

# Stark Methodist Church

April 21, 2024 - 8:30am

# Welcome,

## New Members

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

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#### LECTIONS **FOR TODAY**

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

#### Daily Prayer:

Holy God,  
Be near me in my times of weakness and pain;  
sustain me by your grace, that my strength and courage may not fail.  
**AMEN**

#### FLOWERS PLACED ON THE ALTAR TODAY

by Tony and Alice Fritz  
*In Memory of Melissa Fritz Hamrick*

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**Church Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:30am-3pm (with the exception of lunch) - Wednesday: 8:30am-12pm

# Order of Service

- Prelude** Dottie McMichael/Maxine Thaxton
- Welcome and Announcements** Melissa Middleton
- Centering for Worship** -*chiming of the hour* Acolyte/Deb Kennedy
- \*Praise Song #31** *How Great Is Our God* Pastor Bob Wooten
- \*Opening Prayer of Illumination/Invocation** Melissa Middleton
- \*Vows of Membership** *see bottom of next page*  
Miriam Duffey, Vanilu Evans, Lacey Prue, Payton Prue, Eddie Walker, Jennie Walker
- \*Greet Your Neighbor/Passing the Peace**
- \*Hymn #36** (*vs.1-3*) *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Deb Kennedy  
Dottie McMichael/Maxine Thaxton
- \*Affirmation of Faith** Melissa Middleton  
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick (living) and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.
- \*Gloria Patri** Deb Kennedy  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.
- Congregational Prayer** Melissa Middleton  
**The Lord's Prayer**  
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.
- Offertory Prayer** Pastor Bob Wooten  
**Honoring God with The Reception of Our Tithes and Offerings**  
**Offertory Music** Dottie McMichael/Maxine Thaxton  
**Doxology** Deb Kennedy  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.
- \*Special Music** *House of the Risen Son* Roger Armistead
- Children's Moments** Melissa Middleton  
*(dismissal for Children's Church, ages 4yrs-10years)*

**Scripture**

**1 John 3:16-24**

**Pastor Bob Wooten**

<sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. <sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. (NRSV)

**Sermon**

**“Christian Integrity!!”**

**Pastor Bob Wooten**

**\*Hymn #88** (vs.1-4)

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Deb Kennedy  
Dottie McMichael/Maxine Thaxton

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

Dottie McMichael/Maxine Thaxton

*\*please stand as you are able*



*Vows of Membership*

*Do you believe in God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit?*

*Do you confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord?*

*Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures?*

*Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to keep God’s holy will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of your life as a faithful member of Christ’s holy church?*

*Will you be loyal to Christ through Stark Methodist Church and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness as Christ’s representative in this world?*



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**SAVE THE DATE: JULY 8TH – 12TH  
CAMP FIREFLIGHT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

# MISSIONS

Missions Chair: Michelle Reasor: 770-315-5235

**Food Ministry:** We are continuing to provide those families on our Food Ministry list with food on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month. We currently have 14 families. All shelf stable food and paper good donations are appreciated.

*Please check expiration dates.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

We are thankful that you have chosen Stark Methodist Church as your place of worship this morning.

Please remember to sign the attendance pad. If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> time visitor, please share your contact information.

We would love the opportunity to share our happenings with you!

## BUDGET for 2024

Total Annual Budget.....\$290,905.00  
Operating Budget Required Per Week.....\$5,594.33

04-07-2024 Operating Budget Received: \$8526.00  
04-14-2024 Operating Budget Received: \$2980.00

## Ways to Continue to Tithe

- You may give IN PERSON today  
– checks payable to Stark Methodist Church
- You may MAIL a check to the church:  
1097 Halls Bridge Road, Jackson GA 30233
- You may give ONLINE at [www.starkmethodist.org](http://www.starkmethodist.org)  
follow the Donation Prompts,

## Worship Attendance 04-14-2024:

8:30am: 56    11:00am: 53

## THANK YOU to Our Worship Assistants

**Acolytes:** Addy Beck, Coleman Jewell, Ember Jewell, Kiyah McQueen, Bryson Padick, Brystal Padick, Emil Payne, Charlie Payne, Jakeb Williams, Jace Williams  
**Audio Visual Team:** Adam Cox, Russ Ellington, Jeremy Jewell, Kasey Jewell, Roger Jewell, Jay Kennedy, Keith Padick  
**Children's Church Coordinators:** Jean Bonner, Melissa Ellington  
**Liturgist:** Melissa Middleton, Neil Rosser, Deb Kennedy  
**Music:** Brandy Poole, Patsy Hembree, Deb Kennedy, Paula New, Dottie McMichael, Maxine Thaxton  
**Safety Officer:** Rusty Barnes, Russ Ellington, Scott Thurston, Tommy Middleton  
**Facility Manager:** April – Roger Armistead

### Today's Ushers:

**8:30am:** Scott and Melodie Thurston

**11:00am:** Rita Johnston, Tony and Alice Fritz

### April 28th Ushers:

**8:30am:** Roger and Susan Armistead

**11:00am:** Rusty and Anne Barnes, Jesse and Kathryn Winkles

### Today's Sunday School Volunteers

Little Angels (room#110): Paula New

God's Children (room#114): Judy Calland

Middle School (Chapel Fellowship Hall): Doc McMichael

High School (Chapel Fellowship Hall): **NEEDED**

### April 28th Sunday School Volunteers

Little Angels (room#110): Susan Armistead

God's Children (room#114): Kathryn Winkles

Middle School (Chapel Fellowship Hall): Rita Johnston

High School (Chapel Fellowship Hall): Roger Armistead

### Today's Children's Church Volunteers:

**8:30am:** Anita Humphrey and Ashton Short

**11:00am:** Jean Bonner and Melissa Ellington

### April 28th Children's Church Volunteers:

**8:30am:** Judy Calland and **Needed**

**11:00am:** Jean Bonner and Melissa Ellington



April 21, 2024

## Prayer Concerns & Answered Prayer

We lift up those named in prayer and ask that you continue to pray for those listed throughout the week.

Please contact the church office for any needed changes to our prayer list.

### Our Family of Church Members:

Charlene Coleman,  
Michael Coleman,  
Connie Cooper,  
Jim and Huelene Dickerson,  
Sandi and Howard Garrison,  
Deanna George,  
Donna and Sonny Goodwin,  
Jim and Brenda Hart,  
Tom Hasty,  
Cole Hembree,  
Roger and Gina Jewell,  
Jay and Deb Kennedy,  
Ray and Bert Lamb,  
Nancy McGinnis,  
Melissa Middleton,  
Cindy Mitchell,  
Betty Moats,  
Paula New,  
Dottie McMichael,  
Bart and Brandy Poole,  
Neil Rosser,  
Debbie Singley,  
Frankie Singley,  
Dee Strickland,  
Donnie and Maxine Thaxton,  
Billy and Linda Thompson,  
Eleanor Thompson

### Extended Family and Friends of Church Members:

*The date shown represents the Sunday the names were given to the congregation.*

March 31st: Lovey Adams, Patty Westbury Brock, The Family of Tony Grant, Steve Long, Wanda Martin, Janet Reid, The Family of Dolores Selman, Great Thomas, The Whitaker Family, The Family of Ruby Winkles, Janice Wynn.

April 7th: Patty Westbury Brock, Jenny Brown, Tommy McMichael, Ginger Peterson, The Standford Family, The Family of Steve Vandeklashorst, Jean Whitaker, Jeff and Sandy Whitfield, The Family of Bobby Williamson, Janice Wynn

April 14th: Patty Westbury Brock, Jenny Brown, The Family of Roger Hinson, Tommy McMichael, Holly Pulambo, Jessica Terrell, Henry Touns, Jeff and Sandy Whitfield.

**Please contact the church office  
with any prayer additions or corrections.**

## CHURCH CALENDAR

FLC = Family Life Center

**TODAY: Sunday, April 21st**

### **MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY**

8:30am Worship Service in the Chapel

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship Service in FLC

**Monday, April 22nd**

6:30pm Acorn Circle

**Tuesday, April 23rd**

6:30pm Bible Study *led by Tony Fritz*

**Wednesday, April 24th**

6pm-7:30pm allSTARKids (Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

6:30pm Youth Meal/Study

6:30pm Genesis Bible Study – *led by Pastor Bob Wooten*

**Thursday, April 25th**

6:30pm Nominations Committee Meeting

**Sunday, April 28th**

8:30am Worship Service in the Chapel

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship Service in FLC

**Tuesday, April 30th**

6:30pm Bible Study *led by Tony Fritz*

**Wednesday, May 1st**

6pm-7:30pm allSTARKids (Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

6:30pm Youth Meal/Study

6:30pm Genesis Bible Study – *led by Pastor Bob Wooten*

**Global Methodist North GA Provisional Conference**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>

Please keep the conference and attendees in your prayers.

**Sunday, May 5th**

### **Communion Sunday**

8:30am Worship Service in the Chapel

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship Service in FLC

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**River of Life: June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>**

**VBS: July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

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**ALL EVENT dates (INCLUDING MEETINGS) MUST BE verified through the church office BEFORE events are scheduled to prevent overlapping or conflict. If you do not see an event/meeting above, it is not scheduled with the church office.**