



# The Gryphon's Roar

## April, 2010



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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 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	9:00 AM	Breakfast – Sept. – May
	5:00 PM	AA Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fridays	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	8:00 AM	Quiet Day

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt	Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Battle Beasley	Rector
Frank Brannon, M. Div.	Pastoral Care Coordinator
Greg Noren	Senior Warden
Kate Granger	Junior Warden
Charles Cross & Les Worsley	Treasurers
Leigh Pittenger	Clerk of the Vestry

Deadline for May submissions is Sunday, April 18, 2010  
**Gryphon submissions to: [submitgryphon@aol.com](mailto:submitgryphon@aol.com)**

#### **St. Mark's Vestry:**

David Winters, Eileen Cardwell, Ron Balcarras	(2012)
Greg Noren, Cyndy Fahnestock, Kate Granger	(2011)
Jim Hall, Suzanne Lindsey, Judy Robnett	(2010)



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

Dear People of God,

Happy Eastertide to one and all! I want to share a number of different pieces of information. First, a thank you to all of you who responded to the parish survey. The strongest ministry identified was our outreach programs. The ministry most in need of strengthening was Christian Ed. On any given Sunday we have between 3 and 7 children attending the Atrium class in our Parish Hall, with 8 and 16 youth attending classes in the portable trailer, and 8 to 12 adults in the classroom at the back of the church. Our average Sunday attendance at both services is over 100. We are pressed for space in every area of our education and worship. The long range planning group has met 4 times together and numerous times in small task groups. We are using a planning process developed by the Episcopal Church that outlines key areas such as data subcommittee, led by George Noren, finance subcommittee led by Gretchen Miller, ministry program subcommittee led by George Kurz. We are looking at not only the plans from the architect but exploring other ways of using his design and considering starting from a totally new building. The vestry has asked that the long range group have recommendations and cost estimates by September of this year. While we would love to be able to do that, we have come to the conclusion that as pressed as we are for space, we need to take time to explore and evaluate many different approaches to solving our needs both now and in the future. One change we are looking at is adding another service on Sunday mornings, probably starting the first service at 7 or 7:30 with the last service starting at 11. We are trying to keep our Sunday school times to continue bringing all the children into church at the peace. As you can tell I hope there is a lot going on at St. Mark's and a lot of planning to be done. I trust you will share any questions you have with a member of the vestry, the long range planning group or me.

God's Peace, Fr Battle +

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The Gryphon's Roar is St. Mark's Newsletter by and for the parishioners of St. Mark's and as such welcomes articles and suggestions from ALL parishioners.

This is your venue for expressing your thoughts, opinions, stories, important events in your families' lives, and suggestions you might have to make our parish life better. Please do not hesitate to use it.

Lorna

## Calendar

- 1 April – Maundy Thursday – 6:30 pm – Washing of Feet, Holy Eucharist, stripping of Altar
- 2 April – Good Friday Liturgy – 6:30 pm
- 3 April – Great Vigil – 6:30 pm
- 4 April – Easter Day – Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 am
- 4 April – Easter Day – Easter Egg Hunt after 10:30 am service
- 15 April – Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM
- 17 April – Habitat For Humanity – 6:30 am to 3:00 pm
- 12 June – LiCM Composting Workshop

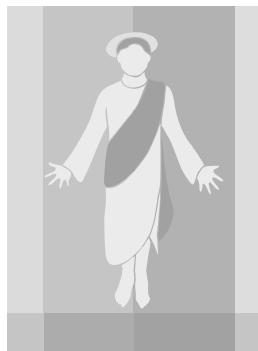
## A Point of View

Relative to the Resurrection, which we celebrate this month in the Easter festival, we have become accustomed to referring to it as a return to life. I believe that it is more appropriately called a progression to a new life. Had Jesus just returned to his previous life, it stands to reason that he would have eventually returned to death, and been caught up in an endless cycle of déjà vu. Thus, I see Christianity as linear rather than cyclic, progressing in a straight line toward its ultimate destiny found in God.

This has implication for history which we popularly like to say “repeats itself”. Taking the linear view, however, belies the cyclic view. Thus, e.g., every war that breaks out is not another war, not an example of history repeating itself, but in the linear view is simply a continuation of the first war, perhaps going back to Cain and Abel, or even further back, to the rebellion of Satan and his legions against God. History, then, does not repeat itself, rather it extends itself.

Our lives are progressing toward one who makes all things new and extends our lives in Christ into eternity. Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

---Jim Hall



# CELEBRATE

## April Birthdays

Bruce Fahnestock	1
Karen Seufert	4
Maryn ClenDening	10
Elizabeth Gilliam	10
Ron Balcarras	17
Zella Beasley	19
Joylene Crawford	21
Shirley Stewart	23
Dan Ashmead	27

## April Anniversaries

Lesley Worsley-Hynd & Billy Hynd	18, 2008
Richard & Carey Hardison	21, 2000
Brian & Jamie Meyer	21, 2007
Jim & Pauline Hall	26, 1987

## Opinion

For all I know, Gregory the Great was tone deaf. But he sure knew a good thing when he heard it. Gregorian chants still bear his name even if the chanticleers did all the work. Reminds me of Billy Strayhorn's great tunes that have the Duke's name on them -- Satin Doll, Take the "A" Train. All in all, Gregory gets the notice on today's calendar, though tomorrow when his "song" is ended, the melody lingers on.

The so-called gospel music I grew up with was compromised by the kind of fundamentalism where the word/music discontinuities in the hymns still makes one wonder what kind of theology relegates the big majors and dominants to prepositions and the passing notes to God? Why that stuff continues to show up in hymnal supplements in our churches mystifies me. Of course, I'd never heard of Gregorian Chant then and would have been told it to be a papist plot if I had. Not until I got to seminary, heard it for the first time, and tried to sing it myself had I any idea how profound and enduring it can be.

The record says Gregory was of considerable wealth, a scholar, and a generously compassionate man, one of the few popes to have been a monk. He wrote definitively on the pastoral ministry, especially that of the bishops, a counsel never too spare in either those or these times. His relation to the haunting Gregorian lines remains not all that clear, but it's not hard to believe that he called himself "the servant of the servants of God," a designation used by popes ever since, red Gucci shoes and all.

Lane Denson

## **The Magnetic Church - St. Marks' Magnetism**

On Friday evening and Saturday, 5-6 March, six of us attended the Magnetic Church Seminar that was hosted by our Diocesan Evangelism Committee at St. George's Episcopal Church. Donna Floyd from St. Mark's is one of the members of that committee, and she helped organize and participate in this event. Other attendees from St. Mark's were: Fr. Battle, Greg Noren, Cynthia Fahnestock, Iva Kurz, and George Kurz. The training was focused on helping us to look at our building, our property, signs, newsletter, bulletin, how we meet and greet people and listen to their needs - every facet of how a visitor to St. Mark's sees us and our church. The seminar was taught by Andrew Weeks who has worked through the Alban Institute. His personal experiences provided an interesting background for the program. He was a cradle Episcopalian who now lives in New England. During the '80s he was a very involved layperson. Yet, he eventually drifted away from the church. Later, when he tried to "shop" for a new church, he encountered many of the obstacles and lack of caring response that newcomers often experience. Using tools he learned in his corporate career, he began to analyze these various obstacles and develop an intentional program to train others for welcoming. He eventually understood this as his calling, and conducting this training is now his life's work for evangelism. We feel that we have things at St. Mark's that we are excited about, and that we'd like to share. We learned about some simple tools to help us communicate that message. We also learned to see ourselves in the way that a visitor may see us. After we worked through the exercises for evaluation, we saw that the good news is that we're doing some things well. Additional good news is that there are relatively simple things that we can do - to do better with welcoming. Finally, the good news is just that - we have the really Good News, the Gospel of Jesus - that is worth sharing with others and living among us! In the coming months, as you see changes to help us be more welcoming and inclusive for our visitors, we hope that you will be excited as well, and be an active part of sharing the Good News.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have ideas please share them with those who attended this workshop. If you remember something specific about your first visit to St. Mark's that made you feel especially warm and welcome, please share that as well. Likewise, if there is something you remember that made you feel unwelcome; we need to know that too. Please share your thoughts and feelings. I will be happy to publish them in the Gryphon and keep you anonymous if you so choose.



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>April</b>				<b>1</b> Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 PM	<b>2</b> Good Friday Service 6:30 PM  AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>3</b> Quiet Day 8:00 AM – Noon  EASTER VIGIL 6:30 PM
<b>4</b> EASTER DAY SERVICES 8:00 AM 10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00  Choir 7:00 PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> EASTER II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Harvest AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Choir 7:00 PM	<b>15</b> Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM	<b>16</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>17</b> Habitat for Humanity 6:30 AM – 3:00 PM
<b>18</b> EASTER III  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00  Choir 7:00 PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> EASTER IV  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Choir 7:00 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	

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