



The Gryphon's Roar



December, 2008

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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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
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Fridays	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Saturdays	8:00 AM	Centering Prayer

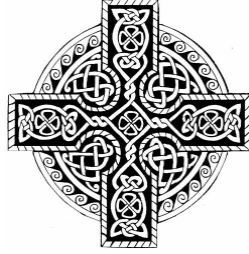
The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt	Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Battle Beasley	Rector
Frank Brannon, M. Div.	Pastoral Care Coordinator
George Kurz	Senior Warden
George Noren	Junior Warden
Charles Cross & Les Worsley	Treasurers
Carey Hardison	Clerk of the Vestry

Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, December 21, 2008
Gryphon submissions to: submitgryphon@aol.com

St. Mark's Vestry:

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!



Father Battle's sermons are now available on the St. Mark's web site.

Dear people of God,

Here is a poem by St. Francis of Assisi:

He Asked For Charity

God came to my house and asked for charity
And I fell on my knees and
cried, "Beloved,

What may I
give?"

"Just love", He said. "Just love."

As we enter into the Advent and Christmas seasons, wondering what we may give to family, friends, neighbors, the strangers we meet, the answer is in the cause for our celebrations, "Just Love" - the gift of the One who loves us. May we all have a joyous Advent and Blessed Christmas and may our lives be filled and overflowing with Love.

Peace, Battle +

Translation by Daniel Landinsky: Love Poems from God.

Contact us:

St. Mark's Website – <http://www.stmarksantioch.org>
The Reverend Battle Beasley via email:
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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

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Mark Your Calendar:

30 November – ERD Collection
7 December – Annual Parish Meeting and Election of Vestry Members
12 December – Room In The Inn
18 December – Diocese Open House – 2-4 p.m. (at Diocesan Center)
18 December – Vestry Meeting – elect Junior & Senior Wardens, Schedule 2009 Retreat
Sunday, December 21st – Greening of the Church
Christmas Eve – Services at 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
Christmas Day – Service at 11:00 a.m.

Gilbert Russ on Vestry

At the November Vestry meeting, Gilbert Russ was appointed to fill the vacant position on the Vestry following Jim Johnson's resignation. Gilbert accepted the appointment and attended the November meeting. This follows the procedure established in the St. Mark's Bylaws. We appreciate Jim's time of service and wish him well. This appointment is for the remaining term for that position - which ends on 31 December 2009. Gilbert and his family have attended St. Marks for about 12 years and he was one of the planners for the recent, successful "Africa Day" program. Congratulations Gilbert, we look forward to working with you!

Time to Celebrate

December Birthdays

Candy Burger	1
Kathy Barney	7
Holly Granger	7
Gail Leverett	7
Tanya McLaughlin	8
Andrea Tucker	10
Greg Hall	20
Carey Hardison	21
Edward Emesibe	22
Colin Jackson	30
Matthew Tantaris	31



December Anniversaries

Peggy & Bert Tucker - December 19, 1970
Janet Turner-McDonald and Dale McDonald
– December 30, 2000



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St. Mark's "Recipes and Reflections" a Bargain

Until they are gone (and there are fewer than 75 left), the St. Mark's cookbook, "Recipes and Reflections" will be offered for \$5 each. Buy three, and the cost is only \$10 for all three. Profits from the sale of the books will be donated to the Second Harvest Satellite Food Bank at neighboring Hamilton United Methodist Church. As you know, Second Harvest is experiencing a drop in donations along with an alarming increase in number of clients. Our neighbors need our help. So, buy a few books for family and friends (at a *great* price) and support a wonderful mission at the same time. The books are in Reynolds Hall; leave cash or check made out to St. Mark's (with "recipe book" written on the check). If you don't find them (maybe someone has bought all that were out), please contact Susie McEwen (don_sue73@tds.net or 793-6298) or Marcia Williams (MamBNA@comcast.net or 361-1945).

Wanted - Nursery Worker This is a paid position

St. Mark's is searching for a nursery worker to provide loving care for ages infant through 2 ½ years. Additional support will be coordinated through church member volunteers. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon every Sunday. This is a paid position. The successful applicant will be required to attend the Diocese's Child Abuse Prevention Class.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them contact Becky Meyer at 366-1935 for further details.

Thursday, November 6, 2008
The Great Escape
We are finally home!!!!

Elijah was able to have the Pic line inserted for antibiotic therapy at home. Due to the infection in the blood he has been under strict monitoring and since his fevers continue to spike, a CT scan was ordered to rule out the spread of infection to his heart. Although the scan showed some fluid collection where the right lobe of the liver was, the overall results from the scan were favorable and we were released around 6:30 pm.

Elijah still has some pain - the source we can't seem to identify. But his appetite is up, as are his spirits, and we are so grateful to have him home.

He has more testing (renal, audiology, lab) on Friday. Once those results are known we will have a plan of action for chemo and follow-up therapy.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and love.
Dawn~

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Dear St. Mark's Congregation,

As Junior Warden I would like to bring a couple of things to everyone's attention. The first is the exterior lights around the church. There is a switch for each one of them next to the door where they are located. For security purposes these must remain on at all times. Please be aware of this and if you happen to see one of these switches off, please turn it on.

The other item of business is setting the thermostats in the church and parish hall. Although there is a separate one for each of the heat/ac units they work together to maintain a consistent temperature in the building. To that end if you change the temperature setting on one you must change the setting on the other ones so that one unit is not being overworked. The only exception to this is that if you are only using the parish hall, as long as the door to the sanctuary remains closed you only need to worry about the thermostat in Reynolds Hall. Likewise, if you are using only the sanctuary, both thermostats in the sanctuary must be set at the same temperature, and you need not worry about Reynolds Hall if the door is closed.

George Noren,
Junior Warden.



PRAYER LIST

We ask you to remember our shuts-ins. Please hold them in your prayers during the week and not just on Sunday:

Marion Beasley
Rose Pinkard
Betty McKee
Ann & Norm Baker
Greg Hall
Elijah Williams

We also ask that you pray for those who have passed away, especially:

Betty Hight, Judy Robnett's mother
Suzanna Hershey, Cathey Gwyn's mother
Margaret Harberts, Iva Kurz's mother

+May the souls of the faithful departed by the mercy of God, rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

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Church Directory Update

It is time to update St. Mark's directory. Please review the information listed in the current directory for accuracy: spelling of names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers. Please make sure that your children's names are listed.

Please submit corrections and new information to Pat Worsley, 3348 Country Way Road, Antioch, TN 37013, or email Pat at lhvorsley@comcast.net. Your assistance in keeping this information accurate is much appreciated.

THANK YOU!!

We would like to thank St. Philip's for the catechesis materials and the Good Shepherd materials which they donated to the people of St. Mark's. A note which was included with the donation reads, "We hope and pray that these items will be instruments of learning for your children bless your ministry and help in the spreading of the Good News of God's kingdom from our house to yours and beyond."

Vickie Burgess, Rector
Patrick Soule, Youth Christian Ed
St. Philip's Episcopal Church

GOD'S PALS PASTA CAFÉ

Mark your calendars!! Sunday, December 14, 2008 is the day to come to St. Mark's for a wonderful pasta treat from 1:30 PM until 3:30 PM. This great meal will be presented to you by Sherry Walker's and Kathy Larson's Sunday School children and their parents. The wonderful part of the meal is that all proceeds from the dinner will be contributed to A New Leash on Life. This is a not for profit, no kill animal shelter in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. So, come one, come all, bring your empty stomachs for a real treat and help our animal friends at the same time!!

Energy Conservation – Wind Power

By Greg Hall

Anybody who has ever driven across the Great Plains or visited coastal vacation spots knows the constancy and power of the wind. Many of us would swear some of our talkative relatives are a wind power resource of their own! But serious attention is now being paid to wind power as an important energy source. GE, a major manufacturer of wind turbines, is turning out its gigantic multi-megawatt machines at the rate of one every four hours. In order to meet worldwide demand, GE estimates they would need to increase that rate to one unit every 15 minutes!

Many areas of our country are ideally suited for wind power production; unfortunately Tennessee is not one of them. For reliable and economical operation, wind turbines need steady winds of 13 mph or higher to make enough power to operate a home system, much less being able to run one of

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GE's multi-megawatt machines. But the Great Plains, many remote mountainous regions, as well as all our coastal areas have plentiful winds throughout the year.

Modern wind generators are vastly different from the old water pampers of the old west. Mounted on tall masts, these turbines are driven by a three bladed propeller designed to fuel, automatically turning out of the wind flow when wind speeds are unsafe. Those features prevent damage both from bird strikes as well as from extreme wind storms. The sight of these powerful energy producers turning on the free natural fuel of the wind offers both economic and environmental benefits. Once brought on-line, there is no ongoing fuel cost to pay, which eliminates the destructive nature of both surface and deep mining as well as wiping out acid rain, asthma causing particulate pollution and mercury poisoning of air, food and water.

A home wind power turbine large enough to provide 100% of a family's electric power needs would cost about the same as a similar sized solar array - about the price of a new car - in states with rebates, incentives and grid interconnection. This is true because wind power systems also use battery banks and a back-up generator to maintain power on windless days.

Wind energy systems became popular in the 1920's and 1930's before the Rural Electrification Administration brought reliable utility power to farms across the nation. These early windmills were single 24 or 48 volt Direct Current (DC) systems designed mainly for lighting, small motors, and radios in farmhouses but little else. Home systems today are robust enough to power an energy efficient modern home.

Today, however, wind power resources are making their largest contributions in the form of wind farms - large concentrations of giant windmills producing hundreds of megawatts of electric power (kilowatts measure 1000's of watts - megawatts measure millions). Wind energy has received one of its greatest boosts from a collection of western states whose citizens have mandated via referenda, specific percentages of power produced in their states must come from green sources. While these same laws also encourage solar power production, it has been a boon to utilities' use of wind power.

This is due to giant windmills mounted on very tall masts and located in rural areas or farm land without taking land out of agricultural production. In Colorado, Excel Energy has added 775 megawatts, 400 in one wind form alone, in response to this legislation. This has provided power for 110,000 homes since 2004!

Since this law passed on '04, 1100 residential and commercial customers have installed 4.6 megawatts of solar (so far solar has predominated in residential applications). Another 8.2 megawatts was planned from a solar power plant scheduled to be on line late in 2007.

That these mandates passed statewide referenda in states across the west by 54% (in Colorado) or more shows the public is ready to embrace such changes now. The Colorado initiative was so successful that the original goal for 2012 was met years ahead of schedule, so a follow-up referendum increased the percentage of green power from 10% by 2012 to 20% by 2020.

Public decisions like these express the will of the electorate - they don't specify how the mandate is to be met. Right now, wind supplies approximately 1% of our total power needs; it continues to gain acceptance worldwide. We have an improving technological ability to generate clean electric power from a source that for centuries has pumped water from wells worldwide and from Dutch polders as well as driven ships across the seas.

It is a proven power source - to ignore wind driven electric power generation is to waste a clean resource. Its main cost is to build the turbines to create the power - fuel is the free gift of God's creation. It is time to harness our future to the majestic power built into the natural world by the Creator. Windsong is one of the ways we can join in that harmony.

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	2	3 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 DOK Meeting 6:30 PM	4 Dance Class with Arwen 7:00 – 9:00 PM	5 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	6 Quiet Day 8:00-Noon
7 ADVENT II Annual Meeting between services	8 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	9	10 Choir 7:00 pm	11	12 AA Meeting 8:00 PM Room In The Inn	13 Centering prayer 8:00
14 ADVENT III	15 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	16	17 Choir 7:00 pm	18 Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM	19 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	20 Centering prayer 8:00
21 ADVENT IV Greening of the Church	22 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	23	24 Services at 4:00 PM and 10:30 PM	25 Christmas Day One service at 11:00 AM	26 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	27 Centering prayer 8:00
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