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## I remember Mama...



over for dinner. My friends loved to come to my house for dinner. She was a "great" cook and cake baker. Her coconut cake and chocolate layer cake were "the best". People always put their orders in early for the holidays or for a special event.

**Margaret 'Mickey' Talley Grayson— Mother: Willie E. Talley**

*"My mother, Lucille C. Brockman loved the Lord and she loved her church, St. Mark. There was never too much service that she could give. The joy she seemed to have just kept a beautiful smile on her. We miss her so."*

**Linda Pendergrass**

Mother's Day became a nationally recognized holiday in 1914. In honor of Mother's Day I asked a few church members to give a memory or remembrance of their mothers. This is what they had to say.

*"My mother loved to bake cakes and cook "BIG" meals, especially on Sunday. She always invited people*

*One of my favorite memories of my Mothers is in how she loved and cared for her flowers even when I thought they were just weeds because they had no blossoms. As well as how she prepared all week for her Sunday School Lessons with the small children by collecting objects and ideas that would appeal to the small ones and allow them to be able to use their God given senses. That love was extended to the family and everyone she met. —Joyce M. Lewis, Loving Daughter—Mrs. Hazel F. Lewis, Mother.*

*"I remember my Mother Genora Gray Spears, for several reasons: her powerful, melodious voice; her love for God, family and teaching; and many lessons of tough love I appreciate more with each passing day." — Juana Spears Slade*

*"I appreciate my Mother Emma Lois Slade for her strength and dedication to her immediate and extended family. When I was growing up her table was never empty. It was always full of family and friends and there was always room for one more. I love you Mama." — G. Calvin Slade*

*"One of our favorite memories of our mother is how she used to always love to have everyone sit in her room, gathered around her bed, especially when she didn't feel well. Sometimes she was asleep but just knowing her family was around her was comforting—The Garrison Family—Mother: Lillie Mae Garrison*

## From the Pastor's Desk

### THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE PENSION INITIATIVE

As we prepare for the 2010 South Carolina Annual Conference session, our hearts and minds are turned to our brothers and sisters (clergy and surviving spouses) serving the church in the central conferences of the Church. There are seven central conferences in Asia, Africa and Europe. Clergy serving in these areas have faced significant hardships and often do not have any financial support in retirement.

During the last decade, membership has tripled in these areas. Currently, there are 9,300 clergy in the central conferences serving more than 3.5 million Church members. Our aim as United Methodists, is to provide "these faithful servants and others like them, with a measure of financial security in retirement." I am asking you to prayerfully consider giving a gift of love and support. Your gifts will become a foundation which will establish pension programs across the central conferences. Your gifts will give new hope to servants of Christ in the central conferences.

Our goal as an annual Conference is \$250,000. Please give generously. At the annual conference session, on Thursday evening, June 11<sup>th</sup>, a special offering will be received. Here at St. Mark, we will receive special offerings beginning the third Sunday in May (May 16<sup>th</sup>). Our delegates to the annual conference will deliver your gift at that time. Please give. I expect you to give your very best. Thank you.—Janice Frederick-Watts



## Saints Overseas

A note from Thomas J. Bowman Jr. who is currently living and working in Afghanistan.

Hello church family,

I thought that I take the time to email my church family, letting them know that all is well here in Afghanistan. I want to thank you for your prayers and concerns. I'm working along with almost every nationality in the world, including Jordanians, Afghanis, Frenchman, Bosnians, Russians, Philipinos, Africans and Macedonians. It's very nice that we all can come together and make a difference. Working with the Fluor Government Group has been very challenging, but I'm constantly learning more and things from my boss( retired marine) on how to lead, solve problems and completing the tasks that are required in the global logistics field. Here are a few pictures of myself and third world countrymen. The big group picture should show the Afghanis to your left and Philipinos to your right. I should be home sometime in July. Once again thanks.

TJ



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## Financial Empowerment Seminar

“Let your faith influence your money management. “

God cares about what we do

with what He gives us, and He expects us to do something productive with it.”

Join us May 6, 2010 at 6:00pm at St. Mark United Methodist Church in the Rehearsal Hall.

Spencer Bennett will be the presenter.

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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—Greenville Memorial Hospital</i>	

## Salkehatchie

The youth of St. Mark have signed up to attend the 2nd annual T-N-T Salkehatchie Camp right here in Greenville County.

A yard sale is set for Saturday, May 8, 8am-1pm in Howard Hall Gymnasium, Lee Road UMC, 1377 E. Lee Rd., Taylors, SC.

Proceeds will be used to help provide camperships and to purchase building supplies for the camp.

They are expecting 150 campers from all over South Carolina who will work on eight homes in the Greenville/Greer/Travelers Rest area during this July 10-17 session.

Our church can help with the yard sale in several ways:

1. We ask for your prayers for

the campers and leaders; for the home owners; and that God will be glorified through this ministry.

2. Contribute items for the sale, including, but not limited to: furniture, household, yard and garden items of all kinds, exercise equipment, books, clothing (for both adults and children), toys, etc. This is a great time to begin your spring cleaning. Please call the number below to donate items.

Carlie McKain, Mission Ministries Chair, 268-7450

3. Come to the sale; there will be tons of great bargains!

Since our youth group benefitted from these camperships last year it is imperative that St. Mark fully support this ministry this year. Thank you for your support!

For more info on Salkehatchie see youth coordinator Tanya Dillard.



## Girl Scouts News

Girls on the Run is a non-profit prevention program that uses the power of running to help prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect, strong values and healthy living. Through interactive activities such as running, playing games, and discussing important issues, participants nurture their physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual wellbeing and learn how to celebrate being girls. This event helps us raise money for financial aid scholarship so that less fortunate girls can attend a Girls on the Run program.

This event will be held May 22, 2010.

9am 5K Fun Run/Walk

10am Kid's 100 Yard Dash

10:15 Awards.

The Girl Scouts of St. Mark are asking for your support and participation in this event.

To register please log on to <http://go-greenevents.com/event/id/28> or you may speak with LaSonia Williams for further details.



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## Giving is a Joy

There are so many opportunities to share God's goodness with others and we are a blessed people to be able to do so.

**A gift opens doors; it gives access to the great**

**Proverbs 18:16(RSV)**

This portion of scripture makes us aware that the Gift God gives to each of us is to be utilized by GOD.

A Gift Box will be placed in the front foyer for you to give items that can be used by veterans and homeless individuals and their families as they begin to venture into what we consider "home life". Please give generously any of the items that may be used by those needing a helping hand. (See some suggestions below)

Plates/Cups/Glasses

Plastic containers w/lids

Toiletry items

Combs/Hair brushes

Pots/Pans

Silverware

Bath cloths/towels

Health Products

Toothbrushes/toothpaste

Storage containers



Thank you for your loving and caring kindness during these trying times.

Remember YOU can't beat GOD giving no matter how you try. The more you give the more HE gives to you.

The "**Day of National Prayer**," May 6, 2010 will be held in the Sanctuary from 9 am to 6 pm.

The United Methodist Women are encouraging all members to be a part of this great day. You may desire prayer for yourself, a child, family member, your church, community, the nation, world leaders, etc.

Beloved, let us love one another as God Loves Us. Thank you for your willingness to be in prayer for all God's creation. For additional questions please contact Sister Deborah McGowan or the Church.

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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

### St. Mark United Methodist Church

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**[www.stmarktaylorssc.com](http://www.stmarktaylorssc.com)**

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