Wiley Gray	Gene Wells	Rob & Donna Key

"They have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."

1 Peter 1:7

Prayer requests run in the bulletin for **2 weeks**. To renew or add a new request, please contact Angela Leichter in the church office or angela@stmarkumc.com.

MINISTRY TO DEPLOYED PERSONS

Please pray for Hunter Locklair and all our military and their families. *When a family member or friend is deployed, please call Nancy Streetman at 706-989-3551 or the Church Office.*

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

The friend of the week is a sick or homebound St. Mark member. *Please take time to pray for and send a note to our special friend.*

Nina Kennedy

100 Spring Harbor Drive #522
Columbus, GA 31904

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Morning Worship.....	339
Sunday School.....	180
Weekly Giving.....	\$15,738.00
Weekly Budget.....	\$14,903.85
Weekly Designated.....	\$3,320.00
YTD Giving.....	\$289,504.68
YTD Budget.....	\$283,173.15

ST. MARK FAMILY MINISTRIES

Serving children of all ages and their families.

Director: Shannon Baxter

shannon@stmarkumc.com

Associate Director: Sarah Jane Hebert

sarahjane@stmarkumc.com

Announcements

Family Ministry Summer!

With Wednesday night activities taking a hiatus during the summer starting this week, we are gearing up for some great Sunday afternoon events. Check them out below and contact us with any questions!

- **Kids Weekly Swimming**
Preschoolers and elementary-aged kids are invited to swim with us each Sunday night (except Kids Camp weeks) at a local neighborhood pool beginning at 5 pm. The location will be announced weekly. Parents are asked to stay with your children.
- **Sunday Night Youth Afterglows**
Because it's summer we can stay out a little later! After youth worship and dinner, we'll head somewhere local to swim, watch a movie, bowl, play laser tag... SNY will start at 5 pm each week and end at different times based on the activity. Transportation may be provided and help with this is always welcome!

ST. MARK KIDS (Birth - 5th Grade)

www.StMarkUMC.com/GetConnected/Kids

St. Mark Kids Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 15:

8:30 am - Worship Service
9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am - Worship Service
(Children's Church for Elementary students and 3-5 year olds)

Wednesday, May 18:

No Activities



ST. MARK YOUTH (6th-12th Grades)

www.StMarkUMC.com/GetConnected/Youth
@StMarkImpact #StMarkImpact

St. Mark Youth Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 15:

8:30 & 11:00 am - Worship Services
9:45 am - Sunday School
5:00 pm - Sunday Night Youth

Wednesday, May 18:

No Activities



ST. MARK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS :
MON.-THURS. 8:30-5:00;
FRI. 8:30-12:00

Sun 15	8:30 & 11:00am	Worship Services Sanctuary
	9:45am	Sunday School
Mon 16	10:00am	Law of Love—Gretchen Smith Conference Rm
Tues 17	7:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP- 2939 N Lake Pkwy
	10:00am	Staff Meeting Conference Rm
Wed 18	5:45pm	Handbells Choir room
	6:15pm	Orchestra Rehearsal
	6:00pm	Reset—Ten Steps to Spiritual Renewal Lynn Hodges—Edu Ctr. Rm 4
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs 19	9:30am	Heroes, Rogues, & the Rest J. Ellsworth Kalas—Mildred McAfee

Honduras Mission Trip May 21-27

A small team from St. Mark will travel to Santa Elena, Honduras, to help construct their very first children's home. If you would like to support this mission team, you can contribute to construction costs by making your checks payable to the St. Mark Missions Board.



Pentecost Sunday is May 15

Please wear red on this day that marks God's gift of the Holy Spirit, his abiding presence with his Church.

PASTOR ON-CALL

If you or someone you know is sick or in the hospital, please contact the church office or pastor on-call after hours. *For emergencies at night or on weekends, call Scott Tucker at 762-822-9449.*

St. Mark Preschool Summer Day Camp

Now enrolling children ages 2-6. Camp is 9-12:30 Tues. -Thurs., May 31-June 23 & July 5- July 28. Tuition is \$200 per month with a \$35 registration fee. If you register & pay for both sessions by May 1, it is \$350 for the summer.

We have a weekly theme that our activities are based upon. Every day we will have a short devotional, snack, sack lunch from home, outdoor time(weather permitting), story time, art and/ or science, and a lot of FUN!

In Memorial

The St. Mark Preschool and St. James Sunday School class are planning a memorial to our dear friend and fellow teacher, Donna Hughes.

A tree will be planted on the playground in loving memory and we are also hoping to refresh and dedicate room number 1 in the Education Center as "Mrs. Donna's Playroom". A few of the planned projects for the room are to paint the room, install a playhouse and purchase some new toys.

If you would like to contribute to this remembrance effort or have any questions, please contact Kate Collier.



ACTIVITY CENTER

Hours of Operation

Mon: 9am-6pm

Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm

Wed: 9am-2pm Fri: 9am-12pm

Activities This Week:

Monday

12:00pm: Pick-up Basketball

7:00pm: Yoga Class*

*Hallelujah Hollow

Tuesday

10:45am: Yoga Class

12:00pm: Pick-up Basketball

6:00pm: Yoga Class

6:30pm: T.O.P.S - Rm 222

Wednesday

12:00pm: Pick-up Basketball

Thursday

12:00pm: Pick-up Basketball

6:00pm: Yoga Class

Recreation Ministries Director: Joni Biancardi
joni@stmarkumc.com