

# The St. Mark Messenger

MARCH 2011



ST. MARK UMC CHURCH  
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## Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and various activities recognizing women of the past and present will be a part of our regular morning service. Also, female youth and children will participate in these activities. Additional recognitions will take place throughout the year in reference to honoring women.



## Our Future Footsteps

Sunday March, 20 2011 4 o'clock p.m.

The fundraising committee, along with our church ministries committees invites you to be a part of our first church campaign, strengthening ministries through stewardship.

The first quarter event will be a celebration of our future footsteps (O.F.F.). This program will focus on children and all of their gifts and talents. Church members, family, friends and co-workers will be able to provide sponsorship for your child through various levels of giving.

SILVER \$25

GOLD \$50

PLATINUM \$100



A special reward will be presented to the top three contestants who collect the highest donations. All other contestants will be awarded with medals.

## We Need You

Witness Ministry is in need of a leader for Membership Care. Please contact Deborah McGowan or Diane Talley if you are interested in serving in this ministry.

Power Hour is in need of Sunday School teachers. If you love children and feel called in this ministry please contact Althea Duck.

## Revolution 2011

Revolution is an awesome weekend retreat for youth groups from all over South Carolina. Throughout the weekend, over 2000 young people are inspired through worship, music, arts, prayer, fellowship and missions. This year's speaker was Olu Brown, Lead Pastor of Impact Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Session I:** Jesus Had Haters Too  
Scripture: Matthew 13: 53-58

**Synopsis:** Even though Jesus was the son of God, He was frequently abused, overlooked and taunted by those who did not understand His mission and purpose. In life, we all face criticism from time to time. Our character and strength is shown when we rise above our haters.

**Session II:** Broken Heart

Scripture: John 13:21-27

**Synopsis:** Judas' betrayal was predicted by Jesus. I can only imagine how painful it was for Jesus to know one of his best friends would betray Him. Perhaps the pain was so deep that Jesus suffered from a broken heart. Whenever we face situations when we are betrayed by people who love us the most, it has a deep impact on the way we feel.

**Session III:** No Matter What

Scripture: John 13: 34-35

**Synopsis:** It can be difficult for us to receive the love of Jesus and to share the love of Jesus with others. Jesus told His disciples that He loved them. Every day, Jesus is saying to us "I love you no matter what..." Our responsibility is to receive Jesus' love. We also have the responsibility to share Jesus' unconditional love with the world "No matter what..."

**Session IV:** Next

Scripture: Matthew 17: 1-9

**Synopsis:** Three of Jesus' disciples

were on the mountain with Him when they saw His body amazingly changed. Because of the wonder of the moment they suggested building a shrine to remember and document the experience. Amazingly, the scene quickly moves to them traveling back down the mountain with Jesus. During Revolution each of you experienced great life changing moments. Each of you may be tempted to stay on this mountain of experience but Jesus is inviting all of us to move towards "Next" and share our transformation with the world through the way we live.



*Youth Reflections on Revolution*

**Andreana Atkins** I learned that the material things in my life don't matter, as long as I have Christ in my life that is all I need. Also, I learned that we need to live out Christ everyday and take Revolution back home with us. I will use it by living my life to the fullest and living out Christ doing so. It changed my life by making me more appreciative of the people in my life. The most fun I had was of course in the hotel room with the girls and also worshipping with the youth.

**Cameron Atkins** Jesus had haters and he was doing what he was commanded. So in life, if you're doing something right, you will always have haters. From the sermon, I will try to fulfill my duties as commanded. The most fun I had was the sermons and the camaraderie amongst all of us.

**Alexis Dillard** I learned how to be a better person when it comes to relationships – how to be better, stronger, and an independent person whenever things go wrong. He taught me to keep my head up and to stay focused

on God and what he wants me to do because I am a Christian and I'm not ashamed to do what God tells me to do. In my daily life, when I have difficulties with a loved one or friend, I just need to take a minute, decide if it's important enough to argue about and if not, just leave it behind me and keep moving forward. The most fun I had was the actual bonding with our youth. We found out more about each other and grew as a family by spending so much time together. It was also a way to accept the new youth into our group.

**Bria Dillard** In the sermon on Saturday morning, I learned that God needs to be in all relationships. Even though we may have broken hearts, it's important for us to be strong and give it to God. In my daily life when things go wrong, I'm going to give it to God and not stress myself about it.

**Sha'Keyla Freeman** If you don't have haters, you are doing something wrong, but if you do have haters, you are blessed by God. I know that I am blessed every day by God. I have changed because I now know that if someone hates on me that I have to be blessed. The most fun was when the band came out and we sang praises to our Lord. The preacher, Olu Brown, was a good preacher.

**John Garrison** I learned that Jesus had haters too, and that adults aren't the only ones who can start ministries and be good at it. God uses youth too. I plan to start a youth conference. When people talk about you, forgive them. It means you're doing something. I now do more prayer. It was fun spending time with my church family.

**Jaz Henderson** I learned that you're always as a Christian going to have haters, but you have to work through it with God. I can use it in my daily life by not worrying about what people think of me. I've changed by the way I act. I had fun fellowshiping with my friends.

**Matthew Sawyer** As a Christian, it's not always going to be popular or socially accepted to be a devoted Christian. It changes my every day life by giving me assurance that there is no shame in being a Christian. The time we spent as a youth group in the hotels was fun. I also enjoyed the sermons and bonding with youth from other churches.

**Brittany Starks** My experience at Revolution this year was great! I enjoyed every session where as last year, I only enjoyed one. I cannot quite say when or where I had the most fun, but if I had to choose, it would be the second session. It was great because of the music, seeing old friends I met last year, and the lesson that was taught. I remember the speaker saying, "Home isn't always the best place to be." He explained that by saying home, he didn't mean the house you live in with your family, but the "home" you have with your friends, cliques you have at school, etc. To me, this meant that although your friends are your comfort zone, sometimes being with them all the time can get you into things you cannot get out of, like acting certain

ways or doing certain things you know shouldn't be done. So sometimes you have to venture away from your "home" to find out who you are and find out the type of person you are supposed to be.

Other youth attending: AJ Dendy, Lexi Drummond, Logan King, Timberlin King, Daris Murry, Jordan Patrick, Keila Patrick, Mike Tucker, Onye Uzor, Nnameka Uzor  
Chaperones: Tanya Dillard, Mark Garrison, Cicely King, Tim King

Pastor Janice Frederick-Watts also attended and enjoyed lunch with us at the mall. Thank you, Pastor Watts!

*To Our Church Family*

On behalf of the youth, I would like to thank our room sponsors and our church

family for your donations toward our fundraisers to help pay for Revolution. Without your support, we would not be able to attend events such as this that educate us and help us grow closer to God. We could have been anywhere that weekend, but because of your generosity we were able to be in the presence of youth around the state who believe in God and don't mind spending a weekend celebrating our love for him. We appreciate everything that you always do for us and we love our church family.

Bria Dillard Youth President



## Companions in Christ

Companions in Christ meet each Tuesday 10am –12 noon. Each member purchases

their own materials from the Upper Room Bookstore. This study is open to anyone who wishes to have a close walk with God. Membership averages 12—14 in attendance.

## Older Adult Ministry

Bingo, exercise, games and brunch happens every 2nd Thursday of each month from 11am-1pm. We ask that all persons who would like to please come out and join the fun and fellowship. Also anyone who would like to donate food is welcome to do so.

Chairperson-Mildred Ballenger

## Big Congratulations

To **Markeith Slade**, son of Calvin Slade. He successfully obtained his GED. The ceremony will be held Sunday March 13 at Buncombe Street UMC.

To **Juana Slade** who was appointed chairwoman of the National Women's Leadership Council of United Way Worldwide.

## United Methodist Women

March 19,2011 Mrs. Paula Wiggs will present a Women pin party, to support The Bethlehem Center in Spartanburg SC.

Time 10:00 am - 11:30 am. Please come out and support this event. For more information please contact UMW President Ms. Joyce Lewis @ 864-879-3939



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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@ymail.com](mailto:garrison.kelly@ymail.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 that you will receive this email weekly.

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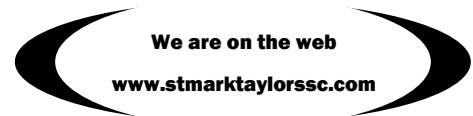
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## Sick and Shut-in Members

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Mark your calendar for these upcoming ministries and events.

### April

**April 1 & 2** Leadership Training @ St. Mark

**April 16** Easter Egg Hunt 12:30

**April 17** Easter Program 10am

**April 21** Holy Thursday 7pm

**April 24** Sunrise Service @ Jubilee speaker Pastor Watts

**April 24** Easter Sunday Mass Choir Singing

### May

**May 2 –7** Christian Family Week

**May 8** Mother's Day

**May 14** Hair & Fashion Show

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

