

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Annual Report for 2009



❧ *A Future Full of Promise* ❧

☪ State of the Parish Address ☪

THE REVEREND JONATHAN B. COFFEY, JR.

“I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.” (Joel 2:28)

I write and speak to you in the early days of the year of our Lord 2010, a time full of hope and promise. We have come through hard times, but we are now still on the road to recovery, in the economy and in the Church, especially here at St. Mark's. We have not yet come to the end of the road, but we are on the way, together, to a future full of promise in Christ. It is my primary intent in this to welcome you to our future, and to speak words of hope that are concrete and clear.

St. Mark's has been down several roads in its almost 90 year history. In 2012 we will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of this church. St. Mark's developed in the early years as an island parish, serving the people of this remote part of Jacksonville. In the middle of the

century it began to grow more rapidly as the population grew and as fine leadership continued to come its way, including the tenures of Douglas Leatherbury, Bob Clingman, and Barnum McCarty. By the half-way point of Barnum's tenure, St. Mark's was the largest and most influential parish in the diocese of Florida. After his retirement, St. Mark's went through what I describe as a decade-long interim period. There were rectors that were called and came, but only for short times, and several interim clergy came and went. A percentage of the parish departed over the decade, often due to protracted conflict within the congregation and the wider church. Whatever I may or may not accomplish during my tenure as your rector, I am presiding over the end of that transition. We are finished with debilitating controversy and

acrimony, not because I am here, but because it has run its course. We all hold convictions on a wide range of topics and issues, but we are finished with fratricide and patricide as acceptable means to finding an outcome of religious and moral certitude. We are moving together into a future full of promise, chastened by the losses and wounds of the past fifteen years, humbled by the grace of God that continues to pour over us, and resolute to seize the hope that is the substance of our calling in Christ Jesus!

So, where are we going, and how shall we get there? I am neither a prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I can see the contour of the land ahead, and it is a goodly land, a land flowing with milk and honey, a land fit for our habitation.

I believe we will undertake a

rigorous and disciplined feasibility analysis in 2010 to determine what we are ready to do in terms of a capital campaign to unite and improve our campus for the next quarter century. At some point in the future, probably within the next eighteen months, we will in fact undertake what the feasibility study and prayer tell us we can accomplish on Christ's behalf in this place. My guiding light in this entire process as your leader will be to equip St. Mark's for its next quarter century of mission and service, and to do so in a way that builds on the history, the habitat and the sociology of this place. We are still an island parish and day school, bordered by a lovely village and parks that make my heart ache with their beauty. I will never be a party to the compromise of the true nature and loveliness of this habitat. My energy and effort will always be offered for building upon our heritage, bringing us into the future in such a manner that we can look at our environs, our Day School, our network of buildings and facilities, our beloved Chapel and Church, and still see St. Mark's, still recognize the promised land this was and is. But we will not be the same. God is, even now, making us into the Church of tomorrow, even while He honors the Church we have been. It's going to be a glorious

thing to witness!

I have often said over the years that capital campaigns bring out the best and the worst in churches. The best is the vision and the commitment that make

I BELIEVE THAT PART OF WHAT HAS BROUGHT YOU TO JACKSONVILLE, AND TO ORTEGA/AVONDALE/RIVERSIDE AND TO ST. MARK'S, IS A YEARNING FOR THE LONG-TERM, A LOYALTY TO PLACE THAT YIELDS A LOYALTY TO LIFE.

transformation possible. The worst is the deep gravitational pull to lose our perspective as we debate square footage, the wisdom of retention ponds, the type of roofing materials and whether (or not) we will move forward as a "green" campus.

These debates are important, but they are not why we are here. We are here to give glory to God. So, I am determined to maintain and expand our mission and service during the capital campaign. I am also determined to deepen and broaden our life of prayer. In the next several months our postulant for Holy Orders, Amy Slater, will be working with me to develop a range of opportunities for our people to be taught how to pray, how to meditate and how to grow in grace. In the Spring we will hold our first-ever Parish Retreat dedicated to this hope. By the time we break ground for

whatever project we undertake, I pray that there will be an even wider range of prayer groups and settings and that public daily prayer led by Lay Readers, will mark the morning and evenings of our life together on this our island home.

I see my primary calling as your rector as, in some ways, the same it has always been over the years as a parish priest. My calling is to

form this congregation into a biblical community, a group of more or less ordinary twenty-first century people, who know the Bible as canon, as the measure of their lives. To that end I will be continuing to encourage the growth of bible study and reflection groups in our church, but I will also be teaching a course on the Land of the Bible, and bringing the Rev. Canon Dr. John L. Peterson to our parish in September to lead a weekend of biblical renewal as we study "Scripture and the Land". Then I propose that we celebrate our 90th anniversary in part by sponsoring and taking a parish-wide pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I can tell you from personal experience, that walking the land of the Bible is one of the most moving and transforming ways to come to "know" the Bible!

I want you to hear me when I

say that the habitat of the Bible, and the habitat of our parish are crucial to understanding and celebrating the fullness of the promise that lies before us. In nature, there are short-term “communities” of meadows where plants are born and grow and die in weeks, not months, and where change is ever present. Then there are habitats of longer tenure, where bushes and shrubs begin to grow and where time is measured in months and seasons, not days and weeks. And then there are those habitats where all the species are in for the long haul: trees, predators, birds and bees. Time is measured in a hardwood forest very differently than in a mountain meadow. There are fewer young and they grow slowly and live for years, decades and even centuries as with our beloved live oaks. Everything and everyone in a long-term habitat must work together to care for young and old alike, using neither too much nor too little of the resources available and always living with the long view in perspective.

I believe that Ortega/Avondale/Riverside is a long-term habitat in a short-term culture. Our state and our nation live for the short-term profits and pleasure that can be squeezed out of the present. I believe that part of what has brought you to Jacksonville, and to Ortega/Avondale/Riverside and to St. Mark's, is a yearning for the

long-term, a loyalty to place that yields a loyalty to life. We are here for the long-haul, I am here for the long-haul. I hereby rededicate myself to doing no harm to the remarkable habitat that drew me here, nor to the extraordinary parish that I serve.

I ask you to join me in doing no harm over the next several years as we embark upon great initiatives that will enrich and improve our life together, to join me in honoring the past when the past has been honorable, in handling the water and land and air of this place as if we did not and do not possess them, in building for the ages, not for short-term benefit. Let us do the best, not second best and certainly not the mediocre, as we continue to build our unified campus for Christian growth and service here in this place, for us, for our children and for the generations yet unborn. Let us take the high road that will demand our best, not because I say so, but because the high road is the best road, the road that leads through the short-term into the long term and toward the “city not made with human hands”

(Hebrews 11:16), toward which our ancestors have journeyed and where we will one day find our home in the company of all the saints in heaven and on earth, surrounding and embracing God the Holy Trinity who is our Origin and our Destiny!

May God guide us in the works of our hands, grant us the substance of dreams amid the prayers of the people, and finally show us the promise of the future!

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Jonathan B. Coffey, Jr., Rector

☪ Associate Rector's Report ☪

THE REVEREND SANDRA K. MOYLE

When I think back over all the wonderful things God did for and with us at St. Mark's in 2009 I am filled with optimism and eager expectancy for what is yet to come. Certainly we have gone through difficult times, as individuals, families and as a congregation. We have all had to downsize in one way or another. There has been sorrow and grief in the losses of family and friends. Yet we have not forgotten to bear one another's burdens, to share what we have with others, and in all things to praise God for the love shown us in Jesus Christ. As a member of Team Coffey I offer these reminders of what we have done and my hope for the coming year.

Mission and Service

Working with chair Ellen Magevney and staff liaison Missy Ketchum has been remarkable as we carried out

a reorganization of the former Outreach Commission into an expanded Mission and Service Commission. I have sought greater integration with the school, with other church commissions and in the larger community to expand our vision of ministry and opportunities for service. A few highlights of the year were: the annual Biggest Food Drive Ever, participation in the interfaith ICare organization, and our service to children, the destitute, the homeless, the hungry and the working poor through financial support and hands on service.

Pastoral Care

Caring for the ill, injured, and infirm of our congregation is a core value of this church. Elizabeth Crosby and the Pastoral Care Commission chaired by Ruth Granger uphold the high standards set over the years of caring for

one another. I am especially pleased with the Mourner's Path program which continues to help so many people recovery from the loss of loved ones.

Evangelism

Helping others to know Jesus through an experience of him in the body of Christ, the faith community, is the purpose of Discovery Weekend. As spiritual director for the spring Discovery Weekend I can assure you that 25 people (many of them newcomers) received the gift of love, fellowship (and great food) that you, the congregation provided for them.

Christian Formation

Educating a community of life-long learners can be a challenge but working with CF director Laura Magevney makes it easy and fun.

Other than leading worship there is nothing I enjoy more than participating in an adult

Bible study. I contribute to the Sunday morning Gospel Truth class, provide regular bible study at the Wednesday Morning Bible Study (10 a.m., library, all invited) and I am supporting the new Women's Early Risers bible study led by Julie Davis on Tuesday mornings (7 a.m., 2nd floor of the Bookstore, entrance in back). Ya'll come.

Worship

Leading the faithful in wonder, love and praise of God is the joy of my life. I participate in planning worship, preaching, celebrating the Eucharist and leading prayers at Sunday and Wednesday services, at school chapel and special services such as the yearly Blue Christmas service.

Councils of the Church

Ministering to the faithful also includes an element of administration. I ended my term as President of the Diocesan Standing Committee this year and accepted appointment to the Diocesan Pastoral Care Commission, chairing the subcommittee on Clergy Wellness. I served on the St. Mark's Reorganization Committee and helped implement the committee's recommendations. Along with David, I assist Jon and

Council of Compassion Chair Roger Ingram in helping parishioners seriously affected by the economy.

Looking to the future, I remain open and ready to participating in the movement of the Holy Spirit in our church as we look forward to a future full of promise. I am especially excited about:

- the youth-driven All Service Sunday next month when we will worship together, share a meal and then go out into the world to do works of service all around the community.
- the expansion of the Mourner's Path program here at St. Mark's and actively helping expand the program around the Diocese.
- the goal of getting the average Sunday attendance to attend the ICare Great Nehemiah Rally in March to speak out for justice in our community.
- the possibility of restarting a Parish Nurse program as part of our pastoral care offering.

I am so thankful to be part of the ministry of St. Mark's and I pray that God will richly bless you and all whom you love in 2010.

Respectfully submitted by the
Rev. Sandra K. Moyle
January 2010

☞ Associate Rector's Report ☞

THE REVEREND DAVID C. KILLEEN

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Marriage Course

In January and February, Carol and I led a 6-week marriage enrichment course. 12 couples attended, and over 30 volunteers helped make it possible!

Youth

I worked with Ayana Grady and a dedicated team of lay leaders (both adult and youth) to plan our first annual St. Mark's Follies, which benefited our youth mission trip to England. Initiated regular youth leader planning meetings and recruited members of our first EYC Parents' Council.

Christian Formation

I collaborated with Laura Magevney and Bob Kidd, commission head, to recruit new lay leaders for Christian Formation Commission. Taught Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult classes, as well as the Preschool Bible class for Vacation Bible School. Initiated Blessing of the Backpacks service in August.

Sunday Service Review Team

I served as clergy liaison on team that reviewed Sunday worship and Christian formation and then made recommendations to Father Jon.

Fellowship

I led, along with Dwight and Jessica Babcock, and T.R. and Melody Hainline, the second annual Parish Camping trip at Suwannee River State Park. 50 members attended!

Diocese

I co-founded Wounded Warrior spiritual retreats for severely wounded veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Chair of Diocesan Liturgical Commission, which is responsible for planning Diocesan Convention liturgies and other worship services as requested. Led a summer camp at Camp Weed with Ayana Grady for 5-6th graders.

Day School

I serve as church representative on Strategic Planning Team.

2010 GOALS

Young Adults

Launch (Fall 2010) a targeted ministry to young adults (men and women in their twenties and early thirties). Recruit a leadership team by April.

Newcomers

Lead a team to revitalize newcomers' ministries at St. Mark's. Recruit leadership by June. Have new membership incorporation system in place by January 2011.

Youth

Develop a program that helps our 6th graders transition from 6th grade LiveWire group to 7th grade EYC.

Diocese

Create a Wounded Warrior Retreat "Best Practices" guide that will help other Dioceses replicate the program.

Respectfully submitted by
The Reverend David C. Killeen
January 2010

Worship Commission

JERRY LEYNES, COMMISSION HEAD

Average attendance on Sunday for 2009 was 392. • includes extra activities for the kids including a camp, and has grown significantly since last year.
Printed 31,000 bulletins in-house and out-sourced 3000. • St. Mark's Ringers – @ 800hrs/year
Held 375 services, excluding funerals and weddings. • Contemporary Music Team @ 420hrs/year
Served communion 32,000 times.
Choir sang 500 musical pieces (hymns, anthems, etc.).

Total of above: *491 People Actively Involved!*

Ministry Hours

- Altar Guild: 74 members, about 2000 hours/year
- Acolytes: 88 @ 2200 hours/year
- Ushers: 81 @ 2916 hours/year
- Vergers: 11 @ 165 hrs/year
- Greeters: 30 @ 330 hours/year
- Lectors: 68 @ 55 hours/year
- Chalice Bearers: 40 @ 660 hrs/year
- Oblationers: 38 Families @152 hrs/year
- Callers: 4 @ 12 hrs/year
- Choirs: 55+/- people
- St. Mark's Choir -@ 3500hrs/year
- Choristers – @ 1200hrs/year. St. Mark's Choristers is our revamped children's choir program that now
- provides musical leadership three Sundays a month,

Total Hours Spent in these ministries: 14,400 hours (Average of 30hrs/person/year)

If we paid minimum wage cost would be: \$7.25 x 14400 = \$104,400.00

If you divide our budget dollars by the hours our ALL VOLUNTEER committee members donate annually, the cost it \$1.78 per hour.

❧ Parish Fellowship Report ❧

MARK AND FRANCES HUTTO, COMMISSION HEADS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2009

Rally Day

Over 500 parishioners came to eat, play and enjoy the fellowship

- New venues were added – the history timeline, family movies and popcorn, a petting zoo and lemonade stand manned by the youngsters, sold our Rally Day barbeque sauce to benefit the Commission on Compassion
- Brought back the Cake Walk and revised it to be kid-friendly. A huge hit!
- Over fifty volunteers helped bring it all together, led by Sue and Tim Engemann.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Members from ECW, led by Karen Culler, held key meetings in 2009.

- In August and October, meetings were also held to discuss vital issues related to the women of the Episcopal Church.
- In April, a dozen parishioners from St. Marks attended their Spring Retreat.
- ECW also sponsored the Sharing Tree Project in December where 100

angels were sponsored by St. Mark's parishioners. The event was an overwhelming success with donations to Prisoners for Christ, St. Mary's Itabo, WSCO, and Sulzbacher.

Marksmen

Meetings held with the men of St. Mark's 3rd Tuesday of each month, alternating between dinner at Grace House and breakfast in Leath-erbury. Speakers and fellowship continue to be excellent under Bert Ralston's leadership. Ideas for future speakers are always appreciated!

Summer Breakfasts

Over 70 parishioners helped to cook breakfasts for St. Mark's this past summer at the 9am hour. Coordinated by Ted Miller and led by Pixianne Beasley, this fellowship opportunity continues to be a big summer hit.

Reception Guild

Ann Davenport and Sally Taylor helped to coordinate 55 volunteers for important receptions and events across the parish. Both have decided to take a more active load with the receptions

for 2010 and we are currently in search of a new chair for this important church ministry.

Bookstore

Leslie Fraleigh continues to manage the operation of the St. Mark's Bookstore and has focused her energies on revamping the gifts, inventory, and overall appeal of the store. This continues to be an important ministry of St. Mark's as it helps to host book signings, Diocese "road shows", bible studies, Sunday school classes, and SMEDS book/clothing sales.

☞ Christian Formation Report ☞

BOB KIDD, COMMISSION HEAD

- 2009 began with a wonderful *Epiphany Celebration* where the three kings returned to a family friendly service, delicious kings' cake and the burning of the greens.
- MOPS again sponsored our fun *Pancake Supper* where parishioners filled themselves with pancakes and bacon and children of all ages wore Mardi Gras beads and decorated masks.
- During Lent we had a wonderful time at the St. Mark's *Women's Retreat* where over 60 women of all ages and stages spent time at Epworth-by-the-Sea in fellowship, prayer and study. The retreat was led by Reverend Neely Towe and the Reverend Sandy Moyle and was a success due to the hard work of chair Leesie Snell.
- The first annual *St. Mark's Follies* was a huge hit in March, attracting over 250 people, and 14 performing acts. The performers included 3 St Mark's priests, four Sunday School classes, the Vestry, and all of St Mark's EYC. All of the proceeds from the event went to the youth group's summer mission trip.
- The volunteers for our *Kids' Night In* program provided Bible study, crafts, games and fellowship for the many children of those involved in The Marriage Course or Wednesdays in Lent. Mary Claire Miller helped lead and recruit volunteers for these programs.
- *The Palm Sunday procession* was again a highlight of the season allowing children a chance to pet a real donkey and see the parable of the sheep and the goats in action as volunteers attempted to lead these animals from the youth center to the church.
- 17 members of St Mark's EYC and five adults served on St Mark's summer *London Mission Trip*. While there, the group served with Missionaries of Charity—cooking, organizing, cleaning, and even singing at homeless shelters and food banks around the city of London. The youth group also took a pilgrimage to Canterbury and experienced the history of the Anglican church.
- Christian Formation worked with Frances and Mark Hutto and *Parish Fellowship* to offer activities throughout the summer. Our Bingo Nights had world-class bingo calling and lots of prizes while our summer movie, Nemo, featured popcorn, ice cream sundaes and plenty of room for children to curl up and enjoy the show.

- *Crocodile Dock* was the theme of VBS 2009 where over 150 children came to watch God's light shine. Working to coordinate our program with the SMEDS summer camp youth and adult volunteers provided Bible lessons, crafts, games and snacks to an enthusiastic crowd. The children and their families were invited to donate school supplies for The Bridge, filling a Tiki Hut with paper, crayons, markers, and other much needed items. VBS 2010 will be chaired by Lisa Grubba and Evan Duggan.

- Our new program for 5th & 6th graders, *LiveWire*, culminated it's spring of service activities by allowing serving as junior counselors for VBS and volunteering at St. Mary's, the Sulzbacher Center, and the Sanctuary on 8th Street in the afternoons. Many thanks to all the parents who helped us every afternoon.

- On Rally Day we invited all students to bring their backpacks to church for the *Blessing of the Backpacks*. Students received a small cross to hook on their backpacks and were invited to bring school supplies to support the Crossroads program at Ortega Elementary.

- We kicked off the school year with a *Parents of Youth reception*, at the home of Poppy & Rob Clements, which was very well attended by parents with children in 7th-12th grades. The reception included overviews of Sunday School, EYC, Contemporary Choir, and Acolyting.

- Over the summer the Christian Formation Commission worked to implement changes suggested by the *Sunday Reinvent Committee*, including a desire for more Bible studies to be offered at St. Mark's. This fall we kicked off a

new Sunday school class in Leatherbury Hall, The Gospel Truth, where the preacher of the day has a chance to provide additional instruction and spirited discussion on that day's scriptures. During the week we have added the Women's Early Risers, who spent the fall studying the Old Testament, and St. Mark's is hosting a large Interdenominational Women's Bible Study of The Book of John, led by the Reverend Neely Towe, which has over 100 women in attendance.

- In September the Christian Formation Commission and SMEDS collaborated on a new teaching series, *Parenting Matters*. Topics ranged from school readiness, to volunteering with your child to internet safety and cyberbullying.

- Due to the overwhelming success of the Parents' reception, the *Youth Kickoff* to St. Mark's EYC in August attracted 60 youth. The large numbers continued due to a strong 7th grade class, and St Mark's EYC attendance literally doubled for the 2009-10 school year.

- The well-attended *Advent & Alternative Giving Fair* was moved up so that it occurred earlier in the year, and we added tables for the programs supported by Mission & Service. Throngs of parishioners were able to make advent wreaths, paint pottery and give back to local communities around the world as they shopped from Ten Thousand Villages, Habijax, St. Mary's, the Sulzbacher Center, Episcopal Relief and Development, and Riverkeepers. Laura Fackler did a great job chairing the Advent Fair.

- Our evening of *Parish Caroling* was the best attended in years. During dinner over 60 children, youth and adults were treated to a brief

holiday concert provided by members of the St. Mark's Choir, before leaving to provide song and fellowship to homebound members of St. Mark's as well as those in several area assisted living facilities. Gina Donahoo was our terrific chair of Parish Caroling.

- Our year concluded with a wonderful retelling of the Christmas story in the *Christmas Eve Tableau*. Over 60 children participated as sheep, animals, shepherds, angels, the Holy Family and readers to bring the story of our savior's birth to life. Thank you to Melody Hainline, Paula, Kate and Weezie Phelan, and all the adults who helped us put this together.

☪ Pastoral Care Report ☪

RUTH GRANGER, COMMISSION HEAD

The Pastoral Care Commission seeks to be present to our parish family in times of illness, death, isolation, divorce, addiction, and other life experiences of acute need. During 2009 lay members of our parish provided the following ministries:

- *Cooks on Call*, (29 Volunteers) prepare and deliver meals to St. Mark's parishioners in need. Approximately 39 families were served this year.
- *Eucharistic Visitors* (9 Volunteers) take the sacraments from the altar during the Sunday morning services to those unable to attend church. Each week at least 1 person is visited. Monthly 15 – 20 parishioners are visited at Sterling House.
- *Weekly Grace House Lunches* (15 Volunteers) are under the direction of Pixianne Beasley and dedicated lay leadership. About 30 to 36 lunches are served each Wednesday to friends of all ages.
- *The Health Resources Team* serves the parish by overseeing the resources library of health-related materials. We are currently looking into establishing a Parish Nurse Program.
- *Hospital Visitors* (6 volunteers) are trained lay persons who make visits to parishioners in the hospitals and nursing homes every Tuesday and Thursday. 5 – 10 people are visited each week.
- *Intercessory Prayer Group* (8 Volunteers) prays daily and together weekly for immediate needs, concerns and requests.
- *The Noonday Prayer Group* (15 Volunteers) prays every day in the chapel or at home, praying specifically for those in our parish.
- *The Extended Prayer Group* (12 Volunteers) prays in their homes daily for those outside our parish family. 100+ people are prayed for daily.

- *Lay Healing Ministers* (8 volunteers) pray on Sunday in the chapel during communion for anyone desiring healing in body, mind, spirit and life situations for themselves or someone else. Up to 3 or 4 are prayed with weekly.
- *Pastoral Assistants* (3 Volunteers) are laypersons who visit or call parishioners regularly. 5 – 10 people are reached weekly.
- *The Prayer Shawl Ministry* (12 Volunteers) knits prayer shawls which are blessed by a priest and given to those suffering from illness, a loss or in need of comfort. 75 + shawls have been given out this year.
- *Redeemed Caregivers* supports and encourages those who are caring for loved ones with challenging illnesses (mental, physical and emotional) as well as those who are aging and have health problems. There 55 people on the confidential mailing list and 20 to 25 people who attend on a regular basis.
- *Samaritans* (22 Volunteers) are on call to assist homebound or ill parishioners with transportation needs in the area. There are 4-5 people helped on a regular weekly basis and 10 or so others occasionally.
- *Special Friend Deliveries* - Our pastoral assistants, Samaritans, pastoral care commission members and many other parishioners deliver baskets of fruit (or mums, where appropriate) to our homebound members during the weekend before Thanksgiving. After Easter Day, the pastoral care members, along with the altar guild, make deliveries to our homebound members. Around 75 people are recipients of this ministry.
- *Special Friends Events* provide occasions for renewed friendships and hospitality for our homebound parishioners. We host one or two luncheons yearly, and we make seasonal deliveries of flowers. Usually 72 – 75 people are in attendance.
- *The Addictive Disease Ministry* supports individuals and families who deal with addictive or compulsive diseases by providing space for support groups. Men's AA, Women's AA, Alanon, and FAA groups meet weekly.
- *Counseling Scholarships* have been made available on a case-by-case basis to help parishioners during difficult times. This offering is managed at the discretion and direction of our clergy.
- *Walking the Mourner's Path* (3 Volunteers) is an eight week, Christ centered bereavement and grief support program offered twice a year. Its purpose is to transform one's grief into joyful living by offering the outstretched hand of Christ during bereavement. 10 – 15 take advantage of this program each year.

Evangelism Report

CHRIS TOMLINSON, COMMISSION HEAD

Cuba Mission

Leader: Jessica Babcock

- Sent \$6,125.00 to our sister parish in Itabo, Cuba for the purchase of additional land.
- Next mission trip is to be announced soon.

Cursillo

Leaders: Craig and Cameron Walker.

New Leaders for 2010: Eric and Margaret Cavin.

- Held two (2) Ultreyas (April and November) in order to welcome back recent Cursillo participants.
- Seeking participants for sponsorship by St. Mark's for Cursillo to be held in February and October 2010.

Discovery Weekend

Leaders: Julie Pope and Alan Bartlett.

New Leaders for 2010: Bert and Sandy Ralston.

- 2nd Annual Discovery Weekend held on January 23-25, 2009.

- 23 attendees, including a number of prospective members of St. Mark's.
- Next Discovery Weekend scheduled for February 19-21, 2010.

Marriage Course

Leaders: Dave and Carol Killeen.

- Marriage Course held on January 14-February 18, 2009.
- Welcomed 12 couples who participated in the 6 week course.
- Next Marriage Course scheduled for January 13 - February 17, 2010.

Newcomers

Leader: Michelle Preuss.

- Held two (2) socials at the homes of parishioners in order to welcome visitors and potential new members of St. Mark's.

☪ Mission and Service Report ☪

ELLEN MAGEVNEY, COMMISSION HEAD

The Mission and Service commission offers the parish opportunities to serve the poor, the homeless and hungry and marginalized, and to financially support organizations dedicated to making Jacksonville and the world a better place for all of God's beloved. To that end, in 2009, we donated \$38,000 to ministry organizations and the opportunities for service were as follows:

I.M. Sulzbacher

- 45 parishioners cooked and served 9 lunches or dinners for the homeless; this ministry involved 30 parishioners.

St. Mary's Mission

- Parishioners donated and delivered 350 bags of food to St. Mary's Episcopal Mission in Springfield in the second annual Biggest Food Drive Ever.

Habijax

- We participated in a Habijax house build/rehab for a Northside family. 15 parishioners involved.

Westside Christian Outreach

- Annual Thanksgiving ham drive resulted in 100 canned hams for the poor.

Prisoners of Christ

- Two parishioners helped conduct a 3 month Alpha (basic Christianity) course for 25

recently released ex-offenders.

Camp Bob

- St. Mark's paid tuition for two inner city youths to attend Camp Bob at Kanuga.

Blood Drive

- We held two blood drives at St. Mark's, collecting approximately 25 pints of blood at each.

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Angel Sharing Tree

- Coordinated by the St. Mark's Episcopal Church Women who received 150 presents from parishioners for disadvantaged children at St. Mary's and WSCO and male ex-offenders at Prisoners of Christ.

Ortega Elementary School

- The Crossroads Mentoring program provided 21 volunteer tutors for at risk youth at Ortega Elementary. Also, St. Mark's children provided school supplies at the beginning of

the school year.

Meals On Wheels

- Delivered weekly meals to homebound; 54 parishioners involved

ICARE

- Justice ministry members held parish and home meetings on community issues and were involved in citywide research teams. 75 parishioners attended the Nehemiah Assembly in March.

St. Mark's Episcopal Day School

CATHY HARDAGE, HEAD OF SCHOOL

St. Mark's Episcopal Day School is a vibrant ministry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. The school and church work very closely together to achieve a "unified campus for Christian growth." The rector sits on the Board of Trustees for the school. The Board of Trustees Chair sits on the Church Vestry. The Head of School attends all church staff meetings and the executive church meeting every month. Forty percent of school families are St. Mark's Episcopal Church parishioners, and 44% of school families are Episcopalians.

Academic Accomplishments of Students:

- All students in the sixth grade class of 2009 were accepted to the middle schools of their choice.
- In 2008-2009, 31% of the fourth grade class qualified for Duke University's Talent Identification Program.
- In 2008-2009, 33% of the fifth grade class qualified for Duke University's Talent Identification Program.

Academic Curriculum:

- The school's curriculum continues to be driven by high achieving benchmarks and revisited for quality control yearly as standardized testing and other assessment dictates.
- As required by our accrediting body, we research and adopt new curriculum on a systematic cycle.
- Throughout 2009-2010, the school is reviewing and researching math curricular materials for adoption for the 2010-2011 school year.

- The Academic Support Center continues to deliver reading and math interventions and enrichment activities to students.

Admissions:

- St. Mark's has welcomed 48 new families, which accounts for 73 new students for the 2009-2010 school year.
- The total number of students enrolled as of January 5, 2010, was 446 in the one year old program through sixth grade.

Board of Trustees:

- Missy Ketchum assumed the position of Board Chair in July 2009.
- Board and Vestry Day took place on February 20, 2009.
- The school By-laws were revised and approved in May 2009.

Chapels, Christian Education, Character Education, Service:

- The core of St. Mark's school is instilling Christian values in our students. Chapels,

Christian education classes, character education through the “Fruit of the Spirit” program, and service learning and projects are integrated in all that we do.

- Christian Education classes are developmentally appropriate and related to grade level curriculum focused on the Holy Scripture and its relevance to our daily lives.
- Character Education is taught through the many stories in Scripture and the “Fruit of the Spirit” program based on Galatians 5:22, 23.
- Service learning and service projects are conducted across grade levels as a community effort, and by individual grade levels, teaching children about cultures and concerns across the globe and in their own backyard.

Development:

- Goal \$350,000 – amount raised \$311,000 to date
- 2008-2009 Annual Fund – Chairmen Ann and Chip Dempsey
- St. Mark’s Masters Golf Tournament – Chairmen George Egan and Brian Sheridan
- Amore II Special Event – Chairman – Brian Sheridan
- Daily’s Ortega River Run – Chairmen – Julie Cofran and Liz Mundin

Endowment:

- The School Endowment Fund of approximately \$1.6 million as of December 31 will provide \$70,000 for the operating budget for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Facilities:

- During October 2009, the school acquired the property which borders the Berg Playfield on the north side (2902 Harvard Avenue). The school plans to demolish the existing house and use this area as a playground.

Faculty/Staff Retreat:

- All faculty and staff took part in a two-day retreat on September 26 and September 27, 2009.

Financial Aid:

- Financial aid continues to be a priority in order to provide families with children in kindergarten through sixth grade the opportunity to attend St. Mark’s. Aid in the amount of \$177,000 has been granted to 53 families who demonstrated financial need. The 66 students receiving assistance represent 25% of the population.
- Non-need based financial aid is provided to full time St. Mark’s Church employees in the amount of \$19,000.
- St. Mark’s has 15 families representing 19 students who benefit from the State of Florida Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship program. The school receives \$75,050 for these families.

Henry & Lucy Gooding Endowment:

- In October 2009, the school received great news. A large financial gift was awarded from The Henry & Lucy Gooding Endowment.

Marketing and Communications:

- The school’s website received 64,610 visits in 2009 and averaged 63 new visitors and 71 repeat visitors each day.
- The Admission office continues to receive inquiries through the website and is often cited as how a parent found out about us - along with word of mouth.
- A Facebook Fan Page, www.facebook.com/stmarksepisopaldayschool was created in 2009 and St. Mark’s Episcopal Day School Alumni Group has 141 fans; 107 alumni members have signed up for updates.

NAEYC Reaccreditation:

- The reaccreditation process by NAEYC was revised nationally in 2006 and included much more rigorous standards for early childhood programs. In June 2009, St. Mark's received notice NAEYC had reaccredited our school for the next five years. Our early learning through kindergarten program was reaccredited with flying colors.

PAT (Parents' Association Team):

- The parent organization is a very active volunteer support and arm of the school. Meetings are held monthly for the parent community presenting topics of interest to parents. Under Amy Morales' excellent leadership, PAT is flourishing and provides volunteers for all friend raisers and fundraisers.

Parent Education:

- Set for Success: Starting the Year Strong was presented for parents on September 10, 2009.
- Spirituality and Service on November 5, 2009, included discussion on ways you can expose your children and family to mission and service work.
- A workshop on cyberbullying and internet safety will be presented on January 21, 2010.
- Safeguarding God's Children classes were offered on September 17, 2009, November 5, 2009, and January 14, 2010. Another class will be offered on April 15, 2010.
- The entire church and school staff attended Safeguarding God's People on November 30, 2009. Another class will be offered on January 28, 2010.

Professional Development:

- Professional development continues to be a high priority of the Head of School. This is the lifeblood of cutting edge curriculum and instruction in the classroom. All faculty have participated in professional development opportunities this past year. Some of the conferences have been local, and others have been out of town.
- The workshops have been in some of the following areas: early childhood, technology, brain research, differentiated instruction, special learning interventions (dyslexia, etc.), literature, music, social studies.

Strategic Planning:

- The Board of Trustees of St. Mark's Episcopal Day School initiated a strategic planning process, named Just Imagine 2015!, under Nicole Bryan's able leadership and with the assistance of Christina Drouin, an experienced consultant from the Center for Strategic Planning, Inc.
- A very lively symposium was conducted on December 5, 2009. Sixty parents, church members, staff, grandparents, alumni, and interested parties attended.

Surveys:

- An extensive parent survey was conducted in April 2009. Fifty-two percent of our families participated. Faculty are surveyed anonymously internally twice a year to determine faculty climate and morale.

Technology:

- All new multimedia computers in the computer lab
- Upgraded computers in kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms
- A new mobile lab for fifth and sixth grade classes

- Added interactive whiteboards and ceiling mounted projectors to kindergarten through second grade (now, all grade level and resource classrooms are equipped with projectors and interactive whiteboards).
- Shutterfly accounts for information and photo sharing set up for every classroom/grade level to enhance communication between home and school
- Classroom wikis and blogs are utilized as the internet home page for classroom computers to provide communication to the students on technology integrated activities, projects, and homework
- Ongoing, weekly training offered for teachers to encourage the use of technology and technology integration.

St. Mark's Episcopal Day School

	<u>Fiscal Years Ended June 30,</u>	
ASSETS	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$379,226	\$716,340
Certificates of Deposits	603,528	800,837
Tuitions Receivable	189,950	201,656
Other Receivables	8,132	15,484
Prepaid Expenses	94,493	113,209
Deposits	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>1,275,329</u>	<u>1,847,526</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	<u>339,328</u>	<u>386,166</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Loan Receivable	252,649	244,915
Corporate Bonds	401,047	100,751
Endowment Assets (1)	<u>1,296,221</u>	<u>1,814,968</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	1,949,917	2,160,634
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$3,564,574</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,394,326</u></u>
 LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$91,075	\$139,731
Deferred Revenue	<u>1,340,206</u>	<u>1,496,745</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,431,281</u>	<u>1,636,476</u>
LONG TERM LIABILITIES		
Deferred Revenue	81,320	73,586
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	1,032,036	1,648,754
Temporarily Restricted	310,509	326,082
Permanently Restricted	<u>709,428</u>	<u>709,428</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>2,051,973</u>	<u>2,684,264</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$3,564,574</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,394,326</u></u>
 <u>SCHOOL YEAR</u>		
	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>
Revenue	\$3,266,666	\$3,589,306
Net Change in Assets	(\$632,291)	(\$316,851)
Total Fund Raising	\$318,244	\$341,764
Financial Aid	\$170,666	\$153,902
K-1 Through 6th Grade Enrollment	373	394
ELP Enrollment	87	93
Total Number of Families	313	326

(1) Endowment Assets are held at the Foundation

**ST MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2008 AND 2009 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
2010 BUDGET**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010 PROPOSED BUDGET</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
PLEDGES	\$ 1,466,329	\$ 1,316,518	\$ 1,452,201
COLLECTION ALLOWANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (87,884)
OTHER OFFERINGS & SPECIAL GIFTS	\$ 247,497	\$ 179,706	\$ 180,201
OTHER INCOME	\$ 17,261	\$ 7,931	\$ 10,000
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 1,731,087</u>	<u>\$ 1,504,155</u>	<u>\$ 1,554,518</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$ 1,115,175	\$ 1,010,531	\$ 1,026,357
ADMINISTRATION/OPERATIONS	\$ 296,217	\$ 249,183	\$ 276,124
PARISH FELLOWSHIP/ACTIVITIES	\$ 24,740	\$ 9,997	\$ 9,071
EVANGELISM	\$ 12,218	\$ 8,899	\$ 12,250
CHRISTIAN FORMATION	\$ 23,498	\$ 14,939	\$ 20,040
YOUTH MINISTRIES	\$ 7,297	\$ 4,949	\$ 6,725
WORSHIP	\$ 25,325	\$ 19,247	\$ 21,035
PASTORAL CARE	\$ 7,001	\$ 6,532	\$ 6,500
OUTREACH	\$ 43,667	\$ 35,285	\$ 36,210
DIOCESAN PLEDGE	\$ 170,000	\$ 150,541	\$ 140,206
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 1,725,138</u>	<u>\$ 1,510,103</u>	<u>\$ 1,554,518</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIT) REVENUES	<u>\$ 5,949</u>	<u>\$ (5,948)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

PLEDGE STATISTICAL COMPARISON	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
NUMBER OF PLEDGES	448	406	387
PLEDGE AMOUNT	\$1,566,239	\$1,389,113	\$1,352,941
AVERAGE PLEDGE	\$3,496	\$3,421	\$3,496
NUMBER UNCHANGED	204	203	181
NUMBER INCREASED	184	78	132
NUMBER DECREASED	29	83	38
NUMBER NEW	31	42	36

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

	2009	2008
ASSETS		
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ <u>531,341</u>	\$ <u>608,021</u>
INVESTMENTS	\$ <u>14,782</u>	\$ <u>19,548</u>
RECEIVABLES AND OTHER ASSETS		
DUE FROM FUTURE CAMPAIGN	\$ 46,912	\$ 46,912
MASTER SITE PLAN COSTS	\$ 81,880	\$ 81,487
PLEDGES CURRENT YEAR	\$ 125,182	\$ 129,882
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIVABLES	\$ -	\$ 1,128
STOCK TO BE LIQUIDATED	\$ 54,796	\$ 11,812
DUE FROM BOOKSTORE	\$ 552	\$ 1,519
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	\$ <u>309,322</u>	\$ <u>272,740</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>855,445</u>	\$ <u>900,309</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
OTHER PAYABLES	\$ <u>8,859</u>	\$ <u>8,250</u>
RESERVES		
PREPAID PLEDGES	\$ 125,430	\$ 162,626
REVENUE FROM PRIOR YEAR	\$ -	\$ 5,949
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 159,307	\$ 135,973
DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS	\$ 98,545	\$ 113,952
UNCOLLECTED PLEDGES	\$ 125,182	\$ 129,882
TOTAL RESERVES	\$ <u>508,464</u>	\$ <u>548,382</u>
LOANS & MORTGAGES		
FOUNDATION LINE OF CREDIT	\$ <u>81,880</u>	\$ <u>81,487</u>
TOTAL LOANS & MORTGAGES	\$ <u>81,880</u>	\$ <u>81,487</u>
FUND BALANCES	\$ <u>256,242</u>	\$ <u>262,190</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ <u>855,445</u>	\$ <u>900,309</u>

ST. MARK'S FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

ASSETS

	2009	2008
CASH	\$ 88,312	\$ 60,948
INVESTMENTS	\$ 2,404,727	\$ 2,114,474
PROPERTY & REAL ESTATE	\$ 1,950,449	\$ 1,835,449
CLERGY HOUSING LOANS	\$ 259,813	\$ 259,813
LINE OF CREDIT-SMEC	\$ 81,880	\$ 81,487
<u>CAMPAIGN ADVANCES</u>		
CAMPAIGN-SMEC	\$ 46,912	\$ 46,912
CAMPAIGN-SMEDS	\$ 140,143	\$ 136,297
TOTAL CAMPAIGN ADVANCES	\$ 187,055	\$ 183,209
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 4,972,236</u>	<u>\$ 4,535,380</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES

NOMINEE DEBT

2903 IONIC AVE-SMEDS	\$ 112,506	\$ 112,506
2902 HARVARD AVE-SMEDS	\$ 115,000	\$ -
SMEC-MASTER SITE PLAN	\$ 81,880	\$ 81,487
SMEC-CAMPAIGN DUE	\$ 46,912	\$ 46,912
SMEDS-CAMPAIGN DUE	\$ 140,143	\$ 136,297
TOTAL NOMINEE DEBT	<u>\$ 496,441</u>	<u>\$ 377,202</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 496,441	\$ 377,202

EQUITY

CASH	\$ 88,312	\$ 60,948
INVESTMENTS	\$ 2,404,727	\$ 2,114,474
EQUITY IN REAL ESTATE & OTHER ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,982,756</u>	<u>\$ 1,982,756</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>\$ 4,475,795</u>	<u>\$ 4,158,178</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$ 4,972,236</u>	<u>\$ 4,535,380</u>
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Vestry Nominations

Elizabeth Alford
Rick Brodeur
Jill Dame
Keith Daw
Ed Doherty
Judy Hall
Hank Haynes
Bunny Manning
Ted Miller
Julie Pope
Holly Upchurch
Hank Wilson

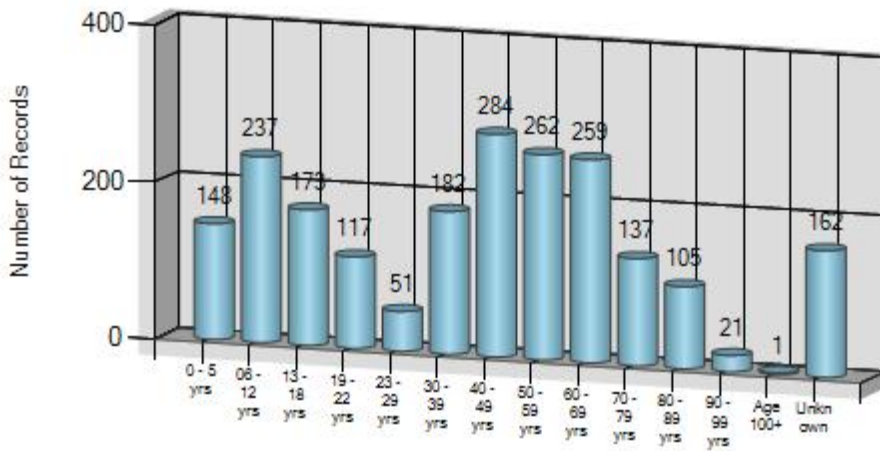
Nominations for Delegates to the 2011 Convention

Jill Dame
Hickory Fant
Lisa Grubba
Drew Haramis
Cobb Harbeson
Michael Magevney
Gene Nichols
Nancy Taylor

Parochial Report for 2009

Names in file	2319
Heads of Households	997
Newcomers	41
Baptisms	28
Deaths	19
Transfers out	7
Confirmed	27
Transfer in	7
Average Sunday Attendance	392

Membership by Age



THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Sunday, January 31, 2010

10:00am

Leatherbury Hall

A Future Full of Promise

- I. Welcome
- II. Opening Prayer and Remarks - The Rev. Jonathan B. Coffey
- III. Worship Overview - Jerry Leynes, Chair of Worship Commission
- IV. Retrospective - T.R. Hainline, Sr. Warden
- V. Parish Fellowship 2010 - Frances and Mark Hutto, Chairs
- VI. Parish Business –
 - Susan Brodeur- Chair of Nominating
 - Introduction of Vestry Slate and Selection of New Vestry
 - Introduction of Diocesan Delegate Slate and Selection of Delegates
 - General Announcements – The Rev. Jonathan Coffey
 - Rector's Service Award
- VII. Website Introduction - Missy Ketchum, Director of Communications
- VIII. St. Mark's Service Day - Thomas Kent, Co Chair
- IX. St. Mark's School - Cathy Hardage, Head of School
- X. Treasurer's Report - Greg DeVino, Treasurer
- XI. Final remarks – The Rev. Jonathan B. Coffey
- XII. Kanuga Drawing

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