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**THE GRYPHON'S ROAR**

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**March 2007**

**“We at St. Mark’s are on a journey seeking God in you, ourselves and all creation”**

*Weekly Schedule*

Sundays	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	9:15 AM	Sunday school
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	9:00 AM	Breakfast – Sept. - May
Wednesdays	6:30 PM	Centering Prayer
	7:00 PM	Choir
Fridays	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Saturdays	8:00 AM	Centering Prayer

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt  
 The Reverend Battle Beasley  
 Frank Brannon, M. Div.  
 Andrea Tucker  
 George Noren  
 Charles Cross & Les Worsley  
 Judy Robnett

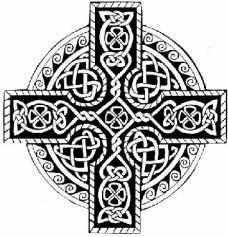
Bishop of Tennessee  
 Rector  
 Pastoral Care Coordinator  
 Senior Warden  
 Junior Warden  
 Treasurers  
 Clerk of the Vestry

Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, March 18, 2007

**Gryphon submissions to: [submitgryphon@aol.com](mailto:submitgryphon@aol.com)**

**St. Mark's Vestry:**

Suzie Abrahamson, Jim Johnson, George Kurz (2009)  
 Mary Ann Campbell, George Noren, Cheryl Walker (2008)  
 Steven Failor, Herb Sievers, Andrea Tucker (2007)



Dear people of God,  
 Recently I was on a retreat lead by members of the Shalem Institute. The retreat's focus was a call to reflect upon our trust in God. How is that trust reflected in my prayer life and in my ministry. I came away from the retreat enlivened by a sense of God's presence and God's call to me. That said, I was gently confronted with my own lack of trust in God and my own failure to respond to God's call. It may sound strange but it was through that confrontation that I found my own sense of God's love confirmed and deepened. Out of this experience I have recommitted myself to a form of contemplative prayer, praying with Icons. When the vestry was on retreat several weekends ago I also asked them to commit or recommit to a Spiritual practice in their own lives. I believe we at St. Mark's are facing a call to grow and change. If we are to respond openly and faithfully I believe we need to be deeply rooted in the Presence of God. We need to be more intentional about our Spiritual lives, discerning our gifts and God's call to us as individuals and community. As I asked the vestry, I am asking you to reflect on how you believe God is calling you and St. Mark's into ministry. I don't expect we will discover answers immediately. I do believe that given time, our willingness to be open and led by the Spirit, we will as individuals and as a community discern God's call amongst us. Let us listen and see what emerges from our prayerful presence to God over this upcoming year.

God's Peace,  
 Battle+

**Contact us:**

St. Mark's Website – <http://www.stmarksantioch.org>  
 The Reverend Battle Beasley via email: [stmarksrector@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmarksrector@bellsouth.net) or  
[pathwayspartners@yahoo.com](mailto:pathwayspartners@yahoo.com)

St. Mark's Abbreviated Financial Report  
 January 2007

	Budgeted	Actual
Total Receipts	\$12,416.67	\$ 13,411.47
Total Expenses	\$12,416.67	\$ 25,022.80

Account Balances:	
Operating Account	\$44,573.06
Designated Funds	\$32,120.52
Memorial Endowment	\$3,593.65

A full financial report is on the bulletin board in Reynolds Hall. If you have questions, please speak to the Rector, Senior Warden, or the Treasurer.

Provided by Charles Cross, Treasurer



**THE GRYPHON**

The Gryphon is the newsletter of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and as such welcomes articles and suggestions from ALL parishioners. This is your venue for expressing thoughts you would like to share, important events in your families' lives, suggestions you might have to make our parish life better. Please do not hesitate to use it.  
 Lorna Noren, Editor

## PRIORITIES

Mayonnaise Jar and Coffee: When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the coffee. A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous yes. The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. Now, said the professor, as the laughter subsided, I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things-your family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passions-things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else-the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first, he continued, there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Lie on the grass and look at the clouds. Go fishing or take that much needed walk in the park. Play another 18 holes. There will always be time to clean the house, and fix the disposal, wash the clothes. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand. One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. I'm glad you asked, he said. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a cup of coffee with a friend.

## *Showers of Blessings and Happiness*

*You are invited to a Wedding Shower  
honoring Jamie Hollis and Brian Meyer*

*Saturday, March 17, 2007  
Come and Go 2:00 - 4:00 pm.*

*St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
Reynolds Hall*

*Jamie and Brian have not registered for gifts since they both have established residences. They would appreciate gifts of general household items, such as paper products, grocery items, etc. Also, monetary gifts would be much appreciated.*



## ECUADOR SCHEDULE

The 2007 St. Mark's Ecuador Team consists of the following members:

George Kurz  
Melanie Pafford-Failor  
Steven Failor  
Caprice Campbell  
Alexandra Chipe  
Paul Wholley (from the Church of the Good Shepherd)

We will be in Ecuador March 1-11, 2007.

Projects will include the following:

Lay Leaders Conference in Manta  
Visit to a firefighter training conducted by Mutual Aid Americas in Cuenca  
Visit to La Pila - our companion church  
Prayer Bead workshop  
Possible Building of a Labyrinth in Manta  
Facilitation of a visit by an American Physical Therapist to evaluate Matias - Hydrocephalic nephew of our translator Rocky



## REGISTRATION FEE IS \$10.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CONTEMPLATIVE  
OUTREACH

We ask each person to **bring your own lunch**. Drinks and snacks will be provided throughout the day. We have been asked to send any profit to the International Resource Center as the demands for training and leadership development continue to grow throughout the Network

## PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION TO

**Carnnie Harmon**

**52 Benzing Road**

**Antioch, TN 37013**

**Also you may register by phone: 615-834-1259 or  
email and pay at door**

**We need a number for attendance in order to plan our  
day!**

**Any questions do not hesitate to call or email me: 615-  
834-1259 [AssocMercy@aol.com](mailto:AssocMercy@aol.com)**

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual United in Prayer Day**  
**Middle Tennessee Chapter Contemplative**  
**Outreach**

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2007  
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**601 BELL ROAD**  
**ANTIOCH, TN 37013**

***PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL UNITED IN PRAYER DAY. THIS DAY CELEBRATES THE WORLDWIDE NETWORK OF CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH UNITED IN A SILENT BOND OF PRAYER AND ENRICHMENT AROUND THE GLOBE.***

***FEATURING VIDEO: Transformative Listening – Whose Voice are We Listening To?***

This Video was recorded in September 2006 at our Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Part 1, Abbot Joseph Boyle explores the implications of contemplative listening in his presentation, “The Dimensions of Listening”. Part 2, Fr. Thomas Keating discusses “The Consequences of Listening.”

**ACTIVITIES OF THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:**

- **RITUAL OF SILENCE**
- **CENTERING PRAYER**
- **VIDEO TAPE FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION**
- **LECTIO DIVINA**

**PRAYERFUL SILENCE WILL BE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.**

Dear St. Mark's family,

Many thanks to each and every one of you for your generous gifts to Mutual Aid Americas for the Montecristi Ecuador project. We have a report for you! Our original goal was to raise \$5000 to send a fire truck and equipment to Ecuador...and if we raised an additional \$1000 it would go for training.

WELL...with your help and the help of our friends, families, and colleagues we now have a grand total of \$7180 for this project!!!! AWESOME WORK!!!!

There is a photo posted in Reynold's Hall of the fire truck you helped to send to Ecuador! It has arrived! The Fire Chief is Miguel Delgado and is pictured in the center of the group. The truck was loaded with fire gear and equipment – much more than we had originally hoped for due to your generosity. Also, there will be five firefighters from Montecristi attending training later this year. The training will be conducted by Mutual Aid Americas.

We want you to know that we raised the required \$5000 in only 17 days! For a while there we were getting checks in the mail every day and being handed checks during parties, during work, after church, and even when visiting friends! We are so proud and yet humbled to know so many generous friends!!! It has been evident to us that God has been at work preparing for this project for some time now.

We and the St. Mark's team will be visiting our friends in Montecristi in March and will have an update for you after that trip.

Thank you so much for your support of this project!

Sincerely,  
Melanie Pafford-Failor & Steven Failor

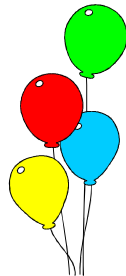
# Celebrate ! !

## March Birthdays

Nathan Peterson	6
Mary Beth Johnson	8
Norman Baker	11
Judy Robnett	15
Christopher Simpson	17
Becky Meyer	20
Phillip Simpson	21
Kitty McKee	26

## March Anniversaries

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## St Mark's Clothes Closet

As part of our mission to serve our community, the St. Mark's Chapter of the Daughters of the King is organizing a Community Clothes Closet. We want to offer clean and gently used clothing at minimal prices (\$1 or under) to those in our community who have little to spend on more than their basic needs. The Closet will be open on Saturday, April 21, and will provide an opportunity for people to shop for clothing that their families need. We encourage you to examine your closets and set aside the good and usable garments that you and your family no longer need. You may give your items to any member of the Daughters. If you have hangers to spare, please put the clothing on hangers or include them in your donation. Thank you once again for your generous support for all our activities.

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## Cash Donations to St. Mark's

The following article was copied from the January-February 2007 issue of the *Cross & Crozier*:

The IRS will begin requiring documentation to deduct cash donations of any amount in 2007. That means if you put cash in the church collection basket you may have to switch to checks if you want to claim it on your taxes.

Here at St. Mark's Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please take a package of envelopes and use them for your donations, if you wish. Also, please remember to write your name on the envelope. The treasurer issues receipt statements at the end of each quarter.

Please call Les Worsley 361-6005 with any questions.

# March 2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b> EFM 6:00 pm	<b>2</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>3</b> AA Meeting 2:30 PM
<b>4</b> LENT II	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Soup Supper & Compline 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	<b>8</b> EFM 6:00 pm	<b>9</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>10</b> Quiet Day 8:00 am-Noon AA Meeting 2:30 PM
<b>11</b> LENT III	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Soup Supper & Compline 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	<b>15</b> EFM 6:00 pm	<b>16</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>17</b> Centering Prayer 8:00 AM Hollis-Meyer Shower 2-4 PM AA Meeting 2:30 PM
<b>18</b> LENT IV  Healing Service	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Soup Supper & Compline 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	<b>22</b> EFM 6:00 pm	<b>23</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>24</b> Centering Prayer 8:00 AM AA Meeting 2:30 PM
<b>25</b> LENT V	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Soup Supper & Compline 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	<b>29</b> EFM 6:00 pm	<b>30</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>31</b> Centering Prayer 8:00 AM AA Meeting 2:30 PM