



The Gryphon's Roar



November, 2008

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

Weekly Schedule

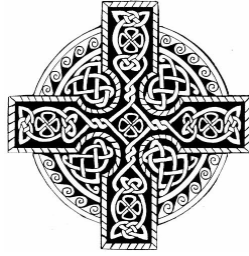
Sundays	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	9:15 AM	Sunday school
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
2 nd Sunday	9:00 AM	Breakfast – Sept. – May
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Fridays	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Saturdays	8:00 AM	Centering Prayer

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, November 23, 2008
Gryphon submissions to: submitgryphon@aol.com

St. Mark's Vestry:

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



Dear People of God,

St. John of the Cross said, "well and good if all things change, O Lord, as long as I am firmly rooted in you." Change in this life is inevitable. As the seasons change, the earth changes, different species of birds migrate by us, the leaves change and all things continue in the process of growing, dying, reseeding and beginning again. We too, as we grow, change physically mentally and spiritually. As we grow deeper in our Christian life, we are reminded that our growth is towards the very likeness of God in whose image we are made. We are also told to expect that of all the change we experience some of it will not be wonderful. As Christians we expect to experience part of our lives in difficult times. Sometimes this is in direct relationship to our moral values, our strongly held and lived out faith. Sometimes it is simply a matter of the course the world and our lives have taken. Sometimes it is from physical or mental illness affecting us or members of our families. The point is, as Christians, we are encouraged to take a realistic view of our lives and the life of the world and in doing so we acknowledge not all times are fun, or exciting or personally rewarding and fulfilling. And it is in those hard or difficult times that we are called by the Church, by our faith to remember who we are, to whom we belong, and what is the ultimate purpose of our life. Well and good if all things change so long as we are firmly rooted in God. It is in our God centeredness that we can, even in difficult times, know that we are beloved by God. That we can know our self worth does not come from our health or wealth or anything else, except that we are made in the image of God. It is in times of great uncertainty that we as Christians can remain firmly rooted in our faith. In the sure and certain knowledge that nothing as St. Paul says can separate us from the love of Christ Jesus. As our lives change, as our world changes, let us remain rooted in the One who made us for Himself. God's peace,
Battle +

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

Contact us:

St. Mark's Website – <http://www.stmarksantioch.org>
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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

Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Class

Just a reminder to those of you who have new employees in need of the POSM, there is one upcoming session. Please have them attend as soon as possible. They may call the office at 615 251 3322 to sign up.

November 15 – St. Michael's Church Cookeville, 9 AM – 12 Noon

Time to Celebrate

November Birthdays

Pam Carr-Brannon	3
Amy Harwell	5
Arwen Wagers	5
Marty O'Reilly	10
Bob ClenDening	15
Kate Granger	16
Sherry Walker	17
Mike Rice	21
Judy Vandiver	21
Les Worsley	26
Don McEwen	28
Daniel Sievers	30



Transferring In

Lynn Poehl from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Lake Jackson, Texas. We warmly welcome Lynn to our St. Mark's family.

November Anniversaries

David & Mary Gentili	18, 2005
Sandy & David Winters	27, 1976
George & Iva Kurz	28, 1984
Dan Ashmead & Candy Burger	30, 1985

Confirmations

Congratulations to Kathy Barney and Connie Harr who were confirmed on October 19th when Bishop Bauerschmidt visited St. Mark's

Mark Your Calendar:

2 November - End Stewardship Campaign
9 November – 2nd Sunday for Second Harvest
9 November – Breakfast hosted by the Daughters of the King
20 November – Vestry Meeting
7 December – Annual Parish Meeting and Election

St. Mark's DOK Admits Six New Daughters

The St. Mark's Chapter of the Daughters of the King admitted six women in a service conducted by Father Battle Beasley on September 28. The new members are Kathy Barney, Caprice Campbell, Violet Mashingaidze, Ginger Maxwell, Lynn Poehl, and Clavenda Watson.

The chapter now numbers sixteen members and is planning several service projects for women and the parish's mission to Ecuador.

We invite any woman in the church who is interested in becoming a Daughter or in just learning more about the Order to contact any one of us.

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Second Sunday Breakfast in November

You are all invited to the Second Sunday Breakfast prepared by the St. Mark's Chapter of the Daughters of the King on Sunday, November 9. The breakfast will begin following the 8 o'clock service and conclude in time for Christian education classes.

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.

Book Review: Sealed Orders: Autobiography by Agnes Sanford

Tucked away in our hallway library is the autobiography of Agnes Sanford. She was the mother of the healing prayer ministry in the Episcopal Church and founder of the School of Pastoral Care. Her parents were Presbyterian missionaries who served in China where she was raised. During the Boxer Rebellion, they moved to the US where she later married an Episcopal priest, learning and loving the liturgy and spiritual truths of the Episcopal Church. She takes a down to earth, hands on view of God and tells how He loves and heals people of physical illnesses and emotional problems. She herself experienced God's healing of a deep depression.

There is also a copy of her book The Healing Touch of God available.

Santiago Apostole Episcopal Church - La Pila, Ecuador
Companion Diocese Program
Update compiled by Melanie Pafford-Failor

October 13, 2008

1) Leadership

- Rev. Mariana Loor is the primary priest responsible for Santiago Apostole.
- Miriam – layperson who helps to lead the Adult Bible Study.
- Virginia – layperson who helps to lead the Confirmation Group.
- They do have a vestry.

2) Finances

- \$2259.66 from St. Mark's is in an Ecuadorian bank account to be used for Santiago Apostole when they finalize the ownership of the property.
- Electric Bill is \$610.
- They plan to do fundraising to buy the following: Tablecloths (for altars?), Candles, & Flower Vases.
- Fundraising efforts will include: Bingo, Bake Sale, Raffle, and sending letters to community leaders for donations.

3) Pre-School

- Government funds have been infrequent and the pre-school has been open for 5 months, closed for 3 months, open for another 5 months, etc. This has not been satisfactory to the church.
- Santiago Apostole membership wants to offer Kindergarten supported by fees from students...with no money from the government.
- Rev. Mariana says that if student fees pay for the Kindergarten, that the government cannot make them close.
- It is not clear to me what the next steps are for this project.
- **NOTE:** There is a school thru 6th grade in La Pila.

4) Church Activities/Spiritual Growth

- Rev. Mariana feels that there is Spiritual Poverty at Santiago Apostole. She wants to focus on spiritual growth.
- Worship is on Sundays at 9am.
- Number of attendees for worship is 40, including children.
- Children and Youth attend Bible Study on Sunday mornings. They are divided into 3 groups. There are 10 children ages 3-5 years and 8 children ages 6-9 years. The Confirmation group is the largest one – 22 children ages 10-13.
- Adults (12 Women, 4 Men) meet weekly on Wednesday afternoons for Bible Study.
- They pray for St. Mark's every Thursday.
- Bibles – they received 20 adult Bibles and 20 Children's Bibles from St. Mark's and they use these in worship and in Bible Studies every week.
- Banner – the Banner given to them in March 2008 is hanging in the sanctuary of the church. They have rec'd another banner in Sept. 2008 and it will also hang in the church. Daughters of the King made both

banners. There are matching banners for St. Mark's that will be hung in our church (one is already hanging...the other is in process of being made).

- Christian Education is another priority for Santiago Apostole. They want to have conferences for parents of children who attend in order to unite families in the church. (Some children attend without the parent)
- They will continue existing study groups.
- They want all attendees to have communion at the altar – this is still not happening.

5) Building/Grounds

- They are almost finished repairing the holes in the walls to keep birds out. There is a bit more to do at the front door.
- They need to paint the front of the church building.
- They plan to complete both of these projects this year.
- Material Needs:
 - Front door of church needs repair
 - Benches need repair and need painting
 - White Boards for teaching (one large and one small)
 - Metal or wood cabinet for storage of Bibles and other supplies

6) Seminary

- There are three possible Seminary Students:
 - Ruben Darbo
 - Virginia Oujije
 - Estefania Velaspuez
- These may need assistance with study materials if they are accepted into the Seminary. (especially Virginia)

7) Plan for Future

- They will fax their proposed plan of work. (I am not clear exactly what this will entail)

This information has been compiled from conversation with Rev. Mariana Loor on September 25, 2008 during my recent visit to Ecuador. Rocky Giler was our translator.

Additional Note: Montecristi Fire Department Update – The fire truck has been in use and has saved several homes and lives, including some in La Pila. We have learned that vehicle accidents are the majority of the emergencies that occur in Ecuador and it is the fire department that most often responds. Currently, Steven and I are raising money for an ambulance for this Fire Department. Contact Melanie for more info – mlpf@united.net

Thanks

Our sincere thanks to Pauline Hall and the Daughters of the King for organizing the festive reception honoring Bishop Bauerschmidt, and those who were confirmed.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
November						1 Quiet Day 8:00-Noon
2 PENTECOST XXV	3 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	4	5 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 DOK Meeting 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 pm	6 Dance Class with Arwen 7:00 – 9:00 PM	7 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	8 Centering prayer 8:00
9 PENTECOST XXVI 2 nd Sunday for 2 nd Harvest Breakfast	10 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	11	12 Choir 7:00 pm	13	14 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	15 Centering prayer 8:00
16 PENTECOST XXVII Healing Service	17 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	18	19 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 pm	20 Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM	21 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	22 Centering prayer 8:00
23 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	24 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	25	26 No Choir	27 THANKSGIVING	28 AA Meeting 8:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 pm	29 Centering prayer 8:00 McLaughlin- Garrett Wedding 1:00 pm
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