

P R E S S K I T

Saint Mark UMC



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A Place of Possibilities
and Transformation

The Purpose

To: Editorial Board Members, Assignment Editors, News Producers
and Program Directors

From: Toska Medlock Lee, Director of Public Relations &
Marketing Communications
The Myriad Group/Saint Mark UMC

Re: Media Day/Press Kit

Thank you for taking the time to read the enclosed contents of this Press Kit that will give you some insight of the mission and vision of Saint Mark UMC. Additionally, and most importantly at this time, this press kit will provide you the details about the expansion of the Saint Mark United Methodist Church with the opening of its 2nd campus, Saint Mark UMC Southeast campus.

This kit contains information about each campus, various attraction events going forward as well as content that may be of news interest to your organization.

Thank you again for the time and if we could be of service to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at 214.729.6144 or the church office at 316.681.2214.



The Ministry



Who are we?

ABOUT SAINT MARK For more than a century, thousands of people in the Wichita community have felt the life-giving, life-affirming ministry of Saint Mark UMC. Building on the efforts of countless saints who came before us, Saint Mark continues its mission to reach all persons who know or need to know Jesus Christ through praise, fellowship, and empowerment as we grow and build for the kingdom.

As we have done for 103 years, now is the time to move to next level ministry and we want YOU to journey with us! The development of the Saint Mark UMC, Southeast Campus begins a new phase of our ministry that will be both exciting and challenging.

Saint Mark UMC, now one church with two locations, has accepted the challenge to offer hope to people in need, and to provide a place for people to experience possibilities and transformation. These are just a few of the reasons why Saint Mark exists.

THE MERGER In June, a historical "Elijah/Elisha" merger with Epworth UMC allowed Saint Mark to pursue our mission with even more intensity by developing a Southeast Campus. This campus broadens our ministry impact and also allows for a diverse community of believers to work in the mission field together to make a lasting impact in the lives of our children and our children's children.

The Epworth UMC (Predominately Anglo Congregation of leaders) and The Saint Mark UMC (Predominately African-American, but diverse congregation) overwhelmingly voted to become one body! Since that historic vote, Junius B. Dotson, Lead Pastor to both campuses has assembled a diverse team of leaders to launch the All New Saint Mark Southeast, formerly Epworth location.

This Launch Team, which is multi-cultural and multi-generational, and they have all worked together with one mission and that is to launch a diverse faith community with a public launch Worship Celebration on Sunday, October 6, 2013.



Our Leader



The Spiritual Leader of Saint Mark UMC

Pastor Junius Boyd Dotson

Thousands gather each Sunday to hear the thought provoking, faith-filled, anointed messages of Pastor Junius Boyd Dotson, senior pastor of the multi-site congregation of Saint Mark United Methodist Church. Pastor Dotson is a sought after coach and teacher and he believes that effective ministry is about training, developing, and empowering leaders to establish ministries that address the needs of the “whole” person – body, mind and spirit. A leader who responds to challenges and opportunities in new and creative ways, Pastor Dotson draws together people who share his vision for the future. A dynamic preacher and public speaker, Pastor Dotson is highly respected for his ability to establish networks that “*get things done*” in the faith and larger communities.

In a world where many are called, but few are chosen, Pastor Dotson is well prepared both spiritually and academically. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science—with a concentration in economics—at the University of Texas at Arlington, where he was also president of the local chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, the nation’s oldest African American fraternity. Pastor Dotson began his postgraduate work in at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and earned his Master of Divinity degree from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California.

Pastor Junius Boyd Dotson was ordained to the ministry of the United Methodist Church in June 1992. In 1996, he responded to the awesome challenge of beginning a new and innovative church in the Silicon Valley, Genesis United Methodist Church. The unique innovations of Pastor Dotson generated much publicity. Pastor Dotson’s ministry has been featured in The San Jose Mercury News, The San Francisco Examiner, The Sacramento Bee, religious journals, and segments on CBS Radio’s “The Osgood File,” as well as the NBC affiliate KRON Channel 4 in San Francisco. Pastor Dotson recently took on the challenge to launch a 2nd Campus in Wichita, Saint Mark Southeast.

Pastor Dotson serves on the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Revitalization Taskforce of the Kansas West Conference. He has been a facilitator for the Fitzgerald Program, a GBOD program to equip pastors to begin start-up congregations, since 2002. Pastor Dotson currently serves on The Wichita Children’s Home Executive Board and was appointed by the Governor of Kansas to serve on the Kansas Sentencing Commission.

Pastor Dotson is married to Christina and they are the proud parents of two teenagers: Wesley and Janelle.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Saint Mark UMC Wichita to Launch 2nd Campus

"One Church, One Vision, One Mission, Two Locations"

(Wichita, KS) –Pentecost Sunday at Saint Mark ushered in a historic moment for its future. In an overwhelming vote with an excited congregation, Epworth and Saint Mark UMC agreed to create One Church, One Vision, One Mission in two locations with an Elijah/Elisha Vital Merger. This merger is the first of its kind in the Kansas West Conference.

Both congregations said yes to forging a powerful future filled with leveraging the strengths of Saint Mark leadership while offering dynamic and transformative ministry to the community. Pastor Dotson has been appointed full-time pastor and will report for duty June 2nd.

"Our vision is to re-launch as One Church in two locations and to become a multi-ethnic, multi-generational, mission-shaped community that is making disciples for Jesus Christ while transforming the community, explained Junius Dotson, Spiritual Leader.

"One of the most exciting thing to me about this awesome new assignment is the chance to build new relationships and to do what I know God has called me to do – pastor his sheep," said Dotson.

"It was six years ago when the leadership team and I began praying and envisioning possibilities to expand our territory with a second campus location. "The Elijah/Elisha Vital Merger is an awesome opportunity for us to be in ministry that will build the Kingdom of God and to lead more people to Christ.

Saint Mark is known as the place of possibilities and transformation and has been ministering in the Wichita community for more than 100 years. Combined with the rich history of Epworth, Saint Mark is now poised to ensure its ministry effectiveness for years to come.

The Saint Mark - Epworth Campus is located at 856 S. Green Street. The official public launch will take place this fall. For more information about the Elijah/Elisha Vital Merger Option, please contact Toska Medlock Lee at 316.681.2214.



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NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY TO INTRODUCE NEW MINISTRY FOR SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY

Wichita, KS – September 9, 2013 – The new Saint Mark United Methodist Church Southeast campus is preparing for the public launch of its second worship location. To celebrate, the ministry will host their first-ever Neighborhood Block Party Saturday, September 21 from 4pm – 7 p.m. at its Southeast location, 856 S. Green Street in Wichita. Everyone is invited to a FREE fun-filled evening of fellowship, featuring a cookout, Live DJ, games, give-a-ways, prizes, children’s activities and play stations and so much more.

The Neighborhood Block Party aims to get people to interact with one another and learn more about this mission-shaped community in the Southeast community.

“We live in a time where people have less and less personal interaction and what we’re saying is that community is important,” said Junius Dotson, lead pastor for both the southeast and main campus of Saint Mark. “We’re excited to meet our new neighbors and to offer transformative ministry in this southeast community,” said Senior Pastor Junius Dotson. Expanding our brand will allow us to reach and impact more children, youth and families as we build community,” Dotson said.

Although the official launch Sunday is October 6, the diverse launch team has planned a series of attraction events throughout the summer to let the community know that it’s a New Beginning at Saint Mark Southeast.

ABOUT Saint Mark UMC: Saint Mark is known as the place of possibilities and transformation and has been ministering in the Wichita community for more than 100 years. Saint Mark is leveraging the strengths of its leaders to forge a powerful future filled ministry in the Southeast Community. Saint Mark is one of the largest African-American Congregations in the state of Kansas. The Church is one of the most ethnically diverse congregations in Wichita and is known throughout the community as a place of possibilities and transformation.



News You Can Use

1. The launch of Saint Mark UMC Southeast is intentional in its efforts to make Sunday the most racially inclusive day of the week. We all know the true saying that Sunday is the most segregated day of the week in our Country. However, Pastor Dotson and the racially diverse and multi-generational Saint Mark UMC Southeast Launch team has worked all summer in creating and implementing strategies so that Launch Sunday, October 6 will be a historic day in the life of Wichita with people of all ethnicities worshipping together. You can help us by telling the story and maybe getting to know some of the elderly (original) members of the former Epworth Church who have decided to be apart of the new beginning of what God is doing. The community deserves to see how several generations will begin a new journey together.

2. It's A New Beginning is not just a campaign slogan, but it truly is a New Beginning at Saint Mark Southeast. Many folk wait until the new year to declare their new start, but FALL IS A GREAT TIME FOR A NEW BEGINNING! Since June, the historic, aging Saint Mark Southeast campus has had a facelift. The inside of the church features a Saint Mark Café, fresh paint, new signage, enhanced children's area to house the all new Flight Quest for Children's ministry, a program gearing kids to soar with Jesus.

3. Finally, we have a few more attraction events that may be of interest. We recently had more than 200 people to go door to door within a 3-mile radius during a Community Prayer Walk. Meeting our neighbors, etc. Saturday, September 21 from 4p.m. – 7 p.m. we've invited the community to a Neighborhood Block Party. Details are enclosed.



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**FALL IS A GREAT TIME FOR A
NEW BEGINNING**

Find out why, 10:45am Sunday, October 6
@ THE NEW SAINT MARK SOUTHEAST

 Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®

Casual Dress | Inspired Teaching | Fun For Kids | Incredible Music | Diverse Community



Bring your Children to experience the All New FLIGHT QUEST Children's ministry where kids soar with Christ! Saint Mark Southeast is a place where faith, imagination and learning go hand and hand! We have a very special party planned for your children on Launch Sunday, October 6 they will have a blast. Check-in your children beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, October 6th.

Although the new year is typically when we pledge to start new beginnings, I want to personally **INVITE** you to begin your FRESH START at our very first public worship experience at **Saint Mark UMC Southeast on Sunday, October 6 at 10:45 a.m.** It's A NEW BEGINNING for Saint Mark Southeast as we help people connect with God, meet new friends and discover opportunities that will make a difference in our community and world. The environment is welcoming and the dress is casual, so come as you are.

I look forward to meeting you on **Launch Sunday, October 6** at the **New Saint Mark UMC Southeast**. I would also like to invite you to a very special reception immediately following worship to commemorate our new beginning together.


Junius B. Dotson, Lead Pastor



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It's a New beginning at Saint Mark Southeast and we're throwing a

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY!

SAT. SEPT 21ST 4PM-7PM

We're excited to be apart of Wichita's thriving southeast community!
Enjoy an evening of Great Food, Live DJ, Fun, Games, Prizes & Free Give-away's for everyone. Bring your entire family, your friends and Let's Party together!

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