



THE PARISH VOICE

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DEAR FRIENDS LETTER

I am new to the vestry this year, serving in the role overseeing all financial operations. I previously served as treasurer and worked in the accounting field so I have some familiarity with the role. In a church, financial management centers on the principle of stewardship—the idea that God owns everything, and we are entrusted to manage resources faithfully. It is a balance of practical business principles with spiritual and ethical ideals.

One of the more challenging aspects of this role is establishing the budget every year. We are incredibly blessed with the generosity of our parishioners. Yet that generosity is exceeded by our desire to do more.

More for our youth. More for our church property. More for our community. More for our dedicated staff. Well, you get the idea.

Our stewardship campaign will soon begin and you will be hearing much about our accomplishments of the past year and plans for the new year.

We will be asking for your prayers, participation, and support as we work together to strengthen our mission and serve our community faithfully.

Tracey Burke
Cell (706) 537-6292

MINISTRY AND GROUP OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWEET SUNDAY
STEWARDSHIP
BRUNCH

SEPTEMBER 20TH
BETWEEN THE 8:00 AND 10:30 SERVICES
ST. MARKS EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL



JOIN US FOR MUFFINS, SCONES, CINNAMON ROLLS, AND OTHER BREAKFAST GOODIES

L'Abri Symphony Orchestra

HOW SWEET the SOUND

Conducted by Allison Hilles
TUESDAY OCTOBER 6, 2026, 7 PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of DALTON

FREE ADMISSION

Sponsored by



Contact: fdillerjames@gmail.com

CLILA ENGLISH CLASSES



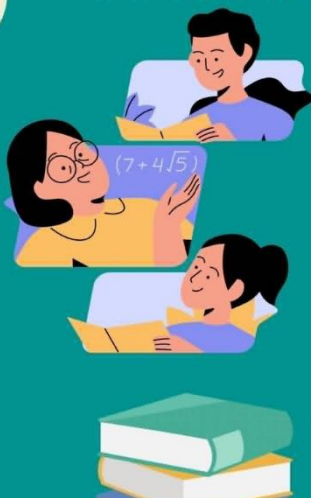
Join us for Amigo Day!

Dates:
September 19
October 24
December 5

9:00 am
First class (beginners)

10:30 am
Second class (continuing)

Come to one or both!



ST. MARK'S PRESCHOOL

OKTOBERFEST
FALL FUNDRAISER

Authentic German food
\$30 per person

DRINK FOOD MUSIC

OCTOBER 4 / 4:00PM
901 W EMERY ST. DALTON GA 30720



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BIBLE STUDY

THIS WEEK

**9/17/2026
MATTHEW
20:1-16**

NEXT WEEK

**9/24/2026
PHILIPPIANS
2:1-13**

STUDIES WILL BE
AVAILABLE ON
ZOOM

EVENING PRAYER

Our next meetings are...

**9.22.2026 at 6:15pm
&
9.29.2026 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 September 28th

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

STRENGTH IN STILLNESS

9.20.26 | 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**

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.

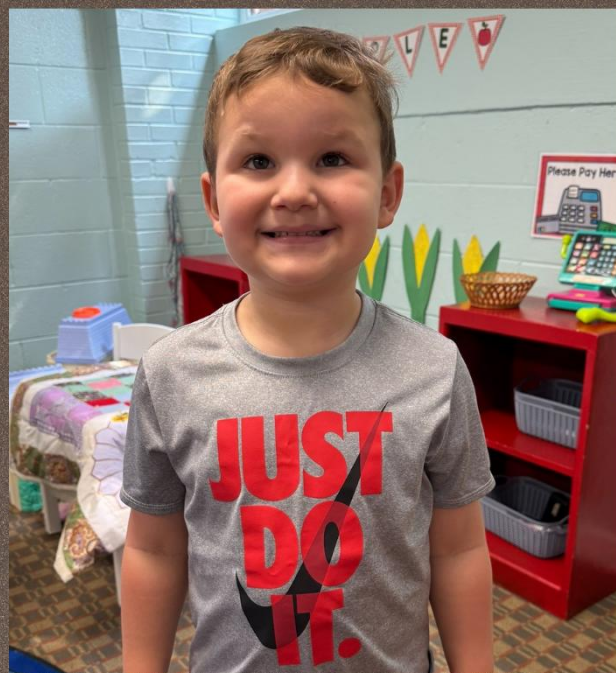
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THIS STAR STUDENT!

St. Mark's Preschool Student Of The Week



This is Holden. He is in our 4's class. He love listening to stories at school and playing with toys!



SAINT OF THE WEEK: Holy Cross Day

This week we go way back to early Christianity to learn about Holy Cross Day which takes place on September 14. Since the beginning of Christianity the cross has been the symbol of Christ's triumph. September 14 recalls three events about the cross. The first is the finding of the true cross by Saint Helena. She was the mother of Constantine, the first Roman emperor to profess

Christianity. Helena went to Israel in the year 327 and supervised excavations where she thought Jesus was crucified, and found three crosses in the rubble belonging to Jesus and the two thieves. Constantine had the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre built on the site. The second event was the dedication of this church on September 14, 335. The third event celebrated on Holy Cross Day was the return of the true cross to Jerusalem in AD 627. The cross had been removed by the Persian Emperor after the conquest of Jerusalem in AD 614.

NATURE NOTE: Ragweed Time: Atchoo!

It's that time of year again and a lot of us are sneezing and have itchy noses and eyes. Although Goldenrod gets blamed for fall allergies, the real villain is Ragweed. A single Ragweed plant may produce a billion grains of pollen in a single season and this pollen is wind borne! Ragweed doesn't depend on insects for pollination so the flowers are not showy. They look like little green knobs on the top of the plant. The pollen can remain airborne for days and travel over 100 miles. Hot, dry and windy days are perfect for ragweed pollen. Less pollen is released if temperatures are cool and the humidity is high. If you have allergies, early morning is a good time to be outdoors because ragweed is a mid morning pollinator. Ragweed is a pioneer plant that establishes itself on soil that is bare or has been disturbed by fire, gardens, construction sites, and roadsides. After a year or so other plants will seed in and choke it out. People ask me why I don't burn brush in my field instead of hauling it to the landfill. I have done that before and ended up with a patch of ragweed for several years and I'm very allergic to it. Common Ragweed grows 2 to 3 feet tall and has lacy leaves that look like marigolds or wormwood. Giant Ragweed grows 5 to 6 feet tall and has large 3 part leaves. Last year I spent a couple of mornings at Crown Garden and Archives cutting Giant Ragweed along the creek. When it cools off I will have to cut this year. A lot of annoying and invasive plants have been brought to America from Asia and Europe. But we have returned the favor! Common Ragweed is found in parts of Asia, Australia, and all over Europe, where it has increased recently. This increase is due to more construction, change in farming and global warming. The Ragweed season lasts until October or a good frost. So get your allergy medicine and tissues! And you are not alone. About 16% of Americans are allergic to ragweed and about half of the people who have hay fever are allergic to ragweed.

CHURCH STAFF

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

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: Gary Keeble, Camilla Springfield, Nancy Chapman, Gayle Hayes, Ashley Sosebee, Jolie Calhoun, Denise Thompson, Alexis Bond

Anniversaries: None

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

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 9/13/2026

WEEKLY GIVING	\$4,513.00
TOTAL GIVING FOR MONTH	\$16,128.00
MTD BUDGETED FOR MONTH	\$16,846.14
DIFFERENCE FOR MONTH	(\$718.14)
YTD BUDGETED	\$311,653.59
YTD GIVING	\$299,948.93
YTD DIFFERENCE	(\$11,704.66)

**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.

SO LONG THE END OF THE WORLD

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

BO THOMPSON'S DEVOTIONAL PAGE.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW BO'S DEVOTIONALS.

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AT

STMARKSEPISCOPALDALTON.ORG

2026

ST. MARKS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2 9:30AM: PRESCHOOL BLESSING OF BACKPACKS 5:30PM: SAFEGUARDING PLANNING MEETING	3 9AM: ADVENTURE SEEKERS 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	4	5
6	7 7PM: PRAYER SHAWL	8	9	10 10:15AM ROYAL OAKS 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	11	12 9AM: DEO RUN 3PM: MARTHA MOSES FUNERAL
13 AFTER 10:30 SERVICE "SLIDER SUNDAY DRIVE" LUNCH 6PM: ROYAL OAKS	14 10AM: QUILTING FOR OTHERS 1PM: CIRCLE OF CARE MEETING CLERGY CONFERENCE	15 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER CLERGY CONFERENCE	16 CLERGY CONFERENCE	17 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	18	19 9AM-5PM SAFE GUARDING TRAINING CLILA 9AM FIRST CLASS 10:30 SECOND CLASS
20 BETWEEN SERVICES "SWEET SUNDAY" BRUNCH NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NOON: STRENGTH IN STILLNESS	21 6PM: OUTREACH MEETING	22 6PM: VESTRY MEETING 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER	23	24 10:15AM ROYAL OAKS 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	25	26
27 NOON: PILGRIMAGE MEETING	28 10A: QUILTING FOR OTHERS	29 6:15PM EVENING PRAYER	30	1 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON	2	3

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST – SEPTEMBER 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
*PAUL JOHNSON
*PHYLLIS JORDAN
*MALLORY JORDAN
*HUGH KEMP
*JOHN KENEMER
*PHIL MASON
*ANNE MORRIS
*JOHN AND JUDY SCHWENN
*MARY SQUIRES
*CAROL TAYLOR
*BO THOMPSON
*CELIA WILLIAMS
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