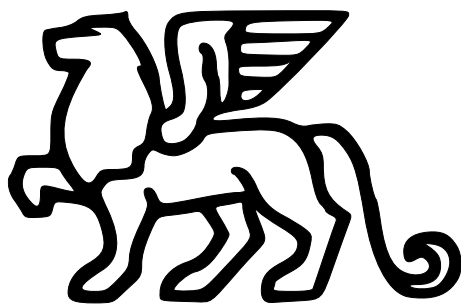


May 29, 2016



I, Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 4:4 reports a royal proclamation: "I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous."

This could be the beginning, or even the happy ending, of any number of contemporary fairy tales, television series, or feature films. To be contented and prosperous is a good goal, in and of itself. Unless we find ourselves contented and prosperous, but without a life submitted in love to the living God.

I live with this danger, and I think you live with this danger. We have achieved enough, earned enough, are smart enough, and maybe even obeyed the Lord enough in the past to get along pretty well without the active involvement of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

Nebuchadnezzar had seen God work before. He knew a good deal about God. But he did not know God.

As we have begun our journey through the Book of Daniel together over the past month, I keep seeing two truths repeated. That God is sovereign, in control over life. And that God desires a full-hearted, attentive, and responsive friendship with his human children.

Nothing else will do, for him or for us. Without a choice, we may find ourselves contented and prosperous... and alone. Choose him every day.

With joy,

Scott

Mark Your Calendars—Sunday, June 12 at 12 noon
A Time of Celebration and Farewell for the Baxter Family
Gather in the Activity Center for hamburgers, hot dogs & all the fixings. Please bring salads, sides, and desserts to share. Tea & lemonade provided.

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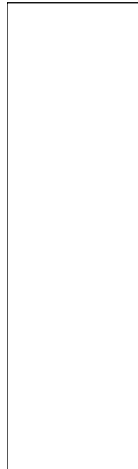
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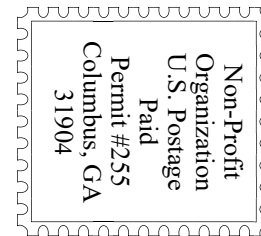
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Return Service Requested



St. Mark United Methodist Church

May 29, 2016	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	8:30 and 11:00 am
Prelude	<i>Shine Jesus Shine</i>	Orchestra
Opening Prayer		Patrick Duncan
Worship Song		<i>Our Great Savior</i>
Welcome and Announcements		Aimee Baxter
*Fellowship Moments		
*Songs of Worship	<i>When the Roll is Called Up Yonder</i> <i>We Fall Down</i> <i>Amazing Grace</i>	
Morning Prayer		Scott Tucker
Anthem	<i>At Calvary</i>	Choir and Orchestra
Children's Moments		Shannon Baxter
	<i>(Children may leave for Children's Church during the 11:00 service)</i>	
*The Doxology		
Offertory Prayer		Aimee Baxter
Offertory		David Roberts
Sermon	"More Than a Habit" <i>Brave: Lessons from the Book of Daniel (Part 5)</i> Daniel 6 (Pew Bible, p. 469)	Scott Tucker
*Song of Personal Response		<i>Living for Jesus</i>
*Benediction		Scott Tucker
*Postlude	<i>Count Your Blessings</i>	Orchestra
	*Please stand as you are able.	

The Altar flowers are given by Lavonne Bunn to the Glory of God and in honor Lewis and Lavonne's 57th wedding anniversary on May 30.

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 29, 2016

Worship Ministries	Children & Youth Ministries
8:30 Servants: Ushers: Team Captain – David Rulon Ty Niblack, Bobby Streetman, Frank Zylstra, & Ronnie Barnes On Call: Jeff Kennedy Greeters: Lynn Harbour C.A.R.E. Cards: Bobby Streetman	Children's Sunday School: Preschool: Sandy Nelms K-3 Girls: Gretchen Smith K-3 Boys: Jerry Averill 4th-5th: Kevin & Kacey Brown Children's Church Helper: Virginia McCullough & Shannon Baxter
11:00 Servants: Ushers: Team Captain – Ray Durden Jack Pope, Mike Stanislawski, Fred McCraw, Clark Webster & Tommy Cox On Call: Sunday Ben Greeters: Buzz Brown C.A.R.E. Cards: Lynn Hodges Acolytes: Sam Leichter & Kate Durden Altar Guild: Corey Salzman, Gretchen Smith, & Dianne Peed Flower Ministry: Rae Meriaux, Lawanda Myers, & Darlene Van Pelt	Praiseland Teacher & Helper: Julie Yerkes & Amy Pierson 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 Rotating		Activity Center Room 107
Seekers (Men's Class) Dick Meriaux	<i>Acts</i>	Activity Center Room 116
St. James Rotating	<i>30 Life Principles</i> By Charles F. Stanley	Education Center Room 301

ST. MARK UMC

Announcements

Thank You

We are so thankful for the generosity of the people at St. Mark. We have received enough funds to purchase well over 500 scriptures. Also, I have placed more pamphlets on Friends of the Gideons in the Gideon card display in the narthex.

With all gratefulness,
Ty Niblack



What a privilege it is for Sound Choices to introduce expectant moms to their baby via ultrasound, and also to introduce them to Jesus

Christ as the HOPE available to them in the midst of an often-times unplanned pregnancy. Women who visit Sound Choices are always invited to begin attending **free**:

- Weekly Parenting Classes
- Bible Studies
- Birthing Classes
- Confidential Abortion Recovery Counseling to women who are hurting from a past abortion experience. If you need to talk to someone about a past abortion, they are also available to you and understand what you are feeling.

Visit SoundRecovery.org

Keep filling those Baby Bottles throughout this week with your cash, spare change, or checks made out to St. Mark, as we celebrate changed hearts! **Our church is setting a goal of 100 filled bottles.** Whether your bottle is full or empty, Sound Choices asks you to return each bottle, because they reuse these bottles. **By returning each one, we help them be good stewards of God's money.** Thank you!

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 I 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!!



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 Nina Kennedy Mary Thompson
Ann Cannon Olinger family Doody family
Dianne Peed Beth Willoughby

St. Mark Extended Family

Jennifer Jenkins Gene Wells Jean Hammond
Cheryl Metivier Rob & Donna Key

"Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses..."

1 Kings 8:56

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.*

Mack Stinson

Gardens of Calvary—7595 Moon Rd. # 203
Columbus, GA 31909

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Morning Worship.....273
Sunday School162
Weekly Giving.....\$5,807.89
Weekly Budget\$14,903.85
Weekly Designated.....\$135.00
YTD Giving\$311,005.07
YTD Budget.....\$312,980.85

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

Youth & Kids Activities—Sunday, June 5

Kids Sunday Summer Swimming:

- Preschoolers and elementary-aged kids are invited to swim at Double Churches pool from **5 pm– 7pm**, Sunday, June 5. *Parents are asked to stay with your children.* Pool entry fees for children 11 and under will be covered by the church. Adult entry is \$3.

Sunday Afternoon Youth at the Lake:

- All youth and parents are invited to join us Sunday, June 5, as we travel to the home of Clark and Hanna Webster for an afternoon on the Lake. The fun begins at **3 pm** and ends at **7:30 pm**. Their address is 255 Bows Dr., Hamilton, Ga. 31811.

ST. MARK KIDS (Birth - 5th Grade)

www.StMarkUMC.com/GetConnected/Kids

St. Mark Kids Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 29:

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)

No Evening Activities



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

[@StMarkImpact #StMarkImpact](http://www.StMarkUMC.com/GetConnected/Youth)

St. Mark Youth Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 29:

8:30 & 11:00 am - Worship Services
9:45 am - Sunday School

No Evening Activities



ST. MARK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS :

MON.-THURS. 8:30-5:00;

FRI. 8:30-12:00

Sun 29	8:30 & 11:00am	Worship Services Sanctuary
	9:45am	Sunday School
Mon 30		Memorial Day—Office Closed Activity Center Closed
Tues 31	7:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP- 2939 N Lake Pkwy
Wed 1	10:00am	Staff Meeting—Conference Rm
	6:15pm	Orchestra Rehearsal
	6:00pm	Reset—Ten Steps to Spiritual Renewal Lynn Hodges—Edu Ctr. Rm 4
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs 2	9:30am	Heroes, Rogues, & the Rest J. Ellsworth Kalas—Mildred McAfee

Memorial Service

A memorial service for Ruth Doody will be Saturday, June 4 at 11:00 am in the St. Mark Sanctuary. Friends are invited to visit with the family at St. Mark immediately following the service.

Drop-in Bridal Shower

We are celebrating the upcoming marriage of Allie Thornton and Broc Hutchenson. Join us for a shower on Sunday, **June 26**, between 2 and 4 pm in the Youth Building.

Allie & Broc are registered at Target. Questions? Contact Melanie Melvin at melmelvin14@gmail.com

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.*

Staff Transitions

Your SPRC has begun work on transitions with the end-of-June departures of Shannon and the Rev. Aimee Baxter from the St. Mark staff.

The *Family Ministries Search Team* will be led by SPRC chair Lisa Wade, along with Scott Tucker, Tommy Cox, Carla Askew, Jennifer Hunter, and Kevin Brown.

The *Associate Pastor Search Team* will be led by Scott Tucker, along with Lay Leader Bobby Streetman, Ty Niblack, and Lisa Wade, with consultation from our DS Dr. Buddy Cooper.

Both groups have had initial meetings and will be soliciting your input over the next weeks. You may contact Lisa Wade at wades004@gmail.com, Bobby Streetman at ycnanwho@yahoo.com, or Scott Tucker at scott@stmarkumc.com.



ACTIVITY CENTER

Hours of Operation

Mon: 9am-6pm

Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm

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

Activities This Week:

Monday

Activity Center Closed

Tuesday

10:45am: Flow Class

12:00pm: Pick-up Basketball

6:00pm: Flow Class

6:30pm: TOPS—Rm 222

Wednesday

12:00pm: Pick-up Basketball

Thursday

12:00pm: Pick-up Basketball

6:00pm: Flow Class

Activity Center Closed

Monday in

Observance of

Memorial Day

Please contact Recreation Ministries Director, Joni Biancardi, to reserve the Activity Center for special events.

Recreation Ministries Director: Joni Biancardi
joni@stmarkumc.com