



ST MARK'S  
Episcopal Church

# The Missive

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531 West College Avenue, Jonesboro, AR 72401

July 2019

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## A Message from Our Men's Club President....

Is the year half over already? Seems like we just had Christmas and now we're halfway back around!

Thank you to each of you who came and enjoyed 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday breakfast this past Sunday, it is good for us as a parish to break bread together.

Summer is officially here and like most summers, things slow to a lazier pace.

But St. Mark's remains a vibrant place!

Day School is filled with children playing and learning every day, Two Saints Kitchen is serving large numbers of meals every Saturday, and our Altar Guild works throughout the year to make sure we have Eucharist, as do many members of our Ministry teams.

We have a vibrant music ministry and we appreciate all the lovely music Rhonda and our choir provides for our worship service. We appreciate all of our hardworking church staff.

Vacation Bible School is coming up soon and Rosemary needs volunteers! We are still contributing to Helping Neighbors Food Pantry and be sure to check out the Missive for the special needs of Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.

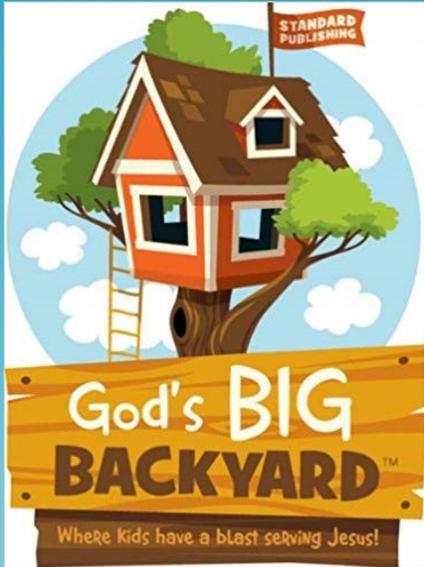
Our church is filled with people who like to get their hands dirty and pitch in and volunteer, and do the work we're commanded to do.

There are plenty of ways to volunteer at St. Mark's, if you are new or not so new and you want to find a way to get involved, you can be a greeter, be an usher, volunteer for VBS, become a leader for Liturgy of the Word for Children, be a Lector, work with Two Saints, Altar Guild, join Men's Club or ECW, or even be a light bulb changer! Our church is powered by the people! There is a place for everyone and there is no shortage of work to be done, but that's what makes our Church great.

Have a great summer!

Perry Moses

Your Men's Club President



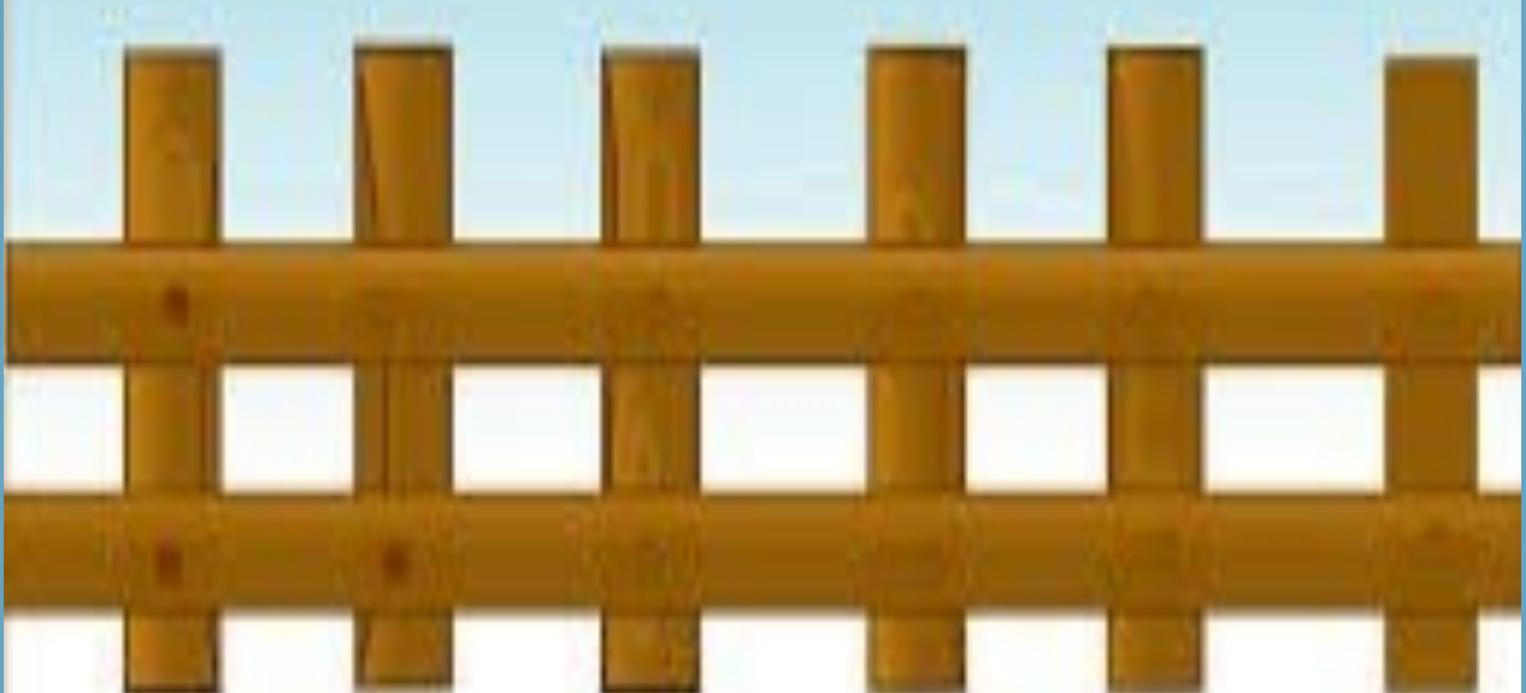
We would like to welcome our children and their friends to St. Mark's vacation bible school program. This year's theme is God's Big Backyard: Where kids have a blast serving Jesus. God's Big Backyard is full of fun, music, games, crafts, snacks and other kid-friendly activities.

Registration forms for Vacation Bible School with more information can be picked up in the church narthex. Kids entering kindergarten up to sixth grade will gather in St. Mark's hall each morning from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Mark your calendars for VBS which is slated for Tuesday, July 30 through Friday, August 2.

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 create props and murals and to help during VBS week.

We will create murals and props for VBS beginning Monday, July 22. 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. We're looking forward to sharing this exciting event with the children and families in our parish. We hope they will all join us in God's Big Backyard!

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



St. Mark's Episcopal Church—VBS 2019

God's Big Backyard Registration Form

Where: St. Mark's Episcopal Church

When: July 30– August 2 (Tuesday– Friday)

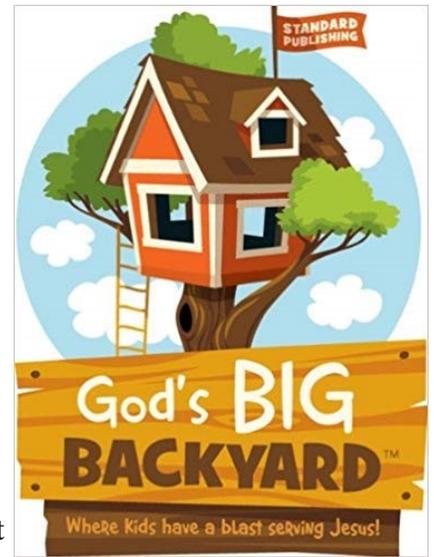
Time: 9:00am—Noon

VBS Program Closing– August 2 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall

Grades: Entering Kindergarten (or age 5 by Sept.)- Sixth Grade

We do not charge of fee for Vacation Bible School, but we do require that have information on each child that will be participating in our VBS program.

Please complete and drop off the form in the church narthex or parish office.



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**BIG BACKYARD REGISTRATION FORM**

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or health problems? \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Child Planning to Attend

Grade in August

Allergies or needs we need to be aware of.

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP: ASK GUIDANCE FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SEE WHAT ROLE YOU COULD HAVE IN MAKING VBS A REALITY FOR OUR CHILDREN.**

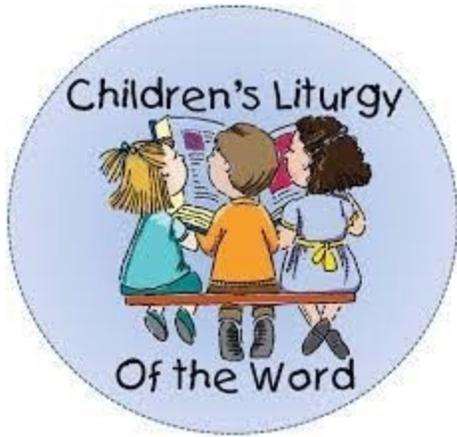
Families participating we be asked to consider providing a healthy snack and drinks for one day– or if you as a church member would like to donate , please let Rose Mary or the church office know.

**WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS?**

Teacher\_\_\_\_ Teacher Aide\_\_\_\_ Crafts\_\_\_\_ Games\_\_\_\_ Music\_\_\_\_

Help Coordinate VBS Program Closing\_\_\_\_\_ Help collect needed props and help decorate \_\_\_\_\_

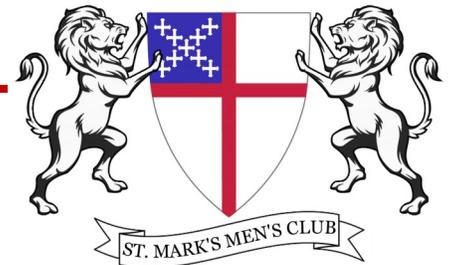
Help with clean up and tear down after VBS\_\_\_\_\_



## Liturgy of the Word with Children

Liturgy of the Word with Children is celebrated during our Sunday, 10:00am service and is directed toward children four years of age through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We have some great volunteers, but would like to have more individuals helping, so those now volunteering have the opportunity to celebrate Sunday liturgies in the “big church.” If you have children participating in Liturgy of the Word on Sundays, please consider giving of your time to help in this ministry. Materials used are volunteer friendly and kids participation is great. Please talk with Rose Mary for more information. For more information please contact Rose Mary, 935-0236 or email at [rosemarylatanich@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarylatanich@gmail.com).

## Men's Club



Is it July already? Men's Club rolls on through the Summer. In June we had a guest speaker at our meeting, Chuck Long from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, who gave us a great program on the History of Fishes and Fishing in Arkansas. We enjoyed griddled hamburgers (thanks, Terry Barnett!) some good fellowship. Also in June we had our Fifth Sunday Breakfast on June 30<sup>th</sup>. This is just one of the many things that Men's Club likes to do for the good people of St. Mark's.

I would like to thank my wife Dana and my daughter, Adrienne Burkett for designing the new Men's Club logo, may we have many opportunities to use it!

Our July meeting will be held on the third Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Hall.

Perry Moses,  
Men's Club President

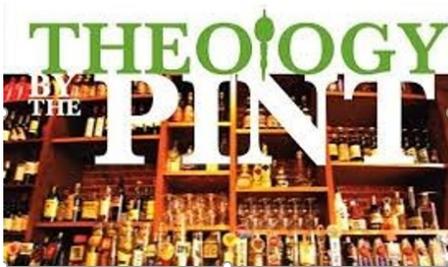
## Camp Mitchell Summer Schedule / 2019

July 7–12	Primary (completed 1st–3rd)
July 14–19	Middler (completed 4th–5th)
July 21–26	Dick Johnston Camp
July 28–Aug. 1	Robert R. Brown II
Aug. 4–9	Arts/Adventure Week



To register please go to the  
Camp Mitchell website:

[www.campmitchell.org](http://www.campmitchell.org)



Theology By The Pint celebrates the great tradition of great conversation over a pint. Theology By The Pint gives a casual setting outside of the formal church setting. It helps the attendees to talk and ask questions they may not otherwise. We study various books and topics. Anyone is welcome. It is a

time to hear opinions and beliefs that may vary from your own. Right now we are going through the book “The Good Book: Discovering The Bible’s Place In Our Lives” by Peter J. Gomes. It is not required for attendees. The book is a platform for the discussion. Please feel free to contact Julie at [mojojules@gmail.com](mailto:mojojules@gmail.com) or Father Joshua. Next TBTP will be at The Recovery Room, located at 223 S. Main St. , downtown Jonesboro, AR Tuesday, July 30 at 6:30pm. Thank you to Father Joshua for leading Theology by The Pint.



143 Community (1: I; 4: Love; 3: You)

The St. Mark’s 143 Community is not only growing to serve St. Mark’s, but the Jonesboro and NEA community. On June 23rd we had a meeting to decide on needs of our LGBTQIA+ community. It was decided to have a clothing Pop-Up Exchange for those in our Trans\* and underserved of our community. In the future we hope to have a small pop-up and later in October hold one in conjunction with NEA Pride. The 143 Community can be found on Facebook and now on Instagram at 143\_Community. We will soon have a website that can be accessed for questions and more communication. Thank you to Saint Mark’s for allowing us to continue to reach out in new ways, and for those of who attend our events in love and kindness. Remember: Kindness is king and love leads the way!  
Sincerely, Julie Kennedy-Hampton

## Two Saints' Kitchen

Have you ever thought volunteering with Two Saint's sounded like fun but just didn't have the time to devote to joining a forever team? Here is your chance!!! During the summer, our group almost doubles the amount of people that we normally feed. During the summer time also we have a sincere need for "spare hands". Due to summer conflicts and vacations, sometimes our teams can be a little short-handed. If helping out here and there sounds like something you would like to do, please drop me a line to my email [mlangford@ricetec.com](mailto:mlangford@ricetec.com) I will be happy to add you to a list of names so when the need arises, you will know when we are needing help and sign up at your convenience. Other than that, have an awesome summer and enjoy yourselves!

Sincerely,

Marya Langford



## Two Saints' Kitchen



### Two Saints'

#### July Schedule

July 6– Team 2

July 13– Team 3

July 20– Team 4

July 27— Team 5



## Helping Neighbors Food Pantry

Thank you for your donations every week .

Every donation is appreciated.

Every time that your child brings a non perishable food item for offering on Sunday morning, it goes to Helping Neighbors. Please let your child know that we thank them for their giving spirit.

There continues to be many needs at the food pantry: ready to eat items or microwavable items for children, peanut butter, coffee, cereal, granola bars, canned soups, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, shampoo, lotion, (travel size is welcomed, too) and *reusable shopping bags, many clients carry their groceries home and sturdy bags would help.*

Thank you to Susie Grommet and Karen Olsen for continually volunteering and picking up food and other donations for Helping Neighbors from the church, sometimes we may have over 200 pounds in donations!





## *July Birthdays*



7/01 Emma Jacobs	7/20 Frannie Replogle
7/05 Maggie Coe	7/21 Scott Troutt
7/05 Rike Robinson IV	7/21 David White
7/06 Julie Kennedy-Hampton	7/22 Michael Fagan
7/06 Zane Neves	7/23 Jeanette Lamberth
7/11 Amy Pearce	7/24 Ganon Creech
7/13 Sheila Guinn	7/27 Zachary White
7/14 Blake Coe	7/28 DeeDee Gilliam
7/17 Susie Grommet	7/29 Janice Kroeter
7/17 Terry Rogers	7/30 Greyson-Hendrix Brown
7/20 Caroline Hendrix-Brown	

## *July Anniversaries*

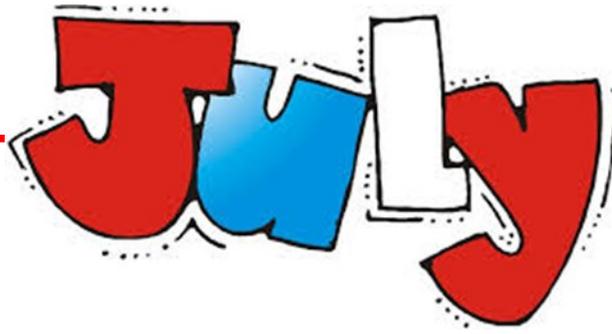
7/09 Andy and Marian Peeler  
7/09 Adam and Tasha Weeks  
7/21 Al and Aylia Poston  
7/29 Adam and Lori Alpe



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

The summer program is in full swing and the children are having a blast! They enjoy arts and craft, story time, movie hour, and especially recess! The teachers even throw in a little learning when the kids least expect it! Our teachers are amazing and have made St. Mark's a fun place for everyone this summer. St. Mark's will be closed July 4th and 5th for Independence Day. The last day of the summer program will be July 27th. We will take a few weeks off for cleaning and organizing before school starts back August 12th. Enjoy your summer! Peggy





## Upcoming Events.....

July 4/5 Independence Day - Office Closed / Day School Closed  
and No Church Activities

July 15 Vestry Meeting

July 17 Choir Rehearsal starts back

July 18 Men's Club

July 22– 25 VBS Work days

July 30 Theology by the Pint

July 30– Aug 2 Vacation Bible School (Tues.—Fri.)

In June, we received \$3,730 less in donations than we paid in expenses. So far this year, we have received \$103,538 in donations and have spent \$132,742.

## Financial Update

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges and Offerings Received	\$18,338	\$103,538
Needed to meet budget	\$22,927	\$132,742
Budget Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$4,589)	\$ (33,793)
<b>Actual Expenses Paid</b>	<b>\$ 22,068</b>	<b>\$ 132,742.14</b>
<b>Surplus (Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ (3,730)</b>	<b>\$ (32,934)</b>
<b>Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$ 133,611</b>	