

Saint Mark United Methodist Church – “THE 9-1-1!”

2019: The Year of INTENTIONAL CONNECTIONS and The Year of HOMECOMING 150 (H150)!

December is “Celebrate ADVENT and CHRISTMAS” Month!

Church Motto: **“This CHURCH Is On F.I.R.E.!”**
*Walking by FAITH, Living to INSPIRE, Gracefully REDEEMED,
and Serving with EXCELLENCE to the Glory of GOD!*

Our 3 P’s: **PRAYER, PURPOSE, and PARTNERSHIP**

DO YOU NEED TO MAKE A FAITH DECISION?

It is our prayer that you will be abundantly blessed during our Morning Worship Celebration. If you need to make a faith decision today, we invite you to consider these questions:

1. **Do you desire to be saved? Scripture Reference: Romans 10:9-10**
2. **Do you desire to become a member of Saint Mark United Methodist Church?**
 - **Do you desire to be baptized?**
 - **Are you seeking a church-home away from home?**
 - **Are you seeking to re-connect as a member of Saint Mark?**
3. **Do you desire to rededicate your life to Jesus Christ and become recommitted to your walk with Him?**

If you answer **“YES”** to any of these questions, please come forward during **“The Invitation to Christian Discipleship.”** Our Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, and Lay Servants are ready to receive you and offer you spiritual support. **TODAY is your day!**

SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome to **“THE 9-1-1”** and thank you for choosing to worship with us on this day! Please complete the **“Welcome Visitor”** card found in your **“Welcome Packet”** and place the card in the offering basket. God bless you and please come again soon!

DECEMBER TRUSTEES-OF-THE-MONTH

Opening – **Brother William Moseley** alternate **Brother Carlton Henderson**
Closing – **Brother John DeVore** alternate **Brother Mark Garrison**

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE AND PRESENCE

Harvest Hope Food Ministry TOTAL for 2018 – 1830 Families Served
Harvest Hope Food Ministry for October 2019 – 156 Families Served
Harvest Hope Food Ministry for November 2019 – 163 Families Served

Sunday Morning Worship (12.08.19) – 108 Persons in Attendance

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 – Sister Sandra Marshall | 3 – Sister Lucy Watson |
| 3 – Sister Shuarica Watson | 3 – Sister Sekedra Rickenbacker |
| 5 – Sister Ruby Lewers | 7 – Brother Donald Talley |
| 7 – Sister Jakayla Leamon | 7 – Brother John Kanard |
| 7 – Brother Brian Parks | 8 – Brother Nantambu Calhoun |
| 8 – Brother Bryce Jackson | 8 – Sister Everlyne Wright |
| 9 – Brother Christian Bradley | 11 – Sister Penny Henderson |
| 12 – Brother Jacquelle Byrd | 13 – Brother William Moseley |
| 15 – Brother William Marshall | 15 – Sister Martha Phelps |
| 15 – Sister Davina Kanard | 15 – Sister Claire Jackson |
| 16 – Brother Sammy Cruell | 16 – Sister Jennifer Clinkscale |
| 17 – Sister Sharon Fuller | 17 – Sister Ella Ruth Watson |
| 17 – Brother George Rose | 18 – Sister Bria Dillard |
| 19 – Sister Margaret D. Freeman | 19 – Sister Vicky King |
| 20 – Brother Trye Sullivan | 20 – Sister Iris Wright |
| 20 – Sister Vanessa Payne | 21 – Brother Ronnie Murry |
| 22 – Brother Timothy “Logan” King | 24 – Sister Shelia Bradley |
| 24 – Sister Cheryl “Elaine” Sherman | 24 – Sister Kristen Hall |
| 25 – Brother Bernard Smith | 26 – Sister Audra Jones |
| 27 – Brother Melvin Green | 27 – Brother Tamaja Gray |
| 29 – Sister Briana Edwards | 29 – Sister Ajia Young |
| 29 – Sister Angela Harrison | 29 – Brother Anthony Hampton |
| 30 – Brother DeShawn Coulter | 31 – Brother Jazmon Henderson |
| 31 – Sister Faurtina Mills | 31 – Sister Darlene Dawkins |
| 31 – Brother Tavonta Jenkins | |

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Brother William and Sister Faurtina Mills
- 17 – Brother Louie and Sister Betty Golden
- 18 – Brother Calvin and Sister Juana Slade
- 23 – Brother Robert and Sister Alma “Rene” Murry
- 24 – Brother Clinton and Sister Ruth Foster
- 24 – Brother Ronnie and Sister Maetroy Murry
- 27 – Brother Willie and Sister Tywia Gray
- 28 – Brother Charles and Sister Denise Thompson

A WORD ABOUT OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

God’s tithes (10% of our increase), our offerings, and our sacrificial gifts are greatly appreciated as we move forward in supporting the ministries of our church. If you are not yet a tither, please consider the opportunity to be a “consistent giver” for our common W.O.R.K. in Prayer, Purpose, and Partnership at “THE 9-1-1!” May God bless you today and always!

Finance Ministry Counters for the Week of December 15th	
BROTHER TONY BALLENGER	BROTHER WILLIAM MOSELEY
BROTHER RUFUS McMAHAND	Drop Guard BROTHER CALVIN SLADE



Did you forget your checkbook or do not have any cash with you? Feel free to make your contribution by scanning this QR Code with your smartphone and make your donation on the Saint Mark website. Your contribution will be received safe and secure through our App. Thank you!

9-1-1 CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

- Please submit all information regarding hospitalizations, surgical procedures, and other illnesses concerning you or an immediate family member to our Church Prayer Line at 864.848.7141, extension 2. For emergencies and death notices, please call/text **Pastor T** at 864.483.5602 or **Reverend Twana Cruell** at 864.901.3570.
- For the safety of your children, please accompany them to the restrooms. Let us all take precautions so that our children are always supervised.
- If you want to have a flower arrangement placed on the altar in honor or memory of someone, please contact **Sister Angela Hampton (864.908.2167)**.
- **Pastor T is available for PASTORAL COUNSELING** (including Children, Youth, Adult, Family, Marriage, Career Planning and Life Coaching). For a confidential appointment, call/text 864.483.5602 or email: PastorTLG2013@aol.com.
- **Sabbath Days for PASTOR T and REVEREND TWANA:** Monday – **PASTOR T** and Friday – **REVEREND TWANA** (**unless otherwise noted**)

DVD's of the Morning Worship Celebration are available for \$6.00!
Please contact the Church Office to place your order.

WEEKLY FINANCE MINISTRY ARRANGEMENTS:

- Sunday – Deadline for check request forms to be submitted to the Finance Team.
- Thursday at 12:00 noon – Checks will be ready for pick-up in the Church Office.

WEEKLY INSPIRATIONS by CONFERENCE CALLS

Morning Glory Devotions with Rev. Dr. Robert Burkins

Monday-Friday at 7:00am – 7:10am 712.775.7035, Access Code 906123

“THE CALL” (Praise/Prayer Conference Call) founded by Pastor T

Hosted by Reverend Darlene Dellinger

Thursdays at 10:00pm 712.451.0200, Access Code 272862

HARVEST HOPE FOOD MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY:

Are you blessed beyond measure?

Do you know for sure you have more food than you can eat?

Have you ever decided not to eat something because you preferred something else?

If you answered “YES” to any of these questions, please consider donating canned goods and other non-perishable food items to our Harvest Hope Food Ministry. Contact Persons: Sister Adriaenne McMahan (864.4169.0888) or Reverend Twana Cruell (864.901.3570).

SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 15, 22, and 29

- **The S.H.I.F.T. Sunday School Ministry “ON RECESS”**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 – “THE SEEKERS” YOUNG ADULT (ages 19-40) MINISTRY

3rd Sunday of Advent with Liturgical Color PURPLE

- **7:45am – 7:14 Intercessory Prayer Experience** (*The Sanctuary*)
Prayer Focus: **The Year 2020 at “THE 9-1-1”**
- **8:15am – 9:00am** – The S.H.I.F.T. Sunday School Staff Team “In-Service” Training
- **8:40am - SOUND CHECK and WORSHIP TEAMS “Reporting for Duty”**
- **8:50am – CHORAL MINISTRIES “Reporting for Duty”** (*Pre-Service Prayer in the Choir Room*)
- **9:11am – Morning Worship Celebration** (*The Sanctuary*)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 7:00pm – Christmas Play Rehearsal

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- **10:00am – Companions-In-Christ Bible Study** (*Conference Room*)
- 7:00pm – Voices of F.I.R.E. Rehearsal (Christmas W.O.W. Celebration)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- **7:00pm – Special Christmas W.O.W. (Word-On-Wednesday) Celebration**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 10:00am – Voices of Fellowship Women’s Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 – “CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT THE 9-1-1”

4th Sunday of Advent with Liturgical Color PURPLE

- **7:45am – 7:14 Intercessory Prayer Experience** (*The Sanctuary*)
Prayer Focus: **The Year 2020 at “THE 9-1-1”**
- **8:15am** – Sounds of Destiny Children’s Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- **8:15am – 9:00am** – The S.H.I.F.T. Sunday School Staff Team “In-Service” Training
- **8:40am - SOUND CHECK and WORSHIP TEAMS “Reporting for Duty”**
- **9:11am – Morning Worship Celebration** (*The Sanctuary*)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST

Church Office “ON RECESS”

for the Christmas and New Year Holidays

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

- **9:00am – 11:00am – Harvest Hope Food Ministry** (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 10:00am – The Voices of Fellowship Women’s Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

- **10:00pm – Watch Night/New Year’s Eve Worship Celebration**

“25 DAYS OF GIVING: 9-1-1 Random Acts of Kindness”

December 1st – December 25th

“If you know you are blessed, don’t miss the opportunity of making an INTENTIONAL CONNECTION to be a blessing!”

December 1st

Pray for the spirit of Advent to come alive in the “9-1-1 NATION”

December 2nd

Pray the prayer of faith for a sick person.

December 3rd

Pack a care package and give it to a homeless person.

December 4th

Give \$3 to a random person in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

December 5th

Mail a hand-written note to a relative you have not been in contact with over the last 6 months.

December 6th

Pay for the car behind you in the drive-thru line.

December 7th

Give a small, decorated Christmas tree to an elderly person. Decorations can be simple. It’s the thought that matters.

December 8th

Bring an extra offering to church for our 2019 Apportionment.

December 9th

Donate white towels and socks to the Salvation Army.

December 10th

Pray for God to soften your heart concerning someone who have wronged you.

December 11th

Pack 3 care packages and give them to homeless people you encounter.

December 12th

Call the local Meals-on-Wheels office and volunteer to be a relief driver for 1 day.

December 13th

Mail a card of encouragement to someone who is experiencing grief during this Advent/Christmas season.

December 14th

Make a donation to the Black College Fund of the United Methodist Church to help a student buy books. Pastor T has details.

December 15th

Bring an extra offering to church for our 2019 Apportionment.

December 16th

Pray for those struggling with mental health, especially depression.

December 17th

Pray for victims of sexual abuse, trauma, and violations; and for those taken into the inhumane bondage of human-trafficking.

December 18th

Pray the words of Jeremiah 29:11 over the life of a child, a youth, and a young adult. Call their names specifically and then let them know you prayed for them.

December 19th

Bless your body by drinking at least 8 glasses of water today.

December 20th

Invite someone to worship with you. Better yet, invite someone to a relationship with JESUS!

December 21st

Call a new mother and ask her how you can be of help to her today.

December 22nd

Prepare a hand-written note of encouragement for a church member, and present it to them in person.

December 23rd

As you finalize plans for your Christmas dinner, invite a relative to join you who has been estranged from the family.

December 24th

Take some fresh cookies to the staff at a local nursing home.

December 25th

Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS by beginning the day with 30 minutes of quiet time with GOD!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

- 10:00am – 1:00pm – 9-1-1 Lay Servants Planning Meeting (*The Parsonage*)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

- 9:11am – “SATURDAY CHURCH” Morning Worship Celebration

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

- “THE 9-1-1” Goes to Worship and Fellowship with Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Bowman, Sr. at Saint Mark United Methodist Church (North, SC) in Celebration of the Church’s Anniversary! Stay tuned for more details...

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 8:00am – 3:00pm – **BOOT CAMP 9-1-1 Leadership Development Training...**All Servant Leaders are asked to be present and all interested members are invited to attend!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- Leadership Worship Celebration with Installation of 2020 Servant Leaders

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- Re-launch of W.O.W. (Word-On-Wednesday) Bible Study

2020 Dates for Sister-2-SISTAH Women’s Fellowship

- TUESDAYS – March 3, May 5, September 15, and November 3 OR FRIDAY, November 20

2020 WOMEN’S WEEKEND

- Friday-Sunday, March 27-29

LENT/EASTER SEASON 2020

- Lent: Wednesday, February 26 – Saturday, April 11
- Holy Week: Monday – Saturday, April 6 – 11
- EASTER: Sunday, April 12
 - Sunrise Worship at 6:00am
 - FIRESide Café Breakfast at 8:00am
 - Morning Worship at 10:00am

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 24-25

- **Pastor T** will be the Guest Infuser/Preacher for the Annual Women’s Conference at Union Baptist Church (Rembert, SC).

2020 SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- **Sunday-Wednesday, June 7-10 at the Florence Center (Florence, SC)**

THURSDAY – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15-16

- 7:00pm – **Pastor T** will be the Guest Preacher at The United Methodist Church of the Redeemer (Temple Hills, Maryland – Reverend Michael Parker, Senior Pastor) in celebration of their Annual Revival.