



THE PARISH VOICE

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NEW WEBSITE!

**OUR NEW SITE HAS
BEEN LAUNCHED!**

**VISIT
WWW.STMARKSEPISCOPALDALTON.ORG
AND CHECK IT OUT!**

MINISTRY AND GROUP OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Lunch

YOU ARE INVITED TO ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOME LUNCH

AUG | 23 | 2026
AT NOON

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY AND FELLOWSHIP,
AND FEEL FREE TO BRING A FRIEND!
FOOD IS PROVIDED.

St. Mark's Parish Hall
901 W Emery St.
Dalton GA, 20720

Please RSVP to
706.278.8857
or
Admin@stmarksdalton.org
by August 10th

Save the Date!

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

KICKOFF SUNDAY

Aug 16th
After 10:30 service

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

Save the Date!

Required Emergency
Preparedness

Training for vestry,
ushers, and EMs

Aug 12th @6PM

August 19th @6PM

Both Events are at
St. Marks

**ALL ARE INVITED, ONLY 1
CLASS IS REQUIRED**

Children's Church

Pool Party

Children's Church and
Youth are invited!

Located at the Sneary's.
3314 Robert Fuller Dr
Tunnel Hill, GA 30755

Don't forget your
sunscreen and towels!!

Food and drinks will be
provided!



8.15.2026



1PM-3PM

PRE SCHOOL



SUPPLY CLOSET

The St. Marks 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



St. Marks

— EMERY STREET —

Kickoff SUNDAY Brunch

Sunday AUG 16TH


BETWEEN
SERVICES
in the
FELLOWSHIP
HALL

Good Food. Great Fellowship. Stronger Together in Faith. ♥



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

Dalton State BIRDFEEDER

St. Mark's has supported the Birdfeeder at Dalton State for a number of years. Many Dalton State students are in economic straights. They have few if any resources to buy food or personal care products. We have baskets in the Narthex for collection.

The Birdfeeder needs dry foods that are storable such as soup; cans of meat, fish, vegetables, and fruit; boxes of cereal, granola bars, and protein bars; and peanut butter. The Birdfeeder has a freezer and needs frozen individual meals. Personal care products include deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products.

The Birdfeeder supports the clothes closet as well. They only accept dress clothing for students to use for job interviews and practicum placements.
Let's get the new academic year off to a great start for Dalton State students in need.

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CLILA ENGLISH CLASSES



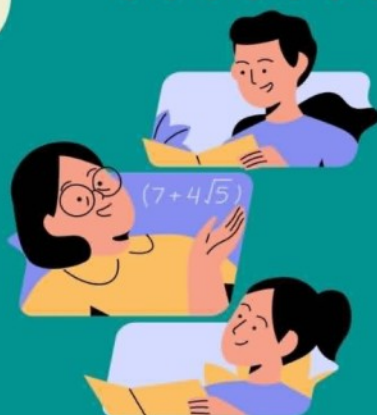
Join us for Amigo Day!

Dates:
September 19
October 24
December 5

9:00 am
First class (beginners)

10:30 am
Second class
(continuing)

Come to one or both!



STRENGTH IN STILLNESS

8.16.26 | 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.
noli10@yahoo.com

EVENING PRAYER

Our next meetings are...

8.18.2026 at 6:15pm
&
9.1.2026 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

8/6/2026
LUKE 9:28-36

NEXT WEEK

8/13/2026
GENESIS
45:1-15

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: Jonathan Daniels, Seminarian and Civil Rights Martyr

This week we remember Jonathan Daniels, a young white Episcopal Seminarian who was killed in Alabama during the Civil Rights unrest. Jon was born on March 20, 1939 in Keene, New Hampshire. His father was a physician and a member of the Congregational Church. Jon considered a career in ministry in high school and joined the Episcopal Church. After graduating from Virginia Military Academy, he entered Harvard to study English. A few years earlier he had questioned his religious faith when his father died but felt the call to ministry after attending an Easter service. So in 1963 at the age of 24 Jonathan entered the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In March of 1965 Martin Luther King, Jr. put out a call for ministers and seminary students to take part in a march for voting rights in Selma. Jonathan Daniels answered. After getting permission from school, Jon remained in Alabama and completed the semester on his own. On August 14, 1965 Jon was arrested with 28 other protesters who were picketing a whites only store. After 6 days in horrible jail conditions the protesters were released. Jon, a Catholic priest, and 2 young black female activists went to a store to get a drink. The store was guarded by an unpaid deputy holding a shotgun. When the deputy aimed the shotgun at one of the young black women, Jon pushed her aside and was shot in the chest. Jonathan Daniels died on August 20, 1965. The young woman, Ruby Sales, became an Episcopal priest. Because another saint already had August 20, Jonathan Daniels day on the saints' calendar was moved to the day of his arrest, August 14.

NATURE NOTE: Amazing Dragonflies

Last week I listened to Science Friday on NPR. They were talking about the fiercest predators of the sky, Dragonflies. I have long been fascinated by these colorful creatures. I have watched a couple hovering over my goldfish ponds. They would drop straight down and lightly touch the surface of the water over and over again. I don't know exactly what they were doing but I'm guessing they were grabbing small insects from the water surface. Dragonflies are amazing! They have two sets of horizontal wings that move independently. This allows them to move forward and backward, up and down, left and right, or just hover in place. Most of their head is covered by two large compound eyes each having thousands of facets. They have 360 degree vision which makes them very hard to catch. Dragonflies are fierce predators but they are beneficial to humans because they eat mosquitoes, flies, and those annoying midges. Dragonflies look very scary but they don't bite or sting people. European folklore associates them with the devil, but dragonflies have a more positive association in China, Japan, and with Native Americans. Here in the South dragonflies are called "snake doctors" because people believed that they followed snakes around and healed them. Dragonflies lay eggs in water where they hatch into wingless nymphs which molt and grow for months or years. My Water Ecology class collected these ugly nymphs at the University of Michigan Biological Station in northern Michigan. These nymphs feed on mosquito larvae and small tadpoles. After months or years the nymphs leave the water, and molt releasing the winged adult. The adults live a short time, usually just weeks. Enjoy their beautiful colors!

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

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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: Tommy Brooks, Laura Bock, Jaime Beckler, Angelina Vaquera-Linke, Deb Sneary, Anderson Hunt, Fyl Thompson

Anniversaries: John & Judy Schwenn

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 8/2/2026

WEEKLY GIVING	\$10,329.00
TOTAL GIVING FOR MONTH	\$10,329.00
MTD BUDGETED FOR MONTH	\$8,423.07
DIFFERENCE FOR MONTH	\$1,905.93
YTD BUDGETED	\$261,115.17
YTD GIVING	\$247,982.93
YTD DIFFERENCE	(\$13,132.24)

**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.

WAS JESUS PLACED IN A CAVE?

[HTTPS://YOUTUBE.COM/SHORTS/04FGSVXGFM](https://youtube.com/shorts/04FGSVXGFM)

BO THOMPSON'S STUDY PAGE.

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

ST. MARKS CALENDAR

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM AL-ANON	31	1 2-4PM: LIGHTEN THEIR LOAD
2	3	4 6:15PM: EVENING PRAYER	5	6 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	7	8
9 6PM: ROYAL OAKS	10 GRIEF SHARE STARTS	11 5":30PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING	12 4PM: PRESCHOOL COUNCIL 6PM: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING	13 10AM: ROYAL OAKS 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	14	15 1PM: CHILDREN'S CHURCH POOL PARTY
16 9AM: SUNDAY BRUNCH 10:00AM: BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES 10:30AM: KICKOFF NOON: STRENGTH AND STILLNESS	17 GRIEF SHARE 1PM: CIRCLE OF CARE	18 6:PM VESTERY MEETING 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER	19 9AM: PRESCHOOL RETREAT 6PM: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING	20 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM AL-ANON	21	22
23 NOON: STRENGTH AND STILLNESS 12PM: WELCOME LUNCH	24 GRIEF SHARE	25 6:PM SAFE GUARDING PLANNING MEETING	26 PRESCHOOL STARTS	27 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM AL-ANON	28	29
30 12PM PILGRIMAGE MEETING	31 GRIEF SHARE					

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST – AUGUST 2026

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

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*RUTH BAKER
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*CATHIE COPE
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*MALLORY JORDAN
*HUGH KEMP
*JOHN KENEMER
*PHIL MASON
*ANNE MORRIS
* MARTHA MOSES
*JOHN AND JUDY SCHWENN
*MARY SQUIRES
*CAROL TAYLOR
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