



ST MARK'S  
Episcopal Church

## The Missive

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531 West College Avenue, Jonesboro, AR 72401

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### A Message from Father Jesse....

Happy Fourth of July! (a day late) I hope you had a great weekend celebrating the birth of our great nation. Truly, the rights and freedoms we are afforded in this country are among the finest, and as a worshipping community we directly benefit from the sacrifice and dedication of not only our founding fathers, but those who still struggle to preserve it.

As the summer progresses, St. Mark's is beginning its work to prepare for the fall- things are not going to stay quiet around here for long! This Sunday, our choir returns from their summer respite, and I think I speak for everyone when I say we are more than excited! I do not say enough good things about our music department and the hard work they do. The weeks during the summer when they are not in the loft only serve to remind me (and everyone I hope) just how essential a good music program is to our Sunday morning liturgy. Welcome back, choirs!

Today, during our staff meeting, we will begin planning out the next year at St. Mark's. In the very near future, we can welcome our new curate, Hannah Hooker, on July 17. She will be preaching, so please plan to attend and introduce yourself if you are in town that weekend. Also, VBS is happening within a month- please let Rose Mary Latanich know if you can help, and if your children will be attending. You can use this form, <http://goo.gl/forms/MWCPrDa8X9OR9NLx1>, or contact Rose Mary directly ([rosemarylatanich@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarylatanich@gmail.com)).

While so many things slow down or take a break during summer months, one ministry that continues without fail is our Two Saints Kitchen. ([www.twosaintskitchen.org](http://www.twosaintskitchen.org)). Each week, faithful volunteers come to St. Mark's to prepare a hot meal for anyone who needs it. I want to thank you if you serve on one of the ten teams, and especially our partner St. Paul United Methodist for running the van each week. Very recently, our Two Saints auxiliary teams, coordinated by Hillary Creech and Brandon Johnson, created "cook out kits" for our patrons to take home. We wanted, in addition to the weekly meal, to give everyone something to enjoy this summer. Nothing says summer like hot dogs, so we sent everyone home with a hot dogs and baked beans meal to enjoy later during the week. In addition, Two Saints funds were used to feed flood victims in Jonesboro at the end of May by catering a meal to the community shelter. In addition to worshipping God each week on Sunday (loving God), this is what being a Christian is about: loving our neighbor.

And finally, I know many of you travel during the summer months, but I want to encourage you to attend when you are in town. The summer always takes its toll on church attendance and giving, so please do not forget us during these couple of months. With the choir returning, and Hannah joining us, July and August will be fantastic months! Hope to see you at church.

God bless,  
Jesse+

## Vacation Bible School

We would like to welcome our children and their friends to Son-Treasure Island, St. Mark's vacation bible school program. More precious than gold more lasting than diamonds it is the greatest treasure of all – God's love!



At SonTreasure Island, your treasure seekers will play island games, create colorful crafts, and hear exciting Bible stories. But more important, they will discover the rich treasure of God's through the life of Jesus.

Kids entering kindergarten (or age five by September 30) up to sixth grade will gather in St. Mark's hall each morning from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. There is no fee for VBS, but parents can purchase VBS T-shirts for their treasure seekers for \$10 each. Deadline for T-shirt orders is July 13. VBS is slated for August 1 to August 4. Registration forms for Vacation Bible School with more information can be picked up in the church narthex.

Please keep in mind, in order to make Vacation Bible School a reality in our parish, we must have the support of parents and parishioners. While we do have some volunteers in place, we still need parents and parishioners to help decorate and volunteer during VBS week. We will create murals and get ready from July 25 -29. Do pray and consider what role you can play in order to make our VBS program a safe place for children to learn about the love of Christ.

For more information please contact Rose Mary, VBS coordinator at 935-0236 or email at [rosemarylatanich@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarylatanich@gmail.com).

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## Education for Ministry (EfM)

EfM is a program developed at the Universtiy of the South at Sawanee, Tennessee. This program includes a study of the Bible, church history, and theology; but the heart of the program is learning to think theologically about everyday life situations. Anyone who may be interested may contact Jane Gill at 935-5060 or [mjgill386@gmail.com](mailto:mjgill386@gmail.com).

Applications for EfM are on the table in the narthex. I would like to have all applications returned by August 10.

Jane Gill

## *July Birthdays*

7/02 Wannda Turner  
7/05 Maggie Coe  
7/05 Rike Robinson IV  
7/06 Jacob Henderson  
7/06 Zane Neves  
7/11 Anthony Childress  
7/11 Amy Pearce  
7/12 Jesse Perkins  
7/13 Sheila Guinn  
7/14 Blake Coe  
7/17 Susie Grommet  
7/17 Teresa Rogers  
7/20 Frannie Replogle  
7/21 Robert Troutt  
7/22 Michael Fagan  
7/23 Jeanette Lamberth  
7/24 Ganon Creech  
7/27 Zachary White  
7/24 Zachary White

7/28 Arnold Gilliam  
7/28 DeeDee Gilliam  
7/29 Janice Kroeter  
7/29 Celeste Robnette  
7/30 Robert Heim  
7/30 Reed Hopper



## *July Anniversaries*

7/02 Tim and Lisa Bohn  
7/09 Andy and Marian Peeler  
7/10 Ryan and Jacqueline Boyd  
7/20 Joe and Michele Murphy  
7/21 Al and Aylia Poston  
7/21 Aaron and Jessica Coleman

### **Seamstress Wanted:**

The Altar Guild is looking into making our own Baptismal towels. If you are interested in this project, please call Janice at 974-1593. We are also looking for someone who has and can use an embroidery machine or attachment.



## **St. Mark's Day School**

The summer program is in full swing and the children are having a blast! They enjoy arts and crafts, story time, movie hour, and especially recess! The teachers even throw in some learning time when the kids least expect it! Our teachers this summer have been amazing and make St. Mark's a fun place for everyone. The last day of summer program will be July 29th, and we are taking off the 4th for Independence Day. Stop by the nursery and check out the new flooring that we had installed. The carpet had become unclean-able and we are so happy with the new results. Easy to clean and mop when flooding occurs. Thanks everyone!

Peggy



## Upcoming Events.....

- July 3 Daughters of the King Meeting
- July 4 Independence Day, Office Closed
- July 9 ECW Meeting
- July 15 Hannah Hooker Joins St. Mark's
- July 16 Photo Sessions
- July 17 Photo Sessions
- July 18 Vestry Meeting
- July 21 Men's Club at St. Mark's
- July 31 Fifth Sunday Breakfast

### Two Saints'

### July Schedule

- July 2- Team 5
- July 9- Team 6
- July 16- Team 7
- July 23 -Team 8
- July 30—Team 9

### Men's Club Meeting

July 21 6:30 pm

St. Mark's Parish Hall

## Financial Update

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges and Offerings Received	\$14,845	\$151,227
Needed to meet budget	<u>21,933</u>	<u>150,412</u>
Budget Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$ - 7,088)	\$ 815
<b>Actual Expenses Paid</b>	<b>\$19,287</b>	<b>\$ 149,303</b>
<b>Actual (Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ (- 4,442)</b>	<b>\$ 1,924</b>
<b>Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$163,769</b>	