

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S

“The Stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native among you and you shall love him as yourself.

Leviticus 19:34

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church! St. Mark's is a warm and caring community of families and singles, young and old. We are an Episcopal Church having members from all backgrounds and religious traditions: many of us have had no church involvement before coming here. We want to offer to you the same welcome and friendship that were extended to us when we came to St. Mark's.

We encourage you to learn more about us by participating in the Discovery Class and quarterly Newcomers' Dinner held in the Parish Hall. We want to answer whatever questions you may have. Please let us know if you have particular needs with which we might help you.

Our weekly schedule of services is as follows:

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Quiet, Spoken Eucharist
	9:15 AM	Family Service with Contemporary Music and Eucharist (Nursery provided)
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 AM	Adult and Children's Sunday School
	11:15 AM	Traditional Service with Adult Choir and Eucharist (Nursery provided)
THURSDAY	10:00 AM	Healing Service

WHAT WE BELIEVE

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Christ.

II Corinthians 4:5

Our Faith is anchored in a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. Through Baptism we are immersed into His life, death, and resurrection. We are a people of light and life. The Sacred Scriptures bring us the entire story of this intimate relationship and they are the foundation of our Faith. We also value the place of Tradition and Reason in our reading and understanding of God's Word as it is revealed to each of us, His beloved children.

Through this intimate relationship, we discover that Jesus came to reconcile us to the Father. And so we live in constant gratitude for His gracious Mercy. It is out of this Mercy that we find the grace to embrace each other as redeemed yet imperfect fellow pilgrims. Living with the imperfect and the unfinished is the way our Christian life continues to deepen as we follow in Jesus' footsteps.

St. Mark's is a community that is open and welcoming to all of God's children. We continue to strive to become a faith community of Radical Hospitality focused on unconditional love. This is the central fruit of the Holy Spirit that is shared in our fellowship. This gift of the Spirit fills our hearts and empowers each of us to minister to the needs of the Body of Christ in our families, our community and our world.

You are invited to activate your ministry as a Baptized member of St. Mark's. As each of us discovers our ministry, we are reminded that prayer is an integral part of our life of service. We are called to discover a healthy balance between Prayer and Action so that our spiritual lives can grow and be fulfilling. Our common spiritual life is best maintained when we find an appropriate balance between prayer/worship, ministry, fellowship, education and mission.

In our busy lives, we are discovering the important place of small groups. Here in a safe, nurturing environment, the ministry of listening and presence can be found. Small groups are providing necessary places where the healing power of listening to each other's story has become transforming. They become a sacred place where trust and intimacy can be fostered as we learn to share the struggles and the joys of life. As we look forward to extending our small group opportunities at St. Mark's, may you find a small group to share your story and your spiritual life.

Since the event of Pentecost occurred, the church finds its identity in Mission. The Holy Spirit is given to empower us to go out and announce by word and example the Good News of God in Christ. Here at St. Mark's this announcing is experienced in our multiple outreach and evangelization ministries. Outreach and evangelism are about extending the ministry of Love and Compassion to the broken, the needy, and the lonely. It is also about extending a commitment to Justice. We live in a world of great disparity between the rich and the poor. Our ministries seek to address these disparities and in so doing allow the Gospel to touch our society with its healing and reconciling power.

As disciples of Jesus, we are challenged to live the Gospel as a community of faith gathered in the spirit of the Risen Lord. This is a call that asks for a radical commitment. There is no bargaining with God and no aspect of life that can be held back for our private agendas. We have been blessed by the abundant gifts of God's love. Gifts poured out in gracious plenty. God calls us to be Good Stewards. At St. Mark's we are called to share generously the gifts of our resources, our hands, and our minds. Each of us is called to a life of Good Stewardship. We invite you to simply pray and ask God to guide you in this area so that His work can be accomplished through your generosity and love.

Thank you for your interest in St. Mark's as a community of faith that may meet your spiritual needs. We pray that this brief statement on what we believe will help you to discern if God is calling you to St. Mark's. May the Holy Spirit guide you on your journey to discover a community of faith that is calling you home. God Bless You!

A DICTIONARY OF CHURCH TERMS

ACOLYTES: One who assists the clergy in a worship service by performing duties such as lighting altar candles, carrying the cross, bringing the priest the elements necessary for setting the altar table for communion, and varied other tasks.

ADVENT: In the Christian calendar, the first season of the church year, a period of preparation for the birth of Jesus.

ALL SAINT'S DAY: In Christianity, a day commemorating all the saints of the church, known and unknown. It is celebrated on November 1 in the Western churches and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Eastern churches. The first general observance of All Saints' Day was ordered by Pope Gregory IV in 837. In medieval England the festival was called All Hallows, and its eve is still known as Halloween.

BISHOP: The Biblical term for the one who exercises pastoral care and authority over a large number of Christians. Our bishop is the Rt. Rev. (abbreviation for Right Reverend) Henry I. Louttit of Georgia.

CHALICE BEARER: The person who administers the eucharistic cup (the wine).

CHAPEL: The chapel of St. Mark's is located on the east side of the church and contains the columbarium. The chapel is used for small gatherings of worshippers. The Thursday Healing service is held here as well as various meetings.

DEACON: An ordained member of the clergy set apart by the Church for particular ministries.

DIOCESE: The area over which a Bishop has jurisdiction. We are part of the Diocese of Georgia.

EPIPHANY: The Christian festival celebrated on January 6. One of the oldest Christian holy days, the festival originated in the Eastern church and was adopted in the Western church by the 4th century. It commemorates the first manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles, as represented by the Magi. The eve of Epiphany, called Twelfth Night, is thought to mark the arrival of the Wise Men in Bethlehem. Epiphany also celebrates the later baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist and Jesus' first miracle, performed at Cana.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH: The name of our denomination comes from the Greek New Testament word for Bishop, *episcopos* (literally, "overseer"). We are an Episcopal church in that we have bishops.

EUCCHARIST: The service that includes the reading and preaching of the Word of God and the Holy Communion or Lord's supper. It comes from the Greek word for "thanksgiving."

LECTOR: The person who reads the scriptural lessons in the church service; also referred to as a lay reader.

LENT: In the Christian church, a period of preparation for Easter, observed since the days of the apostles.

PARISH HALL: The large room behind the sanctuary which is used for social gatherings, meetings and adult education on Sundays. Coffee Hours are held here.

PENTECOST: A major festival in the Christian church, celebrated on the Sunday that falls on the 50th day after Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples, which occurred on the Jewish day of Pentecost, after the death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2), and it marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world.

PRIEST: An ordained member of the clergy set apart by the church for particular ministries and authorized to celebrate Holy Communion and pronounce God's forgiveness in worship. After seminary, a person is ordained Deacon (who is not authorized to celebrate communion or absolution) and, one year later, may be ordained a priest.

RECTOR: The name of the senior priest in an independent congregation (not financially subsidized by the dioceses).

SANCTUARY: The most sacred part of a church in which the altar (communion table) is located and where general worship services are held.

SEMINARIAN: A person studying and preparing to be ordained, usually in a full-time, three-year master's degree program.

ST. MARK'S LION: St. Mark's church newsletter which is published monthly. If you would like to receive the Lion call the church office and ask to be put on the mailing list.

VESTRY: The lay leadership board of the congregation, named from the "vesting" room in which the group met in colonial days. At St. Mark's, four persons are elected annually at the congregational meeting in January to three-year terms on the vestry. The Vestry shares with the clergy the spiritual leadership of the church. It also approves the budget and oversees the ministries and programs of the parish. With the guidance of the Bishop, the Vestry has the responsibility for calling a Rector or Vicar for the congregation.

VICAR: The name of the senior priest of a congregation which is financially subsidized by the dioceses.

WARDEN: The term for the leaders of the Vestry. The Senior Warden is selected by the Rector and Junior Warden is elected by the congregation.

WHEN YOU SHOULD CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.”
II Corinthians 1:3-4

Before Going to the Hospital: Whether you are going to the hospital for major surgery or for tests, please notify our church office before you go. The clergy, assisted by members of the church, call on our parishioners in the hospital whenever we know they are there to offer prayer and support. When requested, Eucharistic Ministers will bring the Sacrament of Holy Communion to those in the hospital or confined at home.

When You Decide to Marry: The clergy are eager to assist couples as they prepare to commit themselves to one another in a Christian marriage. If you wish your wedding to be at St. Mark's, please make an appointment with one of the clergy before setting the date.

When a Baby is Born: The birth of a baby is a time of great joy and also a time of transition and stress. The clergy want to rejoice with the parents in the hospital or at home after a child is born, in order to encourage and support them in their new ministry of parenthood. We want to pray for God's blessing upon the child and, if desired, make preliminary arrangements for baptism.

When There is a Crisis in Your Family: Whether it is a problem in the marriage; serious conflict between parents and teenagers; depression or other crisis in the life of one individual, the clergy can provide counseling and, when appropriate, referral to other professional counselors in the community. God does not ask us to cope with major issues and decisions alone and invariably, the sooner the problem is addressed the more easily it can be resolved. We stand ready to discuss the matter with you in confidence, friendship, prayer and love.

When There is a Death in the Family, or Death is Imminent: Please notify the church office or call the clergy emergency number at once so that your church family can be as much help to you as possible. The clergy is willing and anxious to pray with the family and provide comfort.

When Alcohol or Drugs Become a Problem for You or Someone You Love: The alcohol or drug addict is a person with a serious yet treatable disease. St. Mark's clergy have special training and experience in this area and can assist you and your family in assessing the problem and finding the help you need. In addition Alcoholics Anonymous, AlAnon and Narcotics Anonymous all meet on a weekly basis in the community.

WHO TO CALL

“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-12

STAFF

Interim Rector	The Rev. John S. Rogers	265-0600
Priest Associate	The Rev. Hal Daniell, Jr.	265-0600
Priests	The Rev. John Butin	638-1215
	The Rev. Edward Somerville	264-5700
Deacons	The Rev. Edward S. Williams	265-0600
	The Rev. Marty Meuschke	265-0600
Administrator	Beverly Talbert	265-0600
Parish Treasurer	Kris Jordan	265-0600
Music Director	Nathaniel Roper	265-0600

VESTRY

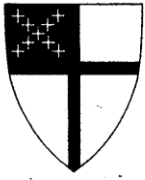
Senior Warden	Wallace Harrell	634-8425
Junior Warden	Tom Sublett	634-5510
Clerk	Beverly Talbert	265-0600
Members:	Ron Adams	267-9828
	Rosalie Babbitt	554-1540
	Faye Boddiford	264-8388
	Joel Coble	634-2576
	Alan Cody	265-4457
	Townsend Cooper	267-1870
	Kay Curry	634-8379
	Tony Doliveira	265-5106
	Ed Herrington	280-0413
	Bob Schwandt	638-5568
	Alan Youngner	264-8316

ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES

Acolytes	Dade Brantley	264-6097
Adult Choir	Nathaniel Roper	265-0600
Alpha	Mona Irwin	262-6226
Altar Guild	Jo McGuire	638-2567
Bad Girls of the Bible	Deacon Dee Shaffer	265-0600

ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES (cont'd)

Building Committee	Tom Sublett	634-5510
Children's Sunday School	Leigh Ferguson	554-1590
Coffee Hour (11:15 service)	Barbara Lawson- Williams	634-2817
Cursillo	Rose Wilson	638-9707
Daughters of the King	Willetta McGowan	264-6254
Education for Ministry	Deacon Marty Meuschke	265-0600
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	Martha Dekle	262-6101
St. Agnes' Guild	Pat Jordan	264-2028
St. Elizabeth's Guild	Whitney Smith	706/206-2392
St. Margaret's Guild	Woodie Baumgardner	638-2480
St. Mary's Guild	Barbara Caples	265-7209
	Jo Strickland	265-3752
Episcopal Youth Council (EYC)	Dade Brantley	264-6097
Evangelism Committee	Mona Irwin	262-6226
Family Service Music Team (9:15)	Nathaniel Roper	265-0600
Flowers for the Altar	Pam McGeachy	265-7167
Happening	Dade Brantley	264-6097
Harmony Square/Kids Learning Center	Deacon Dee Shaffer	262-1828
Hospitality Committee	Woodie Baumgardner	638-2480
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Ed Williams	265-0600
Men's Bible Study	Deacon Ed Williams	265-0600
Men's Fellowship Luncheon	Rev. Hal Daniell	634-8885
Newcomer's Dinner	Woodie Baumgardner	638-2480
Outreach Committee	Deacon Ed Williams	265-0600
Pastoral Care Committee	Marilyn Lear	265-5916
Religious Education Committee	Leigh Ferguson	554-1590
St. Mark's Day School	Lys Wilson	265-1090
Stewardship Committee	Ron Rector	267-6182
Thrift Shop	Kathy Friedman	261-1239
Welcome Packets	Church Office	265-0600
<i>Inquiring Minds Exploring Our Faith</i>	Judy Missildine	634-2385
Ushers	George Lincoln	223-3838
Vacation Bible School	Leigh Ferguson	554-1590



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TO JOIN ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Now the body is not made up of one part but of many."
I Corinthians 12:14

Attend our Discovery Class

To introduce you to St. Mark's and to provide an opportunity to ask questions about our church we invite you to attend our Discovery class. This is a great place for you to begin your journey with us, by learning more about our facilities, properties, staff, and our culture of life worshiping together as Episcopalians and Anglicans. Classes meet at 10: 15 on Sunday morning for 45 minutes and are ongoing.

Fill Out "New Member Form"

Whenever you decide you wish to join St. Mark's, please complete the "New Member Form" (found in your Welcome packet). This allows us to record you (and other members of your family) as Baptized Members. (For information about Baptism, see below.) We do not re-baptize anyone who has previously been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in any Christian denomination. Filling out this form also allows us to pray for you during Sunday morning worship at the time of your birthday and wedding anniversary. We would also like for you to fill out the "Finding your Ministry" sheet and turn it in to the church office.

Transfer Membership

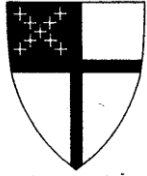
If you have previously been confirmed in the Episcopal Church or received into the Episcopal Church, we will send for your Letter of Transfer from your former Episcopal parish and notify you when we receive it. If your previous church was of a different denomination, just fill out the attached form and turn it into the church office. You may, however, wish to inform your former church that you now attend St. Mark's.

Confirmation Class-Bishop's Visitation

We also encourage all newcomers who are joining our church to affirm or reaffirm their faith in Jesus Christ in worship on the Sunday our Bishop visits. This is done in one of three ways, all of which include the Laying-on-of -Hands and prayer by the Bishop.

About Baptism

Through either the pouring on of water or immersion in water, we are cleansed of our sins, incorporated into the Body of Christ and called to ministry in the Name of Jesus. If you or a member of your family desires to be baptized, please call the church office for more information.



**ST. MARK'S
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NEW MEMBER FORM

"The body does not consist of one member but of many." I Corinthians

WOMEN'S SECTION

Ms. Miss Mrs. _____ Name of Spouse: _____
(Full Name)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

(Home Telephone) (Work Telephone) (Cell Phone) (E-mail)

Birth Date: _____

Circle One: Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed Date of Marriage: _____

My current Church membership is at: _____
(Name of Church) (Denomination)

MEN'S SECTION

Mr. _____ Name of Spouse: _____
(Full Name)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

(Home Telephone) (Work Telephone) (Cell Phone) (E-mail)

Birth Date: _____

Circle One: Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed Date of Marriage: _____

My current Church membership is at: _____
(Name of Church) (Denomination)

CHILDREN'S SECTION

(NAME OF CHILD)

(DATE OF BIRTH)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

“Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.” Psalm 25:4-5

Sunday School for All Ages

In our Sunday School program, we seek to create a loving, nurturing environment in which every student can develop a committed, living relationship with Jesus Christ and can grow in knowledge and love of Him. Our education is Bible-centered as we seek to apply the truth of Scripture to issues of our daily lives.

- **Sunday School for Children** is held at 10:15 on Sunday mornings for children ages 3 through 5th grade. Children new to the church and visiting children are always welcome to participate in the Sunday School programs. Nursery care is also available. Sunday school for youth grades 6 thru 12 is incorporated into the youth program on Sunday nights as part of EYC. This age group is also invited to join in the Sunday school programs offered for adults on Sunday morning. Confirmation classes for youth are also held as part of our evening EYC program.

- **Vacation Bible School** -- This annual program is held on five consecutive days during the summer. Children ages 3 through 5th grade are encouraged to attend. Students 6th grade and older are encouraged to work as teacher assistants.

- **Sunday School for Adults** is held at 9:15 and at 10:15 on Sunday mornings. At 9:15 a Bible Study class is offered and special topics Adult class is at 10:15. Adult confirmation classes are also offered at this hour prior to the Bishop's annual visits. The Discover Class, open to any seeking more information about St. Mark's is also held at 10:15 in the Chapel.

Adult Weekday Studies

Thursdays at Noon Men's Bible Study meets in the Church Parish Hall. All men welcome. Come & bring a guest!

Thursdays at Noon Bad Girls of the Bible. Bible study centered on the women of the Bible. Meets in the Parish Hall. Come join us!!

Fridays at 9:30 AM *Inquiring Minds Exploring our Faith* -- meets in the Parish Hall
Welcome & Gathering 9:30 – 10:00 AM, 10:00 - 11:00 Study. All women welcome.
Come & bring a guest!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STEWARDSHIP

“Let each one give as he has made up his own mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” II Corinthians 9:7

Our stewardship ministry is founded on our commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and our dedication to proclaiming the Gospel. As we all prayerfully seek to fulfill our task of ministry to others, we serve under the mandate of Jesus found in Matthew 25:40, *“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did for Me.”*

When you give...the lost find new life in Jesus.

When you give...the discouraged are transformed by the Holy Spirit.

When you give...the poor are fed and sheltered and uplifted.

When you give...church leaders are trained and empowered for ministry.

When you give...God’s people near and far are set on fire for Christ.

When you give...we carry out this work together.

The goal of stewardship at St. Mark’s is that each member of our church family joyfully responds to the question, “What is God asking me to do?” We at St. Mark’s invite each member of the parish to join us in sharing God’s bounty with others so that each individual is proportionally giving of their time, talents, and tithes to the church and to the community.

St. Mark’s invites you to endorse, support, and help bring St. Mark’s vision “to be a radically welcoming, joyful and hopeful community” to life.

IN THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S LOVE, I/WE ESTIMATE THAT I/WE WILL RETURN TO GOD THIS PORTION OF HIS BOUNTIFUL GIFTS

\$_____ weekly, or \$_____ monthly, or \$_____ annually

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Today's Date _____

Signature _____

Our parish bases its commitments on these estimates of giving. You may change your gift at any time.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

“Be blameless, sincere and wholesome children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.”

Philippians 2:15-16

The St. Marks Youth Ministry seeks to nurture and challenge Middle School and High School young people so that they will come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, live in obedience to His Lordship, and move into ministry as empowered by the Holy Spirit.

We seek to create a loving Christian community among the youth, provide sound Biblical teaching oriented to their unique needs, facilitate their involvement in true spiritual worship and challenge them to vital ministry in accordance with God’s calling. In this way, we strive to enable them to continue to understand the relationship of faith in Christ to their lives in a perplexing, often unbelieving, and perpetually changing world. Incidentally, we also have a lot of fun on the way.

Depending on our programs and attendance we meet in one group or divide into two as Middle School (grades 6-8) and High School. Each of our groups seeks to grow closer to God and to each other in order to minister in the power of His love. We enjoy games, singing, instruction, discussion and refreshments. We also provide opportunity for young people to ask questions about God and their desire to grow in a relationship with Him. The Youth groups have many varied recreational activities.

The Director of the Youth is Dade Brantley is always available for our Youth.

There are several other avenues for fellowship and service for young people at our church. The acolyte program affords an opportunity to serve in the worship life of the church. The youth programs offer a learning experience for discovering more about God and about the Bible, and for exploring questions about the Christian faith. Teens also serve in the nursery, and alongside adults in a variety of ministries in our parish. We encourage youth to serve as Lectors (lay readers) and if 16 years old and older to become Chalice bearers during our services.

The St. Mark’s Youth Group (6th grade-12th grade) meets at our church 5:00-6:30pm on Sunday evenings. We look forward to seeing you there.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN WORSHIP

“Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song.”

Psalm 100:1

ACOLYTES -- Children and teenagers, 10 years old and up, assist the clergy as crucifers, flag bearers, torchbearers and servers during the 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 service.

ALTAR GUILD -- This guild is responsible for preparing the altar and sanctuary for all worship services.

ADULT CHOIR -- Provides musical leadership at the 11:15 a.m. service and other special services to enhance our worship together. Rehearsal is every Thursday at 5:30.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING -- A religious order for lay women in the Episcopal Church who undertake to live by incorporating the rule of life in prayer, service and evangelism. They meet at 9:00 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month to add new people to the prayer list making sure each person will be prayed for each day

FAMILY SERVICE MUSIC TEAM -- For people interested in contributing their musical talents this team provides music during the 9:15 a.m. Sunday service.

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS -- Licensed by the Bishop, they administer the chalice (the cup of wine) during communion. Some are also authorized to take Communion to the sick after worship

LECTORS -- Also called “Lay Readers,” these persons read the Old and New Testament lessons and lead the Prayers of the People during worship.

USHERS -- Greet and distribute Sunday bulletins at each of the Sunday services.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP AND SUPPORT

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers.”
Acts 2:42

Coffee Hour -- Coffee is always on in the Parish Hall after Sunday worship. A light continental breakfast is served after the 8 o’clock service and various treats are served after the 11:15 service. Occasionally a special time of fellowship is held at the adult Sunday school hour at 10:15 in place of the adult class normally held at that hour. Watch your bulletin for those special times.

Cursillo -- A “short course” in Christianity held on a weekend, leading to more fruitful Christian living through the mutual support of small groups and informal worship sponsored by the Cursillo Community.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) -- All women of the church are welcome to attend the many activities offered. Occasional fundraising projects are held, the proceeds of which are given to the church for a particular purpose or for mission work outside the parish. The ECW is divided into smaller groups called guilds which meet monthly for fellowship, support and study.

St. Margaret’s Guild meets the third Tuesday of the month at noon in the church Parish Hall.

St. Elizabeth’s Guild meets the second Thursday of the month at 7PM at Pranzo’s (downtown)

St. Mary’s Guild meets the third Tuesday of the month at noon in the church Parish Hall.

St. Agnes’ Guild meets the third Thursday at 3PM in the homes of members or in the Parish Hall.

Men’s Fellowship Luncheon -- Meets the second Tuesday of the month at noon at Shoney’s on Rt. 341. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

Bad Girls of the Bible -- Meets on Thursdays at noon in the Parish Hall for study & fellowship. All women are welcome.

Inquiring Minds Exploring our Faith -- Meets on Fridays at 9:30AM with the study starting at 10AM in the Parish Hall. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

Men’s Bible Study -- Meets on Thursdays at noon in the church Parish Hall. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

“There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to everyone for their particular service.”
1 Corinthians 12:6

Groups at St. Mark’s that seek to minister to individuals, both inside and outside the parish family, include the following:

WITHIN THE CHURCH

(Refer to the **Who to Call** page for the contact and number of the person to call for further information.)

Altar Guild -- Takes responsibility for preparing the altar for each service.

Religious Education Committee -- Plans programs for the spiritual development for all parish members, both children and adults.

Evangelism Committee -- Reaches out extending, with gentleness & respect, an invitation to others to share in the good news, developing programs for both members and nonmembers. Alpha is the current program offered at St. Mark’s. This committee also oversees the dissemination of information regarding our parish life, both within the church and to the community.

Daughters of the King -- Is a prayer ministry which prays for the individual and corporate needs of the parish.

Finance Committee -- Prepares the annual church budget for presentation to the vestry and tracks the stewardship of all gifts and tithes.

Hospitality Committee -- Extends a warm welcome to all who enter the doors of St. Mark’s. This committee sponsors the coffee hours and provides a Newcomers’ Dinner on a regular basis.

Lay Readers & Chalice Bearers -- Provide for the reading of the scriptural lessons for each service, the prayers of the people, and assistance in the serving of the Eucharistic cup, as needed.

Outreach Committee -- Presents programs and participates in the many outreach opportunities in the community and the world.

Pastoral Care Committee -- Calls on the sick and shut-ins in our parish.

Stewardship Committee -- Is responsible for administering the programs which gather our gifts and offerings to the Lord.

Ushers -- Greet and distribute Sunday bulletins at each of the Sunday services.

OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

Dixville Coalition -- A community after school tutoring program which is held at First Friendship Baptist Church, 1010 Lee St., Brunswick. Volunteer tutors are needed and most welcome. Contact Willetta McGowan at 264-6254 (H) or 262-3180 (W) for more information.

Manna House of Brunswick -- A community soup kitchen. Volunteers and contributions are needed and always welcome. Contact Don Hermann at 638-2836 or Jim Crandall at 267-6534 for further information.

Hospice of the Golden Isles, Inc. -- Support for the extremely ill. Located at 1692 Glynco Pkwy. Contact the facility to volunteer at 265-4735.

Habitat for Humanity of Glynn County, Inc. -- Located at 3128 Hopkins Ave, call the facility to volunteer at 265-7455.

FINDING YOUR MINISTRY

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.”

I Corinthians 12:5

Use this sheet to indicate your interest in the many ministries and groups connected with St. Mark's. Please turn it in or mail it to the Parish Office.

If more than one member of the family uses this form, please write first names in the space next to each ministry or activity.

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| -----Acolytes | NAME _____ |
| -----Altar Guild | |
| -----Bible Study | HOME PHONE _____ |
| -----Building Committee | |
| -----Choir | WORK PHONE _____ |
| -----Church Building and Grounds | |
| -----Building Maintenance | E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ |
| -----Electrical Work | |
| -----Grounds Maintenance | |
| -----Plumbing | |
| -----Coffee Hour Helper | |
| -----Chalice Bearer | |
| -----Cursillo | |
| -----Religious Education Committee | |
| -----Education for Ministry (EFM) | |
| -----Episcopal Church Women (ECW) | |
| -----Evangelism Committee | |
| -----Finance Committee | |
| -----Homeless Shelter | |
| -----Hospitality Committee | |
| -----Lay Eucharistic Ministers | |
| -----Lectors (Lay Readers) | |
| -----Men's Fellowship | |
| -----Nursery | |
| -----Office Volunteers | |
| -----Outreach Committee | |
| -----Pastoral Care Committee | |
| -----Prayer Team (Daughters of the King) | |
| -----Stewardship Committee | |
| -----Sunday School (Children or Youth) | |
| -----Sunday School (Adult) | |
| -----Ushers | |
| -----Youth Activities | |
| -----Other Activities in which you might
be interested | |

