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# The St. Mark Messenger

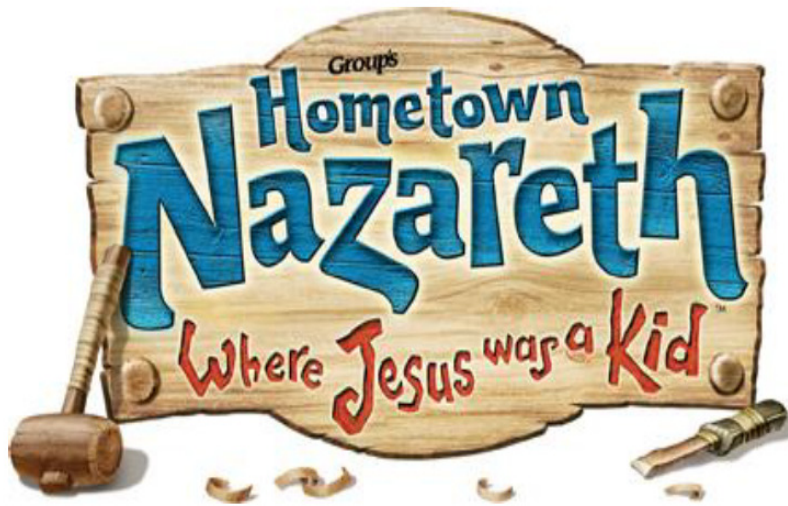
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ST. MARK UMC CHURCH  
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## Vacation Bible School



Welcome to Hometown Nazareth where Jesus was a kid! We are glad you've chosen this amazing experience where kids and adults will explore Jesus' hometown through the eyes of his mother, Mary.

Take a journey back to Bible times without leaving St. Mark! Become a member of one of the twelve tribes of Nazareth.

Visit the Nazareth Market Place and take an unforgettable journey to the "Bead Bazaar," "Synagogue School," "Wool Shop," "Carpentry Shop," "Rock Quarry," "Olive Oil Shop," "Farmer's Field", and "Food Market."

Young and old, participate in this one-of-a-kind family Vacation Bible School adventure through the Holy Land. Experience the

games, food and fun of Nazareth

Monday, July 18 through Wednesday, July 20, 6 - 8 pm, St. Mark UMC, 911 St. Mark Road, Taylors, SC.

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## Homecoming and Revival

St. Mark United Methodist Church Homecoming will be held August 28, 2011

### Schedule of Events

**08:00am** Service at St. Mark-Speaker Reverend George F. Manigo

**10:00am** Travel to Pleasant Ridge State Park

**10:30am** Sunday School in the park

**11:30am** Praise Dances, Reflections & Video

**12:30pm** Dinner \$8.00

Menu: Fried/Baked Chicken, Chicken Nuggets, Mac/Cheese, Green Beans, Spinach Salad, Rolls, Tea, Lemonade, Peach Cobbler

**1:30pm** Activities: Swimming, Musical Chairs, Tic Tac Toe, Bingo, Other Organized Games, Fishing (must have SC license)

St. Mark United Methodist Church Revival will be held August 29th—31st. The guest speaker will be Rev. Brenda Washington, pastor of New Beginnings United Methodist Church, Greenville, SC. Devotion begins at 7:00pm and Service begins at 7:30pm each night.

## 2011 High School Graduate



**Emerald J. Bowman.** Emerald is the daughter of Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Bowman and Mrs. Susan K. Bowman. She graduated on June 2, 2011 from Spring Valley High School where she served as Historian of the Student Government Association. In school, she participated in Competition Cheerleading. She also was a contestant in the Miss Spring Valley Pageant and a candidate for Prom Queen.

Prior to transferring to Spring Valley, Emerald attended Wade Hampton High School in Greenville where she served as Freshman class Vice President of the Student Government Association, and also ran track as a sprinter in the 100, 200, and 400 yard races.

In the fall, she will attend USC Upstate and major in Pharmacy. She plans to later obtain a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

## Spiritual Gifts

### **Knowing your spiritual gifts will enable you to find your place of ministry in the local church.**

Since every Christian has a particular function in the body of Christ, and since your spiritual gifts equip you to carry out this function, knowing your gifts help you to plug in to the ministry of a local church.

### **Knowing your spiritual gifts will enable you to determine your priorities.**

One of the most common problems we all face is having more things to do than we have time to do them. Paul indicates in Romans 12:6-8, that we should make use of our spiritual gifts a priority in our lives. In simple

terms, when we have too many things to do we must choose to function in the area of our spiritual gifts. You must know your spiritual gifts to set these priorities.

### **Knowing your spiritual gifts will be of great help in discerning God's will.**

To extend our last point just a little bit further, knowing your spiritual gifts can be of great help in discerning the will of God. The choice of your occupation, whether 'secular' or 'religious,' should take into account whether or not it will help or hinder the exercise and development of your spiritual gift. If you are not gifted to teach, you have a valuable insight into God's will when you are offered a teaching position. There

is a very distinct relationship between knowing the will of God ([Romans 12:1-2](#)) and understanding your spiritual gift ([Romans 12:3-8](#)).

### **The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts**

Probably the simplest definition of a spiritual gift would be this:

**A spiritual gift is the God-given capacity of every Christian to carry out his function in the body of Christ.**

**Spiritual Gifts training will be held on June 15, 2011 from 6:30 – 8:30 at St. Mark UMC. Facilitator will be Kathy Joens.**

"We each have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us . . ."

Romans 12:6



# Salkehatchie



Salkehatchie Summer Service is a pioneering servant ministry at selected sites in South Carolina involving high school and college age youth, adult community leaders and persons of different cultures in upgrading housing, motivating community cooperative efforts by helping persons to help themselves, and providing all participants with opportunities for personal growth and service.

This year St. Mark United Methodist Church will serve as one of three host churches for the Upstate Salkehatchie Mission Camp, July 9-16, 2011. Approximately 30 youth and adults will reside at each church for the week as they work daily improving homes of needy families. We are in need of volunteers in a range of duties at the church and on the work sites. A detailed description of the various duties and responsibilities as well as a sign up sheet will be placed on the information table in the Fellowship Mall. Some of the positions include, but are not limited to the following:

Hydration/Snack Patrol – delivery of snacks and water to campers at home sites

Morning Angels – Clean up sleep areas of campers each morning

Night Watch – Monitor the movement of campers until everyone is settled in and sleeping

Hospitality Team - Assist with setting up with meals and greet the campers as they come in for meal time each day

Day Servants – Help at the sites as needed

Camp Clean Up Team – Assist with Cleaning after the campers leave on the final day

We also need the following items donated:



Cases of Bottled Water

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

Soft Soap

Travel Size Toiletries or Toiletries collected from hotels

Trash Bags

Items may be brought to the Fellowship Hall during office hours throughout the week (contact Karen Culbertson 864-848-7141) or on weekends when the church is open.

*Many of our neighbors in South Carolina live in homes needing repair and Jesus has called us to love our neighbor (Luke 10:29-37).*

## The Inspirational Choir of St. Mark UMC invites you to **PRAISE IN THE PARK**



Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 11-7pm at Lincoln Park (169 Harnitha Lane, Taylors).

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## Keeping you connected

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

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

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 and given to each member by the ushers. Please read and take these home with you each week.

**Kelly Garrison is your new contact for announcements beginning February 1st. Please send all announcements to her at [garrison.kelly@gmail.com](mailto:garrison.kelly@gmail.com).**

**Gena Garrison is your contact for the newsletter and website. Her email address is [gena140@att.net](mailto:gena140@att.net).**

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

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Mark your calendar for these upcoming ministries and events.

### August

**August 19-21** Inspirational Choir 30th Anniversary

**August 28** Homecoming

**August 29—31** Revival

### Sept

**Sept 17** UMW District Meeting

**Sept 24** UMW Yard Sale

### Oct

**Oct 26** Trunk or Treat

**Oct 30** Joint Service @ St. Matthew



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