



THE PARISH VOICE

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PRE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

PRE SCHOOL SUPPLY CLOSET

The St. Mark's preschool is in need of school supplies for this upcoming school year. So.....
Let's fill the SUPPLY CLOSET, so the teachers and kids have their supplies to start off this school year with success.

You ask, what do the kids need? Great question. There are two places you can go while surfing the internet.

AMAZON- Wish List :	St. Mark's Preschool
WALMART - My List :	St. Mark's Preschool

If technology is not your thing,

- head to Walmart and grab a Walmart Gift Card.
- If you are in Kroger doing a little shopping, grab an AMAZON gift card.
- If cash/check is your thing, that works as well.

Bring to the office at church or give to an usher or welcome cart person. We will give the card to the office.

The preschool starts towards the later part of August. Plenty of time to gather supplies

Thank you for your generosity. St Mark's has an amazing preschool.

If anyone has any questions about supplies, please do not hesitate in contacting me. Peace
Melinda Barton: 706-264-2750

MINISTRY AND GROUP OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date!

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

KICKOFF SUNDAY

Aug 16th
After 10:30 service

Mark you're calendar for our kickoff! Come and find out what our church is doing in terms of ministry and leadership!

**LOOK OUT FOR
OUR NEW WEBSITE!**

**IT WILL BE RELEASED THE
WEEK OF AUG 3RD**

**BECAUSE OF THIS CHANGE, THE WEBSITE
MIGHT BE INACCESSIBLE OVER THE
WEEKEND OR AUG 1ST-2ND**

HUNGER IS MAN-MADE. THE SOLUTION IS **COMMUNITY**

Help us provide food and essential supplies
to those who need them most

DONATIONS NEEDED BEFORE & DAY OF EVENT: NON-PERISHABLE FOOD, HYGIENE
PRODUCTS, DOG & CAT FOOD, DIAPERS ALL SIZES. CONTACT US FOR PICKUP.



(706) 934-5996



706-313-2773



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FREE STORE

LEARN MORE:



LOCATION: 901 W Emery
ST DALTON, GA 30720

Date: July 25, 2026
TIME: 11am - 4pm

What We Need Donated for The Pop-Up Free Store

- Tooth Paste
- Tooth Brushes
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Soap
- Deoderant
- Tampons
- Pads
- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Canned Dog Food
- Canned cat food
- Beans
- Rice
- Canned food Products
- Pasta
- Non-Perishable Food Products

Are you someone between the ages of 13-25-ish or know someone who is? Then this event is for you/them! Please RSVP by Tuesday July 28th for a headcount and bring a friend! Bring 2 friends!

IT'S A POP-UP PIZZA PARTY!

The CTK men's group, in collaboration with Cherokee Brewing and Pizza Company, are covering the pizza, drinks, and games at Cherokee on July 30th starting at 5:30p

GAMES! PIZZA! BRING A FRIEND!
FELLOWSHIP BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS UP!

Save the Date!

Required Safety training for
vestry, ushers, and EMs

Aug 12th @6PM

August 19th @6PM

Both Events are at St. Marks

Thank you to the congregation
from the Littell's

"Thank you to our wonderful church family, your words of encouragement and condolences have meant a lot to us in a difficult time. Thanks for showing you care."

Jan & Kim Littell and Family.

STRENGTH IN STILLNESS

7.26.26 | 12PM

A time in prayer and quietness.

St. Marks Episcopal Church Sanctuary
901 W Emery St, Dalton, GA 30720

Join Us for QUILTING FOR OTHERS

This group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 10AM in the Parish Hall

Our next meeting is September 14th.

Contact Nola Culverson For more details.
noliio@yahoo.com

EVENING PRAYER

Our next meetings are...

8.4.2026 at 6:15pm

Future meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month

Contact Stephanie Jinright for more information:
snjinright@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY

THIS WEEK

**7/23/2026
NO ZOOM**

NEXT WEEK

**7/30/2026
GENESIS
32:22-31**

STUDIES WILL BE
AVAILABLE ON
ZOOM

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**PRAYER SHAWL
MINISTRY
CHURCH LIBRARY
SEPT. 8TH AT 7PM**

ANNOUNCEMENT!

**Members with Optilink
Emails have not been
receiving email updates from
St. Mark's. Please contact
your Optilink provider or
contact St. Marks with an
alternate Email address to
receive updates.**

GriefShare®

Grief Support Group

*Help and encouragement
after the death of a loved one*

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week group, you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

Contact Us Today

Monday 6-8p.m.
August 10 - November 9
St Mark's Episcopal Church, (706)
278-8857

griefshare.org

Adventure Seekers



Delano, TN. Thursday July 30, 2026

Itinerary:

- 8:00 AM** Depart from St. Mark's
- 9:00 AM** Arrive at Delano Community Farmers Market
- 10:30AM -12PM** Visit Additional markets and shops
- 12AM** Reservations are made at Jessica's Place for lunch
- 1:30PM** Wine tasting and gift shopping at Savannah Oaks Winery
- 2:30PM** Optional return to Farmers Market
- 3:30PM** Depart back to Dalton

*Please Contact Martha Wassum by July 23rd so she can confirm who all is coming for lunch reservations
Text Martha at: 706-313-2164*

Notes:

- both cash and a cooler are recommended for market purchases.
- Wear comfy shoes.

Adresses

- Market: 351 Needle Eye rd, Delano TN 37325.
- Jessica's Place: 106 Savannah Shores Dr. Delano TN 37325.
- Savannah Oaks Winery: 1817 Delano Dr. Delano TN 37325.

St. Mark's Preschool of Dalton

OPEN PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Open For 2026-27 school year

We are a half-day inclusive preschool

- classes for 2,3 and 4 year olds.
- enrichment activities each week (chapel, creative movement, music)
- two art rooms
- two sensory rooms
- stem room
- therapy room
- indoor play area
- outdoor playground
- classes are small with max of 12 students with 2-3 teachers in each class

For more information:



Please Email:

director@stmarksdalton.org



ST. MARK'S PRESCHOOL
Where young minds and hearts discover

SAINT OF THE WEEK: WILLIAM WILBERFORCE, SOCIAL REFORMER

JULY 30 HAS BEEN SET ASIDE TO HONOR A BRITISH SOCIAL REFORMER. WILLIAM WILBERFORCE WAS BORN IN 1759 IN YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND. AT THE AGE OF 17 HE ENTERED CAMBRIDGE WHERE HE EARNED 2 DEGREES. WILLIAM INHERITED SOME FAMILY WEALTH SO HE WAS ABLE TO ENJOY HIMSELF IN CAMBRIDGE AND TO STUDY JUST ENOUGH TO EARN HIS DEGREES. IN HIS EARLY 20'S HE EXPERIENCED A CONVERSION OF SORTS AND BEGAN TO PRAY AND LIVE A MORE SERIOUS LIFE. WILLIAM BEGAN HIS LIFELONG CAREER IN PARLIAMENT WHILE HE WAS STILL A STUDENT AT CAMBRIDGE. HE FOUGHT FOR MANY SOCIAL REFORMS IN PRISONS AND EDUCATION BUT HIS MAIN CAUSE WAS THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY. WILLIAM MADE HIS FIRST SPEECH ABOUT ABOLISHING SLAVERY TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN 1789 AT THE AGE OF 30. ALMOST 80% OF BRITAIN'S OVERSEAS COMMERCE INVOLVED THE SLAVE TRADE TRIANGLE. BRITAIN SENT GOODS TO WEST AFRICA, PICKED UP SLAVES TO GO TO THE WEST INDIES, AND RETURNED TO BRITAIN WITH SUGAR, COTTON AND RUM. WORK ON ABOLISHING SLAVERY CONTINUED UNTIL A BILL ABOLISHING SLAVERY WAS PASSED ON JULY 26, 1833. WILLIAM WILBERFORCE DIED A FEW DAYS LATER ON JULY 29, AT THE AGE OF 74. A FILM ABOUT WILBERFORCE'S WORK TO ABOLISH SLAVERY, AMAZING GRACE, WAS RELEASED IN 2007.

NATURE NOTE: AN UNUSUAL YEAR

THIS HAS BEEN AN UNUSUAL YEAR IN MANY WAYS. THE WEATHER HASN'T SEEMED TYPICAL. AND THERE'S BEEN A DIFFERENCE IN ANIMAL LIFE FROM PAST YEARS. I DIDN'T HAVE NEARLY AS MANY BIRDS AT MY FEEDER DURING THE WINTER. THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BECAUSE I STOPPED FEEDING FOR A FEW MONTHS LAST FALL. I'M NOT GOING TO STOP THIS YEAR AND SEE IF I GET MORE BIRDS. I HAVEN'T SEEN MANY WOODPECKERS THIS SPRING AND NOT AS MANY MOCKINGBIRDS. NO BROWN THRASHERS NESTED IN THE ROSE ON MY FENCE. BLUEBIRDS WERE REALLY LATE AND DIDN'T USE A LOT OF THE BOXES. THE BLUEBIRD BOX ON THE ST. MARK'S PARKING LOT WAS UNUSED FOR A LONG TIME. FINALLY WE GOT A NEST AND NOW THERE IS A NEW NEST WITH 3 EGGS IN THE BOX NOW. IN MY 50 PLUS YEARS OF STUDYING BLUEBIRDS I HAVE NEVER HAD A NEST AT THE END OF JULY! I FINALLY GOT A NEST OF CAROLINA WRENS IN ONE OF MY HOUSES IN LATE MAY. THEN I HAD ANOTHER WREN NEST IN MY GREENHOUSE WHICH I DIDN'T DISCOVER UNTIL THE BABIES FLEDGED AND MY DOGS SPOTTED THEM. THE SILLY BIRDS MADE A NEST IN A PAPER GROCERY BAG FULL OF MONEY PLANT SEEDS. THE GREENHOUSE DOOR TO MY DECK IS USUALLY CLOSED BUT THERE IS AN OPEN LOUVER ABOVE THE DOOR. SO FOR 4 WEEKS THOSE BIRDS WERE GOING IN AND OUT OF THE GREENHOUSE ESPECIALLY THE LAST 2 WEEKS WHEN THEY WERE FEEDING THE YOUNG. MY SUMMER GARDENING COMPANIONS ARE A FLOCK OF CHIMNEY SWIFTS THAT TWITTER AROUND IN THE EVENINGS CATCHING INSECTS AND THEN FEED THE YOUNG IN MY CHIMNEY. NOT THIS YEAR. I SAW A FEW BIRDS ONE EVENING BUT NO NOISE IN THE CHIMNEY. THERE DON'T SEEM TO BE AS MANY REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS. I'VE ONLY SEEN 1 BOX TURTLE AND 1 ROAD KILLED SNAKE. I HAVEN'T SEEN A TOAD FOR YEARS AND THERE ARE NO TADPOLES IN MY GOLDFISH PONDS. I HOPE THINGS WILL BE BETTER NEXT YEAR.

WEEKLY SERVICES:

8:00 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I
 9:00 AND 9:45 - ADULT EDUCATION
 10:30 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

EVERY THURSDAY:

BIBLE STUDY - 6PM LIBRARY
 AL-ANON - 7PM PARISH HALL

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-THURSDAY
 9:00AM-2:00PM

CHURCH STAFF

PRIEST: REV. RICK TIFF
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 BETH NICHOLS
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We celebrate the lives that make up the community of St. Mark's Church

Is a birthday or anniversary missing? Please contact the church office at admin@stmarksdalton.org

Birthdays: Bill Hawkins, Dylan Waldrop, Stacy Embury, Julia Lansing, Steve Cantrell, Phil Reisz

Anniversaries: Barry & Beth Pulliam, Alan & Beth Nichols

Serving in the Armed Forces: Will, Blane, Jordan, Matthew, James, Emerson, Owen

St. Mark's Prayer Chain - If you have a prayer request, you may contact the prayer chain, Cathy Houser 706.624.8913, 404-219-8139; housermc@aol.com

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR 7/19/2026

WEEKLY GIVING	\$12,659.00
TOTAL GIVING FOR MONTH	\$29,670.68
MTD BUDGETED FOR MONTH	\$25,269.21
DIFFERENCE FOR MONTH	\$4,401.47
YTD BUDGETED	\$244,269.03
YTD GIVING	\$234,183.93
YTD DIFFERENCE	(\$10,085.10)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
 GENEROSITY AND
 SUPPORT!
 FOR THE WORK OF GOD
 AT ST. MARK'S**

DONATING STOCK IS A TAX FRIENDLY WAY TO MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHURCH. PLEASE ALWAYS ASK YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO CONTACT THE ST. MARK'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR SO THAT THE CHURCH WILL KNOW WHO MADE THE DONATION TO ENSURE PROPER CREDIT IS GIVEN TO THE DONOR.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

COME JOIN THE NEW ADULT ED SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 TO 9:30 – SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – MEET IN PARISH HALL

THE BIBLE RECAP REBOT – MEET IN LIBRARY- LED BY CARTER THOMAS- FEEL FREE TO DROP IN AND JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE OUR READING THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE.

9:45 TO 10:15 – SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS– MEET IN PARISH HALL

THE BIBLE RECAP REBOOT - MEET IN LIBRARY - LED BY NANCY NELSON - THIS DISCUSSION BASED GROUP IS OPEN TO ALL, JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE TO JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE.

DON HOFFMEYER'S STUDY THIS WEEK.

CATCHER

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/UNNN3NX9IPY](https://youtu.be/unnn3nx9ipy)

BO THOMPSON'S STUDY PAGE.

**VIEW DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO EMAIL. FUTURE
ISSUES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE**

2026

ST. MARKS CALENDAR

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 4TH OF JULY! 250 YEARS OF AMERICA
5	6 OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY	7 6:15PM: EVENING PRAYER	8 9	9 10AM: ROYAL OAKS 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM AL-ANON	10	11
12 6PM: ROYAL OAKS	13	14 6PM OUTREACH MEETING 7PM: PRAYER SHAWL	15	16 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	17	18
19	20	21 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER	22	23 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM AL-ANON	24	25 11AM-4PM POP-UP STORE
26 NOON: STRENGTH AND STILLNESS	27	28 4:30PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING	29 4:30PM CHILDREN'S CHURCH MEETING	30 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM AL-ANON	31	1

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST — JULY 2026

PEOPLE ON THIS LIST HAVE BEEN MOVED HERE AFTER BEING ON THE
SERVICE BULLETIN LIST FOR FOUR WEEKS.

PARISHIONERS INDICATED BY *

*ANDY BAKER
*RUTH BAKER
* WILLIAM BRAMMER
*CATHIE COPE
*PAUL JOHNSON
*PHYLLIS JORDAN
*MALLORY JORDAN
*HUGH KEMP
*JOHN KENEMER
*PHIL MASON
*ANNE MORRIS
* MARTHA MOSES
*JOHN AND JUDY SCHWENN
*MARY SQUIRES
*CAROL TAYLOR
*BO THOMPSON
*CELIA WILLIAMS
BETSY ALLEN
GREG ALLEN
HARRIET ADAMS
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SUSAN BUTLER
TY COPPINGER
ELAINE CORNWELL
JERI COTNAM
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JOHN HOUSER
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BEN HYDE
HYDE FAMILY
ISAAC
VICKI KITCHINGS
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MARY JENNUS
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CLIFF JOHNSON
JUDITH
REESE LUKEI
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