

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

July 7, 2022

Upcoming Events

Zoomerang Vacation Bible School

7/11-7/14 Mon-Thur

9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Happening Retreat

8/5-7 Fri-Sun

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Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m.--Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary

God's Promises



Prayer is Dependent

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Ephesians 3:2-21

Have you ever thought about the correlation between prayer and dependence?

Prayer is usually a petition for someone or something, and we often jump right into our prayer before seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance. We have our own ideas about what God should do and rarely ask Him to lead us. He can take care of everything better than we can, every single time. However, we have a hard time letting go to allow God to have His way.

We don't invite God into the "little stuff" of life. However, He *wants* to be in all of it. He loves us so much that every tiny piece of our lives matters to Him.

Reaching a place of complete dependence on God takes work; letting go of our independence is hard. Our physical posture during prayer can help place us in a state of dependence. Sitting, standing, kneeling, or laying prostrate on the floor are all good prayer postures. We need to

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use the one that helps us be mindful of our need for our dependence on God.

There is a depth of blessing that most of us don't understand because we struggle with being completely dependent on God. So, decide on the prayer posture that will keep you focused on God, praise His name, acknowledge your dependence on Him, ask Him into your prayer time, and allow Him to guide you. Then be prepared for Him to do something new!

**Seek God! Pray!
Give it ALL to Him!**

Vacation Bible School



Zoomerang Vacation Bible School

**You Won't Want
To Miss It!**

**The Last Day
To Register Is
THIS Sunday!**

**[Here's The Link To
Register.](#)**



**Zoomerang Vacation
Bible School
Starts Monday!
July 11-14
9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

G'day mates!

Zoom around Australia with us to discover amazing animals and breathtaking locations like the Great Barrier Reef. And like a boomerang, we'll return to what the Bible says about the the value of life with games, science, crafts, music, and treats! It's gonna be a hoppin' good time you don't want to miss! Invite your friends!

**July 11-14, Monday- Thursday
9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Age 4- 5th grade**

Older than 5th grade?
We love our youth helpers!
Please contact Molly Wandel at (214)
762-8792 for additional information.

Search Process Update



The Search Process Continues...

Hi St. Mark's Faithful,
Hang in there! We are continuing the search process and moving forward. Please continue to pray for us, for St. Mark's, and for God's promises and purpose to be fulfilled here!

- Pray for the search committee and their families.
- Pray that they will have the mind of Christ as they make progress.
- Pray that God would increase our next rector's passion for preaching the Word of God.
- Pray that God would give our next rector a love for our church.
- Pray for the formation of new relationships at our church.
- Pray for our next rector's family.
- Pray as the Spirit leads you.

Keep Praying!!

Acolyte Training

Training Date Set July 17

Michelle Markert, our acolyte ministry sponsor, has scheduled a training for those children going into the fifth grade (or older) who are interested in serving as an acolyte during our Sunday services.

The training will be after the worship service Sunday, July 17th. Mark your calendars!

Please contact Michelle at (361) 774-6086 if have any questions.



Happening #151



Diocesan Youth Spiritual Retreat August 5-7

Happening is a spiritual Renewal weekend retreat for youth who are rising 10th graders through graduating 12th grade youth. It is led by peers with the support of lay and clergy from our diocese.

Happening #151 will be hosted by St. Francis Episcopal Church in Victoria beginning Friday evening, August 5th, at 7:00 p.m. and concluding Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Scholarships are available to cover the \$60 cost of registration. [Click here](#) for more information.

Ways to Support God's Kingdom through St. Mark's

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!

Is the Lord blessing you? Are you grateful for what He has done in your life? Remember His Church. Though we have experienced limitations for worshipping together, we still have ministries to support and salaries and bills to pay. Give out of faith, thanksgiving, and generosity, and never out of guilt. If you are blessed to be able to give, here are the several ways to do that:

- Online through our website. There is a blue "Giving" button at the bottom of each page. Just click on that and it will take you to our online EGiving page. You will need to set up a user profile, and then you can set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts. You can also give through the ["Donate to St. Mark's"](#) link.
- Through your cell phone using the app, **Vanco Mobile**. To get the app, go to the app store and search for "Vanco Mobile". The icon background is dark purple with a white circle and a purple letter "V" in the center. Download the app and follow the prompts. You can use it to set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts.
- Mail in your check to: St. Mark's Church, 2727 Airline Rd, CC, TX 78414. We have a drop-in mailbox that is locked at all times. We check the mail every day, so your check will be secure.



- Drop your check off at the church. Just put it in the locked mailbox to the left of the red doors at the fellowship hall.
- Bequest giving is another way to give to St. Mark's with a gift through your estate. Simply list St. Mark's in your will.

**THANK YOU for helping spread the Kingdom
through your continuing support
of St. Mark's Church.**

Weekly Calendar

Calendar & Ministry Schedule

Here is the [link](#) to the July schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

July 10 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Service--Sanctuary

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

July 11 - Monday

9:00 a.m. - Vacation Bible School--Fellowship Hall

July 12 - Tuesday

9:00 a.m. - Vacation Bible School--Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Library

6:00 p.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Jason's Deli, 1416 Airline Rd.

6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

July 13 - Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - Vacation Bible School--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.

12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer Group--Library

July 14 - Thursday

9:00 a.m. - Vacation Bible School--Fellowship Hall

Helpful Links

Below you will find several links to websites or Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.

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