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## Vacation Bible School



St. Mark UMC Vacation Bible School will be held June 7th—10th *Praise Party* is a heritage-based vacation bible school that will have everyone celebrating the saving grace of Jesus Christ with head, heart, hands, feet, and SOUL! Through Bible study, crafts, skits, movement, contemporary music, and well-loved hymns and songs of the Black Church, *Praise Party* will create passionate worship that truly makes disciples for Jesus Christ .

Bible School will close with a Praise Party featuring gospel rap artists *Ladylike, Milt Smooth* and *Maurice Nesbitt. Pistol the Clown* will also make an appearance.

“The main purpose of the Praise Party is that it will create passionate worship that makes disciples for Jesus Christ,” says Penny Henderson, Sunday School superintendent.

Vacation Bible school will feature Bible studies, crafts, skits, and music nightly to lead up to the final event. On Thursday evening a cookout and refreshments will be a part of the Praise Party.

Please be sure to come out and support our Vacation Bible School event. For more information please see Penny Henderson.



## 2010 Graduates

*Congratulations to the graduates and their parents for a job well done.*

**Anna Paizley Ballenger** is the daughter of Tony and Pearline Ballenger. Paizley will attend Lander University in the Fall. (Greer High)

**Ajia DeAnna Culbertson** is the daughter of Ronnie and Karen Culbertson. Ajia will attend Greenville Technical College in the Fall. (Greer High)

**Aaron Joshua Titus** is the son of Eugene and Wanda Titus. AJ will attend Greenville Technical College in the Fall. (Greer High)

**Shequila Jemaris Freeman** is the daughter of Scotty and Margaret Freeman. Shequila will attend Greenville Technical College in the Fall. (Wade Hampton High)

**Blake Byrd** is the son of Beverly Byrd and the late Calvin Byrd. Blake will attend Johnson C. Smith University in the Fall. (Southside IB)

**Cameron Demont Mason** is the son of Paul and Andrea Mason. Cameron will attend Lander University in the Fall. (Byrnes High)

**Syretha Evette Talley** is the daughter of Elbert and Ethel Talley. ReRe will attend Winthrop University in the Fall. (Byrnes High)

**Cassandra Ava McGowan** is the daughter of Derek and Deborah McGowan. Cassandra will attend North Carolina A&T in the Fall. (Riverside High)

**Danielle Martin** is the daughter of Samantha Martin and is currently a freshman at Spartanburg Community College (Byrnes High School)

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### Sick and Shut-in Members

<i>Mr. Harold Cheeks – Belaire Place, 23 Southpointe 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. Doshia Sherman – 817 St. Mark Road, Taylors, 29687</i>	<i>244-3262</i>
<i>Mrs. Mildred Martin—Piedmont Living Center, Room 11B, 401 Chandler Road, Greer, 29651</i>	

## Drug Problem

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question.

"Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young:

I was drug to church on Sunday morning.

I was drug to church, weddings and funerals.

I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults.

I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity.

I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's fields.

I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood; and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed. Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think.

They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

God bless the parents who drugged us.

Submitted by Sharie Griffin



## Ice Cream with the Pastor



Please join us on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for "Ice Cream with the Pastor". We will have reflections on the morning sermon, spend quality time studying the Word of God with our Pastor and enjoy a delicious ice cream treat. All ages are welcome and we encourage you to bring your bibles.



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## Keeping you connected

All student recognitions, achievements, and other accomplishments will be announced on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday only. 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. 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 weekly.

### 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

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Newsletter Editor: Tanya Dillard

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## Bible Study

Bible Study will be on hiatus during the summer and will resume after the Labor Day Holiday. Please have a safe and blessed summer.

