

## Welcome Our New Sunday School and EYC Director ... Amy Garsee

### *Let me begin by telling just a little bit about myself.*

My name is Amy. I grew up in Mansfield, LA. I have been married to Jeff for over 20 years and we have 3 daughters. Taylor will be a senior at Byrd this year. Addie and Elizabeth are 8 and are going into the 3rd grade. For the past 10 years I have been a part of the faculty at the Cathedral School. In the entirety of my career I have taught everything from 2 year olds to seniors in high school. There have been a few breaks and moves over the years. I consider myself to be on a journey of Faith. Forever seeking to be closer to the Father and more like Christ. I love being able to look back and see how God has worked things out for His good, even in the hard things. My husband and I have both been very involved over the years in the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis movement. I do not claim to have all of the answers or always do the "right" thing, but I am always a pilgrim on the journey.



I am thrilled to be the Director of Youth and Parish Ministries for the Cathedral and I look forward to being able to share with all of you!

This month my question is, "Why should YOU help in the Children's and/or Youth ministry?" My answer is, "Why wouldn't you?"

Many people think that once you volunteer in youth (or children's) ministry you are chained to that ministry for life, you have given up all flexibility and you will never have an adult conversation at church again. All of these are false! Opportunities to work with our youth take many forms. Maybe you could provide snacks for an activity. Maybe you could teach a Sunday school class for just 6 weeks. Maybe you could be a mentor to a youth that is growing in their faith. Maybe you could host the youth for an event that is off the church campus. Maybe you could lead a small group for 20 minutes

at Sunday night EYC. Maybe you feel called to lead a bible study for high schoolers. Maybe you are crafty and can help make decorations for special events. Maybe you could be a chaperone on a mission trip or some other adventure. The list of possibilities is endless.

When I was in elementary, middle and high school I was very involved in activities at my church. The adults that stand out in my memory as having the most impact on me were not the parents of other youth. Some of them had children that were already grown. Some of them had children that were too young for youth. Some of them didn't have children at all. Some were Sunday school teachers. Some went with us on trips. Some were just in the building when we had regular events. What stands out to me most looking back is that they were not there because they were parents and they had to be there. They were there because they wanted to be there. There is room for all types of gifts and all levels of commitment.

If you would like to be involved in our children and youth programing at St. Mark's please let me know. I would love to visit about where you can serve. [amy@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:amy@stmarkscathedral.net)

### *Blessings*

— Amy



### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am, 10:30 am, & 6:00 pm  
Sunday Holy Eucharist

**AUGUST 6, 2023**

*The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ*

Exodus 34 :29-35      2 Peter 1 :13-21  
Psalm 99      Luke 9 :28-36

**AUGUST 13, 2023**

*The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

1 Kings 19 :9-18      Romans 10 :5-15  
Psalm 85 :8-13      Matthew 14 :22-33

**AUGUST 20, 2023**

*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 56 :1, 6-8      Romans 11 :1-2a, 29-32  
Psalm 67      Matthew 15 :10-28

**AUGUST 27, 2023**

*The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 51:1-6      Romans 12:1-8  
Psalm 138      Matthew 16:13-20



## Adult Christian Formation

9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Philip Yancey *Vanishing Grace* • Ministry Center Garden Room

9:30 a.m. John Ortberg; *Soul Keeping* • Library

### Birthday Card Ministry

This year, we launched a birthday card ministry to celebrate all of our parishioners. 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](mailto:lauren.ewing@me.com).



**St. Mark's Physical Training**  
Monday-Friday 5:30 am at the Cathedral

meets every weekday morning in the field  
across from the parking lot.

## Weekday Worship at the Cathedral

**Wednesday** 7:00 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist  
*Chapel*

**Fridays** 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist  
*Chapel*  
(The 5:30 service  
is an option for  
those who  
cannot attend  
Sunday worship.)



### Oblationers Needed

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.



### Expectant Moms of St. Mark's

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](mailto: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.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### AUGUST 1

Brad Lepore  
Larry Cunningham

2

Emily Nelson  
Tad Dicharry  
Hannah FitzGerald

3

Stuart Briscoe  
Anna Kate Childs  
Ben Davis  
Sindee Finch

4

Susan Cage

5

Minette Haynes  
Hines Vaughan  
Kathy Hassell  
Jennifer Beruvides  
Marie Gardner-McIntyre  
Georgia Johnson

6

Ron Boutte  
Mark Faries  
Catherine Green  
Liam Alley  
Laura Poljak  
Gray Knicely

7

Nanette Beach  
Jonathan Sealy  
Dale Anderson  
Vicki Kilcline  
Susan Reeks  
Maura Pugh  
Charlotte Holtsclaw

Jud Flores  
Claire Bowers  
Emma Jones

8

Mark Sealy  
Alston Johnson  
Eliza Hargrove  
Mary Beth Beene

9

Lettie Burwell  
Betsy Kirby  
Harold Quinn  
Parrish Brightwell  
CeCe Wilbanks

10

Robert Cady  
Pat Hilliard  
Ross Nelson  
Michael Q=Petersen

11

Will Horne  
Rebecca Miller  
Scott Wysong

12

David Duncan  
Warren West  
Susanna Van Norman  
Jason Waltman  
Trigg Erwin  
Payne Hennigan

13

Clare Nelson  
Carolyn Gray  
Annaclaire Taylor  
Caroline Ourso

Caroline Cottingham  
Sarah Milner  
Grayson Ameen

14

Matt Moss  
Pearce O'Neal  
Onyz Zhang

15

Sanders Hearne  
Emma Tamplin  
Zoe Caldwell  
Chris Zepeda  
August Knicely  
Trey Davis

16

Bob Lafargue  
Chris FitzGerald  
Cindy Mack  
Mikey Carlisle  
Gerry Damlouji  
Scott Douget  
Emily Smith  
Joe Jayroe

17

Amanda Fortiz  
Quinn Kennedy  
Michael Burford

18

Ena Henry  
Eddie Jenkins  
Susan Evans  
Steve Horn  
Karol Fontaine  
William Allen  
Piper Brightwell  
Blair Irion

Kimberly McGlothlin  
Charlotte Fritze

19

Emma Caraway  
Chandler Aaron  
Katherine Renda  
Anne Marie Schoonover  
Allie Gillen  
Holly Hargrove

20

Hani Dehan  
Chris Carter  
Brody Peterson  
Houston Brown

21

Pete Blanchard  
Esther Thompson

22

Cherry Grosz  
Elizabeth Tamplin  
Kay Hyatt  
Michaelann Nichols  
Alexander Childs  
Liz Davis

23

Scott Stroud  
Lee Berry  
Whit Davis  
Nelle Lloyd  
Chuck Tubbs  
Natalie Nuckolls

24

Ron Roberts  
Donnette Martin  
Morgan Emmons

25

Janis Thompson  
Cody Brooks  
Kayla Marinoni

26

Julia Horne  
John Herzog  
Lillian Randall  
Nan Colgin  
John Patrick Bartle

27

Gene Hilliard  
John Bowen  
Isabel Carter  
John Allen Thomas  
Kendall Gibbs  
Todd Thompson

28

Patsy Reeks  
Elizabeth Prince  
Jenny Weber  
John Ourso

29

Bill Kalmbach  
Anna Hardtner  
Kristen Renda  
Gary Tubbs

30

Larry Shea  
Peter Jones  
Timothy Brown  
Emaree Wallace

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Linda Allen  
Hanna Gamble

## School Supplies for Shriners!



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](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net)

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

### August 6

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harman Chandler, Mr. & Mrs. Walter B. Chandler, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Havard and Mr. & Mrs. Steve White.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Willis O. Pickering, Sr. & Myrtle B. Pickering, Margaret Simpson Higginbotham and Russell Higginbotham.

### August 13

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Chris Stoll.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David O. Short, II.

### August 20

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don and Virgie Wallace, and in celebration of the birthday of Stuart Briscoe.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ruben White, Laurie Viser Moffett, Terri White Crosby, and Mr. & Mrs. Murray Werner.

### August 27

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the patients of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the patients of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.



Parents and their EYC age youth

Please Join Us for Dinner

To

Welcome Amy Garsee to our Staff

She will be working with the young people

In all aspects of Christian Education and Development

She has been hard at work this summer on VBS and planning events and trips for our Youth for the 2023 – 2024 year.

She will be meeting and sharing her plans

August 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm

Garden Room

Childcare provided

[Register Here](#)



## DEATHS

Rest Eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

**Richard Desmond Liles**, husband of **Jeanne Liles**, father of **Nelson Liles**, on July 17, 2023.

**Frances Arthur Simpson**, mother of **De Simpson**, aunt of **Edwin Higginbotham**, on July 24, 2023.

**Katherine Woodard**, mother of **Robin Himes**, on July 24, 2023.

**Amy Hill**, sister-in-law of **Amy Garsee**, on July 24, 2023.

May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## BAPTISMS

**Camille & Ella Melerine**, daughters of **Stacey & Michael Melerine**, on July 16, 2023.

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

## BIRTHS

**William Wainwright Merckle**, on May 31, 2023.

Parents are **Emily & Chris Merckle**. Big sister is **Mary-Hallie Merckle**.

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

**Cannon Reeks** on July 21, 2023. Parents are **Brannon & Seth Reeks**. Grandparents are **Beth & Scott Reeks**. Great Grandmother is **Patsy Reeks**.

## Come RALLY with US in the Parish Hall for LUNCH

### August 27th after the 10:30 Eucharist

We will enjoy fellowship and celebrate all the offerings for the upcoming 2023-2024 year

Sunday School for all ages, EYC, Choir (youth and adult), Wednesday Night Dinners, Bible Studies, Altar Guild and many other ways to become involved in our church community.

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER:





Dates  
to  
Remember



AUGUST 6

Bring Your Own  
Pool Party  
5-7 pm

Sunday Night  
EYC Resumes  
5:30 - 7 pm

AUGUST 20



SAVE THE DATE

Oct 7-8 Fall Break Trip  
March 9-16  
Honduras Mission Trip

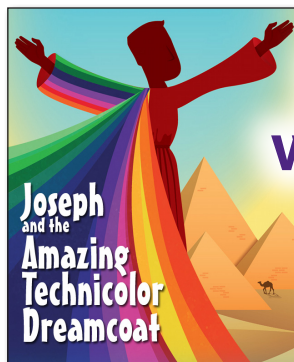


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St Marks EYC



## Saint Mark's 2023 Music Camp was Amazing!



Our 2023 Music Camp was a great success, with 22 children performing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on July 16.



## St. Mark's 2023 Vacation Bible School

St. Mark's hosted another hugely successful Vacation Bible School in July with over seventy kids in attendance. This year's theme was Keepers of the Kingdom!



Our VBS mission project for this year was collecting paper towels, toilet paper and 10-inch disposable plates for the Providence House.

## 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!



## Community Renewal Parties!

Who doesn't like a celebration? Highland Community Renewal is looking for volunteers to celebrate a monthly birthday party and/or quarterly good grade parties – Small celebrations at their community center to acknowledge how special these kids are!! For more information or to volunteer, contact Jennifer Beruvides at [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net)



## Members of the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral

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