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If you would prefer to receive the Remarks via e-mail, please contact Jonathan Smith in the church office.

Coming up at Saint Mark

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:30 Morning Worship
(1 service only today)

No Christian Education Classes meeting

Monday, December 26 Church office closed

7:15 Augustine Fellowship
9:00 Finance Volunteers

Tuesday, December 27 Church Office closed

2:30 Supper Club prep (meal at 4 pm)
7:00 Crystal Meth Anonymous

Wednesday, December 28

7:30 Companions in Christ

Thursday, December 29

5:00 Mike Bryant organ practice
6:30 Disciple I

Friday, December 30

7:15 Augustine Fellowship
6:00 Youth Lock-In
6:30 Crystal Meth Anonymous III

Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve

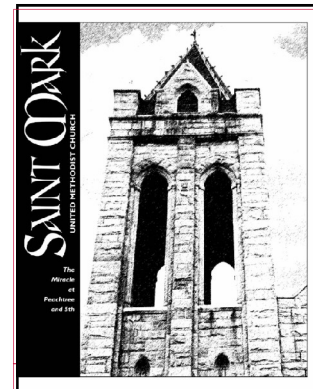
9:00 Breakfast Club
10:00 CMA II
1:00 Popular Opinion Leader

*All announcements for the Remarks
must be submitted to the church office
by the Friday prior to the week
they should be included.*

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

*The Church offices will be closed on Monday,
December 26, Tuesday, December 27, and
Monday, January 2. No Remarks will be
mailed the week of December 26.*

*Please note: there will only be one Morning Worship
service on Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day) at
10:30 am. Christian Education classes will not meet.*



Staff Directory

The Rev. Jimmy Moor,
Senior Pastor

The Rev. Phillip Thomason,
Associate Minister of Outreach &
Pastoral Care

The Rev. Kimberly Broerman,
Associate Minister of Christian
Education & Nurture

The Rev. Gary Arnold,
Minister of Fine Arts

Michael Bryant,
Associate Director of Fine Arts

Boyd Darsey,
Staff Assistant

Natalie Dellinger,
Director of Children's Ministries

Deana Hilton,
Business Administrator

Amy Holloway,
Music Assistant

Christia Holloway,
Assistant to Rev. Moor

Adam Meredith-Ployd,
Director of Youth Ministries

Jonathan Smith,
Systems Technology

Kathi Urban,
Music Assistant

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Sunday Morning

Worship Services:
8:45 am & 11:15 am
Christian Education: 10:10 am

Saint Mark United Methodist Church

"The Church in the heart of Midtown where everyone is welcome."

THE REMARKS

December 20, 2005

A message from the Church Staff

The staff of Saint
Mark wish you a
Blessed Christmas
filled with Hope,
Peace, and Love.



Holiday Worship Schedule



Family Service, 4 pm

Communion & Carols, 6 pm
Music presented by the Marksmen

Lessons & Carols
(Candlelight Service), 11 pm
Music provided by the Marksmen
& the Chancel Choir

There will be one
Morning Worship service
at 10:30 am on
Christmas Day.
Christian Education
classes will not meet.



Christmas
Morning Service

Joseph and Jesus

Perhaps one of the most ignored persons in the Bible is Joseph, the husband of Mary. There is not much said about him. But one thing seems to be pretty clear. He trusted God above his own personal instincts, preferences and sense of right and wrong.

Mary's pregnancy put him in a tough spot. He loved her but he also wanted to honor the law and tradition which said the right thing to do was to "put her away." But he was willing to let his own instincts be overruled by One who was greater than he. God told him not to do so and he obeyed. Two or three years later, God again

gave instructions to Joseph. He was warned of the danger to Jesus and was told by God to take his family to Egypt until it was safe to return. Again he obeyed and did not hesitate. Both of these events are very important to you and to me because they preserved the life of Jesus. Thank you, Joseph. Thank you for listening to God and being quick to follow. No doubt Jesus witnessed many other examples of godliness in the life of Joseph, which helped to make Jesus into the person He was.

I think of my own son. What does he see of God in me? Does he see Christ in me? His beliefs and perceptions of Christ

were formed as I lived my life before him. I am not talking so much about cognitive beliefs and Bible study. I am talking about what his heart learned. Is he seeing a Christ who loves him without reservation? One who gives freely? One who speaks the truth? One who places the needs of others above his own? I ask the question. . . . What is it that grows in his heart? A love of God? I certainly pray that is so.

Blessings,



Children's Corner

We look forward to seeing you here at 4 pm on Christmas Eve for the Family Service!

ANGELS EXTRAORDINAIRE!!

What a beautiful thing to see all the lovely gifts our congregation brought together for the children in need at John Hope Elementary! We have bags full of the love and compassion of our congregation. The Children's Ministry cannot thank you enough for your gracious sharing!

JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY

Please join me in thanking Beverly Harris for putting together such a lovely and enjoyable Jesus' Birthday Party! She and her terrific volunteers made sure that children of ALL AGES had a wonderful time. Thank you, Beverly and volunteers, for your wonderful planning and fun day!

CHURCH CHEF POSITION

Saint Mark is seeking a new chef. Responsibilities for this part time position include the purchase, preparation and serving of meals for Administrative Council and other various meetings, special occasions, and Wednesday Night Suppers. Please send your resume to the church office to the attention of Jimmy Moor or the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

COMING SOON!

What: The 2006 GEM (Guiding Everyone into Ministry) Campaign!

When: Remember Your Baptism Sunday, January 8, 2006

Why: To help each person at Saint Mark find a meaningful ministry in which to share his / her gifts.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. - Romans 12:6

Check upcoming issues of the Remarks for more details!

NEW YEAR - NEW CALENDAR

Attention all committee, councils, and church groups! If your group will meet on a regular basis in 2006 and you have not already done so, PLEASE be sure to schedule your meetings on the church calendar! It is critical that all events (recurring or one time), meetings, gatherings, etc. be noted on the church calendar, so that we can confirm space will be available and the church will be accessible for your group, particularly if your meetings take place after office hours! To reserve your space and schedule your events, please complete a program / event reservation form, available online at our website, www.stmarkumc.org (or contact Jonathan Smith in the church office.) Thank you for your cooperation!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER SCHEDULE

Dinners and programs will resume after the holidays on January 5, 2006. The program for the 5th will be a 12th Night Worship service in the sanctuary following dinner at 6 pm.

Remarks Reports

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

In order for contributions to be posted to your 2005 Giving Record, they must meet one of three requirements:

1. The gift is received and posted to your account before December 31.
2. The contribution is delivered to the church office on or before December 31.
3. The envelope in which the gift is mailed is postmarked on or before December 31.

Gifts of stocks and securities should be transferred on or before the December 31 deadline as well.

The Finance Office will be open on December 30. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Deana Hilton at 404-873-2636, extension 14.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 18
8:45 - 262 11:15 - 461 (Total) 723

FINANCIAL UPDATE

YTD Operating Budget:
Income through the week of 12/11: **\$1,005,275**
Expenses through the week of 12/11: **\$1,077,885**
Deficit: **(\$72,610)**

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Saint Mark welcomes new member **Stephen Garrett**. We are delighted that you have joined our church family!

GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Patricia Pedrick gave a gift to Saint Mark in honor of her son Wade Shiver.

Hospitalized

Eldon King Grady
Trudy Lee-Barber Crawford Long

At Home

Phillip Thomason's sister, Jo Ella Wilder Perry, GA
Michael Crawford's father, Vernon Des Moines, IA
Shirley Horan's, aunt Kate Golley
Roger Brown's brother Rodney Tallapoosa, GA
Jamie Kirk's sister, Kim Bargow Anderson, IN
Mike Bryant's brother John Greensboro, NC
Julie Brown Newnan

KNOWN ILL Care Facilities

Mildred Bingham Nashville, TN
Jim Pack's mother, Elizabeth Linden, AL
Anita Corby, Delmar Gardens
Julie Parmer's mother Christian City, Fayetteville
Milburn Purdy
Jo Ellis' mother, Elizabeth Ellis, Moultrie, GA
Roy Hogg, Carestone at Milford
Frances Cox, Atria Buckhead
Betty Chambers, Manor Care
Gladys Wiggins, Arbor Terrace

MORNING WORSHIP, Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Rev. Kimberly Broerman preaching

What We've Been Waiting For. . . Sort of John 1:1-14

One service only today at 10:30 am (Christian Education classes will not meet)

Club M.A.R.K. - Making a Real Konnection

Book Club, Thursday, Jan. 5 at 6:45 pm at Jake's Ice Cream in Midtown. Contact Cheryl Thompson at 770.599.0014 or e-mail CherylCrT@aol.com for details.

PALS Bingo, Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7 pm at Magnolia Hall in Piedmont Park. Cost is \$15. Contact Chris Brown at 678.457.8728 or e-mail brownclatl@comcast.net for details.

Atlanta Hawks Basketball Game, Friday, Jan. 20 at 7 pm at Philips Arena. Cost is \$12. Contact Kris Majors at 404-372-9142 or e-mail warregle00@aol.com for more information.

