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THE GRYPHON'S ROAR

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May 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 nd 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	Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Battle Beasley	Rector
The Reverend Rob Courtney	Assistant Priest
Frank Brannon, M. Div.	Pastoral Care Coordinator
Andrea Tucker	Senior Warden
George Noren	Junior Warden
Charles Cross & Les Worsley	Treasurers
Judy Robnett	Clerk of the Vestry

Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, May 20, 2007

Gryphon submissions to: 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,

The freeze we experienced in Holy Week reminded me that life is indeed very fragile. We sometimes take our lives and others for granted believing that "it won't happen to me". That is to say bad things won't sneak up on me surprise me. But we all know in our hearts that is not necessarily so. We might experience a "freeze" at any moment. Yet, as Christians, we do not live our lives in fear of what is going to happen. Death we know is a part of life and this physical death is just that, physical. We know that our lives will go on in God, how is the great mystery. Take a look at those plants that suffered during the freeze. Some of them we thought to be dead are showing signs of life once again. As we celebrate the Easter season, these great 50 days, let us keep in mind how fragile is all creation. Let us look also for signs of new life in the world about us even in moments that seem like death. And let us share the Good News that Christ is Risen with all we encounter.

Peace
Battle +

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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

The Bible or the Cell Phone?

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

- . What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- . What if we flipped through it several time a day?
- . What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- . What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- . What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- . What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
- . What if we used it when we traveled?
- . What if we used it in case of emergency?
- . Is this something that makes you go... hmm... where IS my Bible?
- . Oh! One more thing. ... Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

Thanks to Elizabeth Gilliam and all that contributed to the success of the "Room at the Inn" program and to the ministry of feeding the homeless.

Thanks to Herb and Shirley Stewart, Steve Failor, Gene Gwyn, George Kurz, George Noren and everyone who lent a hand in building the portable classroom.

Thanks to the Daughters of the King for rebuilding the playground equipment.

Thanks to Russ Campbell and Steve Page for maintaining our beautiful lawn.

Thanks to Pat Worsley for her untiring devotion in overseeing all the clerical work of the church.

Room at the Inn

The Campus for Human Development wishes to thank all of the volunteers during the winter months and asks that everyone remember that the needs of the homeless do not end in March, but continues all year long.

If you would like to continue to help, there is a Thursday luncheon for guests. If you would like to volunteer to provide a Thursday lunch, approximately 170 people are served taking about 2 hours.

Other ways to help are teaching classes or answering phones. If you would like to help in any way please call Martina at 252-9791. Call Brad at 604-3109 to find out open dates for the lunch program

New Assistant Priest
Welcome Father Rob

Father Rob Courtney has joined us here at St. Mark's to share in our ministry. Fr. Rob has been in the diocese for over 12 years and has served at St. Bede's Church in Manchester as well as Grace Church, Springhill. He is working as a chaplain for Hospice. Some of you already know him as a wonderful preacher, teacher and pastor. We welcome him to our church and look forward to sharing in ministry together.

Ecuador Night

May 5, 2007
6:30 PM

This will be a "Bring a Dish" event with slides and a trip report from the March 2007 Ecuador team.

CELEBRATE!!!

May Birthdays

Cindy Page	3
Ann Honig	15
Ginger Maxwell	16
Melanie Pafford-Failor	22
Jordyn Elkins	23
Stan Symons	25
Joseph Sievers	25
Ryan Garcia	28
Kim Tantis	29
Kathy Larson	30

May Anniversaries

Karen & John Seufert	02, 1987
Dave & Debbie Colvin	27, 1978
Herb & Shirley Stewart	27, 1955

New Address

Jim & Beverly Hargrove
110 Hemlock Ct.
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VESTRY PROFILE – CHERYL WALKER

My name is Cheryl Walker. As a child, my mother made sure that we attended Church every Sunday and were involved in all church activities. I attended Fairview Baptist Church for the better part of my life. I married while still attending high school and had one child. My daughter is married to a wonderful man (the son I never had) and I have two beautiful grandchildren. They are truly a blessing in my life.

I went through a period of searching for a place to worship. I needed a church that would help me feel close to God. I found that at St. Mark's. Every time I walk in the door, I get such a feeling of peace. I have never felt so close to God as I do when I kneel on Sunday morning to pray.

I will always remember my first visit to St. Mark's. I came to a Christmas Eve service with Doug Baxter in 1995. Needless to say, it was all very confusing and different from anything I had experienced before. However, I still remember the individuals that were so welcoming and kind. Pam Brannon and Pauline Hall took that extra step to make me feel welcome. As I continued to attend services, they made sure that I was involved in church activities. I was confirmed and joined the Daughters of the King. I continue to find peace and joy in St. Mark's and feel honored to be a part of the Vestry.

DOK Clothing Sale

On April 21, thanks to the donations of clothing from St. Mark's members, the Daughters of the King had a clothing sale in Reynolds Hall. Despite the low turnout, it was a success. Over 500 flyers were distributed at Walmart and the Murfreesboro Road Goodwill. A lot more people now know that St. Mark's exists. A little girl who got her first tricycle was able to purchase a Princess helmet for a quarter. She can now ride safely. Lastly, one of the last customers of the day asked when we were going to have the clothes sale again because she wanted to tell her friends. With the question raised, the Daughters of the King decided to have ANOTHER CLOTHING SALE ON MAY 12.



Centering Prayer

I wanted to thank everyone for the support you have given the Centering Prayer group all of these years. I can't even remember how long it has been. Everyone who participates has been grateful for the time and space for this most helpful and fulfilling form of prayer. At this time I would also like to say how wonderful we have found the new space in which we have been praying. We have been meeting in the portable for several weeks and it has been perfect. Not only is it more convenient because our chairs and bookcase are close by in the storage room, but it is also very cozy and quiet. Several of the participants have commented that it is like being in our own little retreat house. We also all fit very nicely on the Morning of Silence when we can have at least 12 to 15 people at a time. St. Mark's is known for its beautiful grounds and generous hospitality to anyone who visits us. We are known nationally and internationally through the Contemplative Outreach website because of our participation in Centering Prayer. Our bookcase houses the library for Contemplative Outreach of Middle Tennessee. All this is made possible because of you, the family of St. Mark's. Please accept again our heartfelt thanks.

Gretchen

Lane Denson <lanedenson@earthlink.net> wrote:

From Desmond Tutu --- on the subject of having a corner on God --- Christians, Muslims and Jews as adherents of the three great monotheistic religions actually do not have a corner on the God market. God is not a Christian, otherwise we would have to say that there was no knowledge of or relationship with God before the Christian era, and that patently is absurd. God is not the exclusive preserve of these three monotheistic faiths. Mahatma Gandhi was a great and good and deeply spiritual man. Only the perverse would dispute that and if God is the sole source of all truth, goodness and beauty, then Mahatma Gandhi -- a Hindu -- had a real authentic relationship with the transcendent one we Christians call God. Only the willfully obtuse can deny that the Dalai Lama is a man of deep holiness and amazing serenity. These two and other adherents of the faiths of the East must clearly be in touch with God through their devotional and ascetic methods. Anything that can assist me in praying better, that helps me to be still and centered, recollected, I am happy to employ. It is amazing how Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Jewish and Buddhist mystics speak almost identical words when they attempt to describe the transcendent reality that they have encountered and that has taken hold of them so that they stammer in much the same way as they try to describe this ineffable reality. If I am trying to learn how to play the violin, I will be ready to sit at the feet of those who are masters of their craft and not waste time questioning their pedigree. God is not hiding away apprehensively because a Hindu might find a way to God that he teaches to non-Hindus who then run the danger of polluting their prayer life. Whatever helps us get in touch with this Reality should be grist to our mill.

Posted by Desmond Tutu on April 10, 2007 9:55 AM

Notes from PALs (primary age learners)

We have now officially moved our Sunday School class from the nursery into Reynolds Hall. We meet from 9:15 to 10:15 every Sunday.

In April we assisted the Daughters of King with breakfast set up and raised money for Heifer International. We will be purchasing chicks, a goat, and honeybees. We appreciate the generous support of our St. Mark's family in helping us learn about service ministries.

We say a special Thank You to the Vestry for allocating funds for the purchase of extra playground equipment. And an extra special Thank You to the women of the church who moved it and set up the equipment. WE LIKE THE EXTRA PLAY SPACE, and sometimes we even get to have Sunday School class outside.

On Earth Day (April 22) we moved two cedar trees that were growing on the playground to St Mary's garden. The lesson for that day focused on our part in taking care of God's amazing creations...like slow growing trees and caterpillars that turn into butterflies.

If you are in the first through fifth grades, we welcome you to join our class.

God's Pals

Dear St. Mark's family,
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU
for your generous donations to our Heifer International Project. Thanks to your support we raised \$352. Our initial goal was to purchase as many sets of chicks as possible. Now, because of you and your generosity we can purchase not only chicks but a goat and honeybees.
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

the PALs
(primary age learners)

thanks!

On behalf of our companeros, the people of San Jose Obrero, we thank you for your generous donation to the silent auction at our fundraiser dinner. Your kindness has allowed us to raise extra funds for travel to be with our companion parish in Ecuador and to enter into a joint construction project with **them to make their ministry in their tcmn a little easier.**



God's 'Peace

May 2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 EFM 6:00 pm	2 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 PM	3	4 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	5 Quiet Day 8:00 AM - Noon AA Meeting 2:30 PM Ecuador Dinner 6:30 PM
6 EASTER V	7	8 EFM 6:00 pm	9 Choir 7:00 PM	10	11 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	12 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM AA Meeting 2:30 PM
13 EASTER VI	14	15 EFM 6:00 pm	16 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 PM	17	18 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	19 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM AA Meeting 2:30 PM
20 EASTER VII Healing Service	21	22 EFM 6:00 pm	23 Choir 7:00 PM	24	25 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	26 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM AA Meeting 2:30 PM
27 PENTECOST	28	29 EFM 6:00 pm	30 Choir 7:00 PM	31		