

Sunday Worship Services 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM | Sunday School 10:00 AM

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By Rev. Layloni Drake

Just down the street from my parent's home near Canutillo, there are orchards full of pecan trees. Row after row after row of these beautiful tall trees just seem to reach for the sky. I stand back in awe of those mammoth trees. Every year they seem to grow taller and wider. Are they having a contest to see who can reach the farthest into the sky? Do they compete to see who can have the most branches and the longest branches?

Down the street in another direction, a farmer is dedicating part of his land to growing a crop of pecan trees. Small little scrawny things that look like twigs are carefully placed in the ground. Day after day we walk by. We see the field flooded but we don't see much growth. In time the trees begin to shoot up. They still look like twigs just taller with more girth. Occasionally there is a pecan plant that doesn't grow like the others. It is still alive. Thus far, the farmer hasn't removed those few young sapling-type plants. He just keeps working the ground and watering...



We live in a world where people often value themselves based on where they are on the ladder of life. Are they up the ladder further than they expected to go? Their life's work has netted their enormous success, a mammoth home, and a wonderfully talented family. While for others, things have gone totally in a different direction than they expected them to go. Did illness, financial setbacks, and family struggles create more challenges than one ever expected?

People can see themselves as big vivacious pecan trees deserving of the nutrients and water that is available, whereas others see themselves as a twig that hasn't grown to where it has expected to be. Most people are somewhere in between.

This kind of thinking can creep into our spiritual lives. If we have a lot of success in life, then we tend to say that God has blessed us. What about the people of faith who haven't had that great success? What about those who don't have outstanding talents? What about people who have a devastating disease? What about people who have a hard life? Do they say God has not blessed us? They may not say but they may feel it.

Come Sunday and join us as grapple with Luke 13: 1-8 and hear the Good News of love and grace!

Pastor Layloni



Ages 2yrs - 5th grade

For Sign up & Information

Contact:
Bianca Analla
915-231-8105

Pre Registration- \$40 starts March 21st
Open Registration- \$50 Starts May 16th
Registration fee is per child



Weekly Themes!

- June 6-10 Sports Week!
- June 13-17 Baking Week!
- June 20-24 Space and STEM Week!
- June 27-July 1 Art Week!
- July 4-8 Cooking Week!
- July 11-15 Mission: Deep S.E.A. (V.B.S Week!)
- July 18-22 Music Week!
- July 25-29 All About Animals! (Field Trip Week!)

Registration Forms Available in the Church Office



We Are Hiring! Summer Camp Teachers!!

For St. Marks Summer Camp 2022!

camp runs June 6th - July 29th

Teachers Needed for ages 2 years - 5th grade

Prior Experience working with children is APPRECIATED

Discounts on Summer Camp Tuition available for Summer Camp Teachers!

For more information and to Apply please Contact:
Bianca Analla
915-231-8105
bianca.milan.z@gmail.com
or
stop by the Church Office to pick up an application today!

You do not have to be available for all dates listed to Apply



ST. MARK'S READING CAMP FOR STRUGGLING READERS

SAVE THE DATE June 6 – June 30, 2022

We are accepting reservations for testing students 6-12 for our FREE Summer reading camp. Qualifying students will be registered in the order that they are tested.

Call Ruth Lindstrom at 915-833-6555 or 605-695-4288 to reserve a testing appointment. Testing will determine if your child qualifies for the camp.

Testing will take place in our Walker Annex, located at 5008 Love Road, directly across the street from St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Seeking Volunteer Event Coordinator

EVENT MANAGEMENT

Seeking a talented individual to plan, manage, budget, obtain sponsorships, market and coordinate all aspects of Church Events starting immediately.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday!

March 20 - March 26, 2022

Carolyn E. Kent, Mar 20th

Danielle Coppinger, Mar 21st

Corinne Holguin, Mar 22nd

John Scott Mann, Mar 22nd

Billy H. Joyner, Mar 23rd

James Robert Hutchison, Mar 23rd

Andrew Michael Hernandez, Mar 24th

Drake Wiley Swahlen (6), Mar 24th

Richard Turner, Mar 25th

Dollie Poe, Mar 26th



Mar 20 - Mar 26

Next Week at St. Mark's

Sunday, March 20

8a Nursery (Ages 6 Weeks - 2 Yr

9a Kids Church

9a Praise Worship Service

10a NUDGE Youth Sunday School

10a Agape Class

10a Sunday School (Ages K - 6)

Monday, March 21

3p Summer reading camp- testing

6p Traditional Service Choir Rehearsal

6:30p Boy Scout Troop 59

Tuesday, March 22

12p Needlework Group

3p Summer reading camp- testing

6:30p Grief Share

Wednesday, March 23

8:30a PSC MEETING

3p Summer reading camp- testing

6p Praise Band Rehearsal

Thursday, March 24

9a Women's Bible Study

3p Summer reading camp - testing

6p Weight Watchers

Friday, March 25

The Annunciation

3p Summer reading camp- testing

6:30p NA - Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, March 26

8:30a Weight Watchers

Church Family Prayer Requests...

Wanda Melendez

By the Albert's - Please pray for Wanda Melendez, who is having difficulty with eyes after caterac surgery.

Wendy

By the Etheridge's - Praise that the Lord, He has prepared Wendy for surgery

Mellissa

By: Judy Garcia - Please pray for Mellissa who is studying nursing

Bill & Dianne's Niece

Prayers for their Niece, McKenna to keep her strength, faith, and courage as she faces amputation of her leg.

Elizabeth

By Bill and Dianne Wilkson -Please pray for Elizabeth family concerns



<https://www.loveroad.org>



MORE PRAYERS



Charles

By the McElroy's -Please pray for Charles who's having a heart procedure.

Dean Cline

By The Etheridge's -Please pray for Dean Cline in hospice

Prayer for David, John, Sam, & Allison

By: David and Alison Storrs -Please pray for David's continued health, for John's good behavior, for Sam's good heart, and, for Allison's ability to do well and get patients in dental hygiene school



SHARE PRAYER

Sometimes prayer is a struggle. Knowing that our prayers are heard and are being answered can be a challenge. We tell God how things feel and ask for help, but time passes and there seems to be no response.

When "want to believe" changes to "choose to believe," we are changed. We invest our trust in our completely faithful Lord and then use this trust to shape our actions. Absorb Isaiah 55:11-12 and CHOOSE faith:

"So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. For you will go out with joy, and be led forth with peace...."

How to Share Prayers:

Visit our Prayer Wall at
<https://loveroad.org>
or

Send your prayer requests to prayer group leader Ruth Lindstrom at
ruthlindstrom@yahoo.com

You can ask that your prayer requests be published to groups or kept private.

Call the church office at :915-581-4444 Office hours 9 AM -1 PM Monday - Thursday

Where love leads community



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