



The Gryphon's Roar



September 2007

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
3100 Murfreesboro Pike
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“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	Priest Associate
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, September 23, 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,

Well it's that time of year again, summer vacations almost all done, school is starting up and "regular" activities are beginning again at church. We celebrated Rally day and we are fast gearing up for Bishop John's first visit to St. Mark's on September 9th. Seems like a lot of activity in a short amount of time. The truth is "regular" activity in the Church never stops. We worship and try to live out the various ministries we are called into. We might say those are the 2 purposes of the Church's life: Worship and ministry. Like all human institutions we sometimes get distracted and have our focus pulled away by people or situations in and around the Church. Hopefully when that happens to us as individuals or as a community someone or something draws our attention back to those things that truly matter: worship and ministry. One of the challenges facing St. Mark's is how to carry out ministries that truly serve our communities, here and in Ecuador. I would ask each of you to prayerfully consider what ministries we might take on that we are not doing now. If you are aware of needs that we might respond to, I would ask that you speak to me or to a member of the vestry. Thank you for your willingness to worship and minister here at St. Mark's.

God's peace,
Battle +



St. Mark's Abbreviated Financial Report
July 2007

	Budgeted	Actual
Total Receipts	\$12,416.67	\$14,486.70
Total Expenses	\$12,416.67	\$12,338.06

Account Balances:	
Operating Account	\$51,707.78
Designated Funds	\$33,191.43
Memorial Endowment	\$3,803.24

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

Contact us:

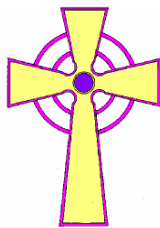
St. Mark's Website – <http://www.stmarksantioch.org>
The Reverend Battle Beasley via email:
stmarksrector@bellsouth.net or
pathwayspartners@yahoo.com

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

Bishop Bauerschmidt To Visit St. Marks

The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee will visit St. Marks on Sunday, 9 September 2007. This will be his first official visit to our congregation since his consecration in January. Our church has always made the Bishop's visit a special occasion, and we are looking forward to making this one be filled with good experiences and memories for Bishop Bauerschmidt and all of us. Some of us have already had the opportunity to meet with Bishop Bauerschmidt and found him to be an intent listener and a person interested in people and the health of churches in Tennessee. He is also interested in good communication and has instituted a completely new look for the diocesan website at <http://episcopaldiocese-tn.org/>.



Addressing Individual and Emergency Needs - E-Mail Procedures

At the last meeting on 8/16/07, the vestry discussed procedures for using the parish directory. In particular, we discussed this with respect to handling individual or emergency needs as part of our mission to support in-reach and out-reach. Our primary concern must be to assure that human needs get an appropriate response. In this context, "appropriate response" may mean that a person's request for cash may be addressed with a voucher for lodging, or a food basket, or a referral for health or financial counseling, etc. The vestry agreed that the best way to accomplish this is for people needing assistance to contact the Rector, (Fr. Battle), or the Senior Warden (Andrea Tucker). If those people are not available, then Frank Brannon (St. Mark's Counseling Center) or any Vestry member should be contacted for referral. If the Rector or Senior Warden then determines that an email should be sent to the whole parish mailing list for assistance as part of our church response, then that email will be sent from St. Mark's and its authenticity be clearly identified. We determined that an email sent directly from the Rector or Senior Warden would be more effective for getting appropriate assistance than for individuals to use a Web-Blast to directly contact the membership.

George Kurz

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Classes

Below, you will find the dates and locations for upcoming prevention of sexual misconduct classes. These classes are open to all, but there are some people who are required to attend. All adults who are teaching a children's Sunday school class or are working in the nursery are required to attend one of these classes. Also, all members of the Vestry are also required to attend.

You can call the diocesan office (251-3322) to sign up.

January 12 2008, 9am-3pm, St Ann's Nashville

April 12 2008, 9am-3pm, St Paul's Murfreesboro

June 21 2008, 9am-3pm, Holy Trinity Nashville

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**11.30 AM
SUNDAY AUGUST 26, 2007**


Host: Joyleen Crawford, Director
Probeldad Wellness and Welfare Association
Tennessee


Please attend. Light refreshments would be served


Best o' Fall Fest o' Fall


Saturday, September 29, 2007 • 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.


Countdown to the big event!


 **Signup in Reynolds Hall:** Many of you put your names on the signup sheets in Reynolds Hall on Rally Day. If you missed it, it's not too late. The signup sheets will be available throughout the month of September.


 **Identify yourself as a St. Mark's person:** Get your St. Mark's shirt ready to wear on the big day . . . also plan to wear your nametag. If you don't have a St. Mark's shirt, we're investigating having more printed. More to come on that.


 **Jingle for the POD!:** The Portable On Demand (POD) storage unit needed to house all the wonderful donations you will bring to the church (beginning the first Sunday in September) will cost more than \$250. You can help defray this cost, so all the profits from the Fest can go toward important projects at St. Mark's. Bring a little extra change (bills are okay) to put into the collection plate on September 9, 16, and 23.


 **Arts and Crafts:** Join a group to make some cool stuff – watch for email announcements. Or make some cool stuff on your own. **Carey Hardison*** - 615-367-4338 – careyhardison@bellsouth.net


 **Baked Goods and Goodies:** You should have your recipes ready by now AND your name on the signup sheet. **Pat Worsley*** - 615-361-6005 – lhworsley@comcast.net


 **Books:** In addition to books, this booth will offer CDs, DVDs, videotapes . . . unburden your shelves and make room for the additions you will buy at the Fest. **Shirley and Herb Stewart*** - 615-874-1450 – 615-512-0184 – herbstew@comcast.net


 **Entertainment:** Several talented entertainers have already been “booked” for this event, and you're invited to volunteer your own talent or that of your friends for the line up. **Ann Honig*** - 615-352-2100 - Ann.honig06@comcast.net or **Allison Kerr** – 615-332-9275 - Allison@allisonkerr.com


 **Food and Drink:** Start watching for sales on sodas and bottled water; when you find a real bargain, pick some up to donate to the Fest. Just bring them to the church kitchen marked “Fall Fest.” Your generosity will help keep overhead low for this activity.


 **Kid's Korner:** Great activities, including a big bouncer, hayride, and face painting, are planned. If you have games appropriate for this activity, please let us know. Also, small items that can be used as prizes are most welcome. **Sherry Walker*** - 615-904-9551 (cell 615-631-1884) – swalker@mtsu.edu - **Andie Scott*** - 615-367-2174 – scoobydoochik@comcast.net

 **Pet Boutique:** Special items for those “critters” who make our lives better: bird houses, feeders, collars, treats . . . **Karla Deal*** - 615-360-7099 – akagraphics@aol.com - **Michele Buc** - 615-366-6444 – bucm@aol.com

 **Plants:** We know it's been hot and dry, but you may be able to salvage something from your garden. If you need pots, some will be available on the back patio – if you have extra to share, please bring them there. **Sharon Rice***- 615- 355-6375 - sharon.d.rice@tn.ngb.army.mil

 **Silent Auction:** Getaway weekends; sports events tickets; personalized memorabilia; whatever your imagination and your “contacts” can bring to this booth will help St. Mark’s raise much needed funds. Cindy Page* - **615-459-9067** – cynthiahpage@bellsouth.net

 **White Elephants:** Check your closets, attics, basements – give yourself more space and get rid of something you haven’t used in several years. Put it aside for the Fest - and take a tax deduction! Let your friends and neighbors know you will “relieve” them of their garage-sale leftovers. We will begin accepting donations the first of September. If you **MUST** get rid of something before then, we can handle it. This is the most profitable part of the Fest. **Sandy Winters*** - 615-366-0273 - sandy.winters@vanderbilt.edu

 **Mark your donations and begin bringing them to the church on the first Sunday in September. AND, be sure your name is on the signup sheets.**

Celebrate!!!

September Birthdays

Suzanne Symons	10
Tony Saturday	13
Valerie Drake	13
Charles Cross	14
Sandy Winters	17
Connor ClenDening	18
Andie Scott	20
Pat Worsley	22
Bliss Button-Hale	23
Shawn Moore	24
Gary Perry	27
Debbie Colvin	30
Kelsey McLaughlin	30
Brian Meyer	30

September Anniversaries

Gretchen & Jeff Miller	16
Amy Harwell & Battle Beasley	27, 1997

Transferring In

We extend a warm St. Mark’s welcome to Tanya McLaughlin and her daughter, Kelsey, who have transferred their membership from All Saints’ Episcopal Church, Attleboro, MA.



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
September						1 Quiet Day 8:00 AM - Noon
2 PENTECOST XIV	3	4	5 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 pm	6	7 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	8 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM
9 PENTECOST XV Bishop's Visit & Confirmation	10	11	12 Choir 7:00 pm	13	14 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	15 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM
16 PENTECOST XVI	17	18	19 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 pm	20	21 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	22 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM
23 PENTECOST XVII	24	25	26 Choir 7:00 pm	27	28 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	29 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM Fall Fest 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
30 PENTECOST XVIII September 30th Stewardship Kick-Off			Saturday, October 6th 2:00 PM Blessing of the Animals		2007	



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