



# The St. Mark Messenger

October 2009

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."  
Hebrews 10: 24-25

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## Commitment 100!

*I'm committed!*

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*I'm committed to Sing!*

*I'm committed to Give!*

*I'm committed to Pray!*

*I'm committed to Sing, Give, and Pray!*



First quarter, there was the "**Children of the World Campaign**," sponsored by the Council on Ministries; then there was the "**Keepers of the Door Campaign**," sponsored by the Usher Ministry; followed by "**The Blessing is on You Campaign**," sponsored by the Inspirational Choir, and now to complete the year "**Commitment 100**" again sponsored by the Council on Ministries.

Continuing our united effort to "**Strengthen Ministries through Stewardship**," members are asked to support, church-wide financial campaign, October 1 through December 31. This quarter's campaign, "Commitment 100," gives us an opportunity to sing with a 100 voice Christmas choir, to give \$100 toward our church ministries and to pray 100 prayers for our campaign, church and community. Campaign details and a commitment form are included in the current issue of *The Messenger*.

Make your commitment. **Commit to sing, commit to give and commit to pray, unto the glory of our God.**

**Commitment 100**  
**·Singing ·Giving ·Praying**  
**Unto the Glory of God**

*“Strengthening Ministries through Stewardship”*

A church-wide campaign that gives us an opportunity to strengthen our ministries through stewardship. This quarter’s celebration will allow us to commit to:

Participate in a 100-Voice Choir Christmas Celebration

Contribute funds for ministries

Pray for our campaign, our community, and our ministries in the church

**Goals**

**1) Commit to sing on the 100-Voice Choir.**

- What: 100 Voices of Christmas – A Joyful Celebration
- When: Sunday, December 20, 2009 @ 5:00pm
- Where: St. Mark United Methodist Church
- Who: All choir members, non-choir members, and our friends from the community (ages 4 & older )
- Chairperson: Penny Henderson - Deadline: Sunday, Oct. 25th**

**2) Commit to give \$100 toward the ministries of the church.**

- Our Financial Goal : \$20,000 – 200 contributions @ \$100 each (above regular tithes & offering)
- Packets of 20 tickets soliciting \$5 donations will be available in the Fellowship Mall beginning Sunday, Oct. 18th
- For each \$100 contribution a live poinsettia will be placed in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, and their name printed in the Christmas Celebration program.
- Chairperson: Faurtina Martin -Deadline: Sunday, December 6th**

**3) Commit to pray 100 prayers for our campaign, community, and church ministries.**

- Prayer calendars are available in the Fellowship Mall.
- Date & time of our Christmas Prayer Breakfast- to be announced
- Chairperson: Redonia Thomas - Deadline: None**

**Commitment Form**

**Yes, I will commit to one or all of the following:**

**1)  Sing on the 100-Voice Choir**

**2)  Give a \$100 contribution**

**\*Complete poinsettia order form below**

**3)  Pray 100 prayers**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone no.** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete this form and place in the offering plate or give it to one of the **Commitment 100** team members after service in the Fellowship Mall. **Your immediate return of this form is appreciated.***

**\*Poinsettia Order**

I wish to have a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary in **honor** or in **memory** of: (circle one)

Person's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for money and orders: Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

*You may place your orders before due date*



## **NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). Since the program began in 1985, mammography rates have more than doubled for women age 50 and older and breast cancer deaths have declined. This is exciting progress, but there are still women who do not take advantage of early detection at all and others who do not get screening mammograms and clinical breast exams at regular intervals.

- Women age 65 and older are less likely to get mammograms than younger women, even though breast cancer risk increases with age
- Hispanic women have fewer mammograms than Caucasian women and African American women
- Women below poverty level are less likely than women at higher incomes to have a mammogram within the past two years
- Mammography use has increased for all groups except American Indians and Alaska Natives

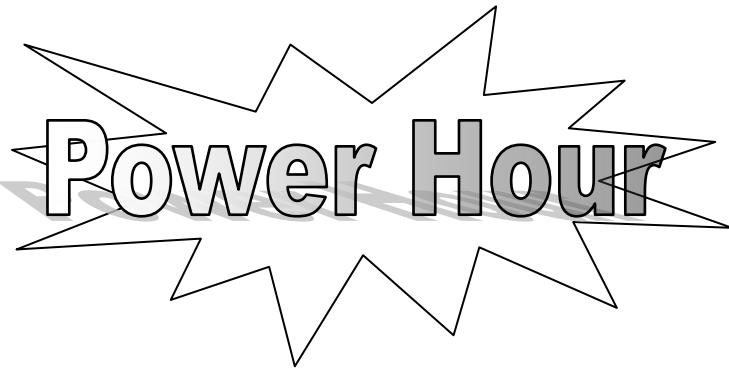
For more information about NBCAM, please visit [www.nbcam.org](http://www.nbcam.org)

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## **BOO-IN-THE-ZOO**

Trick-or-treaters, tell your parents its time for Boo-in-the-Zoo in downtown Greenville. Let them know you're meeting Miss Mickey and Miss Beverly at the main entrance at 5 pm, Monday, October 19. You'll get to see the animals and get lots of treats 5:30 to 8 pm. Here's the important part, tell them it won't cost too much money. For them it will cost \$3 and for you it will cost \$5. That's it! So don't forget: October 19<sup>th</sup>, Boo-in-the-Zoo!!!!



**Sixty minutes to teach the people, reach the people and to leave our Mark on the world  
Every Sunday - 10am to 11am**

Please join us every Sunday, 10 to 11 am for Power Hour. Weekly classes are available for **children, youth, young adults, men, and adults**. A thought-provoking and inspiring men's topical discussion group meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

Remember, it's more than Sunday school it's.... Power Hour

**Children** (4 – 11 years)  
**Youth** (12 – 18 years)  
**Traditional Adult Class**

**Men's Topical Discussion**  
**Young Adult Class**

For more information contact Power Team Leader Penny Henderson @ 244-0139 or [pehenderson@bellsouth.net](mailto:pehenderson@bellsouth.net)

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## THANKFUL GIVING

The "Thankful Giving Campaign" will begin **Sunday, October 25 through Saturday, November 21**.

Our donations of "gently-used" clothing, household items, toys and small appliances will be shared with individuals and families in need throughout our church and community. Please be on the lookout for donation boxes and other information. For more information contact Linda Pendergrass at 968-0366.

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## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Music Ministry at St. Mark

Every Sunday: The Vessels of Praise (Praise Team)  
First Sunday: The Chancel Choir, Anthony Jackson, Musician  
Second Sunday: The Voices of Hope (Youth), Brenda Benson, Director and Musician  
The Inspirational Choir (Contemporary Gospel), Dwight Woods, Musician;  
Ruby Lewers, Director  
Third Sunday: The Chancel Choir, Anthony Jackson, Musician  
The Inspirational Choir, Dwight Woods, Musician; Ruby Lewers, Director  
Fourth Sunday: The St. Mark Orchestra, John DeVore, Conductor  
The Children's Choir, Brenda Benson, Director and Musician

# KEEPING YOU CONNECTED!

Church news at your finger tips:

- **The deadline for newsletter articles is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in each month. Articles may be submitted to any member of the Communications Team and we respectfully reserve the right to review and edit all copy.**
- **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.
- **On the "world wide web":** [www.stmarktaylorssc.com](http://www.stmarktaylorssc.com)

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## FLOWER FUND

Help beautify the sanctuary, contribute to the "Flower Fund!" For a \$50 donation, flowers can be placed on the altar in honor, memory, or celebration of a loved one or special event. Orders must be placed, **paid for** in advance, and all checks should be made payable to St. Mark UMC. For more information, contact the Church Office.

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## THE MONTH AT-A-GLANCE.....

*Stay informed! Post "St. Mark on the Move" on your refrigerator, message board or any noticeable location. See you there!*

### October 4

#### Sunday

8 am	Praise & Worship	
8:15 am	Morning Worship	
9:45 am	UM Men's meeting	Conference Room
9:45 am	UM Youth meeting	Room 104
10 am	Power Hour	Fellowship Hall
4 pm	United Methodist Women	Fellowship Hall

#### Monday

6 pm	Age Level & Family Ministries Meeting	Conference Room
6:30 pm	St. Mark Orchestra Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	G.F.G. Praise Dance Rehearsal	Sanctuary

#### Tuesday

10 am	Companions in Christ	Fellowship Hall
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#### Wednesday

6:30 pm	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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**Thursday**

11 am	Senior's Bingo Brunch	Fellowship Hall
6 pm	Finance Committee meeting	Conference Room

**Saturday**

7:14 am	7:14 Intercessory Prayer	Sanctuary
10:30 am	VOH Rehearsal	Rehearsal Hall
5 pm	Inspirational Choir Rehearsal	Rehearsal Hall

**October 11****Sunday**

8 am	Praise & Worship	
8:15 am	Morning Worship	
10 am	Power Hour	Fellowship Hall

**Monday**

6 pm	Missions Committee	Room 104
6:30 pm	St. Mark Orchestra Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	G.F.G. Praise Dance Rehearsal	Sanctuary

**Wednesday**

6:30 pm	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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**Thursday**

6 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Rehearsal Hall
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**Saturday**

7:14 am	7:14 Intercessory Prayer	Sanctuary
1 pm	Wedding of Vardrey Spruill & Leonard Williams	Sanctuary
5 pm	Inspirational Choir Rehearsal	Rehearsal Hall

**October 18****Sunday**

8 am	Praise & Worship	
8:15 am	Morning Worship	
10 am	Power Hour	Fellowship Hall
	Power Hour – "Men's Class"	Conference Room
2 pm	Membership Class	Conference Room

**Monday**

6 pm	Charge Finance Committee meeting	Room 104
6:30 pm	St. Mark Orchestra Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	G.F.G. Praise Dance Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Charge Council on Ministry meeting	Conference Room

**Tuesday**

10 am	Companions in Christ	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Council on Ministries	Conference Room

**Wednesday**

5 pm	Family Ministry Committee meeting	Room 104
5:30 p.m.	Membership Committee meeting	Conference Room
6:30 pm	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall

**Thursday**

6 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Conference Room
<b>Saturday</b>		
7:14 am	7:14 Intercessory Prayer	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Rehearsal Hall
12 pm	Vessels of Praise	Rehearsal Hall

**October 25**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY AND PINK SUNDAY**

**Sunday**

8 am	Praise & Worship	
8:15 am	Morning Worship	
10 am	Power Hour	Fellowship Hall

**Monday**

6:30 pm	St. Mark Orchestra Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
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**Tuesday**

10 am	Companions in Christ	Fellowship Hall
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**Wednesday**

6:30 pm	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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**Thursday**

11:30 am	Website Deadline	
7 pm	Administrative Board Meeting	

**Saturday**

7:14 am	7:14 Intercessory Prayer	Sanctuary
12 pm	Vessels of Praise Rehearsal	Room 104
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Rehearsal Hall
12:30 pm	Brownie Troop 462 Meeting	Room 104

## AROUND THE CHURCH & COMMUNITY

*"Keeping you in touch with key events and activities"*

October 17	"The Pink Ghost Celebration"	Sterling Community Center
October 19	BOO-in-the-ZOO	Greenville Zoo
October 29 – 31	National Shalom Summit	Columbia, SC
November 22	United Methodist Student Day	
November 22	Charge Conference	St. Matthew UMC
November 24	Cluster Thanksgiving Service	Lee Road UMC
November 29	Charge Worship Service	St. Matthew UMC
December 12	Higher Education Banquet	Fellowship Hall
December 20	The 100 Voices of Christmas: A Joyful Celebration	St. Mark
January 10	Greenville District 2010 Leadership Orientation	Buncombe St. UMC

If you have information that you would like to share with the St. Mark Church family, please submit all information to the church secretary or any member of The St. Mark Messenger staff no later than the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Items will be printed at the discretion of The Messenger staff.

# BRIEFLY SPEAKING

St. Mark United Methodist Church salutes the brave men and women in the armed forces and around the world. We remember them in our prayers. These are the members of SMC in active duty.

## US Army

Kiersten Shumpert

## US Marines

Marshall Grayson

## Army National Guard Reserves

Willie P. Rowe

## US Navy Reserves

Bryant Simmons

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## HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

### H1N1 (SWINE) INFLUENZA

#### What You Can Do to Stay Healthy ?

- **Stay informed.** Stay abreast of regular updates about the H1N1 flu information as it becomes available.
- Influenza is thought to **spread mainly person-to-person** through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- **Take everyday actions to stay healthy.**
  - **Cover your nose and mouth** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
  - **Wash your hands** often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
  - **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs spread that way.
  - **If you get sick, STAY HOME!** The Center for Disease Control recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- **Follow public health advice** regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.
- **Develop a family emergency plan** as a precaution. This should include storing a supply of food, medicines, facemasks, alcohol-based hand rubs and other essential supplies.
- Call 1-800-CDC-INFO for more information.

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# WORSHIP SUPPORT-AT-A-GLANCE

## Worship Support

### **Sunday, October 4**

#### Greeters

Ruby Lewers  
Peggy Munroe

#### Announcer

Lasonia Williams

#### AV Technicians

William Marshall  
Faurtina Martin  
Calvin Slade  
Sharie Smith

#### Acolytes

Jacob Edwards  
Jordan Patrick

### **Sunday, October 11**

#### Greeters

#### Announcer

Lasonia Williams

#### AV Technicians

William Marshall  
Faurtina Martin  
Calvin Slade  
Sharie Smith

#### Acolytes

Alexis Robertson  
Brittany Williams

### **Sunday, October 18**

#### Greeters

Calvin & Juana  
Slade

#### Announcer

Lasonia Williams

#### AV Technicians

William Marshall  
Faurtina Martin  
Calvin Slade  
Sharie Smith

#### Acolytes

Erin Dillard  
Brooklyn Shumate

### **Sunday, October 25**

#### Greeters

Scotty & Margaret  
Freeman

#### Announcer

Lasonia Williams

#### AV Technicians

William Marshall  
Faurtina Martin  
Calvin Slade  
Sharie Smith

#### Acolytes

Brittany Williams  
Sierra Carter

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## TAKE NOTE

Take note of the Trustee's Weekly Schedule. For more information contact Margaret V. Freeman at 244-0673

Monday	<b>Royce Freeman</b>	244-0640
Tuesday	<b>CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE</b>	
Wednesday	<b>Twana Cruell</b>	268-7476
Thursday	<b>Margaret V. Freeman</b>	244-0673
Friday	<b>CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE</b>	
Saturday		
Sunday	<b>Aaron Fuller</b>	283-0744

*\*\*For special access on Tuesday or Friday contact Margaret V. Freeman at the number listed above.*

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## SICK & SHUT-INS

Please remember our sick and shut-in members with your prayers, cards, telephone calls, and visits. **Contact the church office administrator at 848-7141** with information regarding all church family illnesses and bereavement.

Mr. Harold Cheeks – Belaire Place, 23 Southpointe Drive Rm. #115, Greenville 29607	234-9542
Rev. Oliver N. Greer – 317 Garrett Street, Mauldin 29662	234-7341
Mrs. Minnie Louther – Residence Unknown	
Mr. Donald Talley – 3204 Culpepper Crossing, Duncan 29334	486-9472
Mrs. Ella Mae Whiteside – 202 Frank Street, Greenville 29601	271-1537
Mrs. Lillian McKinney- 5501 Hwy 101 North, Taylors, 29687	895-1933

### October Birthday's

10/1 Lisa Walker-Carter  
10/1 Thomas Bowman, Jr.  
10/2 Andreana Atkins  
10/4 Travis Jones, Jr.  
10/4 Jahayla Henderson  
10/5 Thomas Freeman  
10/5 Teunta Harris  
10/7 Paul Mason  
10/7 Cameron Mason  
10/10 Bobbie Jones  
10/11 Harold Cheeks  
10/13 Dana Ray  
10/14 Rev. Oliver Greer  
10/14 Sharon Simmons  
10/16 Chavis Freeman  
10/17 Lasonia Williams  
10/18 Patrice Ray  
10/20 Juana Slade  
10/20 Ray Martin  
10/23 Michael Tucker  
10/24 Quentin Griffin  
10/25 Quadrena Witherspoon-Jones  
10/26 Syretha Talley  
10/27 Elbert Talley  
10/29 Vardrey Spruill  
10/29 Samantha Martin-Booker  
10/30 Robert Murry  
10/30 John Crockett  
10/30 Teresa James  
10/31 Mark Garrison

### October Anniversaries

10/2 Marcie & Travis Smith  
10/5 Beverly & Willie Rowe  
10/6 LaTonya & Roosevelt Hunt  
10/7 Deborah & Derek McGowan  
10/8 Lakishia & Rodney Dinkins  
10/11 Karen & Mack Culbertson  
10/14 Samantha & Matthew Booker  
10/16 Rosylin & Jeff Weston  
10/26 Rene & Craig Freeman  
10/26 Jewel & David Moses  
10/28 Linda & David Pendergrass

## **PRAYER Life**

Just call---someone will answer. The Upper Room Prayer Center is only a call away. Call anytime/anywhere and someone will pray with or for you.

**1-800-251-2468**

**The 7:14 Prayer Ministry**  
**Every Saturday Morning at "7:14" in the Sanctuary**



GREER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

# Every Woman

**In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Greer Memorial Hospital is hosting an event called Every Woman "The Many Faces of Breast Cancer" on Friday, October 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m., at The Cottages at Brushy Creek.**

**This event features women from all walks of life that were diagnosed with breast cancer and not only survived but continued to lead active and productive lives.**

**Sara Atkins, Paula Brown and Dr. Margree Crosby will share their personal stories, and Dr. Danielle Harris will take questions from the audience.**

**To register call 1-877-GHS-INFO (1-877-447-4636) or visit [ghs.org/events](http://ghs.org/events).**