



THE GRYPHON'S ROAR



JUNE, 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
	5:00 PM	AA Meeting
2 nd Sunday	9:00 AM	Breakfast – Sept. – May
Fridays	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
1 st Saturday	8:00 AM	Quiet Day

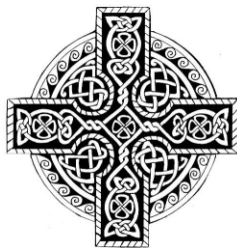


The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt	Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Battle Beasley	Rector
Frank Brannon, M. Div.	Pastoral Care Coordinator
Greg Noren	Senior Warden
Kate Granger	Junior Warden
Charles Cross & Les Worsley	Treasurers
Leigh Pittenger	Clerk of the Vestry

Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, June 20, 2010
Gryphon submissions to: 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,

Summer is upon us and that usually means things quiet down at Church and they will in some ways here at St. Mark's, in other ways not so much! Our Sunday School teachers will be taking a much needed break during the month of July, so we will have less activity on Sunday mornings in that regard. The Daughters of the King are beginning to read and study a book, Evangelism for "normal " people after the 10:30 service. This study group is open to all of us and will continue throughout the summer. I truly hope many of you will plan on attending some if not all the sessions. The book can be found at online bookstores and I have ordered several copies folks can share. We also will be offering a course on healing prayer Wednesday nights starting no later than June 23rd and running for 6 weeks. The Rev Cynthia Seeliger will be leading this program for us. A simple Christian rule of life entails 3 things, work, study, prayer. Here at St. Mark's we do a good job it seems to me of working to help others. I do think we all could spend more time in study and many of us more time in prayer. Even though summer months bring a general slowdown in the church the Christian life is an ongoing process. The adult offerings this summer are a way of encouraging us all to stay active in that process. They will also be wonderful ways of strengthening our community. Please make time to come and join us.

Peace,
Battle +

A concern has been raised about the announcements Amy Harwell has made concerning Gail Owens, the Governor and the death penalty. As you all know Amy is my wife. That said, it is not the reason I have supported her in making those announcements. The Episcopal Church is on record for over 70 years as being opposed to the death penalty. Ten years ago when the state of Tennessee was about to begin executing people again I submitted to our Diocesan convention a resolution affirming the Church's opposition to the death penalty. That resolution included a clause to make this known to our Governor, and calling on all Episcopalians to support our Bishop in his opposition to the Death penalty. Our current Bishop has communicated with the Governor expressing the Church's and his opposition to the death penalty. If these announcements disturb you I would invite you to come and talk to me, not that I might persuade you to believe as I do but that we might acknowledge our differences and seek to be reconciled .

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 is St. Mark's Newsletter 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, and suggestions you might have to make our parish life better. Please do not hesitate to use it.

Lorna

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5 June – Work Day
- 12 June – LiCM Composting Workshop 10:00 am to 12:00 noon – Reynolds Hall
 - Lunch 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, Business meeting 1:00 pm to 2:00pm
- 13 June – Second Sunday for Second Harvest
- 13 June following 10:30 service – Meeting to study Evangelism for Normal People – facilitated by Daughters of the King, all are welcome
- 17 June – Vestry Meeting 6:30pm

SUNDAY LOCK UP

6/06/10 – J. Robnett
6/13/10 – C. Fahnestock
6/20/10 – S. Lindsey
6/27/10 – K. Granger

June Birthdays

Alec Jacobs	1
Max Torlay	7
Eric Turner	8
David Winters	9
Jim Hall	20
Rachel Robnett	20
Gilbert Russ, Jr.	22
Suzie Dobbs	24

June Anniversaries

Bob & Linda ClenDening	8, 1996
Ann & Norman Baker	19, 1949
Rebecca & Phillip Simpson	22, 2002
Dean & Becky Meyer	25, 1977
Pam Carr-Brannon & Frank Brannon	27, 1992
Thom & Holly Granger	28, 1986

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Heather and Keith Dittino on the birth of their daughter Annabelle Grace. Annabelle was born April 15, 2010. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 inches long.

Adoption Announcements

Congratulations to Janet Turner-McDonald and Dale McDonald on the adoption of their daughter, Maggie Tian McDonald, from Linyi City, China. Tian was born on July 3, 2005. Congratulations also to Alex and Nkeiru Icheke on the adoption of their daughter, Somto, from Nigeria. Somto was born on May 23, 2009.

Baptisms

On Pentecost Sunday, we welcomed Alexandria Mary Hittle, Alexander Wayne Weigel, and Jesse Daniel Weigel into the household of God through Holy Baptism.

Transfers

The following persons have transferred their membership letters to St. Mark's: Kevin Curtis and Eric Turner from Christ Church Cathedral, and Linda Rhudy from St. Barnabas Church, Tullahoma, Tennessee. We welcome Kevin, Eric and Linda to our St. Mark's family.

Free Pet

We have a two year spayed rat terrier mix current on all vaccinations in need of a loving home. She is shy and very sweet just has problems getting along with our frail older dogs. Her name is Sofia and she needs to be kept busy-loves being outside in a fenced yard monitoring the birds and other neighborhood activities. She is house trained and does well coming in at night or during stormy weather. She will do well in a household in which she is the only animal companion. If interested please call Sherry or Kathy at 904-9551 or 631-1884 or 830-6074. We will be happy to answer any questions.

WORK DAY - SATURDAY JUNE 5TH 830 AM TO 2 PM

*LUNCH PROVIDED

Please mark your calendars for the next work day, we generally get the majority of the work done before lunch and then you will have the rest of the day to do what you please ☺

Here's is some of what needs to happen:

1. Repaint our church doors
2. Chip down all the brush and weeds we cleared last work day
3. More clearing (if you have "loppers" or any other good cutting tools for trimming please bring them)
4. We need at least a dozen folks to knock out the work. Bring a friend!

See you then,

Kate

Inspirational Voice

Submitted by Ron Balcarras

I lost my mother to breast cancer back in July of 1998. She was 71 and had been married to my father for 52 years. I miss her each and every day of my life but I know she is with me no matter where I am in this world. Not long after her passing, I was at home visiting my father, helping him to go through some of my mother's belongings. I came across her Anglican Prayer book and a small piece of paper fell out with notes written on it by my mother. Seeing her hand writing warmed my heart, but when I read what was written on the note, I was filled with pure joy. It said:

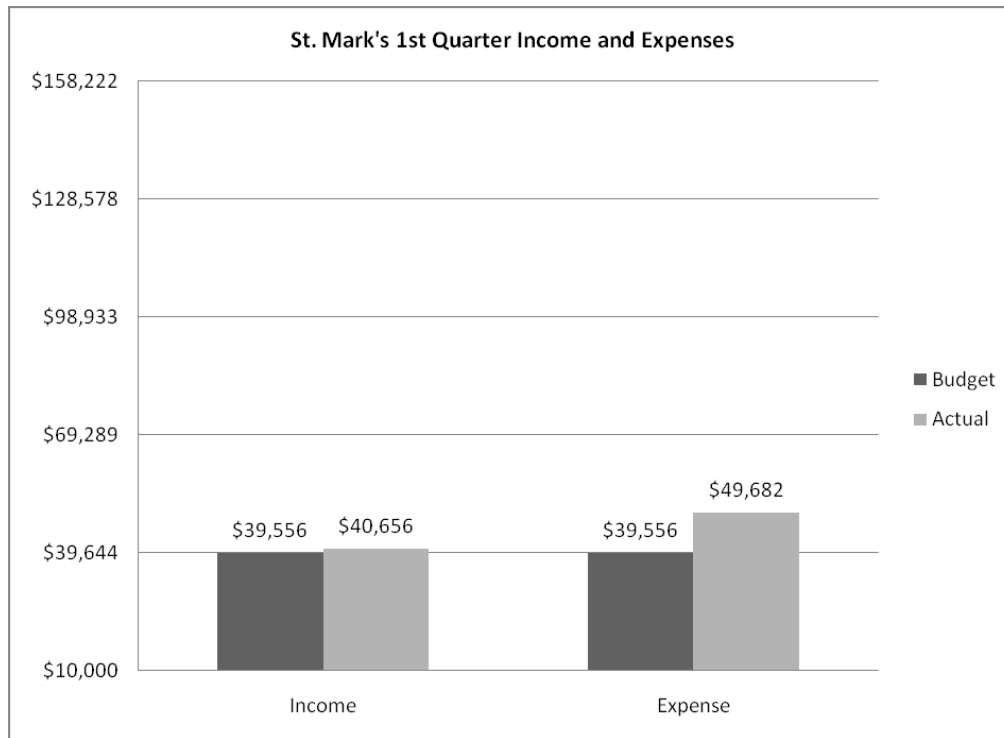
Inspirational Texts:

Greedy -	Mathew 6, 19-20
Worried -	Mathew 11, 28
Spiteful -	Mathew 5, 43
Ill-Treated -	Mathew 5, 44
Doubtful -	Mark 10, 21
Lonesome -	John 14, 18
Depressed -	Romans 8, 31
Finding it hard to pray -	Romans 12, 12
Neglecting your Communion -	Luke 22, 19
Things go wrong -	John 15, 27
Doubtful of your Future -	John 3, 36

It turned out, what I had found, was my mother's "cheat sheet" for spiritual guidance. I have so many memories of my mother, but one that rings loud and clear was her ability to help others when they were down or depressed. My mother was a rock solid pillar of faith and offered her shoulder for all to lean on, and her arms for anyone to hug. She was a confidant, an advisor and a best friend to so many, I know she used these scripture parts to ground her and guide her. This quick list must have served her well, and it now guides me. Thanks mom.

ST. MARK'S FINANCES

The finance committee agreed that it would be a good idea to get this info to the congregation. Right now it will be a quarterly progress report in a graphical easy to read form.



LIVING IN CREATION MINISTRY

This is open to people from all over the diocese so not sure how much space will be available for St. Mark's people. If it's really well received, maybe we could consider doing it again. Susie McEwen.

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 12, 2010

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

St. Mark's - Reynolds Hall

Come join Living in Creation, the diocesan environmental ministry, at St. Mark's Antioch for a Composting Workshop! Special guest Jim Burkhardt will demonstrate appropriate techniques for building your own home compost bin. The workshop will run from 10 a.m. to noon. Then we will break for lunch (provided) and finish with a business meeting to discuss the recent rogation day services.

A \$5 donation is suggested to help with the cost of lunch. Space is limited so please RSVP to chair@livingincreation.org or 615-653-2882.

ROOM IN THE INN

Great things are happening at Room In The Inn! Our new downtown facility is nearing completion, and we expect to move in on July 1! Our expanded programs will serve a larger number of people. The new building features a dayroom that can accommodate more than 200 individuals, 13 adult education classrooms, and 38 affordable housing units. Throughout the summer, we will update our volunteers and friends about the move. Thank you for your continuing support of Room In The Inn, and please pray for us as we enter a new phase in our ministry.

St. Mark's Daughters of the King Complete Eventful Year

With the suspension of regular monthly meetings during the summer, the St. Mark's Chapter of the Daughters of the King will continue its mission to pray and to serve through several ongoing activities.

For those who are not familiar with the organization beyond the Second Sunday Breakfasts, it is an order for women founded in 1885. Members undertake a "Rule of Life" with Daughters pledging themselves to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life in their parish.

As a chapter this year, St. Mark's DOK provided several Welcome Baskets for the Magdalene House; a place women go to start a new chapter in their lives after years, and sometimes decades, on the street where many were prostitutes, drug addicts, and more. The basket (actually a large covered plastic bin in which the woman can store her belongings) contains toiletries, linens, gift cards, stationery, stamps, journals, a Bible, and reading material, among other useful items. The chapter also prepared special Christmas baskets for all the women in the program. During the recent flood emergency, the chapter was able to provide two of those large baskets, as well as a donation of \$100, to help two women who lost everything they owned in the flooding. Both had graduated from the Magdalene Program and were living on their own. The chapter has an additional three Welcome Baskets ready for delivery.

In addition to a monthly prayer list, chapter members are commissioned to pray individually for specific needs of parishioners and their friends and families. A Bible study or discussion of inspirational or motivational literature is scheduled at each meeting.

During the year, the chapter has led the planning and preparation of receptions and, seeing the need, has purchased several serving dishes and platters to donate to the parish. Members regularly deliver altar flowers to parishioners or to a local nursing home. They have participated in assemblies and meetings with other chapters in the diocese and the region. The chapter is gathering items to be sent to members of the military serving in Iraq. Cheryl Walker is President; Lynn Poehl, Vice President; Pauline Hall, Treasurer; and Marty O'Reilly, Secretary.

Individual Daughters are Sunday school teachers, vestry members, altar guild members, servers, volunteer office personnel, lay Eucharist ministers, and nursery workers. They participate in service projects for upkeep and improvement of the grounds and buildings.

Additionally, member Donna Floyd is also a member of an exciting new Resource Committee organized by the Diocese of Tennessee Daughters of the King to refresh, renew, and revitalize chapters in the Diocese. As part of that project, Donna has designed an online resource that will "go live" soon. Please watch for an announcement.

During the summer hiatus, the Daughters will be meeting informally to discuss *Learning to Share My Faith* by Chuck Kelley. They will also facilitate a discussion of John P. Bowen's *Evangelism for Normal People* to which all St. Mark's parishioners are invited. The book is available through Amazon.com for about \$11. The first discussion will be on Sunday June 13, following the 10:30 service. Subsequent discussions will be scheduled at that time.

In the fall, the chapter will have a training course for women who are interested in becoming members of the Order. Although a formal invitation will be issued, please feel free to contact any of the Daughters to express an interest or to learn more about Daughters.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00	3 Renaissance Dance Class 7:00 PM	4	5 QUIET DAY 8:00 AM – Noon WORK DAY
June						
6 PENTECOST II	7	8	9	10	11	12 LiCM Composting Workshop 10 am - 1 pm.
13 PENTECOST III Second Sunday For Second Harvest	14	15	16 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00	17 Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM	18	19
20 PENTECOST IV	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 PENTECOST V	28	29	30	2010		



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