

Saint Mark United Methodist Church

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

THE REMARKS

March 7, 2006

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Sunday Morning

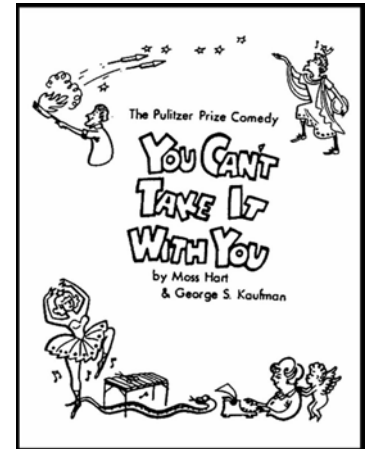
Worship Services:

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

You Can't Take It With You!

Don't miss Moss Hart and
George Kaufman's Pulitzer Prize
winning comedy, performed by the
Saint Mark Drama Committee!

This uplifting story of an extended
family and their chaotic adventures will
be presented on March 17, 18, 23, 24,
& 25 at 8 pm and March 19 at 2:30 pm.
Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for
seniors and children. To reserve your
tickets, call 404-873-2636, ext. 53.



One Church, One Vision

Saint Mark has begun an initiative that we are calling "One Church, One Vision: Our Next Faithful Step." Our purpose is to develop a shared vision for our church family and discern where God is leading us.

As a very important first step, we want to know where we are now as a congregation, and the best way to determine that is to ask you, our members and friends, what you think.

This Sunday, March 12 at 9:50 am during the Christian Growth period, and the following Wednesday, March 15 at 6:45 pm, we will hold a series of "town hall meetings," small group meetings, led by a fa-

cilitator, to give everyone who participates an opportunity to share their aspirations and concerns about Saint Mark. We want to know what our strengths are; what we could be doing better; and what our needs are, both now and down the road. Are we missing opportunities to serve our community? Who is missing when we gather? The answer to these questions will help us as we move forward.

This is a very important time for Saint Mark as we think and pray about how we should grow spiritually, physically and as a community of faith. Whatever you can do to make this effort successful will be greatly appreciated.

Our regular Christian growth classes will not be held on the 12th to give everyone an opportunity to participate. If you were not able to RSVP this past Sunday, please contact Robert Gilleo (404.808.3016 or rjgilleo@gmail.com) if you would like to attend. We would like for everyone to participate. If you do not have an opportunity to RSVP but can attend on either day, please join us.

If you have any questions about the initiative, please contact Robert Gilleo, Michael Prudent, Grace Trimble, or Michael Collins-Smythe.

An Important Message from the Children's Ministry

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."
 Luke 18.16

This is the message I use daily to remind me of just how important it is for the children of Saint Mark to learn about the light that is Jesus Christ. In what we do, how we teach, and how we choose to spend our volunteer time, we all set an example for the children here. And the children are important! They are the future of Saint Mark. The lessons they learn here from us influence their decisions in class, on the playground and at home.

I have worked with children in church settings and as a

substitute teacher. It has always been my goal to direct their behavior towards the positive and to help make their learning experience fun and memorable. When I came to Saint Mark, I found a wonderful group of children and parents with great energy and willingness to support the ministry. The congregation has stepped up as well and done a wonderful job in both leading and supporting the ministry.

A good friend of mine and I often discuss that part of our job as parents is to help our children learn to be responsible, kind and compassionate adults. I would add that the church's job is to help our children begin to understand the amazing

spiritual mystery of God and His son, Jesus Christ, to learn the history of our faith through Bible stories, and understand why Jesus was sent to earth to be our Savior.

With the leadership of adults and youth, 2006 will be a wonderful year to enjoy the events and Christian education we have in place as well as offer new and fun opportunities for the congregation, parents and children to grow in the love of Jesus.

Natalie Dellinger

CHILDREN'S CORNER

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY

SCHOOL: K-5th, New Missions

MISSIONS PROJECT:

Don't forget to bring books, offering, and stuffed animals this Sunday! This is the last week to bring items to church to support our outreach to children in need or trauma.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3/12 Missions Day!

3/19 Begin "Washing Feet" rotation

4/9 Palm Sunday

4/15 Annual Easter Egg Hunt

4/16 Alleluia! Party

6/5-6/9 VBS

Contact Natalie Dellinger at 404-873-2636, x-24 or e-mail ndellinger@stmarkumc.org.

MAC FOOD DRIVE
 The Missions / Outreach Committee is sponsoring a food drive for MAC (the Midtown Assistance Center) during Lent. MAC is one of the many organizations supported



in part by Saint Mark. Empty bags with the list of items needed will be available in the narthex from now until Easter. Please take a bag and list, fill the bag with requested items and return it to Wade Hall.

LOUISIANA STORM RELIEF
 Rev. Steve Fazenbaker, Director of the GA Tech Wesley Foundation and friend of Saint Mark, will be leading a trip to the Louisiana area from Friday, March 17 through Friday, March 24. If you would like to be a part of this effort, contact Steve at wesley@gatech.edu.

NEWS FROM THE FAITH SEEKERS CLASS
 Join the Faith Seekers class during the month of April as Bill Matthews teaches a series, "The Parables of Jesus." This class meets at 10:10 Sunday mornings in Room 209. Come learn with us!

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP
 We are seeking team members to participate in this year's trip (Sat., July 8 - Sun., July 16), particularly participants who speak Spanish and medical personnel. Anyone who is willing to perform basic construction work or plan and conduct children's activities is also welcome. Cost is \$1,200 (in four payments). A limited number of partial scholarships are available. For details, contact Byron Pittman (call 404.441.6588 or e-mail bhpittman@aol.com).



Remarks Reports

HELP FOR THE UNITED METHODIST HOUSING AND HOMELESS COUNCIL



The gap between resources and housing costs is a major reason why even those who are employed can easily be homeless. The average fair market rent (FMR) in Georgia for a two bedroom unit is \$687. At minimum wage, a worker would have to work 103 hours per week in order for this to be affordable housing for him/her. (The usual work-week is 40 hours.) The average FMR in metro Atlanta for a two bedroom unit is \$878 per month; in Athens, \$544, and in Augusta, \$564. Someone earning minimum wage can afford monthly rent of no more than \$268. On March 26th, please give to the Homeless Offering to help those ministries in our Conference that are aiding families with housing needs.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 5

8:45 am - 285 11:15 am - 381 (Total) 666

A called Church Conference will be held following the 11:15 Morning Worship service on **Sunday, March 26 to discuss the possibility of purchasing new property. The **Administrative Council** will meet on **Monday, March 27** at 6:45 pm in Wade Hall (following dinner at 6 pm).**

IN MEMORIAM

Melinda Jameson gave a gift in memory of Terry Perkins' mother, Ruth Perkins.
Robert Norris gave a gift in memory of Phillip Thomason's sister, Jenny Young.

IN SYMPATHY

Saint Mark expresses Christian sympathy to Eddie Duke on the death of his sister, Dixie Akers, on Thursday, March 2 in Savannah.

Hospitalized

Floyd Barnett's father, John Virginia
Bruce Stephens Piedmont

KNOWN ILL

At Home

Henry Thompson
Linda Wilson
Marchelle Burtenshaw
Brent Fogleman's mother Charlotte Greensboro, NC
Roger Brown's brother Rodney Tallapoosa, GA
Jamie Kirk's sister, Kim Bargow IN
Julie Brown Newnan

Care Facilities

Jim Pack's mother, Elizabeth Linden, AL
Anita Corby, Delmar Gardens Julie
Parmer's mother Christian City, Fayetteville
Milburn Purdy
Roy Hogg, Carestone at Milford
Frances Cox, Atria Buckhead
Betty Chambers, Manor Care
Gladys Wiggins, Arbor Terrace
Julie Moor's mother, Jean Nohlgren, Beverly Healthcare

MORNING WORSHIP, Sunday, March 12

Open Membership Sunday Second Sunday in Lent

Jimmy Moor to preach

Chancel Choir - *Show Me Thy Way*, Spiritual *I Surrender All*, arr. Martin
Music as We Gather provided by Greg Earnest, Guitar / Dobro

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

Book Club, Wednesday, March 8 at 7pm at Muriel & Sebastian's Ice Cream in Midtown. (Rescheduled from March 2). Contact Cheryl Thompson at 404.918.9240 for more info.
Atlanta Thrashers Hockey Game, Monday, March 20 at 7pm at Philips arena. Cost is \$12. Contact Kris Majors at 404.372.9142 or e-mail warregle00@aol.com for details.



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Please submit all announcements for the Remarks to Christia Holloway by the Friday prior to the week they should be included. If you would prefer to receive the Remarks via e-mail, please e-mail office@stmarkumc.org.

Coming up at Saint Mark

Sunday, March 12

- 8:45 Morning Worship
- 9:00 Impromptu!
- 10:10 Christian Education classes
- 10:10 Our Reconciling Journey class
- 11:15 Morning Worship
- 1:00 UMYF
- 1:00 Youth Volunteers Workshop
- 2:30 Transforming Discipleship class
- 4:45 Wm Baker Festival Singers rehearsals

Monday, March 13

- 7:00 Augustine Fellowship
- 9:00 Finance Volunteers
- 2:00 Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

- 9:00 Toddlers Play Group
- 11:00 Remarks Volunteers
- 2:00 Worship Planning
- 2:30 Supper Club prep (meal at 4 pm)
- 6:30 Building & Grounds Com. Meeting
- 6:30 Club MARK Planning Committee mtg.

- 7:00 Crystal Meth Anonymous
- 7:30 Festival Singers of Atlanta rehearsal

Wednesday, March 15

- 7:15 Augustine Fellowship
- 6:00 Fellowship Dinner / Program
- 6:30 Saint Mark Ringers
- 7:30 Chancel Choir
- 7:40 Basics of the Bible class / Companions in Christ

Thursday, March 16

- 6:30 Disciple I
- 7:15 Atlanta Concert Ringers

Friday, March 17 Saint Patrick's Day

- 7:15 Augustine Fellowship
- 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal
- 7:00 Crystal Meth Anonymous
- 8:00 *You Can't Take It With You* - Opening Night!

Saturday, March 18

- 9:30 Breakfast Club / Archives Com. meeting
- 10:00 Saint Mark Brass / Crystal Meth Anonymous
- 1:00 Popular Opinion Leader
- 1:00 C. Taylor Memorial service
- 6:00 Wedding

