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## Deaths

**Janice Jo Smith Moore**, mother of **Ashley Dávid** grandmother of **John Baxter Atkins, IV, Andrew Atkins & Caroline Atkins**, on May 11, 2023.

## Happy Birthday

<b>May 21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>
Joshua Thigpen	Tom Allen	Kathryn Gaiennie
Jacques Lasseigne	Christine Zimmer	Don Sibley
Caroline Atkins	Andrea Labor	Jonas Prince
Colby Grayson		Lloyd Brown
John Bartle	<b>25</b>	Piper Overdyke
Jay Crowder	Tom Colquitt	Charlotte Campbell
Kathleen Cush	Kem Hargrove	Ollie Storer
Gahagan Pugh	Brenda Graves	Max Storer
	James Holtsclaw	
<b>22</b>	Caroline Hannigan	
Ethan Manco	Finley McSwain	
<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	
John Zum Brunnen	Hallie Hart	
Leslye Gilchrist	Thatcher Payne	
Erinah Nsubuga	Lewis Coady	

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# THE MESSENGER

## Community

**St. Mark's will host a blood drive this Saturday, May 20** from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm in the Ministry Center Garden Room. There will be a table in the back of the church this Sunday for anyone who wants to sign up.

**The Altar Guild will host a reception for outgoing Directress Becky Bryant this Saturday, May 20 at 11:30 am in the Parlor.**

**Mark your calendars NOW for St. Mark's 2023 Music Camp, Monday-Friday, July 10-14 from 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** The camp is for grades 2-12. Students will perform on Sunday July 16 during the 10:30 am service. Camp Instructors are Heather Hooper, Leslye Gilchrist, Theresa Johnson and Derrick Meador. For more information, please contact Derrick Meador at [derrick@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:derrick@stmarkscathedral.net)

**St. Mark's Vacation Bible School is right around the corner!** VBS is set for July 17-21 and this year's theme is *Keepers of the Kingdom!* We will see you there!

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

**Shriners' children's hospital is in need of waiting room snacks and activities.** Ideas for items needed include snack size: crackers, goldfish, cookies, baby snacks, fruit snacks, juice boxes, small water bottles, and small/short books. Please leave your donations in the church office. For questions or donations contact Jennifer Beruvides at [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net).

**Come sing with us!** The Boys & Girls Choir at St. Mark's offers free professional music education! It's open to ages 7-14, and no religious affiliation is required. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:30 pm with a family dinner provided. For more information, please contact Derrick Meador at [derrick@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:derrick@stmarkscathedral.net)

**If you give stock to St. Mark's, please call or email Becky Deverts in the Finance Office** to let her know the broker as well as the name of the stock and the number of shares. Sometimes the stock is received and sold by our broker and no one knows who gave the stock. We have recently received a gift of stock and we don't know the contributor. If you have given stock this year and have **not** received a letter of acknowledgement, please be in touch with Becky at 318-458-3313 or [becky@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:becky@stmarkscathedral.net)

**Our Hospitality Committee invites parishioners (families, adult singles, siblings, friends) to serve as oblationers (gift bearers) at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.** This is a meaningful way to serve the faith community. For more information please contact Kathy Williams at 469-9211.

**Could you or someone you know benefit from a Stephen Minister?** Several who have received compassionate care from one of our Stephen Ministers have agreed to share their experience and gratitude. - One of our Care Receivers writes:

It was really great to have someone with whom I could share my thoughts, frustrations, cares, and good or bad times, especially knowing that whatever I shared, it would not go beyond the confines of our room. It was also helpful to know that if I did ask for my Stephen Minister's viewpoint or opinion, it would be shared in a non-critical manner. I always looked forward to our visits and always had a more serene outlook on life afterwards. It may be harder for us men to ask for any kind of help, especially when it comes to dealing with feelings; we tend to keep it all inside! However my experience was extremely positive, and if I'm in a difficult place again I will definitely reach out! I would recommend this wonderful resource of our church to anyone, as having someone with whom to share whatever is on your mind is such a gift.

**For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact the Rev. Rowena White or the Rev. Thomas Nsubuga.**

*Sunday Readings*  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Acts 1:6-14 \* 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

I can't change the world. But I can do my own small share. Many calls come to us for our time, talent and treasure. Do we respond to these calls on the personal level, family level, church level, community level? Do we act as an agent of change to make the world a better place?

## Upcoming Events

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| <b>May 20</b>     | <b>Blood Drive 9:00 am</b><br><b>MC Garden Room</b><br><b>Altar Guild Reception for Becky Bryant</b><br><b>11:30 am Parlor</b> |
| <b>May 29</b>     | <b>Memorial Day</b>  |
| <b>June 5-9</b>   | <b>Camp Tiger</b>  |
| <b>July 10-14</b> | <b>Music Camp</b>  |
| <b>July 17-21</b> | <b>VBS</b>   |