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Births

Timothy Houston Brown, on August 20, 2021. Parents are **Jennifer & Timothy Brown**. Big sister is **Charlotte Brown**.

Happy Birthday

September 5	8	11
Marilyn Davis	Bobby Nichols	Mary Harter
Vernon Hastings	Eydie Comeaux	Brown Humphrey
Priscilla McLean	Hannah Clarke	Holden Kowalewski
Robert Rembert		
6	9	
Carol Crooms	Ella Poole	
Cara Smith		
James Storer	10	
	Lola Herndon	
	Jason LeBleu	
7	Jamie Hardtner	
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THE MESSENGER

Community

Don't forget that we are still under COVID-19 protocols for worship. Masks are required and six-foot social distancing will be enforced. To make this easier, we will be roping off every other pew and marking six feet of space. Hand sanitizer is available as you go up for communion. Please remember to wave or elbow bump at the Peace.

The church office will be closed on Monday September 6.

Episcopal Youth Community resumes September 12! Join us as we kick off this year's EYC (Grades 9-12) and PREYC (Grades 6-8) activities on September 12 from 5:30-7:15 pm. We will meet in the Parish Hall for dinner and then participate in fun games/activities and end with a youth centered devotion.

We are in need of parents to volunteer to provide meals for the youth on Sunday nights. Please contact Sarah Kaye Wilkes at swilkes10@gmail.com with questions or to sign up!

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 **Learn more about Catechesis at <https://www.cgsusa.org/>.**

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

Community Renewal Highland House needs volunteers to help elementary age children after school. Days and time vary. Contact Jennifer Beruvides for more information.
Jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net

Our Sunday Eucharistic Lectionary Bible class meets each Sunday at 9:30 am. We hope that you will grab a cup of coffee and join us in The Garden Room for this gathering and scriptural study.

The Looking for God in Messy Places Summer Sunday School 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.

St. Mark's Wednesday Night Book Study resumes meeting on September 15 at 6:00 pm in the church library and is open to anyone interested. This fall we will complete a six week study of the book *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful* by Adam Hamilton. There are two ways of viewing Peter: 1. The ordinary fisherman that left everything to follow Jesus with a passion that changed the world; 2. As the poor, uneducated, quick tempered man full of doubts and fears. In studying the man that Jesus called the "rock", we will exam our own special gifts, talents and abilities that God can use to make a difference in our world.

The Altar Guild has two openings for memorial flowers for September. The openings are for the Chapel Altar for **September 19 and 26**. The flowers can be given in memory or in honor of a loved one.
Contact Sherri Skrivanos at stskrivanos@gmail.com.

Just a reminder! If you've had any changes in your address or phone number or family status, please give the church office a call. That helps us to keep our records up to date as well as making sure you get every issue of *The Evangelist* and *The Messenger*. Also if you have a child who's left for college, moved out, or married, please keep us updated on their change of status and address!

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.

Sunday Readings

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 35:4-7a * James 2:1-17
 Mark 7:24-37

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

God desires that first of all you give him yourself. When you do this, you will find a certain satisfaction. God then wants you to use your time, talent, and treasure for his purposes. This means total commitment of what you have to God. That's a hard step to take, but it will bring complete happiness and satisfaction in serving God.

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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