

# *St. Mark's Remarks*

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*“Live your life in such a way that those who know you but don't know God will know God because they know you”*

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Rev. Dr. Bradley Gabriel

Dear friends,

August, the eighth month: usually very hot and steamy here in Memphis. August is proof that sometimes people can, indeed, change the course of history. Caesar Augustus (Octavian before he took the throne in ancient Rome) decided to have the month named for him in honor of several military victories he'd had in the month. Not a shabby prize for coming out on top of a power struggle. We remember a famous Celtic missionary near the end of August. Aidan of Lindisfarne helped to Christianize the pagan English in the 600s. One hundred years ago in August, most of the world's major powers declared war on some other nation. This August, the Memphis Redbirds play almost every night. Whether the school is in the Shelby County School District or one of the newer Municipal Districts, students and teachers and staff will all be back at “reading, and writing, and arithmetic,” in August.

Here at St. Mark's we have two major matters to address. First, we will present the first of what is planned as a monthly event, “Free Family Film Night.” The plan is to provide neighborhood families a respite at the end of a long week of school and work, one Friday a month. We will offer a snack supper, games, door prizes, and a family friendly film. This month, August 15, we will show the animated movie “Happy Feet.” Games and dinner begin at 6 PM and the movie starts at 7 PM. As always volunteers are needed to oversee the kitchen, games, and clean up. As I stated on July 27, the first 12 adults to step forward will receive their very own penguin themed “slipper socks.” Contact the church office or Jeff Hink to volunteer.

Our second major matter we have is to put the finishing touches on St. Mark's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. So far, Jane Conner has done a bang up job preparing us for a festive weekend, September 20-21. As Jane writes elsewhere in this month's newsletter, we will showcase two of Methodism's talents: “...singing to the heavens and dining in style.” Mark your calendars, make your plans, contact your friends, and join us as we consecrate our newly repaired outdoor worship space Saturday, September 20 and re-dedicate our sanctuary service on Sunday September 21.

August is named for a long dead Roman emperor. St. Mark's, though, is named for an apostle, an evangelist, and a witness to the glory of God and the resurrection life. We have things to do, a faith to celebrate, and a family to enjoy. See you in August.

Grace for the Way,

*Brad*



## Happy Birthday!

Carol Johnson	08/07
Becky Rawlins	08/26
Jeff Hink	08/29
Faith Graff	08/30
Mike Donovan	08/31

### *Visitors in July*

Hazel Conar	Reilly Burge
Conner Johnson	Rev. Dr. Joe Piercey
Rev. Gail Gaddie	Roy & Nancy Gookin
Ricky & Linda Reid	Pat Levine
Joyce Ritter	Morgan Bell
Will Cooper	

### **July Average Attendance**

Sunday School	20
Morning Worship	75

### **2014 Budget: \$159,532.00**

Budget Required through 7/31/2014:	\$93,058.00
Budget Received through 7/31/2014:	\$.00
Budget Disbursed through 7/30/2014:	\$.00

**Thanks Be to God!**

### **St. Mark's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Save the Date...St Mark's has withstood the tests of time for 35 years, so let's turn a mid-life crisis...into a celebration! Save the dates of Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21, 2014; and we will show the world two of Methodists' greatest talents – singing to the heavens and dining in style! Mark your calendars, and watch this space for updates. For the 35th celebration, we could use a Trumpet/Coronet player; better yet, 3 such talented individuals. If you can share this talent or recommend a source, please call Jane Conner at 901-606-3902. If you have favorite memories from St Mark's past, please e-mail them to [stmarksmem@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmarksmem@bellsouth.net).



### **From Golden Cross Ministries:**

Friends,

It is hard to imagine what “nothing” looks like until you see the emptiness and sparse hollowness first hand. For those who come to a Wesley Living Community with the clothes on their backs and the need for something more, your kindness is turning “nothing” into “something”. The items in the “Move-In” kit you generously donated will help be a stepping stone towards a bright future in their new homes. These items given to residents in the most desperate of times will help them see a brighter tomorrow. Thank you for your continued support, thoughts, time, and prayers.

*Kristi H. Owens*

*David Kabakoff*

### **From AA Chapter, PEO**

A special thank you from all Chapter AA members for offering the use of the Fellowship Hall at St. Mark's in April. It was a great facility for our chapter meeting and luncheon.

Please accept the enclosed check as a show of our appreciation for the use of your facility. We felt very blessed to meet many of your congregation members. Thank you again for the use of the building. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

*Mary Ann Dinkins*

**AA Chapter PEO**

### **From VBS**

I really enjoyed working at Vacation Bible School with you at the church. I had a blast helping decorating and setting up for VBS. I loved helping with the crafts and working with the children. Thank you so much.

*Lauren McKinnon*

### **Eagle Scout Project**

Edward W Browne, IV, Boy Scouts Troop Unit 57, with good help from other scouts, scout parents, and St Mark's members, has worked measuring, sorting lumber, learning to use power tools, and applying some basic elements of construction to complete requirements for his Eagle Scout Award. In the process, they have refurbished the seating and altar/stage of our outdoor amphitheater. Work is currently underway to restore and repaint the cross. Stroll down that way and take a peep!

## **St. Mark's United Methodist Women**

The UMW of Aldersgate United Methodist Church is hosting a seminar on "Human Trafficking in Memphis, Tennessee: What is Being Done," on Sunday August 10th at 12:15 at the church which is located at 4459 Willow Road. The presentation will include a light lunch and is free to all. The guest speaker is Carol A. Wiley B.A.C., Director of Victim Assistance for the "A Way Out" Victim Assistance Program through the Memphis Citizens for Community Values organization.

They ask that anyone attending please consider bringing items for the "A Way Out," supply closet for women and children such as hand dishwashing soap, liquid laundry detergent, paper towels, or baby wipes. The next quarterly meeting of St. Mark's UMW will be held Wednesday, September 3rd at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing how we can assist chairwomen, Jane Conner with the planning of the church's 35th Anniversary celebration on September 20-21. We will also discuss our continued support of the Golden Cross baskets, Reelfoot Rural Ministry, and the Capleville Food Pantry. All ladies of the church are encouraged to attend both of these events. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Barbara Jenkins (901)752-1128 orjenkinsba3@gmail.com.

- Aug. 10. Human Trafficking in Memphis seminar
- Sept. 3. Quarterly UMW Meeting
- Sept. 7. First Sunday Luncheon
- Sept. 20-21 35th Anniversary celebration
- Oct. 5. First Sunday Luncheon

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## **Golden Cross News**

The welcome baskets St. Mark's is sending to the Wesley Senior Ministries has now reached 215!! This simple gift means so much to seniors that arrive at their new home alone and afraid.

St. Mark's is now sponsoring BINGO prizes. If you would like to help, just drop your items in the box in the Narthex. Needed: travel soaps, shampoos, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, cologne, combs, nail polish, coffee mugs, extra spoons, dish towels, etc.

If you would like to know more about what a Golden Cross apartment looks like, talk to Jane and Phil Conner, Bill Demestre, or Sherry Raggett.

Bless you for all your gifts!

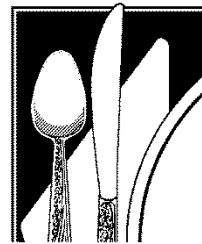
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## **Capleville Community Food Pantry**

Thank you for your continued support of our neighborhood food pantry! The need exists, even though we don't like to think of families being hungry in our communities. Peanut Butter, Canned Meat Products, Soups, and Cereals are always items the Food Pantry can use. Be generous in your support of this community endeavor. It does make a difference! Bring your food items and put them in the box in the narthex.

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## **St. Mark's United Methodist Men**



### **Monthly Meeting**

### **Steak/Chicken Dinner**

**Tuesday, August 19, 2014  
6:30 p.m. – Fields Hall**

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# August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00a Yoga
3 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Svc 11:30a 1st Sun lunch followed by Choir Ptc	4 6-7p NA2 6-7:30p Boy Scouts 6:30-8p Cub Scouts	5 6-8p Weight Watchers Sanctuary	6 7:00a Emmaus	7 6:00p Yoga	8	9 9:00a Yoga
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