

The St. Mark Messenger

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Spirit Singers

The Spirit Singers which is the United Methodist Church Youth Choir, will be in concert at St. Mark UMC Saturday June 25th at 12pm.

The Spirit Singers is an auditioned group of teens aged 13 through high school from all over the state.

A.J. Dendy is currently a member of the Spirit Singers choir.

Former St. Mark members included Candace Dennis and John Garrison.

Please come out and support this concert.



United Methodist Women's Day



Women's Day will be observed on first Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 8 a.m.

The speaker for this occasion will be our former 1st Lady, Sister Susan K. Bowman.

Please come out and help us share in this great event.

We are requesting that all ladies wear White with accessories of Multi-Colored Flowers and/or your Lucinda Pins purchased from the Bethlehem Community Center.

Our theme is "Finding Peace & Justice--Honoring Our Women"

We will continue the day of celebration with our Annual Tea at 4:00 p.m. with the theme "Honoring Our Women" (HOW) and Women of the Bible.

Don't miss the opportunity of a lifetime.

Come Share Enjoy

2011 High School Graduates



Jacquelle Tavez Byrd is a senior at Riverside High School and will be graduating on June 1, 2011 at the Bi-lo Center in Greenville.

Jacquelle is well-known at Riverside and was selected as Best Dressed superlative in his senior class.

Jacquelle plans to attend Greenville Technical College in the Fall.

Jacquelle is the son of Mironda Byrd and Edward Lyles.

Kalea is a member of the Honor Chorus and was a participant in the Ms. La Flambeau pageant and the Homecoming Court.

Kalea has plans to attend Greenville Technical College in the Fall and will transfer to the University of South Carolina Upstate in 2012 and major in Nursing. Kalea aspires to be a Neonatal nurse.

Kalea is the daughter of Ronnie and Karen Culbertson.



Bria Noelle Dillard is a senior at Wade Hampton High School and will graduate with High Honors on June 1, 2011 at Timmons Arena on the campus of Furman University. During her high school career, Bria has received numerous honors and achieved many accomplishments both on and off the court.

Bria is a member of the National Honor Society for both her junior and senior year; a graduate of Youth Leadership Greenville; received Perfect Attendance from K5 through her senior year; maintained a GPA of 4.3 or higher since the 9th grade; received the ACES award for scholastic achievement as an athlete; lettered in 3 Varsity sports—Track, Cheerleading, and Basketball; received the Scholar Athlete Award upon recommendation of the SC High School

League and the Administration and Faculty of Wade Hampton High School for outstanding Athletic and Academic Achievement. Bria is a licensed Cosmetologist through the J. Harley Bonds Career Center. Bria received the SC Life Scholarship, Serrine scholarship, scholarships from Clemson University and the City of Greenville and is still waiting for other award notifications.

Bria has been accepted to North Carolina A&T University, The College of Charleston, The University of South Carolina, Winthrop University, Clemson University and North Carolina Central University. She has decided to attend Clemson University in the Fall and pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Finance.

Bria is the daughter of Ben and Tanya Dillard.



Nia Elisabeth Gaines is a Senior at Kathleen High School in Lakeland, Florida. While at Kathleen, Nia accomplished the following: Recognized for maintaining a 3.5 GPA in High School; Student of the Year Award; A-B Honor Roll all four years; Member of Key Club; National Honor Society Officer and member all four years; Dual-enrollment—This program allowed Nia to attend the local college while attending high school and she received credit for three college courses this spring; Received 40-hour

Certification as a Day Care Instructor; BRAG Bible Club Vice President; Recognition for obtaining over 250 community service hours.

Nia plans to attend Howard University in the Fall and major in Psychology.

Nia is the daughter of Elizabeth Gaines and the granddaughter of the late Billy and Della Singleton.



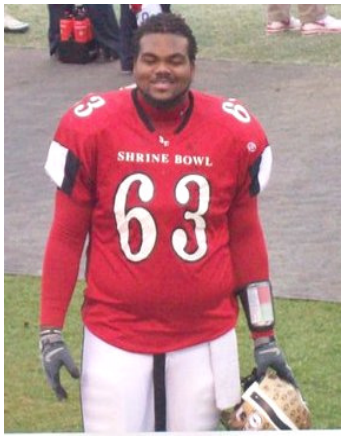
John Devante' Garrison is a senior at Greer High School and will be graduating on June 1, 2011 at the Bi-lo Center in Greenville. During his senior year, John served as Honor Choir President and Drama Club Vice President. He was also voted Most Talented Senior Superlative by his classmates. He was awarded the MLK award for musical talent for the state of SC given by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. John was also chosen to be a part of the SC State All State Chorus after earning one of the highest scores.

John earned a score of 1340 on the SAT and plans to major in Choral Music in college. Currently he is weighing his options between Winthrop University and Gardner Webb University and awaiting their acceptance letters.

John is the son of Ms. Gena Garrison and Mr. Paul Carruthers.



Kalea Ronisha Culbertson is a senior at Greer High School and will be graduating on June 1, 2011 at the Bi-lo Center in Greenville.



Daris Murry is a senior at Greer High School and will be graduating on June 1, 2011 at the Bilo Center in Greenville. During his senior year, Daris was selected to play in the 2010 Shrine Bowl All-Star Football game. He was named All-Region, All-State and All-County in Football and selected to play in the 2010 All-American Bowl. Daris scored a 26 on the ACT and has been accepted to Minnesota Rochester Technical College, Mars Hill College, and South Carolina State University. Daris has chosen to attend South Carolina State University in the Fall with plans to major in Business Management and participate in their football program.

Daris is the son of Roberta Ferguson and Jerry Murry.



Keila Dionne Patrick is a senior at Wade Hampton High School and will graduate on June 1, 2011 at Timmons Arena on the campus of Furman University.

Keila completed the Animal Science and Grooming program at the J. Harley Bonds Career Center and earned a Greenhand degree.

She has been accepted to North Carolina A&T University, Tri-County Technical College and Greenville Technical College.

Keila will attend Greenville Technical College in the Fall and transfer to North Carolina A&T University to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science.

Keila is the daughter of Robert and Gail Patrick.



Briana Alise Payne is a senior at Mauldin High School and will graduate on June 1, 2011 at the Bilo Center in Greenville with a 4.45 GPA.

Briana has been accepted to A&T University, Winston-Salem State University, The University of South Carolina and Lander University. Briana has decided to attend Lander University this Fall to pursue a degree in Nursing.

Briana is the daughter of William and Vanessa Payne.



Vanessa McKenzie Weston is a senior IB student at Southside High School and will graduate with Honors on June 1, 2011 at the Timmons Arena on the campus of Furman University.

During her high school career, McKenzie achieved the following: 4 year starter on the Girls' Varsity Basketball team; selected as an All Region Player for all 4 years; led her team to the AA Upper State Championship in 2010 and AA State Championship in 2010; voted Southside High School's Most Valuable Player in 2010 and 2011; Region AAA Player of the Year 2011; Selected as an All-State Player 2011.

McKenzie received a Full Athletic Scholarship from Winston-Salem State University and was awarded an Academic Scholarship as well. She will attend Winston-Salem State University in the Fall and participate in their Women's basketball program.

2011 College Graduate

Brendon Benson graduated from Claflin University on Saturday, May 7, 2011 and earned a B.S. Degree in Sports Management. As a result of him averaging a 3.0+ GPA, Brendon has also been invited to participate in the Claflin University Chapter of The National Society of Leadership and Success.

Brendon is the son of Bill and Brenda Benson




CONGRATULATIONS!

Keeping you Connected

All student recognitions, achievements, and other accomplishments will be announced on 4th Sunday. 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. 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.

Gena Garrison is your contact for the newsletter and website. Her email address is 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.

July

July 11—16 Salkehatchie

July 15 –Ladies Lock-In

July 31 –Joint Service @ St. Mark

August

August 19-21 Inspirational Choir 30th Anniversary

August 28 Homecoming

August 29—31 Revival



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