



The Gryphon's Roar



July, 2008

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

Weekly Schedule

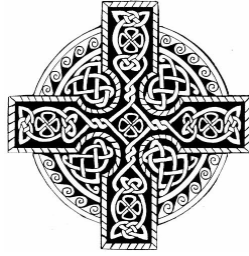
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| Sundays | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | 9:15 AM | Sunday school |
| | 10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| 2 nd Sunday | 9:00 AM | Breakfast – Sept. - May |
| Fridays | 8:00 PM | AA Meeting |
| Saturdays | 8:00 AM | Centering Prayer |

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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, July 20, 2008
Gryphon submissions to: submitgryphon@aol.com

St. Mark's Vestry:

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| 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,

The French writer Voltaire said, "I have been ruined but twice: once when I lost a lawsuit and once when I won". This summer the Lambeth Conference meets; all Anglican Bishops around the world getting together to study, pray and discuss the state of the Church. As you all well know there are sharp differences between many Bishops and Dioceses, Provinces, clergy and people. We will all lose if those differences cause us to separate one from another. Even if some claim victory for their position they will have lost by separating themselves from other sisters and brothers in Christ. As you are aware this has already happened in this country in some Dioceses and in individual congregations. I am thankful we here at St. Mark's have not suffered from such painful division, yet we share with those in this Diocese and in the wider Church who have suffered. I ask your prayers for our Bishop John, all bishops and for the Church, that we might truly seek and serve the Christ in each other that forgiveness might heal guilt and reconciliation be made between all peoples.

God's peace,
Battle +



We spent most of our time sitting on the back porch watching the cows playing Scrabble and reading.



Contact us:

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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

celebrate



July Birthdays

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Becky Jackson | 2 |
| Clayton Cardwell | 5 |
| Greg Noren | 5 |
| Herb Stewart | 5 |
| Gretchen Miller | 8 |
| Betty Ashe | 9 |
| Patrick Bohannon | 9 |
| Linda Floyd | 14 |
| Dale McDonald | 20 |
| Beverly Sweeton | 28 |
| Russell Campbell | 28 |
| Gene Gwyn | 31 |

July Anniversaries

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| Don & Mary Ann Campbell | 24, 1957 |
| Lorna & Greg Noren | 2, 1976 |
| Cindy & Steve Page | 31, 1999 |
| Les & Pat Worsley | 18, 1970 |



From the Episcopal News Service:

Jordan's king donates land for church at baptismal river site

"It will be a center for the entire Anglican Communion all over the world to visit and connect with what's going on here," Episcopal Bishop Suheil Dawani

The Christian Century Magazine May 06, 2008

King Abdullah II of Jordan has given a plot of land to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem for construction of a church and retreat center at the much-visited Bethany-beyond-the-Jordan site, where, according to tradition, Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist took place.

In officially dedicating the two-and-a-half-acre site on March 28, Anglican bishop Suheil Dawani of Jerusalem called the gift a "privilege" that will enable the building "of a medium-sized Gothic church," according to Episcopal News Service.

Energy Conservation

By Greg Hall

Now that it's warm and we're beginning to enjoy nice weather, we can take a break from urgent upgrades to our energy usage. But it's also a good time to make sure our summer air conditioning needs stay as low as possible. There are two upgrades to reduce your A/C load.

One is the whole house attic fan and the other is improved attic ventilation. These two work best together but either one alone will improve your energy savings and summer comfort. Attic ventilation is easiest on the budget, but the whole house fan is more versatile. These are best left to a skilled installer because both involve cutting through the roof and/or ceiling of your house.

Improved attic ventilation saves money by reducing attic temperatures. In our normal summer heat, attic temperatures can soar to 140° or higher! This is like having a giant heat bomb trying to explode into your house! Remember, heat always migrates toward cooler temperatures. Without improved ventilation this heat keeps migrating into the cooler interiors of the house requiring the A/C to run longer to reach the refreshing level we want and need.

The first benefit is that your home will feel and be cooler immediately and secondly, the A/C will run much less and be more efficient when it does. This is achieved by cutting through the roof and installing a simple vent called a whirlybird. This takes advantage of heat's and air's ability to rise. Proper ventilation calls for one ventilator per 500 square feet of attic space.

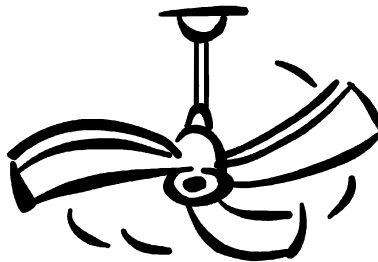
Your installer will need between 4 and 6 hours to make this upgrade because he will need to access the attic and roof two or three times. It's also dirty, hot, hard work. He will drill and cut a hole for the new ventilator. Finally he will mount the whirlybird over the hole with a water tight seal. This is no trouble for a skilled installer and you can expect a guarantee against leakage.

All attics are built with ventilation, but codes for this were written in an era of cheap energy, and before heat load was a real concern. This one upgrade has a short pay-back; only a year or two because of its simplicity and because it uses no electricity.

Add a whole house attic fan and you can delay running the A/C a month longer and turn it off a month sooner. It works by pulling outside air thru windows, thru the house, up and out the attic vents during cool evenings and nights of spring and fall. Anytime the outside temp is in the 70's, this system operates on low speed bringing a nice cooling breeze through the house while pulling heat out of the entire house and its furnishings. Therefore the house will stay comfortable well into the morning without needing to run the A/C.

This is a more costly upgrade – in the \$500.00 range ± – because the fan is more expensive and installation is more complex. It requires cutting through the ceiling so the attic mounted fan can pull air through the house. An automatic shutter opens and closes with the operation of the fan. The operating cost is less than 50 cents even if left running all night. It is often unnecessary to run it more than a few hours daily.

How well does it work? When I installed one in my first home, I didn't believe it would get the house really cold, so I left it on when I went to bed. I woke up so cold I had to get up to turn it off. I crawled back into my waterbed (yeah, it was that long ago!) and pulled my comforter up to my chin. This was in late May. Get one of these and enjoy these cool savings. Then you can sleep comfortably knowing your air conditioner is at rest too; at least till the heat of the midsummer nights come.



THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

*The computer swallowed grandma.
Yes, honestly it's true!
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.*

*It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.*

*I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found "online."*

*So, if inside your "Inbox,"
My Grandma you should see,
Please "Copy," "Scan" and "Paste"
her and send her back to me.*

The bipartisan Global Resources and Opportunities for Women to Thrive (GROWTH) Act (H.R.2965, S.2069) is currently pending in both chambers of Congress. It would reshape U.S. foreign aid and trade policy in four ways that empower women. It would:

1. Provide funds to help women start and grow their own business;
2. Provide training and education to women to improve their wages and working conditions;
3. Ensure that U.S. trade policy is beneficial to women and families living in poverty; and
4. Enhance women's land and property rights by prompting U.S. development agencies to work with women and organizations in the developing world addressing these disparities.

Solutions like property rights and investing in women's businesses are simple, but ultimately life-changing. As Shade Bembatoum-Young, a Nigerian woman who supports the GROWTH Act says: "One line on a property deed can be the difference between poverty and hope for a woman and her family."

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Send a message to your Senators and Representative urging congressional passage of the GROWTH Act in 2008. If your lawmakers have not signed on as cosponsors, urge them to do so. [note: Bart Gordon is one of 51 sponsors of HR 2965; there are no Tennessee Senators among the 11 sponsors of S 2069.]

To contact EPPN:
On the Web: www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn
Email: eppn@episcopalchurch.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.

October 13 & 14, 2008, 6 pm – 9 pm – St. Bartholomew's Church, Nashville

November 15, 2008, 9 am – 3 pm – St. Michael's Church, Cookeville

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



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