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Russell Higginbotham, son of **Edwin Higginbotham**, stepson of **Candace Higginbotham**, on July 4, 2021.

Happy Birthday

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| July 11
Lauren Florsheim
Kellie Kilcline
Sam Powell | 14
Eleanor Armstrong
Amy Lewis
Jennie Jamerson | 17
Katharine Knicely
Ellen Erwin
Danielle Hillario
Alex Hall
William Hardtner
Stratton Erwin |
| 12
Robin Jennings
Clyde Hargrove, III
Laura Ameen | 15
Marie Toles
Benny Popwell
Susannah Poljak
Christian Hall | |
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Natalie Cole
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THE
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Community

The Looking for God in Messy Places Summer Sunday School Class will be back this Sunday.

The class is open to everyone. We're reading Bishop Jake Owensby's new book, *Looking for God in Messy Places*, about hope. We're reading it aloud in class, so all you have to do is show up (and don't worry if you miss some weeks). **E-mail Lauren Thibodeaux at thiblauren@gmail.com if you have any questions.**

Dean Johnson, and other Cathedral clergy, are facilitating a Sunday morning class and discussion following our Sunday Eucharistic Lectionary Readings. We hope that you will grab a cup of coffee and join us in The Garden Room at 9:30 am for this gathering and scriptural study.

Meals On Wheels Opportunity! It's only a one hour volunteer opportunity every Monday delivering Meals on Wheels to eight seniors at Evangeline senior apartments (across street from Betty Virginia Park) St Marks would like to get a team together to do this once a week. The team can decide on their schedule for the each month. **Please email Jennifer for more information. Jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net**

Hello St. Mark's Families! Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is beginning again **Sunday, September 12**. Level 1 Atrium is for children in K3 (who are potty-trained) - Kindergarten. Level 2 Atrium is for 1st graders - 3rd graders. Look out for registration forms available at the church office and by the nursery door. Please stop by our table to talk to Catechists at Rally Day in August. We look forward to seeing the children again in the Atrium to learn about Jesus, Our Good Shepherd, the liturgy of our church, and discover the Bible. **Learn more about Catechesis** at <https://www.cgsusa.org/>.

If you are going through a difficult time, one of the Stephen Ministers from St. Mark's may be able to help. Stephen Ministers are laypersons who have received special training to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support for persons who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. After all, there are many difficulties and transitions in this life! Why not give yourself the gift of a Stephen Minister who can accompany you on part of your journey?! The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. For more information, contact the **Rev. Dr. Rowena White** at rowena@stmarkscathedral.net.

STMPT (St. Mark's Physical Training) meets at 5:30 a.m. every weekday morning in the field across from the parking lot.

We're getting the band back together! There will be two acolyte training sessions next month for all new and returning acolytes. You must attend one of the sessions. Those sessions will be **August 15** and **August 22** immediately after the 10:30 am service. Please meet in the choir stalls.

St. Mark's has a birthday card ministry! If you find yourself wanting to serve but needing to do it on your own time, please consider this meaningful ministry. Materials are provided. For more information, please **contact Lauren Ewing** at 550-1743 or lauren.ewing@me.com.

If you are or know anyone who is expecting a child our committee is up and running and is looking for mommies to be. Please contact us at bess@stmarkscathedral.net or sign up on our website under family ministries. We hope to welcome mothers into our community. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Lost Anything at Church? Or maybe you're just missing some item and have no idea where it might have gone. Drop by or call the church office and check into our lost and found! We have everything from sunglasses to scarves to cell phones to jewelry (including some very nice pieces.) Check and see what you're missing!

Sunday Readings

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 7:7-15 * Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

The work of the church can never be complete without your help as a member of the "team." Everyone must work together to form a beautiful picture of what God can do through the ministry of your church. Each steward can find and fill his or her place.

Additional Resources

Dean Alston Johnson's Blog:

<https://thecarpentersnail.blog/>

St. Mark's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Cathedral-Shreveport-181096028587074/>

Bishop Jake Owensby's Blog:

<https://jakeowensby.com/blog/>

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