



The Gryphon's Roar



August 2007



St. Mark's Episcopal Church
3100 Murfreesboro Pike
Antioch, Tennessee 37013
P.O. Box 741
Nashville, Tennessee 37011-0741
615-361-4100

**"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
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, August 19, 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,

As you all know I was gone for the month of July, a time that is coming to a close as I write this. I spent the time traveling, with my family and trying to simply "be". That last is surprisingly difficult. It requires one to let go of all judgments, desires, expectations, of oneself and of others. I was, as I'm sure you know, quite unable to accomplish this. Still the practice taught me more about myself and my relationship with God. So much of what I want, desire, expect of myself and others, I deeply believe God wants, desires, expects too. Of course this is not the case but it enables me to justify my worldview as being the "right" way of seeing versus the "wrong" way. Deeper I think is God's way of reconciling all things in God's self. And that is in fact the call to us as the Church as members of the Body of Christ, to be agents of God's reconciling Love. I hope, as I have once again discovered how far I am from being such a person, I will once again renew my commitment to become that person God has created and calls me to be. With your help and prayers I may take another step in the "right" direction.

Peace,
Battle +



Rally Day – Sunday, 19 August 2007

Rally (definitions): *1) A meeting or assembly of persons for a common purpose. and 3) A return, as of scattered troops, to order or action.*

For our St. Mark's congregation, Sunday, 19 August is the day to return (from our scattered directions and activities this summer), to assemble for our common purpose (initiate our church activities this fall), and thereby RALLY to take action in an ordered fashion (to continue to build God's Kingdom). We are planning for displays and sign-up tables for various groups at St. Mark's, and for a parish pot-luck lunch. Therefore, to encourage participation from attendees from both the 8:00 am and the 10:30 am services, there will only be **one service at 9:30 am!** Following that service, people will be able to view the booth materials, talk with the various leaders, and sign-up for their interests. Lunch (pot-luck buffet) will be set up in the back half of Reynolds Hall (near the kitchen). Then you have your choice to eat picnic style outside or limited seating inside. Jim Johnson has offered to provide some outside sun shelters, and we will have most of the tables outside (unless it rains – then we'll have an additional reason to be thankful).

Rally Day is scheduled to coincide with the beginning of the school year, and a major emphasis has always been on initiation of the Christian Education classes for all ages. The Vestry asks that the various age-group classes have tables for information and sign-up, and that parents take this opportunity to bring their children to be enrolled. However, there are many other programs, activities, and opportunities for service. The Vestry asks that as many as possible have a table for sign-up. This includes: DOK Daughters of the King, Fall Fest, EFM, Altar Guild, Choir, Room-at-the-Inn, the Ecuador Committee and 2nd Harvest (and I'm sure that there are others). We request that any set-up be conducted on Saturday, 18 August- to avoid disruption during church on Sunday. Tables should be set up in the front of Reynolds Hall (nearest the door to the sanctuary). If you have any questions, please call George Kurz at 868-5099 (group leaders will be contacted).

Remember: **1 service on Rally Day – 9:30 am! - on 19 August 2007**

Bishop Bauerschmidt To Visit St. Marks

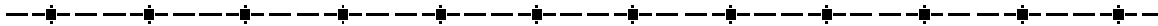
The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee will visit St. Marks on Sunday, 9 September 2007. This will be his first official visit to our congregation since his consecration in January. Our church has always made the Bishop's visit a special occasion, and we are looking forward to making 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/> .

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.

August 4, 2007, 9am-3pm, St. James' Sewanee
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



St. Mark's Abbreviated Financial Report June 2007

	Budgeted	Actual
Total Receipts	\$12,416.67	\$9,325.46
Total Expenses	\$12,416.67	\$9,423.04

Account Balances:	
Operating Account	\$49,406.71
Designated Funds	\$33,343.86
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

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

CELEBRATE!!



August Birthdays

Dave Colvin	5
Marcia Williams	7
George Noren	10
Jacquee Parris	13
Phillip Blansett	19
Lorna Noren	21

Steven Page	22
Battle Beasley	29
Caprice Campbell	31

August Anniversaries

Linda & Gary Perry	– 25, 1978
Sharon & Mike Rice	– 21, 2002



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who completed our Time and Talent/Rule of Life Survey. Please watch the Lay Ministers' schedule published in *The Gryhon's Roar* for the scheduling of Chalice Bearers, Acolytes, Readers, Ushers, Oblation Bearers, Coffee Hosts, and Nursery Workers. If you cannot serve when scheduled, please swap with someone else on the schedule and let Les Worsley (361-6005) or the Rector (361-4100) know the name of the person with whom you swapped. If you are unable to find someone with whom to swap, please let Les or the Rector know, and they will draft someone on Sunday morning.

It is requested that Chalice Bearers and Acolytes be vested and in the Rector's office at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the service. Readers should arrive in time to review the lessons they are scheduled to read that day – about 10 to 15 minutes prior to the start of the service. Ushers and Nursery Workers should arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the service.

If you would like to help clean the church, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in Reynolds Hall.

As the need arises in the life of our congregation for other ministries, someone will contact you or announcements will be made in church about volunteering for the items in which you indicated an interest.


Thank you for all you do for St. Mark's.


Pat Worsley


Best o' Fall Fest o' Fall


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


Make August your “get ready” month!


 **Arts and Crafts:** Start knitting, cross-stitching, painting – whatever your skill – something beautiful for the Fest o' Fall. **Carey Hardison*** - 615-367-4338 – careyhardison@bellsouth.net


 **Baked Goods and Goodies:** It's okay to bake ahead and freeze; also, remember this booth when you harvest fruits and vegetables that you can turn into homemade relishes and jellies . . . yum! **Pat Worsley*** - 615-361-6005 – lhvorsley@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:** A “first” this year, and what fun it will be! 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


 **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. **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:** Root cuttings of your favorite plants; plant a few extra herbs; divide your bulbs – the plants will do better next year! 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

CENTERING PRAYER

*You are cordially invited
to attend the
1st Annual Gathering
of
Contemplative Outreach
of Middle Tennessee*

on Saturday, August 18, 2007

from 9:30-3:00

*at St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville, Tennessee*

Lunch - \$7

Reservations needed

*RSVP by Friday, August 10 to
Carnnie Harmon - AssocMercy@aol.com or (615) 834-1259*

VESTRY PROFILE

My name is Jim Johnson, and I'm at St. Marks due to a series of relationships.

When Mary Beth agreed to marry me a few years ago, we both wanted to find a church to attend. I went to a Hispanic church while we dated, and she, not speaking the language, did not understand squat! She went to another church that I thought was drier than gargling with ground glass. So, we agreed to look for another church.

I worked with Amy Harwell (Battle's wife). We also lived on the same street, only a block apart. So we shared meals together and were simply neighbors and co-workers. Mary Beth, the brains behind it all, said to me one day, "Why don't we go check out St. Marks"?

We visited several times. We both enjoyed ourselves. I especially enjoyed the banter in the morning before 8 o'clock service between Herb Stewart and John Seufert. That was like watching Rush Limbaugh spar with James Carville. Well, we joined the church, and I had both of those guys as my sponsor. John Seufert told the bishop, "This guy needs two of us to get in"!

Mary Beth and I were raised Southern Baptists. So, both of us now are comfortable to be in a church that we can at least be called "moderate".

I am a "preacher's kid" and have lived up to standard that most have of "preacher's kids". I have two parents that love God, each other, and a huge family of God. They instilled in me a love of God, people, and a search for truth even in the face of asking bad questions.

That search for truth was sharpened in college. I had one philosophy class my sophomore year and was considering it as a major. I heard the professor who taught that class was an "atheist". I went to him and inquired about a major and asked if he would be my advisor. I told him that I was a Christian and wanted my beliefs challenged. He agreed to be my advisor and advised me to take his graduate level Plato class. I thought no way! Well, I took the class. Needless to say, I did three years of study to accomplish my major. During the spring semester of my senior year, he invited several students to his house for a meal. It was Easter Sunday. When we sat down to eat he said, "Let us bow our heads and pray". I almost fell out of my chair! I later found out that he was an Episcopalian.

I am at St. Marks because of relationships. Relationships that do not seem connected, but in the economy of God's kingdom ring true. My mother always says, "You don't have to like them, you just have to love them". That is not always easy for me to do.

I see a community of "unusual suspects" at St. Marks. I am happy to be counted in that lot. Being on the vestry is just another relationship that presents itself in the form of a representative. I want to hear your dreams, concerns, and visions for St. Marks. I see a church in growing community, which can grow to represent our community in relationships with other "unusual suspects".

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00	2	3 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	4 Quiet Day 8:00 AM - Noon AA Meeting 2:30 PM
5 PENTECOST X	6	7	8	9	10 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	11 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM AA Meeting 2:30 PM
12 PENTECOST XI	13	14	15 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00	16	17 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	18 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM AA Meeting 2:30 PM
19 PENTECOST XII Rally Day One Service at 9:30	20	21	22	23	24 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	25 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM AA Meeting 2:30 PM
26 PENTECOST XIII	27	28	29	30	31 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	

2007



Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
3100 Murfreesboro Pike
Antioch, TN 37013
P.O. Box 741
Nashville, TN 37011-0741