

# Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church

1894-2024

*Proudly Celebrating 130 Years*

## MONTHLY NEWS

SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2024 THROUGH WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31, 2024

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH** - The first Lord's Supper of the year will be administer during Morning Worship.

**GRATITUDE** - We thank God, our Pastors, Members and Friends for your continued support for Humane Awareness Month. Your donations were a blessing to many for November and Christmas. Sister Barbara Jones and Food Bank Committee Chairpersons.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** - to the Saint Mark Church Family for the awesome way you supported our Christmas Gatherings. We look forward to all God has for us in the weeks, months, and years ahead. The Christmas Gatherings Committee.

**YOUNG GENTS** - Young Gents will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday. All boys and young men up to 32 years. Pastor Asberry will be looking for you to come.

**BAPTIST TRAINING UNION (BTU)** - Lets Study God's Word together! Bring the whole family Sunday, January 21st at 5:45p.m.. You don't want to miss the blessing you will receive if you just come.

**SENIOR DAY OUT** - **Friday, January 12th** Lunch In Kemah, Texas. Seniors seventy and above if you plan to attend please turn your names into Sis. Tiffani Slaughter or Sis. Barbara Jones.

**IT IS REVIVAL TIME AT ST. MARK!!!** The JOYFUL month of January is LEADERSHIP REVIVAL MONTH!! For 54 years God has wondrously blessed us on this occasion and to see another NEW YEAR !!! We joyfully enter this month with Praise and Thanksgiving to His name. We are reaching out to our membership for your participation. We are also seeking your prayerful, spiritual and financial support. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** and invite someone for Sunday January 28th during Morning Worship and resuming Monday January 29th and Tuesday the 30th at 6:30 P.M. Our evangelist is Pastor Murray Martin, Holman Street Baptist Church and the psalmist is Sister Deedra Grant of Mount Ararat Baptist Church. Pastor Glynn is asking each adult member to please give \$55.00. Let Us All Come To Be Blessed!!!



OUR EVANGELIST  
PASTOR MURRAY MARTIN,  
HOLMAN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH



Our Psalmist  
Sister Deedra Grant  
Mount Ararat Baptist Church

**BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES** - If your Anniversary or Birthday is not listed below please contact the Church Office. (713. 672.8090).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

*"Count all your blessings for another Birthday"!!!  
(Please come forth as your name is called).*

### JANUARY 2024

<b>1st Sister Hester Fleeks</b>	<b>(50) YEARS OF SERVICE</b>
Brother Michael Osborne	(6)YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>4th Kendron Penson, Jr.</b>	
<b>6th Brother Kenneth Ringo</b>	(6)YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>8th Brother Robert Smith</b>	(7)YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>10th Sister Alice (Judy) McGaskey</b>	74 YEARS YOUNG (42) YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>13th Sister Rena Pierson</b>	(5)YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>14th Sister Doris Matlock –</b>	<b>98 years young</b>
<b>(86 YEARS OF SERVICE - oldest member in membership)</b>	
<b>17th Sister Edshina Gentry</b>	(16)YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>19th Daylan Parrish</b>	
<b>20th Deacon Steve Gordon</b>	(28)YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>21st Sister Dorothy Wiley</b>	<b>84 years young</b> <b>(50)YEARS OF SERVICE</b>
<b>24th Deacon L.W. Johnson</b>	<b>84 years young</b> <b>(50) YEARS OF SERVICE</b>
<b>26th Paige Holmes</b>	
<b>27th Ere'Yona (Sweet Pea) Eagleton</b>	
<b>28th Sister Mercie Davis</b>	<b>91 years young</b> <b>(45) YEARS OF SERVICE</b>
Sister Rosie Hawthorne	83 years young (52)YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>29th Sister Linda Fields</b>	74 years young (32)YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>31st Sister Sandra Popillion</b>	(45)YEARS OF SERVICE
Sister Alysabeth Lightfoot	(24)YEARS OF SERVICE
Brother Kevin Scott	(36)YEARS OF SERVICE

### FEBRUARY

<b>1st Sister Monai Aycock</b>	(21)YEARS OF SERVICE
Sister Carolyn Wiley	(49)YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>5th Sister Angela Toussaint</b>	(34)YEARS OF SERVICE
Brother Colbi Clark	(15)YEARS OF SERVICE

**WHAT A BLESSING TO ALL THE ABOVE AND  
MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY MANY MORE"!!**

## PRAYER REQUEST

**1 Timothy 2:1-2 (MSG BIBLE)**

"The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, In humble contemplation.

Pastor Glynn & Family  
Associate Pastor Asberry & Family  
Reverend Edward McGaskey & Family  
Reverend Gaye Lord Gill & Family  
Reverend Eric Wright & Family  
Dec. Lewis Johnson & Deacons  
Church Staff  
All Ministry Leaders  
Seinor Members  
Young Adults  
Youth & Babies  
Prayer Line Teachers

Our Pre School, Elementary, Middle, High School and College Students -Their Parents and Teachers

### ST. MARK'S SHUT - IN MEMBERS

Sis. Cherry Foster      Sis. Doris Matlock  
Bro. Gary Ford        Sis. Sadie Burrell  
Sis. Lillie Brown      Sis. Mercie Davis  
Sis. Beverly Gatlin    Sis. Dorothy McHenry  
Reverend Joe Anderson

### MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Sis. Jamihia Jones - Sis. Amelia Bryant  
Bro. Eriq Glenn

### Our Country and State

Our President & His Cabinet  
The White House  
Our Governor  
Our City

Mayor, City Counsel, Police Chief  
Fire Chief, Judges, County Officials

### BIBLE LESSONS ARE BEING TAUGHT ON OUR PRAYER LINE.

**JOIN US EVERY EVENING AT 6:30 P.M.**

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## A NEW YEARS PRAYER

Dear God, as we enter this new year, please give us the wisdom to discern your will for our lives. Help us set meaningful and purposeful New Year's resolutions, aligning our desires with your perfect plan. Guide us in self-improvement, so we can become more like Jesus in our thoughts, words, and actions. Help us **build healthy habits of prayer and meditation** to stay in close communication with you throughout this year. Motivate us to **read and study your Word the Bible regularly**, enjoy worship regularly, and **build relationships with our fellow believers**, so we can keep growing spiritually. Help us notice your presence with us each day and night. When we face challenges this year, strengthen our resolve to persevere and remember that Jesus tells us in **Matthew 19:26** that **"with God all things are possible."** May the power of your Holy Spirit empower us to overcome challenges and to keep growing closer to you. As we begin this journey of self-improvement, **let your Word be a lamp on our feet and a light on our path as you say in Psalm 119:105.** We trust you, the Light of the World, to direct us and illuminate the way forward. May the resolutions we make reflect a desire to honor you in every aspect of our lives. Our hope is in you, God. Amen.

*"With God as our Leader, may we be  
prepared to live another year under  
His guidance"*

**Happy New Years!**



## START THE YEAR OFF READING GOD’S WORD THE BIBLE IS A WORTHY INVESTMENT OF OUR TIME!

The Bible is the foundation of our faith. So EVERY Christian should read it to learn what it says. The Bible is our playbook for life. It outlines the plays as we move the ball down the field. Our reading the Bible gives God opportunities to profoundly change us.

### THE BIBLE HELPS US TO:

#### 1. SEE WHO GOD IS AND HOW MUCH HE LOVES US.

It is through the Bible that we learn that God is our loving creator and constant wooer. God tells us in His Word that **His love for us is deep, vast, and unchanging**. The truth: He desires to be in close relationship with us, and has specifically designed us with gifts and talents that glorify Him. When we correctly view ourselves through God's lens — *we are so very loved, wanted, and valuable* — we can push back on a secular world that says otherwise. The good news: Only God's view matters!

#### 2. UNDERSTAND WHY THE DEATH OF JESUS IS SUCH A BIG DEAL.

The Bible, ultimately, points us to **Jesus**. We are to read the Bible to learn about Jesus, why we should want to follow Him, and how His death empowers us and gains us a heavenly home with Him forever. We can, with confidence, tell people, “Jesus loves you!” because of what the Bible says about His life and death. His love and **sacrifice** for *all* of humanity is shared with us via Scripture. Jesus points us to the truth, but neither forces nor manipulates anyone into accepting His open invitation.

#### 3. KNOW GOD’S TRUTH, SO OUR LIVES HONOR AND PLEASE HIM.

The Bible shows us how to measure “**success**” — it’s not fame and riches, like the world tells us — and to clearly see what matters. When we build our lives solidly on Jesus, the world can’t manipulate us with its shifting views of “truth.” The Bible is still applicable to our modern lives because God’s nature and standards do not change. The **ten commandments** are as relevant now as they were two thousand plus years ago. Treating others with kindness is still in fashion with God, and always will be. **His greatest commandment?** Love God and love others.

#### 4. GAIN A “GOD MINDSET,” WHICH WILL GUIDE OUR THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS.

Though Satan loves to whisper in our ears that we’re screw ups, mess ups, and unlovable mistakes, that’s not what the Bible says. *So let’s ignore Satan and stick with the source of truth!* The Bible shows us that God *knows* we will fail to be perfect. Good thing He doesn’t demand perfection! But He does ask that we purpose in our hearts to daily follow and honor him. **God’s grace**, when we ask for forgiveness, is guaranteed. The Bible assures us that God *never* withholds forgiveness when asked. Wahoo! Blessed assurance! God is our loving father. Like an earthly father, He seeks the best for us. His standards and truth serve as healthy boundaries to keep us from the pain of sin.

To read the Bible is to immerse ourselves in stories that show us how God interacted with His people. The stories include wisdom we can learn from today. The story of Samson, for example, teaches us the perils of being hot-tempered and vain. In the story of David and Goliath we learn that it is God’s strength, not man’s, that should make us quiver in our boots. And after David had an affair with Bathsheba, even going so far as to murder her husband to cover his sin, we learn of the consistency of God’s forgiveness and the sweet relief of being reconciled to Him. In the New Testament, we see Christ’s actions modeling selfless living. Psalms can be used to jump start our prayer life, and Proverbs contains rich nuggets of gold on becoming a better friend, spouse, parent, and even **how to respond to our enemies**.

#### 5. LIVE COURAGEOUSLY IN OUR DARK, SECULAR WORLD.

It’s hard being a person who seeks after God when we live in a secular world. But our relationship with Jesus allows us to live with authenticity and consistency. We don’t have to play the game of pretending to have it all together, for one thing. When we are worried about something, we can hand that fear to Him and know that He’s working on it. The Bible, over and over, promises us God’s peace when we rely on Him. **GOD IS IN CONTROL!**

### DO YOU WANT TO GROW IN GOD’S WORD? READ IT!

#### START WITH A PSALM A DAY:

Do you struggle with depression, **anxiety**, or questions about why God does what He does? Do you need hope or just more worship in your life? Then immerse yourself in the Psalms – the Bible’s songbook. The Psalms are all songs of human emotion written by songwriters who were inspired by God and who felt many of the same things you and I feel today. They processed their feelings through their songs in Scripture. As you read and reflect on them, you will relate to their questions, feel their conviction, and share their joy as they gain perspective.

Each day, read an entire Psalm aloud. Then write it back to God in a journal as a **prayer** in your own (or in the Psalmist’s) words. Date it, and read what you’ve written the next day as a prayer before reading the next Psalm. Take an extra day or two with longer songs or those that really strike a chord with you. There are 150 Psalms in the Bible, so by the end of the year you will most likely have read through the book of Psalms twice, and you will have grown closer to the heart of God.

#### A PROVERB A DAY:

Would you like to gain wisdom about friendships, business dealings, financial matters, and how to avoid temptation? Read a Proverb a day. This isn’t a new concept; many regular Bible readers have been reading a chapter in Proverbs daily for years. The nice thing is that after a month, you’ve read through the entire book of Proverbs (which has 31 chapters).

The wonderful thing is, after six months, you’ve read through it six times, and after a year, you’ve read it so many times you’ve practically memorized it. Reading through this book of wisdom repeatedly will cement the truths into your heart, mind and spirit. Many people even add a chapter of Proverbs to their other daily Bible reading plans.

*For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,  
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and to joints and marrow,  
and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of your heart (Hebrews 4:12).*