



Mark 1.15: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news."

We are traversing through the Gospel of Mark together as a church. It is a gospel that reminds us that Jesus is Son of God and Son of Man, it reminds us of the immediacy of God's Kingdom, and it reminds us that we are called to follow this Jesus by repenting and believing in the good news. I would encourage all of you to be diligent in your reading of the Gospel of Mark. Below you can see the verses we will be covering per week. This is allowing us to really wallow in the text and get well acquainted with the Gospel of Mark.

Just a reminder that Mark is the only one of the Gospels that starts out by saying it is a gospel. In the Bible, I read it says good news – which just means gospel. For Mark – Jesus's arrival on the scene is good news. It is wrapped up in him being the Jewish Messiah and it is wrapped up in Jesus being the Son of God. Jesus is the second person of the Trinity and he is Lord.

Also, I want to point out that Mark is the oldest of the gospels – and thus set the tone for the other gospels. Biblical scholars have deduced that the literary genre of gospel was more than likely first introduced here in Mark's gospel. That was a specific way of writing that reveals this good news – and we can see that the good news is wrapped up in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Finally, take note of Mark 1.15 – that Jesus is announcing that time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God has come near. This announcing is not just with words – but it is also with his very self. That his arrival on the scene of first century Palestine is a particular and peculiar aspect of God's breaking into the earth. And in Jesus we see the Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. This is an important thing to note as we follow Jesus on this path. Take note of the breaking in of the kingdom.

If there is anything you would like to discuss about the Gospel of Mark feel free to reach out to me any time. I would love to get coffee and learn together about how you are living out this admonition to "repent and believe in the good news." 910.524.5676

12/03/23	Mark 13.24-37	03/25/24	Mark 11.12-33	07/14/24	Mark 6.1-13
12/10/23	Mark 1.1-8	03/26/24	Mark 12.1-27	07/21/24	Mark 6.14-29
12/17/23	Luke 1.46-55	03/27/24	Mark 12.28-44	07/28/24	Mark 6.30-44
12/24/23	Luke 1.26-38	03/28/24	Mark 13.1-23	08/04/24	Mark 6.45-52
12/24/23	Luke 2.1-20	03/29/24	Mark 14-15	08/11/24	Mark 6.53-56
12/31/23	Mark 1.8	03/31/24	Mark 16.1-8	08/18/24	Mark 7.1-23
01/07/24	Mark 1.9-11	04/07/24	Mark 16.9-13	08/25/24	Mark 7.24-37
01/14/24	Mark 1.12-13	04/14/24	Mark 16.14-18	09/01/24	Mark 8.11-21
01/21/24	Mark 1.14-20	04/21/24	Mark 16.19-20	09/08/24	Mark 8.22-26
01/28/24	Mark 1.21-28	04/28/24	Mark 3.7-12	09/15/24	Mark 8.27-38
02/04/24	Mark 1.29-39	05/05/24	Mark 3.13-19	09/22/24	Mark 9.1-8
02/11/24	Mark 1.40-45	05/12/24	Mark 3.20-30	09/29/24	Mark 9.9-13
02/14/24	Mark 2.1-12	05/19/24	Mark 3.31-35	10/06/24	Mark 9.14-29
02/18/24	Mark 2.13-17	05/26/24	Mark 4.1-9	10/13/24	Mark 9.30-37
02/25/24	Mark 2.18-22	06/02/24	Mark 4.10-20	10/20/24	Mark 9.38-50
03/03/24	Mark 2.23-28	06/09/24	Mark 4.21-25	10/27/24	Mark 10.1-12
03/10/24	Mark 3.1-6	06/16/24	Mark 4.26-34	11/03/24	Mark 10.13-16
03/17/24	Mark 10.46-52	06/23/24	Mark 4.35-41	11/10/24	Mark 10.17-31
03/24/24	Mark 11.1-11	06/30/24	Mark 5.1-20	11/17/24	Mark 10.32-34
		07/07/24	Mark 5.21-43	11/24/24	Mark 10.35-45

News & Announcements

WELCOME TABLE

January 21st: Bonnie Hunter & Tammy Campbell



The walks are right around the corner. If you have any questions, contact Jessica Blackburn 910-622-1193 or imb@rayblackburn.com

If you have been qualified to be a sponsor, please get with me so we can get you set up with pilgrims needing one. Thank you.

Men's walk January 25th-28th, Women's walk February 8th-11th.

**January/February Meetings:
(Room 6 unless otherwise specified)**

Thursday, 1/18: SPRC Meeting @ 6:30pm

Friday, 1/19: United Women in Faith Meeting @ 1:00pm

Saturday, 1/20: Faith Harbor Pilots @ 8:00a.m/Narthex

Thursday, 1/25: Finance Meeting @ 6:30pm

Sunday, 1/28: Children's Council Meeting @ 10:30a.m/Room 1

Thursday, 2/01: Leadership Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

Faith Harbor Pilots

A ministry for men, by men, for the good of all.

The Faith Harbor United Methodist Men invite all men to be a part of something special. The men of the Church are being called to serve as *"A beacon of hope, anchored in Christ, sharing God's love through joyful service."*

The meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month unless otherwise designated. We meet at 8am for breakfast and fellowship. Please join us as we begin our planning for the future. All men are eligible to join. The only requirement is the desire to become a disciple of Christ.

We hope to see you at our next monthly meeting on Saturday January 20, 2024 at 8am.

Monday Morning Men's Group

Come as you can, if you can - This weekly men's group will be meeting at Sears Landing every Monday beginning around 8:30am and waiting until 9:00am to order for those wishing to eat. This will be an informal gathering for all men who are interested in food and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Roger Morton at ramorton@gmail.com.



Come and try a new Bible study on Jesus' Signposts at 1:00 pm on Mondays. Drop in and join us as we all discuss how Jesus provides Signposts in our spiritual lives plus other aspects of Jesus' Teachings.



Do you have a heart for worship? Join us at 5:30pm in the sanctuary~ **Saturday, February 3rd** for a contemporary Worship service!

Bring your friends and come with an open heart.

The **Nursing Home Ministry** will join members of the Gathering Church of Surf City on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am in the Memory Care Unit at the Woodbury Wellness Center located at 2778 Country Club Dr, Hampstead. **You are welcome to join us every second Sunday for worship and visit with the residents.**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." —John 3:16

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"Love...Loves...Loved"

"Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced". —James Baldwin (1924–1987)



Nourishing Joy Women's Group will be taking a break. We will let everyone know in January when we will begin meeting again. Thank you so much!

Women Rooted in Christ, Anchored in Love, Building each other up.

Connections matter...connections with God and with each other. Come and see how God creates a place for women to be encouraged & strengthened, as we learn about Jesus's love for us and how to share it with others. Regardless of what stage of life you are in, you have gifts and insights that others need, and we want you to be a part of building up God's Kingdom. If you have any questions, please call Stacie Holmes at 910-270-9465 or email: stacieaholmes@gmail.com.

When? Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30



Perhaps you have noticed that the new tax law has reduced your ability to deduct your contribution to charitable entities, including Faith Harbor. For the past couple of years, you were able to deduct at least \$600 per couple. However, that amount has now gone away. In fact, unless you can itemize your deductions for more than \$27,700 for a couple (\$13,800 for a single), you can't deduct any contribution that you make to a charity.

Those of you who have paid off your home mortgage usually have a tough time getting past that. **BUT THERE IS A SOLUTION.** A Qualified Charitable Contribution can be made from your IRA, 401K, or any brokerage account directly to the charity on your behalf, and it is not included in your income (eliminating the tax you would have paid on it) and the charity gets the benefit of your donation. And if you are over the age of 73, you may need to do an RMD (Required Minimum Distribution). This is a great way to take the distribution and avoid paying income tax on those tax-free dollars and profits that you put away years ago. As we get close to the end of the year, you may want to consider taking advantage of this. For more information, see Gail Widholm, Finance Chairperson, or your tax advisor.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



Important Calendar News!

Jr. Basic youth group is in need of someone who would be willing to heat up and serve food to our elementary school children. I can provide all the food (chicken nuggets, pasta, easy type foods that are kid friendly), I just really need help with someone to prepare it and then clean up afterwards. Please reach out if you can help. Let me just add that this is one of the children's favorite things to do at church; have a meal and fellowship together. Please let me know if you can be a part of it.

A look ahead:

January

Jan. 21st: Safe Sanctuary Training after church. This is required for anyone working with our children or youth. This presentation will take no longer than 30 minutes.

Jan. 28th: Jr. Basic. Pick up at 12:30pm.

Jan 28th: Children's Counsel meeting after church in classroom 1.

Blessings,

Melissa Schleinkofer, Children's Ministry Director

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***Sun., January 21st~** Faith Harbor will be having the Safe Sanctuary Training at 10:30am (right after worship) in the Sanctuary. *Anyone working/volunteering with Children or Youth are required to attend this important 30-minute training session. Thanks!

Youth Council Meeting at 11:15am (right after the Safe Sanctuary Training) in The Reef. All parents and youth are welcome to attend! A simple lunch of Soup will be provided. Hope to see you there!

That Evening:

Regular MS Youth Meeting from 4-5pm in The Reef

Fellowship time from 5-5:30pm for all youth

Regular HS Youth Meeting from 5:30-6:30pm in The Reef

***Fri. January 26th- Sun., January 28th~** High Schoolers will be on the Youth Ski Retreat at Lake Junaluska. Leave early a.m. on 1/26 & return early evening on 1/28. (This event is currently full- we had limited spaces available). Per our Youth Council- this was first offered to High Schoolers, then if any spots remained, it would be offered to 8th Graders and so on- down the line. However, it filled up quickly with High Schoolers. If anyone cancels & a spot(s) comes open, I will let the 8th graders know and on down accordingly. Thank you for your understanding.

(Sun., Jan. 28th) That Evening: **MS Youth Outing.** (More info. to come out to the parents very soon)
HS Youth will NOT meet that evening, as they will just be returning from their trip.

***Looking ahead (Mark your calendars)**Confirmation Class of Spring 2024- (Jan.-April) Info. coming out soon, youth that are 8th Graders & Older are welcome to participate. Email to parents went out.

1. Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper youth fundraiser will be on Tues., Feb. 13th at 6pm (Save the Date!)

3) Spiritual Retreat/Confirmation Class Retreat weekend at Camp Don Lee- Tentative Date of Mar. 15th-17th, more info. to come!

If you need further information or details about any of these events or the Fhumc's bAsiC (brothers And sisters in Christ) youth group, please reach out to me. Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your youth!

Peace of Christ be with you,

Jewels Swain, Fhumc Youth Coordinator

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Are you missing anything? Please check out our lost and found box over by the mailboxes (across from Room 6). We have several umbrellas, water bottles, glasses, and many other items.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God will faithfully guide me.

You teach me the way of life. In your presence is total celebration.

~Psalm 16:11 (CEB)



Members: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Nancy Buckman; *Frank (and Connie) Carroll*; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Judy & Ken Hoopes; Janet Hughes; Janice Long; Doug & Sandi Lowery; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Judy Pratt; Colin Rice and family; Ron (Annie) Voli; Steve Wells; Jim Wygant

Military: Joe Fraley, Alex Harris, Andy Harrison, Ryan Hermance; Greg Holmes; Sgt. Joey Horne; Abbie Kizer, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray, David Ritz, Michael Roberson, Charlotte Taylor

Family and Friends: Kelly Bonnell's Husband; Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; Rick Hughes; **John Kennedy**; Barbara & Neil Schilling; Julie Scott (Hank & Jan Maser); Gideon Shakespeare; Sue Thomas (Janet Hughes Sister); Brenda (Harriet Rice's friend); Betty Ann (friend of Diane Secary)

And all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort, and healing. Heavenly Father, I am praying for complete healing and good health. Please take away my worries & grant me inner peace and strength. AMEN



JANUARY

18th: Diane Geary

19th: Cam Barnes

22nd: William Brazill; Gail Widholm; Vicki Wygant

23rd: Brittany Audet

25th: Karlie Holmes

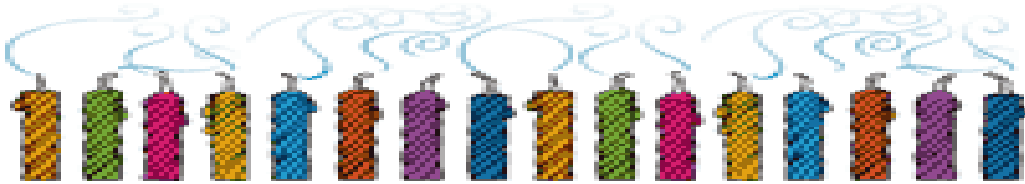
26th: Judd Schleinkofer

27th: Jeanette Mason

29th: Bodie Taylor; Ken Hoopes

30th: Jimmy Canady; Porter Olmstead

31st: Stacy Menzies



FEBRUARY

4th: Payton Rice

5th: Cary Mangus; Judy Miller

9th: Jim Graziano

10th: Sophie Albertson

13th: Kim Aikman

17th: Dawn Ellis; Mike Hopper

19th: Parker Fox

20th: Grace Holmes

22nd: Tom Fisher

24th: Lisa Colman

27th: Avery Harrison

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, January 22nd

Centering Prayer: For God alone my soul waits in silence. Psalm 62

M II Samuel 5.1-10, Mark 3.22-30

Tu II Samuel 6.12-19, Mark 3.31-35

W II Samuel 7.4-17, Mark 4.1-20

Th II Samuel 7.18-29, Mark 4.21-25

F II Samuel 11.1-13, Mark 4.26-34

Sa II Samuel 12.1-17, Mark 4.35-41

Su Deuteronomy 18.15-20, I Corinthians 8.1-13, Mark 1.21-28

Key scripture: Mark 1.22: “*Jesus* taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 1/21

8:00 Communion Service

9:30 Worship Service

10:30 Disciple Bible Study

10:30 Safe Sanctuary Training

4:00pm MS Youth Group

5:00pm Youth Fellowship

5:30pm HS Youth Group

Monday, 1/22

7:30 Open Prayer

8:30 Sear's Landing Breakfast Group

9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6

10:00 GriefShare Group

1:00p Monday Bible Study, Rm. 6

6:30pm Cub Scouts, Rm. 1

Tuesday, 1/23

7:30 Open Prayer

9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6

6:00p Praise Band Practice

6:00p MDT

6:30pm Disciple Bible Study

7:00p Women's AA Group/Reef

Wednesday, 1/24

9:30 Communion

11:30 Women's Group

7:00p Choir Practice

7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef

Thursday, 1/25

7:30 Open Prayer

12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6

6:30p Girl Scout Troop 4242

6:30p Finance Meeting, Rm. 6

Friday, 1/26

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

High School Youth Ski Trip

Saturday, 1/27

11:00 Private Funeral Service

HS Youth Ski Trip

Sunday, 1/28

8:00 Communion Service

9:30 Worship Service

10:30 Disciple Bible Study

10:30 JR Basic

10:30 Children's Council Meeting, Rm. 1

4:00pm MS Youth Outing

4:00- 6:00p Emmaus Closing Ceremony

HS Youth Return