



THE PARISH VOICE

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OKTOBERFEST

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P R E S C H O O L

OKTOBERFEST

★ FALL FUNDRAISER ★

Authentic German food

\$30 per person, Kids are free
Price includes Food, drinks, and entertainment!

Music will be provided by The
Sneary Family Band

DRINK
FOOD
MUSIC
FUN FOR KIDS



OCTOBER 4 / 4-7PM

901 W EMERY ST. DALTON GA 30720

Beer provided by
Dalton Brewery



For more information call us at
(706) 278-8857, email us at admin@stmarksdalton.org, or visit
our website: www.stmarksepiscopaldalton.org

MINISTRY AND GROUP OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: fiddlerjim2025@outlook.com  [labrisymphonyorchestra](https://www.facebook.com/labrisymphonyorchestra)

CLILA ENGLISH CLASSES



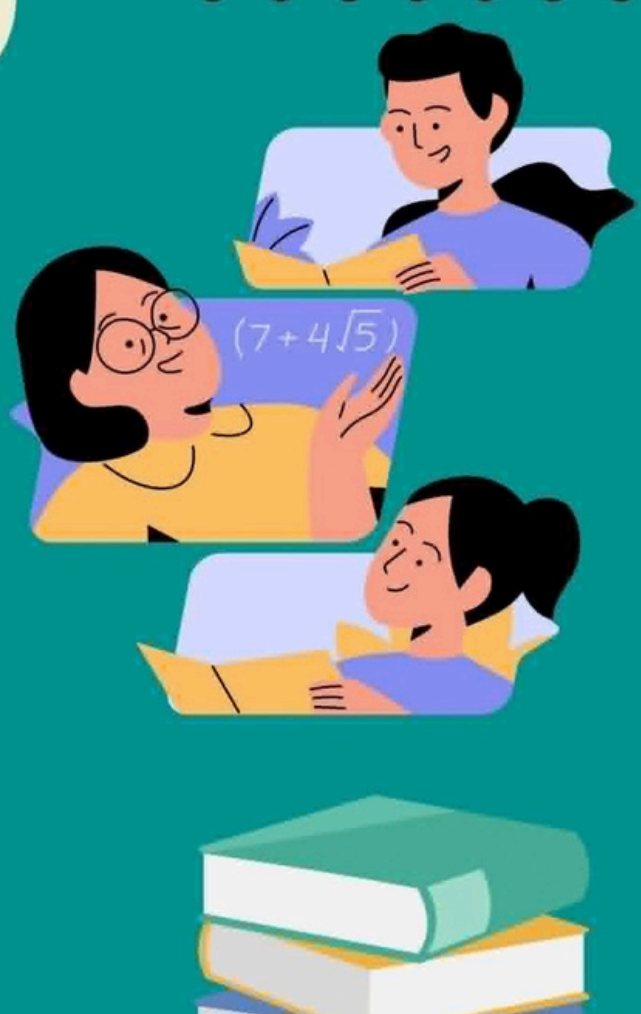
Join us for Amigo Day!

Dates:
September 19
October 24
December 5

9:00 am
First class (beginners)

10:30 am
Second class (continuing)

Come to one or both!



BIBLE STUDY

THIS WEEK

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

NEXT WEEK

**10/1/2026
NO ZOOM BIBLE
STUDY**

STUDIES WILL BE
AVAILABLE ON
ZOOM

EVENING PRAYER

Our next meetings are...

**9.29.2026 at 6:15pm
&
10.6.2026 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

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**

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.

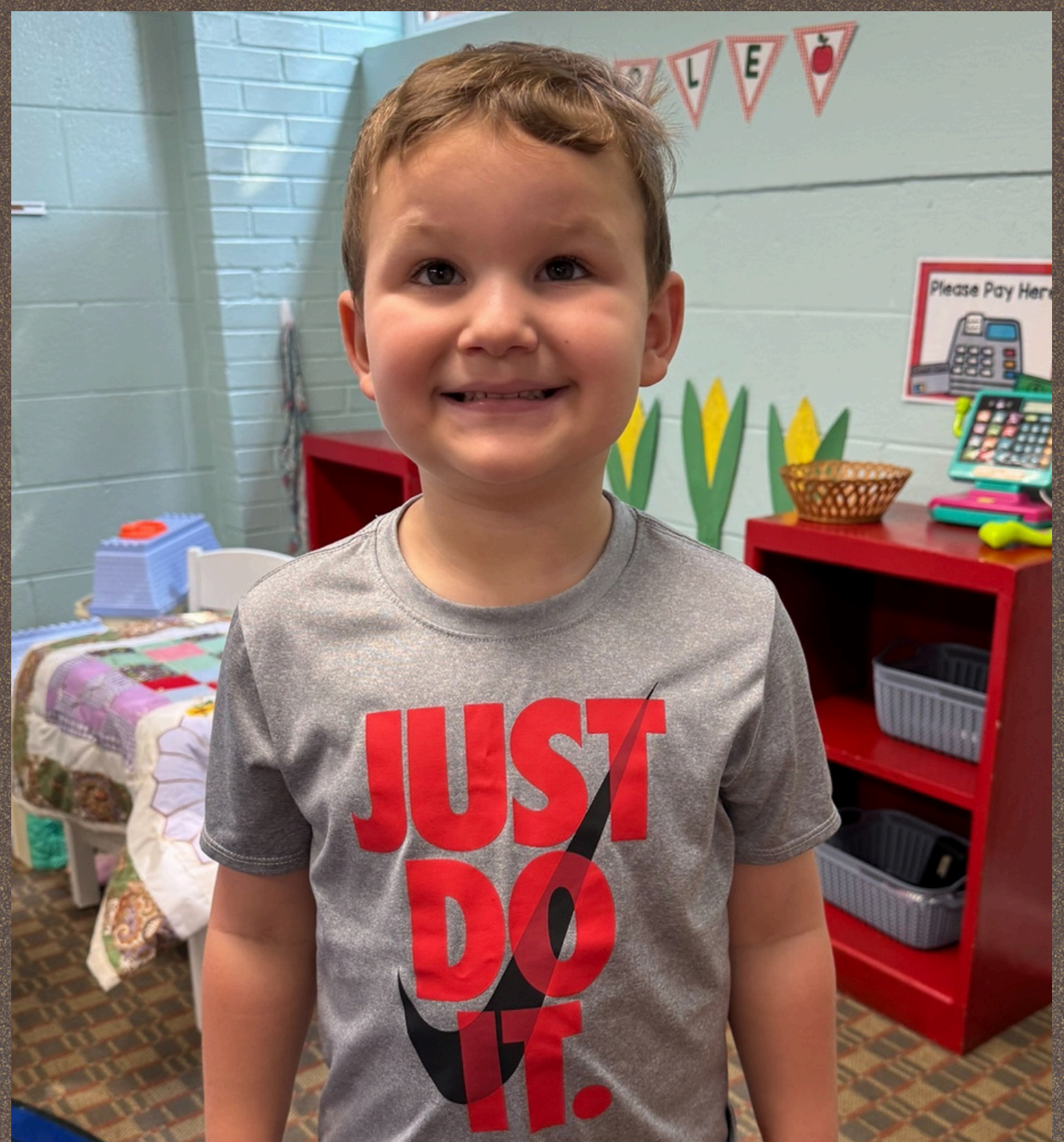
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THIS STAR STUDENT!

St. Mark's Preschool Student Of The Week



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



SAINT OF THE WEEK: Philander Chase, Frontier Priest and Bishop

On September 22 we honor the life of a frontier Episcopal priest and bishop. Philander Chase was born in New Hampshire in 1775. His ancestors were Puritans and his father was a minister in the Congregational church. Philander discovered the Book of Common Prayer when he was a student at Dartmouth College. He was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church in 1798 and sent to the wilds of upstate New York. He covered large distances on horseback. Philander was ordained a priest a year later and sent to Poughkeepsie to teach school and manage Christ Church. In 1805 Rev. Chase accepted a challenge to establish the first Episcopal congregation in Louisiana. After six years he and his wife returned to New England where he became rector of Christ Church, Hartford, Connecticut. The frontier called and Philander traveled to Ohio in 1817. A year later he was elected bishop by the Episcopal priests in the state. The following year Philander traveled to Philadelphia and was consecrated a bishop, becoming the 18th bishop in the Episcopal Church. In 1823 Philander traveled to England to raise money for a school and seminary back in Ohio. The money raised helped build Kenyon College and Bexley Hall Seminary. Some felt he was involved in too many things so Philander resigned his bishopric and position at the school and seminary and moved to Michigan in 1832. Three years later he became the first Bishop of Illinois. Philander still dreamed of a self sufficient rural college and traveled to England to raise money. The cornerstone for Jubilee College was laid in 1839 near Peoria, Illinois. Bishop Chase spent the remainder of his life working at Jubilee College until his death on September 20, 1852. He had one more honor to add to his accomplishments. In 1843 Philander Chase became the sixth Presiding Bishop of the national church.

NATURE NOTE: Fall Is Almost Here!

The first day of Autumn falls on Tuesday, September 22. This is the Autumnal Equinox in the Northern Hemisphere (south of the equator it is the Spring Equinox). Remember that the seasons are caused by the tilt of the earth on its axis (23 ½ degrees) and not by its distance from the sun. So on September 22 at exactly 8:04 PM EDT, the earth will be at the place on its orbit around the sun where neither pole is tipped toward or away from the sun. This results in nearly equal length of day and night everywhere on earth. It's not exactly 12 hours and 12 hours though; on the Autumnal Equinox there are exactly 12 hours from the time the center of the sun comes up above the eastern horizon until the center sets on the western horizon. But we think of daylight as the time the edge of the sun comes up until the edge disappears below the horizon. The equinoxes and solstices define the beginning of the astronomical seasons. The meteorological seasons (and common usage) begin about 3 weeks before. So most of us think of Fall beginning about September 1, Winter on December 1, Spring on March 1, and Summer on June 1. A more accurate way to describe the Equinox is to note that everywhere on earth the sun rises at true east (90 degrees on a compass) and sets at true west (270 degrees). From now until the Winter Solstice the sun will rise south of true east and set south of true west. The days get shorter. This difference between the amount of daylight and darkness triggers all kinds of activity in plants and animals. Certain flowers like mums bloom. Leavers turn color and fall off. Animals store fat. Migrations occur. Look for these changes!

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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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: George Spence, Nola Culverson, Mike Renfroe,
Mitchell Arthur, Ellen Andersen, Kyle England, Adam Burnette, Alan
Nichols, Tucker Lamb

Anniversaries: Thierry & Marianne Urbain

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 9/13/2026

WEEKLY GIVING	\$11,193.22
TOTAL GIVING FOR MONH	\$27,321.22
MTD BUDGETED FOR MONTH	\$25,269.21
DIFFERENCE FOR MONTH	(\$2,052.01)
YTD BUDGETED	\$320,076.66
YTD GIVING	\$311,142.15
YTD DIFFERENCE	(\$8,934.51)

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.

OPEN?

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

BO THOMPSON'S DEVOTIONAL PAGE.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW BO'S DEVOTIONALS.

**EPISCOPAL LECTIONARY, YEAR OF SAINT MATTHEW,
"A". 18TH**

SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

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ST. MARKS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

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

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST — SEPTEMBER 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
*JOHN AND JUDY SCHWENN
*MARY SQUIRES
*CAROL TAYLOR
*BO THOMPSON
*CELIA WILLIAMS
GREG ALLEN
HARRIET ADAMS
TERRY ANGEL
AMY ATKINS
LYNN BAILEY

MARY BUCY
ED BURCHFIELD JR. & SR.
CALVIN BURSE
RANDY BUTLER
SUSAN BUTLER
TY COPPINGER
ELAINE CORNWELL
JERI COTNAM
DANA EASLEY
LORI BETH EICHOLTZ
JOHN HOUSER
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LEANDRA HULL
JODIE HUNT
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HYDE FAMILY
ISAAC
VICKI KITCHINGS
KHLOE
MARY JENNUS
CLYDE JOHNSON
CLIFF JOHNSON
JUDITH
REESE LUKEI
PAULA MORROW

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JIM SPORTIELLO
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PETE WILSON
MARY WITHUM

