

July 12, 2023

Deaths

Rosemary Jones, sister of **Calvin Jones**, on July 5, 2023.

Births

Mollie Katherine Morton on July 11, 2023.
Parents are **Katie-Beth & Sam Morton**.
Grandmother is **Susan Davis**.

Happy Birthday

July 16 Lynn Massad	19 Darrell Rebouche John Atkins	22 Beverly Reeves Morgan O'Brien Gayle Labor Micah Strong
17 William Hardtner Danielle Hilario Katharine Nicely Ellen Erwin Stratton Erwin Alex Hall	20 Clayton Simmons Caitlyn Hinkie Campbell Jones	
18 Judy Storer Roger Hammett Thomas Poljak	21 Rob Gilchrist Laura McLemore Randolph Smith Marissa McGinty Ruby Hargrove	

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Community

St. Mark's 2023 Music Camp students will perform this Sunday during the 10:30 am service. This year's performance is *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (abridged edition) Please come and support our talented kids!

St. Mark's Vacation Bible School is next week and this year's theme is *Keepers of the Kingdom!*

Our VBS mission project for this year is collecting paper towels, toilet paper and 10 ½ inch disposable plates for the Providence House. If you would like to help us in our mission, please drop your items off at the church **by Thursday**. Thank you for helping us share God's love in Shreveport.

It's that time of year! Summertime is always a hot one in Louisiana! The Shreveport Police Community Bureau is collecting box fans for elderly and those in need. Box fans should be dropped off at the church office **between now and this Friday**. If you have any questions or would like to donate monetarily contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net

The Wednesday Night Book Study will resume September 6 at 6:00 pm in the parish library. We will begin the fall studying the Acts of the Apostles and we are welcoming new group members. For more information, contact William Weaver at William.Weaver@uhsinc.com

Shriners Children Hospital is asking for school supplies for their patients. Backpacks, pencils, paper, pens, crayons, markers, and folders. Please drop off any donations at the front desk. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, email Jennifer at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net

St. Mark's Cathedral maintains a beautiful Wedding Album of all the couples who were married in the Cathedral since the 50's. There is a full 12 x 12 page reserved for each bride and groom. If you would like to be a part of this fun tradition, please provide us a picture (color or black and white) of your choice no bigger than an 8" x 10". If you would like to see examples of the type of pictures that have been submitted, please visit the Cathedral's parlor where the albums are on display.

WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR WEDDING PHOTO:

1. Submit a digital photo (color or black and white, preferably a jpeg or pdf) which can be printed, by emailing gdamlouji@gmail.com.
2. Drop your wedding photo off at the church's office to the attention of Mary Alice Rountree or Gerry Damlouji.

Whichever means you decide to provide your wedding picture, please be sure to include the bride and groom's full name and date married with your picture

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Alice Rountree at 318-464-8004 or Gerry Damlouji at 318-820-9012.

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 after Pentecost
Isaiah 55:10-13 * Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

There is no portion of our time that is our time, and the rest God's. There is no portion of money that is our money, and the rest God's money. It is all God's; God made it all, gave it all, and God simply trusted it to us for his service.

Upcoming Events

July 17-21	VBS
August 10	SMCS classes begin
September 4	Labor Day
September 10	Sunday school begins