



# The Gryphon's Roar



## September, 2011



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



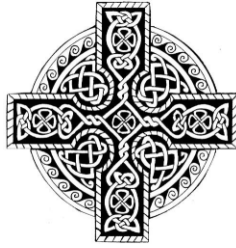
The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt	Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Battle Beasley	Rector
The Reverend Felicity Peck	Deacon
Frank Brannon, M. Div.	Pastoral Care Coordinator
Ron Balcarras	Senior Warden
George Noren	Junior Warden
Charles Cross & Les Worsley	Treasurers
Kevin Curtis	Clerk of the Vestry

Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, September 18, 2011

**Gryphon submissions to: [submitgryphon@aol.com](mailto:submitgryphon@aol.com)**

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

Sampson Udeh, Don McEwen, George Noren,	(2013)
David Winters, Eileen Cardwell, Ron Balcarras	(2012)
Cyndy Fahnestock, Kate Pilcher, Dawn Russ	(2011)



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

Dear people of God,

Thanks to all who made Rally day such a great event for displays, information, music and FOOD! Several folks asked questions about why we do certain things in the Episcopal Church. Why is the door red? The color Red is one of the primary liturgical colors used for the Altar and the hangings (on the lectern and Altar) on days associated with the Holy Spirit, Pentecost being the prime example. It is also the color used for feast days celebrating martyrs of the Church. So the door is red reminding us that the power of the Spirit drives the Church. Why and when do we stand or kneel? The old rule was you stood to praise (sing), knelt for prayer, and sat to listen to the lessons and sermon. It really boils down to personal piety that is actions that make us personally more aware of our need for God's love. Some people kneel for the confession and other prayers, prayers of the people, the Eucharistic prayer, because it puts them in a more open, humble, and receiving state of being. Just as some people make the sign of the cross on themselves whenever the name of the Trinity is invoked or when hearing the pronouncement of the forgiveness of sins. You might notice people bowing their heads at the name of Jesus, again it is a personal way of acknowledging our dependence upon and our obedience to our Lord and master. I know there are many other questions people have so please give them to me or email them to the church and every month I will try to answer some in the Gryphon.

God's Peace,  
Battle +

P.S. Priest often sign their name followed by the sign of the cross, Bishops place the cross before their signature.

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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

## **Calendar**

Sept 10 - Daughters of the King Quiet Day  
Sept 11 - 2nd Sunday Breakfast hosted by the Daughters of the King  
Sept 11 - 2nd Sunday for Second Harvest  
Sept 11 - First Day of new Sunday School Year  
Sept 11 - Vestry Committee Meetings – 9:15 am  
Sept 17 - New Comers Dinner Date – 6:00 pm – Reynolds Hall  
Sept 24 - Hosting - Diocesan “Congregational Development for the Small Church”  
Oct 1 - Movie Night on the Church Lawn – details to follow  
Oct 6 - Work Day – Parish cleaning and Special Projects  
Oct 16 - Bishop Visit  
Oct 22 - Habitat for Humanity Build – Congregation Volunteers  
Nov 4-6 - Happenings – for children 13 thru to Seniors

## **Vestry person responsible for Sunday lock up:**

09/04/11 – Eileen Cardwell  
09/11/11 – George Noren  
09/18/11 – Kate Pilcher  
09/25/11 – Sampson Udeh  
10/02/11 – George Noren

## **Sunday School Begins**

Christian Ed. for all children will begin on Sunday Sept. 11. Parents please have your children at church by 9:15 when class time begins. It helps the teachers and all children to be able to begin on time without interruptions or children having to catch up on the lesson. For parents there are always at least 2 adult classes held during the same hour so please stay and participate. Your participation helps us build community, grow in our spiritual lives, and models for our children that Christian formation is a lifelong process. Thank you.

There are presently 2 adult ed offerings, one is a Bible study group, meeting in classroom at the back of the church. The 2nd is a study of prayers from the prayer book which will be meeting in the nursery.

## **Second Sunday Breakfast Returns September 11**

Please plan to join St. Mark’s folks for a breakfast following the 8 o’clock service. That Sunday will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of the worst days in our country’s history. It will be a good thing to prayerfully break bread together on that day. The St. Mark’s Daughters of the King will prepare and serve. You are reminded to remember our neighbors in need with your generous Second Sunday Second Harvest donation.

## **ST MARK'S COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Spiritual Formation Committee**

The Spiritual Formation Liturgical Committee focuses on all aspects of Christian Education for children and adults, including space, speakers, subject matter, special and seasonal events.



As the summer peaks, our planning for the fall children and youth programs continues. The first day of Sunday School is September 11<sup>th</sup> weekend.

We are looking for a host of volunteers in the following areas:

- The Catechesis Atrium and God's Pals
- Youth program will need two people

The Spiritual Formation Committee is ready with an educational road map that will allow volunteers to review and prepare in advance for a commitment of time.

Please reach out to members of the Spiritual Formation Committee if you have any ideas, questions or if you would like to part of this committee.

Vestry Members:                    Cyndy Fahnstock, Sampson Udeh, and Eileen Cardwell  
Committee Members:            Elizabeth Powers, Donna Floyd

### **Parish Administration**

Parish Administration encompasses three areas of interest; Building & Grounds, Communication, and Finance.

Our Parish Administration Committee has begun to review and update the signage around our church. Informational signs on the entrance road, at the entrance to the church and even around the inside and outside of the church are being updated and improved. Keep your eyes out for the changes.



St. Mark's work day is coming this fall – George Noren will be surveying our facilities – watch for future plans for a chance to step up and help out.

Please reach out to members of the Parish Administration Committee if you have any ideas, questions or if you would like to part of this committee.

Vestry Members:                    David Winters, Kate Pilcher, Dawn Russ  
Committee Members:            John Seufert

## **Congregational Life Committee**

The Congregational Life Committee is responsible for the care of members and outreach to visitors. It is the goal of this committee to encourage fellowship and interaction among members and enhance our congregation's life.



Rally Day! Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event a huge success: the single service was Social and Spiritual; the Food was Fantastic and Filling; and the Rally Stations were Stupendous and Superlative. Our Time and Talent forms were well received by the congregation. We hope to collect all Time and Talent documents over the next few weeks and Pat Worsley will combine the station signup sheets with the Time and Talent documents to showcase our congregation.

Update on our plans:

We'll be starting our Parish Pictorial soon - the St. Mark's Photo Campaign to build an easy to read photo directory.

Habitat for Humanity - Don McEwen has our date set - Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Watch for the signup sheet in the back of the Church.

Calling all New Comers to St. Marks – our “New Comers” dinner is set for September 17th – Cyndy Fahnstock, Sampson Udeh and Kevin Curtis will be contacting you soon for inclusion – dinner to be supplied.

The Daughters of the King will be hosting a Quiet Day Sept. 10 (Pray for Peace).

Calling all Men at St. Mark's! We are looking to start a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Look for more information coming via George Noren.

Is anyone up for a Movie night on the lawn of St. Mark's? We are in the midst of planning a family movie night outside at dusk. Watch for details coming soon this October.

Please reach out to members of the Congregational Life Committee if you have any ideas, questions or if you would like to part of this committee.

Vestry Members:

Don McEwen, George Noren, Ron Balcarras

Committee Members:

Frank Brannon, Violet Mashingaidze and Kevin Curtis.

## **Catechesis Level 1 Training**

Catechesis training is available this year at Christ Church Cathedral.

If you are interested in being a part of and learning how to be a Catechist, please contact Battle, Gretchen Miller or Eileen Cardwell for more information.

Registration blanks are posted on the bulletin board in Reynold's Hall.

St Mark's Church Bell<sup>\*</sup>

Have you ever noticed a pattern in the sound of the church bell when it is rung on Sunday mornings? Three rings *pause* three rings *pause* three rings *pause* and finally nine rings.

The sequence of rings indicates The Angelus. In many churches the bell is rung in this manner morning, noon and evening in memory of the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, and many Christians on hearing the bell will say the following prayers, either in community or alone:

V. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary  
R. **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost**

V. Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
R. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**


V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;  
R. **Be it unto me according to thy word**

Hail Mary ....

V. And the Word was made flesh,  
R. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary ...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his  cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is an affirmation of the inseparable union between Our Lord's true humanity and his full divinity. The church teaches that one who was incarnate of the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary is a union of divine and human natures in one divine person. Some refer to Mary his mother as *theotokos* loosely translated as Mother of God.

As Christians and God's people we continue to be grateful to Mary whose response to the angel was, "Be it unto me according to thy word." After all she could have refused.

<sup>\*</sup>

St Mark's Church bell was given in memoriam. The inscription reads:

In Loving memory of  
Jefferson Davis Gilliam II  
Make a joyful Noise to  
The Lord

**A Day to Pray for Peace  
September 10, 2011**



The St. Mark's Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King invites you to share in prayers for world peace at a Quiet Day on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Beginning at 9 am, the day will consist of scripture, prayer, meditation, and the spiritual experience of walking the Labyrinth. The final ceremony will conclude in silence at 12 noon.

**Please plan to come and bring your family, friends, and neighbors.**



**Dates to Celebrate**

**September Birthdays**

Lori Gross	8
Abigail Hynd	9
Alexander Weigel	10
Tony Saturday	13
Charles Cross	14
Premjit Hayes	14
Sandy Winters	17
Connor ClenDening	18
Prince Udeh	19
Andie Scott	20
Pat Worsley	22
Bliss Button-Hale	23
Shawn Moore	24
Debbie Colvin	30
Brian Meyer	30
Ruffner Simmons	30

**September Anniversaries**

Gretchen & Jeff Miller	16
Amy Harwell & Battle Beasley	27

**Birth Announcement**

Congratulations to Mary and David Gentili on the birth of their daughter, Micah Grace. Micah arrived on August 1<sup>st</sup>, a little earlier than expected. She weighed 5 lbs. 8 ½ ozs. and measured 18 ½ inches. Micah and her parents are doing well.

## Food for Thought

God... The Hebrew word most often translated “God” is “elohim” and is plural, “gods”. Some call this the “plural of majesty”, as when a monarch might say, “We are not amused”. Others say that it is a holdover from the time when the Israelites were polytheists. Note the plural pronouns in Genesis 1:26, e.g. Still others like to say that it is a foreshadowing of the Holy Trinity.

Gospel... Originally “God’s spell”, or something like that, meaning “God’s talk”, or “message” in Old English. It translates the original Greek “euangellion”, meaning “good message”, or “good news”. To learn that one’s salary has been increased 10 percent is gospel.

Halleluja... Hebrew for “praise the Lord”, “alleluia” is the Latinized equivalent

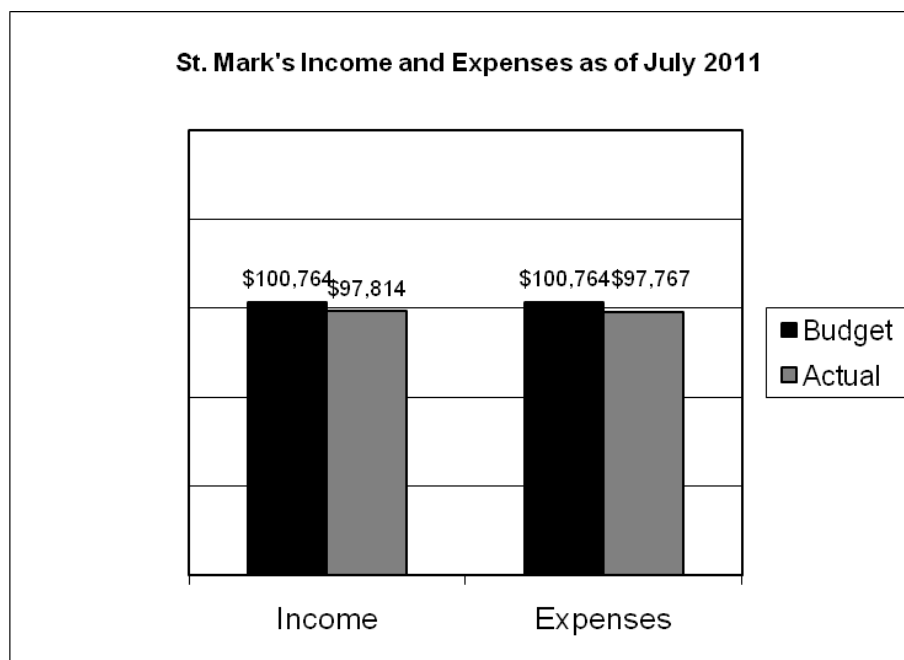
Heaven... The popular image of heaven as having “pearly gates”, et al, is not a depiction of heaven, but of the holy city that has come down to earth. Check it out at Revelation 21:9-21.

Heresy... From Greek “haireisis”, or something like that, having to do with making a choice. If you made a choice that the Church did not want you to make you were likely to be arrested, and it was all downhill thenceforward.

To be continued  
Jim Hall

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## St. Mark’s Finances



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>September</b>				<b>1</b> Arwen's Renaissance Dance Class	<b>2</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> PENTECOST XII  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>5</b> Labor Day  DOK 6:30 PM	<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> DOK Quiet Day – 9 AM
<b>11</b> PENTECOST XIII Vestry Mtg 9:15 AM AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Choir 7:00 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>17</b> Newcomers' Dinner 6:00 PM
<b>18</b> PENTECOST XIV  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> Congregational Development for the Small Church
<b>25</b> PENTECOST XV  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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## SEPTEMBER 2011 LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE (Revised)

Please watch for your name each month. If you are unable to serve on the assigned date, please arrange a swap with someone else listed for that month, and let Les Worsley (361-6005) know the name of the person with whom you swapped. If that isn't possible, please call Les or the Rector (361-4100) **in advance**. Nursery Workers, please call Lynn Poehl (367-1330). We want to avoid last minute substitutions. A SUGGESTION: Place this schedule on your refrigerator door and highlight your name as a reminder when it is your turn to serve.

**ALTAR GUILD** - Donna Floyd and Shirley Stewart

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>				
CB	J. Seufert	M. Torlay	C. Burger	D. McEwen
R	M. Rice	C. Burger	G. Leverett	S. Lindsey
A	B. Meyer	S. Rice	J. Seufert	M. Torlay
U	S. Stewart	D. Parsons	H. Stewart	S. Stewart
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>				
CB	C. Hardison / V. Mashingaidze	S. McEwen / H. Okoe	J. Parris / L. Worsley	B. ClenDening / D. Floyd
R	L. Noren / C. Ogubie	C. Robnett / J. Parris	H. Okoe / I.J. Udeh	D. Winters / P. Carr-Brannon
A	L. Worsley / H. Hashiguchi	D. Floyd / V. Mashingaidze	B. ClenDening / C. Udeh	G. Russ / L. Russ
U	P. Carr-Brannon / B. ClenDening	E. Gilliam / I. Kurz	P. Hall / V. Mashingaidze	S. McEwen / C. Robnett
OB	S. Udeh	P. Worsley	P. Carr-Brannon	E. Gilliam
CH	C. Campbell / M.A. Campbell	P. Carr-Brannon / J. Dunlap	H. Granger / K. Pilcher	E. Gilliam / P. Hall
NW	L. Poehl / L. Worsley-Hynd	L. Poehl / K. Tantarisis	L. Poehl / G. Maxwell	L. Poehl / J. Parris
GR	G. Kurz	I. Kurz	V. Mashingaidze	S. Udeh

## OCTOBER 2011 LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

**ALTAR GUILD** – Suzie Dobbs and Celia Hampson

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>					
CB	D. Parsons	J. Seufert	M. Torlay	C. Burger	D. McEwen
R	D. McEwen	M. O'Reilly	D. Parsons	L. Poehl	M. Rice
A	B. Meyer	D. McEwen	S. Rice	J. Seufert	M. Torlay
U	H. Stewart	D. Parsons	S. Stewart	H. Stewart	D. Parsons
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>					
CB	E. Gilliam / C. Hardison	V. Mashingaidze/ S. McEwen	J. Parris / L. Worsley	D. Floyd / B. ClenDening	C. Hardison / E. Gilliam
R	B. ClenDening / D. Floyd	E. Gilliam / C. Hardison	G. Kurz / V. Mashingaidze	S. McEwen / G. Noren	L. Noren / C. Ogubie
A	L. Worsley / V. Mashingaidze	B. ClenDening / C. Udeh	G. Russ / L. Russ	L. Worsley / V. Mashingaidze	D. Floyd / C. Udeh
U	B. ClenDening / S. Udeh	M. Tantarisis / P. Carr-Brannon	E. Gilliam / P. Hall	I. Kurz / S. McEwen	C. Robnett / M. Tantarisis
OB	P. Hall	S. Udeh	S. McEwen	P. Worsley	P. Carr-Brannon
CH	S. Hammontree / D. Russ	S. Winters / J. Dunlap	C. Campbell / M.A. Campbell	E. Gilliam / P. Hall	H. Granger / K. Pilcher
NW	L. Poehl / K. Tantarisis	L. Poehl / L. Worsley-Hynd	L. Poehl / G. Maxwell	L. Poehl / J. Parris	L. Poehl / B. Meyer
GR	P. Carr-Brannon	B. ClenDening	G. Kurz	I. Kurz	V. Mashingaidze

**KEY:**

**CB:** Chalice Bearer. First name reads the Prayers of the People. Second name leads the Psalm.

**R:** Reader **U:** Usher

**A:** Acolytes. First name is the Server and the second name is the Crucifer.

**OB:** Oblation Bearer. Takes Bread and Wine to the Altar during the Offertory.

**CH:** Coffee Host. Makes coffee, provides refreshments for coffee hour, and tidies the kitchen after coffee hour.

**NW:** Nursery Workers **GR:** Welcoming Team Greeters



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