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THE GRYPHON'S ROAR

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February 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

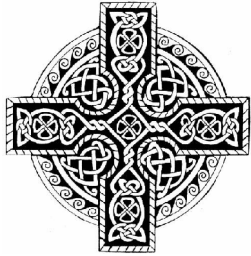
The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt	Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Battle Beasley	Rector
Frank Brannon, M. Div.	Pastoral Care Coordinator
Andrea Tucker	Senior Warden
George Noren	Junior Warden
Charles Cross & Les Worsley	Treasurers
Judy Robnett	Clerk of the Vestry

Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, February 18, 2006

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)



St. Mark's Abbreviated Financial Report
December 2006

	Budgeted	Actual
Total Receipts	\$11,921.50	\$ 52,681.92
Total Expenses	\$11,921.50	\$ 41,840.30

Dear People of God,
Well this finds us at the turning of the seasons from Epiphany to Lent. From a season of Light and signs to a season of journey and reflection. Lent in many ways is the Fulcrum of the Church year, the turning point. We are drawn slowly towards Holy Week, the Cross and finally Resurrection. Traditionally, Lent has been the season when Christians either give up something or take on something as a way of deepening their spiritual lives. In either case it is very much a sacramental action. Sacraments are "the outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace". Our acts of giving up or taking on something is an outward sign of our desire to deepen our awareness of the inward spiritual life. I urge you to prayerfully consider what might best support your deepening journey. In the past you may have given up something like chocolates or alcohol or movies or dinners out. Or you might have taken on something like reading a serious book on religious life or centering prayer or some volunteer service. Whatever you have done, I ask you to consider what you do this year in light of how it may further your relationship with God and all God's children. The season of Lent provides us with a wondrous opportunity to take another step on our journey into the greater awareness of God's Presence.

God's peace,
Battle +

Note: Included in Receipts is \$30,000 received into the operating account for the organ loan.

Note: Included in Expenses is \$23,600 (partial payment) for the purchase of the organ.

Account Balances:	
Operating Account	\$52,488.47
Designated Funds	\$36,586.44
Memorial Endowment	\$3,437.99

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 Karen Seufert, Treasurer



IT'S BETTER for things to go in one ear and slip out the other than to go in one ear, get all mixed up and slip out the mouth

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 Noren, Editor

17th Century Nun's Prayer

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am getting older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and a love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and lessing cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that I may sometimes be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. AMEN.

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 for once again for your generous support for all our activities.



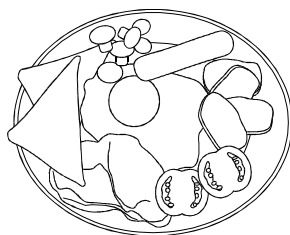
Write to Sandy Weeks

Most of us will never throw ourselves in front of a New York Subway, but you can take a few moments to write Sandra Weeks a few lines to express your interest in her new situation. She will feel better and so will you.

Norm Baker

Second Sunday Breakfast

On February 11, the Daughters of the King will be preparing a Valentine's gift for the St. Mark's Community in the form of a special breakfast, including pancakes with strawberry syrup, sausage, hash brown casserole, fruit platter, and beverages. We invite you to join your family and friends immediately following the 8 o'clock service for a time of loving fellowship. If you're an 8 o'clocker, plan to stay; if you're a 10:30'er, please come early. It's a great time to get to know the "others!"



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.

CELEBRATE!!

February Birthdays

Thom Granger	2
Betty McKee	4
Frank Brannon	6
Laura Button	8
Iva Kurz	11
Susie McEwen	13
Mary Ann Campbell	14
Clara Robnett	15
Ann Baker	17
Kristina Gray	19
Adam Hale	20
George Kurz	24
Doug Baxter	25
Lesley Worsley	26
Alice Ashmead	27
Robert Ashmead	27

February Anniversary

Don & Susie McEwen – 17, 1973



February 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 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	3 Quiet Day 8:00 am-Noon
4 EPIPHANY V	5	6	7 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 PM	8 EFM 6:00 pm	9 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	10 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM
11 EPIPHANY VI	12	13	14 Choir 7:00 PM	15 EFM 6:00 pm	16 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	17 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM Vestry Retreat
18 EPIPHANY VII	19	20	21 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Imposition of Ashes 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	22 EFM 6:00 pm	23 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	24 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM
25 LENT I	26	27	28 Soup Supper & Compline 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM			