

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

June 30, 2022

Upcoming Events

Fourth of July

7/4 Mon--OFFICE CLOSED

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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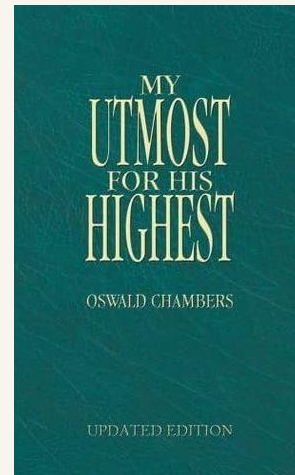
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Sunday Worship Service:

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

God's Promises



An excerpt taken from
My Utmost for His Highest
written by Oswald Chambers

*"Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him,
and He shall bring it to pass."*

Psalm 37:5

Don't plan without God. God seems to have a delightful way of upsetting the plans we have made, when we have not taken Him into account. We get ourselves into circumstances that were not chosen by God, and suddenly we realize that we have been making our plans without Him--that we have not even considered Him to be a vital, living factor in the planning of our lives. And yet the only thing that will keep us from even the possibility of worrying is to bring God in as the greatest factor in all of our planning.

In spiritual issues it is customary for us to put God first, but we tend to think that it is inappropriate and unnecessary to put Him first in the practical, everyday issues of our lives. If we have the idea that we have to put on our "spiritual face" before we can come near to God, then we will never come near to Him. We must come as we are.

[Visit our website](#)

Don't plan with a concern for evil in mind.

Does God really mean for us to plan without taking the evil around us into account? "Love . . . thinks no evil" (1 Corinthians 13:4-5). Love is not ignorant of the existence of evil, but it does not take it into account as a factor in planning. When we were apart from God, we did take evil into account, doing all of our planning with it in mind, and we tried to reason out all of our work from its standpoint.

Don't plan with a rainy day in mind. You cannot hoard things for a rainy day if you are truly trusting Christ. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled . . ." (John 14:1). God will not keep your heart from being troubled. It is a command--"*Let not . . .*" To do it, continually pick yourself up, even if you fall a hundred and one times a day, until you get into the habit of putting God first and planning with Him in mind.

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

Fourth of July

**Celebrate
our nation's
independence, and
have a safe and happy
Fourth of July!**



Vacation Bible School



Zoomerang Vacation Bible School

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

Register Soon!

**Volunteers come to a
planning meeting this
Sunday after our
worship service.**



**Zoomerang Vacation
Bible School
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**

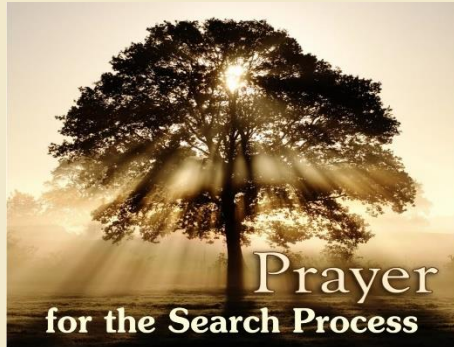
Older than 5th grade?

We love our youth helpers!

There will be a planning meeting Sunday, July 3rd, immediately after the service. Please contact Molly Wandel at (214) 762-8792 for additional information.

Click on [this link](#) to register online to attend the VBS or volunteer.

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!

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. - 2 Peter 3:9

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 3 - Sunday

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

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

11:15 a.m. - Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting--Fellowship Hall

July 4 - Monday

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July 5 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

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 6 - Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting--Online via Zoom

Helpful Links

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

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#)

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[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)

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