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An Eyewitness Account: Revealing the Unseen Jesus

"They overcame by the blood of the Lamb and words of their testimony." Revelation 12:11a

Testimonies are words delivered in a court of law, usually by a witness to an event. In the case of the Christian testimony, we have as our first piece of evidence the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These four men were eyewitnesses to the life and work of Jesus Christ. They each tell a personal story about Him not exactly matched by the others. That's because each of them saw Jesus Christ from a slightly different angle or "perspective." Like Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, each of us is created by God as a unique individual, each of us will have a distinct perspective on the situations and circumstances of our lives and the people we encounter on this journey called life.

Christian witnessing is all about revealing the unseen Jesus in people's lives. To put all of your faith and love into someone you can't see... is hard! We know! Because He wasn't always real to us! But now, we not only believe in Jesus, but we believe that God had placed us on His earth, at this time for a very important purpose; and one day when our task is done, our purpose will be fulfilled. Sometimes you may think if Jesus is really here with us, then why doesn't He help me in my time of most need? Why does He let people get sick? Why do people die? Jesus is here for each of us, if we just ask... Jesus is the key to everything! Loneliness, peer pressure, despair, failing health, depression, anger, mistrust, distrust, abuse, poverty, unemployment --- no matter the issue, you're not alone. Live a life of faith and love in Christ! Trials, fears, anxieties, and even death are all wrapped up in our Savior, Jesus... Accept His gift of love, and live happily ever after... no matter what!

These are our testimonies, our eyewitness accounts. Let us share them with you!

"Testify"

29th Annual Concert

of the

St. Mark Inspirational Choir

5 pm

Sunday, August 15, 2010

St. Mark United Methodist Church

911 St. Mark Road

Taylors, SC 29687

Ruby E. Lewers, Director

Dwight E. Woods, Musician and Artistic Director

LaFrederick Coaxner, Guest Director

Solomon S. Bradley, President



Back to School Parents Night



Knowledge is power and we want to equip you and your child for the new school year. It is our desire that every child succeeds in school. Therefore, we have planned an event to get you and them started. If you miss this event, you will miss out on an opportunity to invest in your child's future.

There will be a MANDATORY Back To School Parent Night held on Thursday, August 5, 2010 from 6pm to 8pm for all parents of school aged children in grades K5 to 12th grade. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. There will be school counselors and teachers available to give you important information on the changes for the new school year and to answer questions about your child's education.

No Child Left Behind should not be a simple phrase without meaning to each of us. Does your child have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)? Does your child need one? If you have an existing IEP, or are interested in developing one for your child, please bring your existing copy and/or concerns to this meeting. Private sessions will be available with experienced teachers to walk you through the process.

How can you help?? We will have free school supplies, refreshments, door prizes and more. Donations are greatly appreciated. Please see Lasonia Williams or Levell Marshall for information on how you can help us help our children. "It takes a village to raise a child" and that village is YOU!!



Sick and Shut-in Members

<i>Mr. Harold Cheeks – Bellaire Place, 23 South Pointe Drive Rm. #115, Greenville 29607</i>	<i>234-9542</i>
<i>Rev. Oliver N. Greer – 317 Garrett Street, Mauldin 29662</i>	<i>234-7341</i>
<i>Mrs. Minnie Louthier – Residence Unknown</i>	
<i>Mr. Donald Talley – 3204 Culpepper Crossing, Duncan 29334</i>	<i>486-9472</i>
<i>Mrs. Ella Mae Whiteside – 202 Frank Street, Greenville 29601</i>	<i>271-1537</i>
<i>Mrs. Lillian McKinney- 5501 Hwy 101 North, Taylors, 29687</i>	<i>895-1933</i>
<i>Mrs. Mildred Martin—Piedmont Living Center, Room 11B, 401 Chandler Road, Greer, 29651</i>	

St. Mark Vessel's of Praise



Webster's Dictionary defines a "vessel" as a person regarded as an agent or vehicle for some purpose or quality. The St. Mark Vessel's of Praise, under the direction of Mrs. Faurtina Martin are agents and vehicles of Praise. The Vessel's of Praise were formed in order to lead Praise Service at St. Mark United Methodist Church and their purpose is to welcome and usher the Holy Spirit in to service. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 8 a.m. and the Vessels of Praise promptly stand before the congregation. They are not there to entertain anyone; they simply want to be the vehicle that carries God's praises. The members believe and live by the scripture "Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord."

The members are (back row) Teunta Harris, Faurtina Martin, Mark Garrison, John Garrison, (front row) Gena Garrison, Kelly Garrison, Sharon Fuller, Redonia Thomas, Margaret Freeman & Sandra Check.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

Psalms 150:6

Greenville County Schools



The New School Year Begins soon for almost 70,000 students. Help spread the word about upcoming changes.

Enrollment

If you are new to or have moved to Greenville County you must register before Monday August 16.

First Day of School

The first day of school for all students is Monday August 16. Buses will run and lunch will be served. Please see school calendar for additional information.

Change in hours

Beginning this year, middle school students will attend school from 8:30a.m. until 3:15p.m. and high school students will attend school from 8:45 until 3:45 p.m. Elementary schools continue to operate from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Transportation

To improve transportation services for parents and students, Greenville County Schools is requesting that parents update any change of address or method of transportation (car or bus). Parents may notify their child's school by completing the change form and submitting it to the school. The form is available for download on the district website.

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Director of Communications—Greenville County Schools

Keeping you connected

All student recognitions, achievements, and other accomplishments will be announced on 4th Sunday only. Parents and students please get this information to the Church office by Wednesday before the 4th Sunday.

DEADLINES! Don't forget---the deadline for newsletter articles is the **3rd Sunday** in each month. Please note this change. Articles may be submitted to any member of the Messenger Staff.

Church news at your finger tips. Visit the new St. Mark Info Line. This telephone service features

voicemail, weekly activities and Sunday school updates. Simply dial the church's main number, 864-848-7141, and follow the prompts.

Effective immediately, weekly reminders and meetings will be printed inside your bulletins and not read aloud during announcements.

Please be sure to read these and govern yourselves accordingly.

All announcements and reminders will also be sent out in a weekly email. If our secretary does not have your email contact information, please be sure to give it to her so that you will receive this email.

St. Mark United Methodist Church

Communications Committee

1st Sunday Announcer: Juana Slade

2nd Sunday Announcer: Open

3rd Sunday Announcer: Linette Sawyer

4th Sunday Announcer: LaSonia Williams

Church Office Manager: Karen Culbertson

Newsletter Editor: Tanya M. Dillard

Chairperson/Web Mistress: Gena Garrison



Coming Attractions

Mark your calendar for these upcoming ministries and events.

Sept

Black Church Summit Sept 23, 24, & 25 at Radisson Hotel in Columbia. Girls for Glory will be ministering at the banquet.

College Bound Workshop Sept 11 9am –12pm (see insert for details)

Oct

God's Trombone – October 17 6pm

Zaria Garrison's book release celebration for 2nd novel "Losing it" October 23 6pm

Nov

Greenville-Spartanburg District Youth Retreat - Nov. 5-7, Asbury Hills

Soup and Cornbread Service Nov 23 at St. Mark Dinner 6pm Service at 7pm

Dec

100 Voices of Christmas – December 19 6pm

Annual Parsonage Open House December 5; 3 -5 pm

Charge Christmas Program December 24 at St. Mark



St. Mark United Methodist Church --- Our aim is to make disciples for Christ for the transformation of the world !