

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

November 24, 2021

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Day

Thur, 11/25

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Sat, 12/4 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Pageant

Sun, 12/12 10:00 a.m.

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

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Excerpt taken from "Our Daily Bread Devotional Collection"

Recently I walked into a hotel lobby that featured the largest arrangement of fresh flowers I have ever seen. It was bursting with color, perfectly arranged, and its fragrance was amazing. It stopped me in my tracks, and I lingered for a moment to admire its beauty. It made me think that there is something about abundance that captures our hearts. Think of the inviting beauty of a bowl overflowing with colorful fruit, or a countertop covered with three or four pies ready for enjoyment after a bountiful Thanksgiving meal.

The joy of abundance reminds me of the generosity of God. He makes our cup overflow (Psalm 23:5); He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think (Ephesians 3:20); His grace is sufficient for any difficulty that life brings our way (2 Corinthians 12:9), and it is He who kills the fatted calf and calls for the best robe when the prodigal son returns (Luke 15:20-24). No wonder the psalmist rejoices: "How precious is your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house." (Psalm 36:7-8).

God is abundantly good. Let's overflow with praise and thanksgiving for His many blessings.

by Joe Stowell

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

Thanksgiving

HAPPY
Thanksgiving
DAY

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34



Flowers

Flower Chart for 2022

Sponsoring the altar flowers on a Sunday is a great way to honor a special someone or event in your life, as well as add more beauty to our altar. Each year a flower chart is available for people to sign up on for a particular Sunday. The flower chart for 2022 is now available in the entryway to the sanctuary.

After you sign up, an email will be sent out at the beginning of the month of the date that you requested. You will be asked how you would like the dedication on the back of the bulletin to read and whether you want to take the flowers after the Sunday service or have them donated. The cost is \$55.



Poinsettia Plans

Each year we use poinsettia plants to decorate the altar for Christmas Eve, and we need your help to continue that tradition. Please consider purchasing one or more plants. You will be invited to take them home after the Sunday service on December 26. Each plant costs \$12.

There will be red forms in the bulletins for the next three Sundays that will give you the opportunity to sign up and let us know how you would like to dedicate the plant. It could be in thanksgiving for someone or an event, or in memorial of a loved one.



Thank you for your help!

Christmas Pageant

Dress Rehearsal Saturday 12/4
Pageant Sunday 12/12

Marybeth Maxwell has graciously agreed to lead our Christmas Pageant this year in partnership with parent and youth helpers. This is a joint effort, and the youth are always so willing to participate and help the younger children.



There will be a dress rehearsal Saturday, December 4th, at 10 a.m. So parents, please be sure to mark your calendars because it's the only scheduled practice!

Important Dates:

Saturday 12/4 Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
Sunday 12/12 Christmas Pageant

Mission 911

Chipping Away at Homelessness Golf Tournament
Saturday, December 4th

Mission 911 is hosting their annual golf tournament to raise funds for their ministry work. One of the projects the proceeds support is Thanksgiving meals to those who are homeless, a project which just took place this past Monday! So, if you enjoy golfing and would like to help

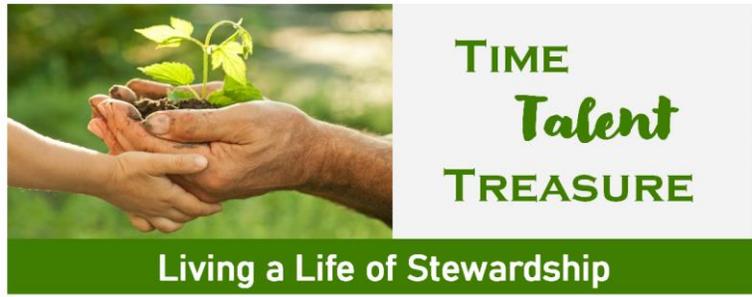
MISSION 911
"BREAKING THE BONDAGE OF HOMELESSNESS"

support the ministry efforts at Mission 911, please consider participating in the tournament December 4th.
Here's [the link](#) for more all the details.

Stewardship Season

Support Kingdom Work through St. Mark's

Our acts of obedience to what God calls us to do in terms of giving to His Kingdom are always blessed. We may not see how God chooses to use our gift, but do not doubt that God uses all gifts to bless others.



When you decide to make a commitment to give to God's Kingdom through St. Mark's, your commitment is not taken lightly. Your Estimate of Giving Card is prayed over and blessed even before the envelope is opened. God will do more with your act of obedience than you will ever know.

If you haven't been able to submit your Estimate of Giving Card, you still have time. There will be cards available in the sanctuary Sunday, or in the office. You can also email the office with your intentions for 2022.

Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Food Basket Project

Our Thanksgiving Meal Project is a Success

St. Mark's has been participating in the Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Food Basket project for over twenty-five years, and the residents always look forward to it. Here's a huge thank you to everyone who helped make it a success! It took all of us to make it happen. Ninety-two residents received a food basket. That's a lot of turkeys!

Thank you for your support and donations!



Camp Capers Mid-Winter Camps

Support Kingdom Work through St. Mark's

Camp Capers will be hosting their weekend overnight Mid-Winter Camps this year in January. Camp offers the opportunity for our kids to experience new friends, campfires, outdoor games, singing, worship, growth in faith, and so much more. Scholarships are available.

- Mid-Winter Camp I--Jan 7-9 for 9th through 12th graders
- Mid-Winter Camp II--Jan 14-16 for 6th through 8th graders
- Mid-Winter Camp III--Jan 21-23 for 3rd through 5th graders

Here's [the link](#) to the registration and information page.



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 four 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.
- **NEW APP**----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.

**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 November schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

November 25 - Thursday Thanksgiving Day!

November 28 - Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall
No Kids in Christ or SEEK Youth Group this Sunday

November 30 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. - Men's Cursillo Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant on Staples near Yorktown
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Online--Zoom Meeting

December 1 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Location to be determined, contact Doug Wayland
12:00 p.m. - Noon Day Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall

Helpful Links

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

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