THE PARISH VOICE

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ADVENTURE SEEKERS

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Emery African-American Heritage Center Guided Tour

Join St. Mark's Adventure Seekers on Wednesday, October 28th for a guided tour of the Emery Center.

What to Expect:

Meet in St. Mark's parking lot at 9:40am. Address is 901 W Emery St, Dalton Ga 30720

Leave St. Marks's, get to Emery Center and take the tour: The tour is 1 hour, 45 min and will be lead by the center's original director, Curtis Rivers. There is no ticket charge, but please be prepared to make a donation.

Join Adventure Seekers in fellowship for lunch at Guadalajara restaurant in downtown Dalton.





If you plan to attend, please contact Martha Wassum by text at 706-313-2164.
Let Martha know you are going by Oct. 18th so we can plan accordingly for the tour and lunch.

MINISTRY AND GROUP OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 1st
6:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong for *ALL SAINTS DAY*

A service of remembrance and hope,
experienced through music & prayer,
featuring the
Chancel Choir of St. Mark's

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901 W. Emery St.
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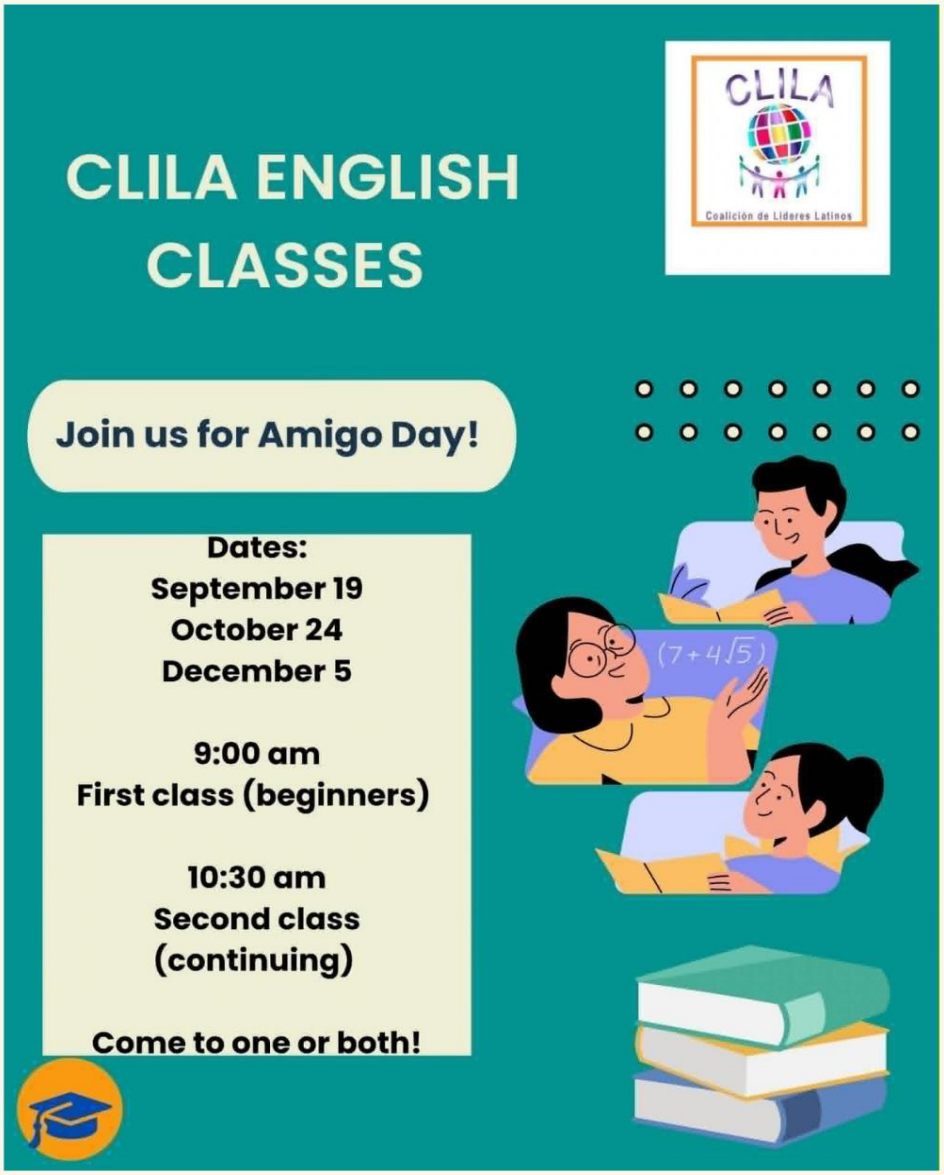
Dalton State BIRDFEEDER

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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Announcments!!

1. A White Fieldcrest bath towel with gray trim was left at the Sneary's house during the Children's Church Pool Party. If you are missing a towel, it is in the church office waiting to be claimed.

2. There have been some plumbing issues due to paper towels being flushed down the toilet. We ask you to refrain from flushing anything but toilet paper and please keep an eye on your children in the bathrooms.

THANK YOU

BIBLE STUDY

THIS WEEK
10/22/2026
MATTHEW
22:34–46

NEXT WEEK
10/29/2026
1 JOHN 3:1–10

STUDIES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON ZOOM

EVENING PRAYER

Our next meetings are...

10.27.2026 at 6:15pm
&
11.3.2026 at 6:15pm

meetings take place every Tuesday evening

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

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 10/26/2026

Contact Nola Culverson For more details.
noli10@yahoo.com

STRENGTH IN STILLNESS

10.25.26 | 12PM

A time in prayer and quietness.

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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
CHURCH LIBRARY
NOV. 10TH AT 4PM

SAINT OF THE WEEK: Alfred the Great, Christian Monarch

October 26 has been set aside to honor an early Christian English king, Alfred the Great. Alfred was born in 849 in south central England, the youngest of five sons of King Aethelwulf. His family was descended from pagan Saxons, a Germanic tribe that invaded Britain in the 400's. The Saxons were converted to Christianity by the Celtic missionaries from Wales and Ireland and the missionaries from Rome. Alfred was confirmed by Pope Leo IV on a visit to Rome. At the beginning of the 9th century, most of England was controlled by the Anglo-Saxons. But in the early 800's, Danish vikings would begin raids and settlements that would last a hundred years. Alfred became king in 871 at the age of 22 after his father and older brothers were killed in battles with the Danes. Through treaties and battles Alfred was able to keep the Danes out of southern England and even gain control of part of middle England. Alfred built a series of fortified areas maintained by the locals. He built a small navy. Alfred drew up a lengthy legal code, based on his ideas for a Christian kingdom and ideas from previous kings of Wessex. Included in this code were the Ten Commandments translated into English, parts of the Book of Exodus and part of the Book of Acts. The Church had suffered under the Danish raids. Alfred established 2 monasteries. He appointed pious and learned bishops and abbots. He distributed his translation of Gregory the Great's Pastoral Care to his bishops so that they might better train priests. In between all the fighting and battles Alfred worked on reforming education. Alfred himself had not learned to read until age 12, but he had an extraordinary ability to hear and memorize. Alfred set up a court school for his children and others. He believed that primary school should be in English, and Latin used for those wishing a religious calling. King Alfred died on October 26, 899 at the age of 50. His cause of death is not known but he apparently suffered from Crohn's Disease during his life. He was buried first in Winchester but eventually in nearby Hyde Abbey.

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NATURE NOTE: Goldfish Mysteries

My house has a breezeway between the main house and the garage with a small balcony on the backside. Looking down from the balcony you see 2 small circular ponds. The upper pond is about 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet deep, while the lower pond is about 4 feet in diameter and 3 feet deep. There is a pump that takes water from the lower pond to the upper pond and the water flows over a little waterfall to the lower pond. I've had a lot of adventures with the ponds over the past 40 years. I try to have goldfish in both ponds to eat mosquito larva. Some years I have jelly masses of frog eggs and tadpoles. One year I had 2 male Green Frogs that would come from opposite corners of the lower pond, meet in the middle and fight. They looked like Sumo wrestlers trying to knock the other off the lily pad. I've had goldfish reproduce. I had a bullfrog swallow half a large goldfish. I had 2 small yellow bellied turtles that stayed a few years and then moved on to the creek behind the house. I had a beautiful Plain Bellied Watersnake that ate a few goldfish so I had to relocate it far away. Raccoons came one night and destroyed my water lillies. This spring I started with 5 large (7-9") goldfish in the lower pond. I bought 5 small goldfish for the upper pond. I put a total of 12 small goldfish in the pond over several months. One died and floated to the surface; 1 is still there and has doubled in size; and I have no idea where the other 10 are. Maybe they were caught by raccoons or a stray cat. When I toss fish food logs from the balcony the 5 large fish come to the surface and make waves. The 1 small goldfish does not come to the surface or swim around. She just sits in the leaves on the bottom. The goldfish I had as a child would swim around in the bowl. I said "she" because at the end of August I saw 3 very small dark fish feeding on the algae on the side. I'm a retired biology teacher and I know there has to be a "he". So??? One of the 12 little fish was dark. Maybe it was a male and he's still in the pond but hard to see. Otherwise I have no possible explanation for the origin of the 3 tiny fish and I have no idea why the darn fish doesn't swim.

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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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: Tom Fisher, John Houser, Isabella Caggiano, David Blackburn, Avery Taylor, Linda Britton, Jenna Hamlin, David Phillips, Wright Nelson, Will Bates

Anniversaries: Ed & Ellen Anthony

Serving in the Armed Forces: Will, Blane, Jordan, Matthew, James, Emerson, Owen, Chrissy and Thomas.

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 10/18/2026

WEEKLY GIVING	$15,031.00
TOTAL GIVING FOR MONH	$27,820.00
MTD BUDGETED FOR MONTH	$25.269.21
DIFFERENCE FOR MONTH	$2,550.79
YTD BUDGETED	$353,768.94
YTD GIVING	$842,753.15
YTD DIFFERENCE	($11,015.19)

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.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

COME JOIN THE NEW ADULT ED SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 TO 9:30 CLASSES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – MEET IN PARISH HALL, NOW LED BY NANCY NELSON

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 CLASSES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS– MEET IN PARISH HALL, NOW LED BY NANCY NELSON

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.

"A CLEAN HEART."
HTTPS://YOUTUBE.COM/SHORTS/LXWQFHXB404

VISIT STMARKSEPISCOPALDALTON.ORG TO VIEW DEVOTIONAL

IN HONOR OF BO THOMPSON

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW BO'S DEVOTIONALS.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
YEAR OF SAINT MATTHEW, "A", OCTOBER, 11, 2026

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2026

ST. MARKS CALENDAR

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER	30	1 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	2	3
4 12PM: CHILDRENS CHOIR 4-7PM: OKTOBERFEST	5	6 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER	7	8 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	9	10
11 6PM: ROYAL OAKS	12 OFFICE CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY 10AM: QUILTING FOR OTHERS	13 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER	14	15 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	16	17 TOM LANFORD MEMORIAL SERVICE 12PM: RECEPTOPN 1PM: SERVICE
18 AFTER 10:30 SERVICE PLEDGE SUNDAY "CONCECRATION SUNDAY" POTLUCK 4PM: ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF ANIMALS	19 1PM: CIRCLE OF CARE MEETING 6PM: OUTREACH MEETING	20 6PM: VESTRY MEETING 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER	21	22 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	23	24 1PM: CHRIST IS KING COMMUNITY COOKOUT CLILA 9AM FIRST CLASS 10:30 SECOND CLASS
25 12PM: STRENGTH IN STILLNESS 12PM: CHILDRENS CHOIR	26 10AM: QUILTING FOR OTHERS	27 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER	28 9:40 AM: ADVENTURE SEEKERS EMERY CENTER TOUR	29 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	30 BO THOMPSON MEMORIAL SERVICE 11AM: SERVICE	31

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST – OCTOBER 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
* WILLIAM BRAMMER
*CATHIE COPE
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*PHYLLIS JORDAN
*MALLORY JORDAN
*HUGH KEMP
*JOHN KENEMER
*PHIL MASON
*ANNE MORRIS
*JOHN AND JUDY SCHWENN
*MARY SQUIRES
*CAROL TAYLOR
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