



The Gryphon's Roar



September, 2008

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
 3100 Murfreesboro Pike
 Antioch, Tennessee 37013
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 Antioch, 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
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, September 21, 2008
Gryphon submissions to: submitgryphon@aol.com

St. Mark's Vestry:

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,

Our spiritual journey is, I believe, mostly a matter of getting past our complexities to simplicity of being. As we grow into adulthood we become increasingly challenged by the world around us. Most often we tend to see the world no longer as simply black or white but with great shades of grey. We look at people and situations and largely see no clearly defined answers to life's increasingly complex questions and realities. That is why I believe it is helpful to look to the idea of our simply resting in God. I do not mean that we should ignore or shut out the world around us. Nor do I mean to imply that we can absolve ourselves of hard decisions we should make as we engage in the world. I believe we are invited to rest in God in order that we should have a clearer sense of God's presence in our lives and in the life of the world. For if we have no deep sense of being rooted in God then we shall have no clear sense of God's desire for us in any given relationship or situation. This resting in God is not to take a hiatus from the world rather it is to give us a different perspective on our activities and response to the world. It is a desire to act not out of our own ego driven desires, fears, anxieties, but rather to act out of that sense of well being that is found in our God centeredness. St. John of the Cross said, "Well and good if all things change O Lord, as long as I am firmly rooted in you". May we be so rooted in GOD by prayer that all our living might be in accordance with God's desire for us and for all his children.

God's peace,
Battle +

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

Mark Your Calendar:

- 6 September – Diocesan Evangelism Conference (see brochures)
- 6 September – Flower Arranging Class – 1:00 p.m. – See article in this Gryphon
- 7 September – Inquirer’s Class to begin
- 12 September – Music Fundraiser for Ecuador Committee – Cardwell Farm
(7-8 p.m. potluck, music begins at 8:00 p.m.)
- 14 September – 2nd Sunday Breakfast hosted by the Daughters of the King
- 14 September – 2nd Sunday for Second Harvest
- 18 September – Vestry Meeting
- 20 September – Parish Work Day
- 4 October – Blessing of the Animals – 3:00 p.m.
- 4 October - "Africa Day" (to be further defined)
- 5 October - Begin Stewardship Campaign
- 19 October - Bishop Bauerschmidt's annual visit
(8:00 am & 10:30 am services - reception to follow)
- 25 October – Ecuador Dinner at St. Mark’s
- 2 November - End Stewardship Campaign

Dear friends at St. Mark's,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and messages of concern, care and support. I look forward to the day when I am able to worship with you again with great gratitude for you.

Marion Beasley

Inquirers’ Class

Starting Sunday Sept. 7th we will be having an inquirers’ class. This class is for anyone who is interested in being confirmed, joining the Episcopal Church or simply who may want a refresher course in our church history, beliefs, customs, and traditions. Those who come considering membership may decide at the end of our studies not to be confirmed or received, or they may choose to be confirmed by Bishop John at his annual visitation. In any case, we hope you will avail yourself of the information provided by this class.

CELEBRATE

September Birthdays

Suzanne Symons	10
Tony Saturday	13
Valerie Drake	13
Gail Johnson	13
Charles Cross	14
Sandy Winters	17
Connor ClenDening	18
Andie Scott	20
Pat Worsley	22
Bliss Button-Hale	23
Shawn Moore	24
Debbie Colvin	30
Kelsey McLaughlin	30
Brian Meyer	30



September Anniversaries

Gretchen & Jeff Miller	16
Amy Harwell & Battle Beasley	27

Thank You from Thistle Farms

St. Mark's has received a thank you letter from Thistle Farms, a part of the community of Magdalene for our contribution of \$300.00.

Magdalene is a community of women who are survivors of abuse, violence, and prostitution. It is a residential community which lasts 2 years. Thistle Farms is the part of Magdalene which makes bath and body products. Thistle Farms is a non-profit business which is totally run by the women of Magdalene.

I tried to scan the letter and put it in the Gryphon, but I couldn't get a really good quality of print and signatures. The signatures are of the women at Thistle Farms. Please take the time to read the letter which I have posted on the bulletin board in Reynolds Hall.

Lorna



Altar Flowers

By Sandy Winters

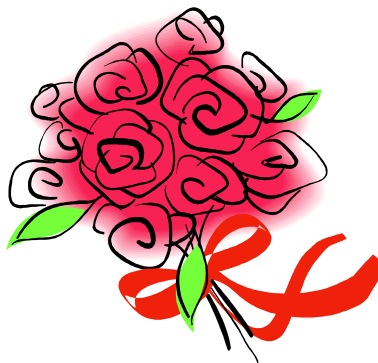
It's easy to take Altar flowers for granted. Every week they quietly grace places of worship without calling too much attention to themselves. But to those who arrange, gather and sometimes cultivate the flowers, they are an important way of serving God and their churches.

Arranging flowers is a lot like prayer, it's a quiet way of giving your talent to the Lord.

However with other commitments of an aging parent, I can no longer commit the time to the Altar Flowers every week. Therefore I'm requesting others to get involved. A sign up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The green plants will be on the Altar on the open dates. Persons who wish to dedicate flowers for special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc. will be responsible to either purchase from a florist or arrange the flowers themselves.

A flower arranging class is scheduled for Sept. 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for those interested in joining the Flower Guild. The focus will be on arranging for the Altar, with instruction on preparation, design and color contrast. You may bring a container and small bouquet of flowers, for a hands-on instruction to take home.

St. Mark's has a flower fund and members of the Flower Guild will be reimbursed for the cost of flowers – just give the receipts to Charles Cross.



**St. Paul's Choristers
Royal School of Church Music
Training Day
Saturday, September 27, 2008
10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Murfreesboro, TN
will be hosting its first annual
Royal School of Church Music Chorister Training Day on
Saturday, September 27, 2008 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.



The program is open to all choristers and those
Children ages 6 to 15 interested in singing in the RSCM program
(regardless of Church affiliation).

The program will consist of course of study to
include a service of Morning Prayer, Sectionals,
Ear Training/Music Theory, Theology/Liturgy and
rehearsal with our Guest Director, Robert Nicholls.

Robert Nicholls began his musical career as a Chorister at
Westminster Abbey in London, and as a Music Scholar at
Oundle School. He continued as a Choral Exhibitioner at
Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge University
where he also sang with the Choir of St. John's College.

A noted organist, improviser, composer arranger and conductor,
Nicholls was awarded the American Guild of Organists
National Prize for Organ Improvisation in 2000. He is currently
the Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church and
Dean of the Royal School of Church Music affiliated
Choir School in Evansville, Indiana. The Choir School encompasses children and
adults in Choral Singing, Flute Choir, Handbells and provides music for special
events in the Midwest and beyond.

Robert lives in Evansville with his wife, Emma,
and their two children.



**Robert Nicholls
Guest Director**

The Training Day curriculum will be taught by professional musicians
and clergy and culminate with a Solemn Eucharist sung by our course
participants at 4:00 PM. The parents, congregation and public are welcome
and encouraged to attend. The course fee is \$10, which includes lunch and
snacks for registered students. (scholarships are available)

Chorister Registration Form
Please detach and return with course fee to:
Aimee Spurlock, Choirmaster, RSCM
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
116 N. Academy Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37130
For further information call: 615-893-3780
Make checks payable to: St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Name _____

Address _____

Birth Date _____ Grade in School _____

Name of School _____

Parent (s) or Guardian _____

Parent (s) or Guardian's Phone _____

Parent (s) or Guardian's e-mail _____

Any known food Allergies? _____

Parents are you willing to help on the day of the course? _____

**The 120th Annual Meeting
of
The Diocese of Tennessee
Episcopal Church Women**

will be held on
Saturday, September 13, 2008

at
The Church of the Advent
5501 Franklin Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37220
615-373-5630

Registration and Coffee Hour begin at 9:15AM
Annual Meeting convenes at 10:00AM
Holy Eucharist and Installation of Officers at 11:00AM
Luncheon will follow at 12:15PM

Caroline Bauerschmidt,
Keynote Speaker

“Lambeth”

Please mail this registration form along with
your \$15.00 check made payable to:

“Church of the Advent: Diocese of TN ECW Annual Meeting”

Mail to: Diocese of TN ECW Annual Meeting

c/o Lynn Conroy, Treasurer
2080 Sunnyside Drive
Brentwood, TN 37027

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, September 2, 2008

<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 Diocesan Evangelism Conference Flower Arranging Class 1:00pm
7 PENTECOST XVII Inquirer's Class begins	8 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	9	10 Choir 7:00 pm	11	12 AA Meeting 8:00 PM Music fundraiser for Ecuador	13 Centering Prayer 8:00 am
14 PENTECOST XVIII 2 nd Sunday for 2 nd Harvest DOK Breakfast	15 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	16	17 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 pm	18 Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM	19 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	20 Centering Prayer 8:00 am Parish Work Day
21 PENTECOST XIX Healing Service	22 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	23	24 Choir 7:00 pm	25	26 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	27 Centering Prayer 8:00 am
28 PENTECOST XX	29 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	30	September 2008			



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