



# The Gryphon's Roar



## August, 2008

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

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### 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
Fridays	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Saturdays	8:00 AM	Centering Prayer

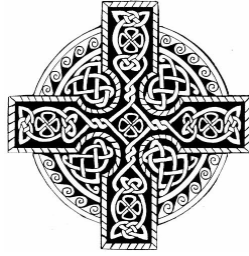
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The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt	Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Battle Beasley	Rector
Frank Brannon, M. Div.	Pastoral Care Coordinator
George Kurz	Senior Warden
George Noren	Junior Warden
Charles Cross & Les Worsley	Treasurers
Carey Hardison	Clerk of the Vestry

Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, August 24, 2008  
**Gryphon submissions to: [submitgryphon@aol.com](mailto:submitgryphon@aol.com)**

### **St. Mark's Vestry:**

Jim Hall, Suzanne Lindsey, Judy Robnett	(2010)
Suzie Abrahamson, Jim Johnson, George Kurz	(2009)
Mary Ann Campbell, George Noren, Cheryl Walker	(2008)



Dear People of God,

August brings the start of many things including Christian Education for the 3 to 5 year olds. On August 17, we will hold our Rally Day. This is an opportunity for all of us to think about where our time and talents have been put to use in past years, and what opportunities are seeming to call for our attention this year. We plan to have tables set up in Reynolds hall to provide information about the opportunities for service and education we offer here at St. Mark's. We will have folks available between the services to answer questions. Time and talent sheets will be available for you to fill out that day or to take home with you as you reflect on where God might be calling you to service. We will ask that all time and talent sheets be turned in within 2 weeks.

God's Peace Battle +



**Contact us:**

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The Reverend Battle Beasley via email:  
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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

Marion Beasley is recovering here in Nashville. She still has not regained the use of her left side, and because the stroke affected the right side of her brain which controls memory, she is confused. For this reason it is best for her not to have visitors at this time. For those of you who would like to send her a much appreciated get well card, her address is:

Richland Place Health Center  
504 Elmington Ave.  
Nashville, TN 37205

## Expanded Parking and Improved Visibility

At the July Vestry meeting, we discussed some options for expanding our parking and improving the visibility of St. Mark's from Murfreesboro Road. These kinds of site changes and improvements are regulated by municipal codes. Therefore, we submitted draft applications to the Metro Codes Department to get information about the requirements and limitations that may apply to what we'd like to do. In general, we have room for at least 14 additional parking spaces in the gravel area which extends NW of the existing asphalt paving, and room for 4 spaces along the upper end of our driveway - past the portable classroom. We may also wish to pave a ramp to connect the parking area to the tool shed. Additionally, this may be a good time to widen the entrance on Murfreesboro Road to make an easier turn for people approaching from the south. At this time, we were told that we would probably have to have a new site survey and professional drawings and specifications for paving. A second project under consideration is a new sign located closer to Murfreesboro Road for better visibility and that will have room to communicate more information. The Codes examiner will allow additional height from the ground as long as we do not exceed 8 feet above the road elevation - that will be sufficient to be seen easily by drivers. However, they have other restrictions about the type and style of sign - that will require further study by the vestry committee.

The parking situation is getting tight and we need to definitely address that during this paving season. This is definitely one "problem" that is good for St. Mark's. Our Sunday attendance is increasing and we are excited about the positive opportunities for growth of our congregation and our mission. Both projects will require significant expenditures; however, we do not have estimates at this time. I am writing this now, since the Vestry is seriously discussing these matters, and we will be coming to you with more information in the next month or so. Previously, people requested that the Vestry come to the whole congregation before committing to a major expenditure (some suggested a threshold point of \$10,000). Therefore, we are committed to have a Parish meeting about this. However, we think it makes the most sense to have that meeting after we have some concepts that are approvable by the Codes department and when we have some practical estimates of the expense. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me (office - 252-4441) or any member of the Vestry, or Fr. Battle.

George Kurz, Sr. Warden



## Dates to remember

- 17 August - Rally Day
- 21 August - Vestry Meeting
- 4 October - "Africa Day" (will be further defined)
- 5 October - Begin Stewardship Campaign
- 19 October - Bishop Bauerschmidt's annual visit (8:00 am & 10:30 am services - reception to follow)
- 2 November - End Stewardship Campaign



# CELEBRATE!!



## August Birthdays

Beverly Hargrove	5
Dave Colvin	5
Marcia Williams	7
George Noren	10
Jacquee Parris	13
Kadence Isabella Caraisco	21
Lorna Noren	21
Paul Christensen	22
Wil Christensen	22
Steven Page	22
Battle Beasley	29
Caprice Campbell	31

## August Anniversaries

Sharon & Mike Rice – 21, 2002

## Baptism

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed Gerald Manuel Paul Roderick into the household of God through Holy Baptism. Gerald is the son of Douglas and Myla Roderick.



The Good Cup Café – *Helping Franklin Stay Awake Since 2003* - presents Allison Kerr & Friends on the Thursdays in August , 14,21,28 from 4:00 -5:30pm. Allison Kerr, guitar and Robbie Shankle, clarinet/flute play smooth traditional jazz ‘n blues standards and original southern jazz and blues. Great coffee, pastries, sandwiches and a few imported beers!

The Good Cup Café

2181 Hillsboro Rd.

Franklin, TN 37069

(615) 591-2326

[www.thegoodcup.com](http://www.thegoodcup.com)

### Easy directions:

From Nashville:

Take I-65 South towards Brentwood

Exit West on Old Hickory Blvd & go about 5 miles

Take LEFT/south on Hillsboro Road for about 3 miles

On right.

# Energy Conservation

By Greg Hall

In the next few articles, I want to share what we mean when we talk about non-polluting alternative energy. Alternative energy sources exist all around us in the natural world. The best part is most of these result from natural processes. Unequal heating and earth's rotation on its axis creates wind, which for centuries powered ships across the seas. Earth's rotation and the moon revolving around it produce powerful tides. The winds and tides are powerful forces that both airplanes and ships have to use to advantage or be destroyed by them.

Everyone who's ever stood back from their car door to let trapped heat escape knows at least one aspect of solar power. Temps inside a closed car can soar rapidly to 140°. Focus the rays of the sun, and fir can be ignited. All the international space station's electric power also comes from solar cells.

Yellowstone and Hawaii's Volcanoes National Park are but two examples of geothermal heat sources. Boiling mud, geysers, and fiery lava show untapped potential power sources. Rikjavic, the capitol of Iceland, uses geothermal power for electric power and to heat not only public spas but all its buildings!

If you've laughed at the EPA for monitoring the methane output of cow herds, it does seem unlikely that "fart" gas could make that much difference. But considering methane is a flammable natural gas, byproduct of digestion and decomposition of natural materials, it could easily be turned from a dangerous contributor to CO<sub>2</sub> into a positive natural power source. Fortunately, the smell comes from easily filterable chemicals. For at least the past 20 years, my small home town has successfully mined the city dumps for enough methane gas to power all the garbage trucks, and most of the city's vehicles in the water and electricity department.

Then there are the more familiar bio-fuels: ethanol and bio-diesel. E85 is a mix of 85% ethanol and 15% gasoline. Most ethanol is distilled from corn, which makes sense if you want moonshine or other strong spirits. But ethanol from corn requires almost as much energy input as we get from it. So until we can affordably distill from switch grass or sugar cane, ethanol represents only a short term path away from dependence on imported oil. And because ethanol has less power potential than gasoline, we get less MPG from it than from gas.

Bio-diesel is a better alternative than ethanol. It is a far better, cleaner burning fuel than petro-diesel, and can be made from any vegetable or animal fat. Imagine big rigs that smell like French fries instead of sooty, smoky, smelly diesel! In short, corn makes a better feed stock for livestock and humans than for fuel distillation.

But the real potential comes from power sources to generate clean electric power. Let's look at Hawaii for only one example. It has abundant year round sun; its wind swept islands are washed daily with abundant tidal power from its famed surf; it has multiple volcanic sites for geothermal power. And yet, Hawaii gets 95% of its power from fossil fuel sources!! How incredible is that?

Throughout the wide extent of our country we have a vast array of choice sites for harnessing those natural power sources. Yes, they are different. And none of them are as blighting to look at as a coal fired generating plant building acid rain producing black smoke. In following articles I will briefly review all of these power sources in turn – everything from methane power, solar, wind, geothermal, tidal, and even nuclear. We owe it to ourselves and our children's children to make positive and well informed choices for our present and future power needs. Here's to good stewardship!



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>August</b>					<b>1</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>2</b> Quiet Day 8:00-Noon
<b>3</b> PENTECOST X	<b>4</b> Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00  DOK Meeting 6:30 PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>9</b> Centering Prayer 8:00 AM
<b>10</b> PENTECOST XI	<b>11</b> Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>16</b> Centering Prayer 8:00 AM
<b>17</b> PENTECOST XII  <b>RALLY DAY</b>	<b>18</b> Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00	<b>21</b> Vestry meeting 6:30 PM	<b>22</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>23</b> Centering Prayer 8:00 AM
<b>24</b> PENTECOST XIII  Gryphon Deadline	<b>25</b> Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>30</b> Centering Prayer 8:00 AM
<b>31</b> PENTECOST XIV				<b>2008</b>		



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