



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ September 2016

Reverently Speaking

Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. —Philemon 11

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

When we meet people for the first time, one of the questions that inevitably comes up is, "What is it that you *do*?" The question is not, "Hey, how do you like to spend your time off?"

We love our vacation time. Who doesn't? But when we experience extended periods of time feeling as though we are not contributing anything meaningful, we struggle. Maybe this is why some lottery winners continue to go to work every day, even though they have enough money to live for the rest of their lives without working. The need to contribute in a useful way also explains why some people struggle with retirement. We all want to know that we have a purpose, that we are useful. We tend to define our lives by what we do, what we accomplish, what we achieve.

Next Monday is Labor Day. This is an opportunity to think about what brings value to our lives. Are we *in* service, or is it more likely that we're *out of service*? Are we contributing or allowing life to pass us by? Are we engaged or idling? Do we feel that we are full of use?

In his letter to Philemon, Paul tells Philemon that Onesimus (Philemon's runaway slave) had been useless to him while he was away, and possibly even before he left. Then Paul refocuses Philemon's view by pointing out how Onesimus is now useful to both of them, not as a slave, but as a brother, a fellow disciple. Onesimus' former social status is dissolved in Christ. So, too, is Philemon's.

Paul's appeal that all human beings are of inherent worth may seem an obvious one today. In the time of Paul, Philemon and Onesimus, however, it would have been considered radical. The notion that two people from very different social strata could be equals was unheard of. Today, we might not struggle with the issue of slavery. Many of us, however, struggle with trying to find our self-worth outside of our work.

The holiday we celebrate next weekend grew out of laborers' desires to be valued beyond their jobs and to have lives beyond their work. The history of Labor Day traces back to a demonstration by the Central Labor Union on Tuesday, September 5, 1882. This New York City trade union organized a parade (some might call it a march) from City Hall to Reservoir Park in Union Square. At the park, there were picnics, a concert and speeches calling for an eight-hour workday.

At the time, the average workweek for a full-time manufacturing employee was 100 hours. That works out to about 14 hours per day, seven days per week. Imagine working from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day. That doesn't leave much time for anything else.

Congress passed legislation creating Labor Day in 1894. However, it would take 58 years for the speeches made in Reservoir Park in 1882 to bear fruit. The eight-hour workday and the 40-hour workweek did not become the standard we know today until 1940.

Yet, many of us still struggle to find a balance between our work and the rest of our lives. Even as we celebrate Labor Day, we might be tempted to peek at email or check our office voicemail just to be sure we haven't missed anything important. *(continued)*

We want to believe our lives are more than what we do, yet our inability to disengage from our jobs tells a different story. Some of us view ourselves much in the same way Philemon had once viewed Onesimus - only useful at work.

In Christ, Onesimus became full of use. He found his true self, his usefulness. He is no longer a slave whose sole purpose is to serve Philemon. Instead, Onesimus is a disciple of Jesus Christ, called like Philemon and Paul, to serve Christ by serving others.

We, too, are full of use –

- + whether we are employed, unemployed or underemployed;
- + whether we have much or little;
- + whether we feel satisfied or frustrated with our work;
- + whether our employer appreciates us or not;
- + whether we feel empowered or powerless.

We are full of use as disciples of Jesus Christ, called to serve him in our everyday living. We serve Christ when we volunteer in schools and hospitals. We serve Jesus when we go on a mission trip, show the love of Jesus to a child in a Sunday school class or youth ministry or drive a friend to a doctor's appointment.

We serve Christ when we give a full day's wage, when we do our job well and conscientiously and as persons of integrity. We are full of use as we go to our jobs or go to school; when we parent our children or care for our parents; when we drive the kids to soccer practice or when we give food to a neighbor.

Our lives are not measured by what we do in our jobs. Instead, they are measured by our usefulness to Christ.

Labor Day is a time to give thanks to God for our jobs. We thank God for work! Around the world, many thousands of people would love to have a job. On Labor Day, we also thank God for all of those who worked to normalize the 40-hour workweek.

On this Labor Day weekend, we can also recommit ourselves to finding our usefulness in Christ, rather than in our jobs. We are more than our jobs. We are full of use for Christ and his kingdom.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese



KleanKit Packing

Saturday, September 17th
10:00am in Parish Hall

Volunteers of all ages
needed!

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30am

The Wired Word, facilitated by the Rector, examines a current event from the previous week and analyzes it through the use of Biblical references. Come and see how Scripture can help us make sense of what's happening in the world today.

Sunday mornings at 9:30am (*beginning 9/11*)

The American Protestant Experience: A Free Market for Faith

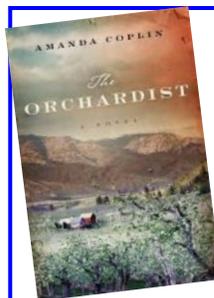
It's no accident that America is home to a wide range of religious expressions. Immigrants brought their faith with them from around the globe and established churches and denominations. But the most unique quality of American religious life is the innovation and experimentation that takes place here. This makes this country a free marketplace for faith. This ten-week video series documents the eternal argument about the relationship between the church and civil authority. The country's founders, seeing the intolerance of the early immigrants, wisely sought to create a republic where faith could be practiced freely but where a theocracy would be avoided.

Twenty-five top church historians, including Martin Marty, Grant Wacker, Amanda Porterfield, Mark Granquist and many others, tell this amazing story with support from images, films and music of the era. Each week we will watch a 22 minute video, then spend the rest of the session in discussion amongst ourselves.

Here is the line-up:

- September 11 Setting the Stage (The Reformation and The Enlightenment)
- September 18 Escaping and Practicing Intolerance (The Colonial Period)
- September 25 Faith – A Matter of Choice (The Great Awakening)
- October 2 America – A Christian Nation? (Separation of Church and State)
- October 9 A Stirring of the Soul (The Second Great Awakening)
- October 16 The Great Moral Questions (Indian Decimation and Slavery)
- October 23 The Marketplace Expands (Unique American Religious Inventions)
- October 30 The Response to Change (Confronting Modernity)
- November 6 Muddier Waters (Race, Ecumenism, Social Gospel, Evangelicals)
- November 13 Boom and Bust (The End of Christendom in America)

Christian Education
for
Children & Youth
begins on
Sunday, September 11th
at 9:30am on the third floor
of the Parish Building
Children's Chapel
follows at 10:30am



Book Club: Our September book is *The Orchardist*. In her stunningly original and haunting debut novel, Amanda Coplin evokes a powerful sense of place, mixing tenderness and violence as she spins an engrossing tale of a solitary orchardist who provides shelter to two runaway teenage girls in the untamed American West, and the dramatic consequences of his actions. We will meet at Mary Beth Harris' home on **September 12** at 7:00pm.



Learn about all parish ministries on
Rally Day

Sunday, September 11

Fellowship and food after the 10:30am service
Discover new ways that you can share your time,
talent and treasure at Saint Andrew's!

Youth news and Events

Youth Choir: The St. Andrew's Youth Choir is now in full swing for the 2016-2017 season, with rehearsals each Wednesday evening from 5:30-6:45pm. In addition to detailed rehearsal, each class time is filled with general music education, along with instruction in healthy vocal technique, music reading skills, music history, performance etiquette, and music theology. **We welcome ALL** children grades 2-8 (including advanced first-graders on a case-by-case basis). Please contact Rodney Shores at 813-495-5928 if you are interested, or call the church office.

Rock the Universe Night at Universal Studios in Orlando, followed by youth lock-in! **Saturday, September 10, from 1:00pm-Sunday, September 11, at 8:00am.** Youth in grades 5-12 (grades 5 & 6 must have a parent present to attend). Tickets are \$100 per person. To enjoy a night of fun & fellowship as we rock out to contemporary Christian music artists and ride rides at Universal Studios!

2016 Acolyte Festival: Saturday, September 24 open to all St. Andrew's Acolytes! This event is held at St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral, 140 4th St. N, St. Petersburg. Our goal: To spend time learning and having fun getting to know other acolytes in the area! This year promises to be extra awesome, so your children and teens won't want to miss it!

"Not-So-Spooky Haunted House" FUN-draiser: There will be a planning meeting (5th grade & under must be accompanied by an adult) on **Sunday, October 2** after church services. The actual event will take place **Friday, October 28**, at a time TBD during the planning meeting (after work hours). Both the planning meeting and event will be on the 6th floor. To make use of all of our wonderful Halloween decorations, to enjoy fun & fellowship together, for community outreach, and to raise money for St. Andrew's youth!

For more information about any of these events, or to RSVP,
Please contact Alicia Schmid at aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org
or call 813-221-2035

Please join St. Andrew's for...

screamfree™ PARENTING

& Sunday Morning Coffee

**Beginning Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
(Nursery & Sunday School classes are available!)**

"You Can Start a Revolution in Your Family! Scream-Free Parenting is not just about lowering your voice. It's about learning to calm your reactions and learning to focus on your own behavior. . . for their benefit (and yours!). Our biggest enemy as parents is not the TV, Internet, or even drugs. Our biggest enemy is our own reactivity. When we say we "lost it" with our kids, the "it" in that sentence is our own adulthood. And then we wonder why our kids have so little respect for us, or why they seem to have all the power in the family. You have the power as a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc. to do things differently! You can start to create and enjoy the types of calm, mutually respectful, loving relationships with the children and teens in your life that you've always hoped for. You can begin to revolutionize your family, starting now. . If you're not in control, then you cannot be in charge. What every kid really needs are parents and adults in their lives who keep their cool no matter what!"

Scream Free Parenting is for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, God-parents, etc. of children and teens of ANY age who feel they could use a hand in learning to keep their cool!

Here is what we will discover each week:

9/18 & 9/25 "Becoming The 'Cool' Parent Your Kids Really Need"

10/2/16 & 10/9/16 "Keeping Your Cool Creates Space"

10/16/16 & 10/23/16 "Keeping Your Cool Creates a Place"

10/30/16 & 11/6/16 "Putting Yourself Into Practice"

**To RSVP or for more information, please contact
Alicia Schmid at aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org**

******Participant Guides are \$15 each and must be specially ordered,
so please RSVP as soon as possible.***

June Vestry Meeting Highlights

Rector's Report – Fr. Reese:

- As of 6/13/16, there was \$175K in ops account. There is \$130K in the Foundation's checking/CDs – monies available to the vestry (with \$37K designated to pay for the balance owed to Ritz for painting the church). We also have \$38K available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 2.25% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2015. We have another \$43K available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 2.5% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2016 at their meeting on 2/8/16. We have \$63K in the parish reserve account. And there was \$1,763,996 in the Foundation principal as of 5/11 (up \$39K from 12/31). There is also \$91K in the Dan Curtis fund *fbo* St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, with \$7.2K in grant money available right now - with \$2.7K of that going to pay for the church gutter repair. (The Curtis fund is restricted to being spent on building maintenance).
- Assisting priest – Fr. Rick Campbell starts on July 1. He cannot start any earlier, due to Sunday supply commitments during the month of June.
- Sexton – Alvaro Quesada resigned on May 25, Bruce Oliver resigned on June 9. I am currently interviewing candidates for the position.
- **Vestry then met in executive session to discuss the circumstances surrounding Alvaro's resignation.**
- Church office phone and internet system – awaiting the full proposal from Bright House, which we will share with Proximiti and check to see what the total cost of a possible switch to Bright House may actually be. Proximiti believes that the bottom line cost of Bright House will be more than what we are currently paying Proximiti.
- Church painting – another week until completion. Mixed results after the Colin deluge: all the walls are dry, so that is good. Still have roof leaks on south side of church, pews 2, 3, and 5 next to wall. Also, small water stain on floor just inside tower doors (in past, that would be an enormous puddle, so it's getting better). New water stain on rear pew next to main entrance doors leading to courtyard at NW corner of church – we never had a problem there in the past. George will provide details in his report, along with a proposal to de-stink the women's rest room in the Parish Hall. Also, gutter has been repaired on south roof near tower.
- Paying for Ritz – It appears that we do not officially have the Foundation designated as the source of funds for the \$42K we are paying Ritz to paint the church. Thus, we will need to have a motion to take the \$42K from the Foundation to pay Ritz.
- **Al Getz made a motion to officially designate the Foundation as the source of the \$42,400 in funds we are paying to Ritz Painting. Jim Morgan seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously.**
- Foundation Brochures – Foundation would like to spend up to \$1,800 (but probably about \$1,100) on some nice brochures that will market the Foundation to parishioners. Idea is to *(continued)*

July 2016 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$48,972	\$47,607	\$278,593	\$333,253
Expenses	\$49,312	\$47,607	\$337,910	\$333,253
Net	(\$340)	\$0	(\$59,317)	\$0

get folks interested in planned giving to the Foundation. Vestry would need to authorize that spending out of Foundation funds.

- **Jim Morgan made a motion to grant the request to spend up to \$1800.00 for the brochures. Jeff Coleman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**
- 2017 Stewardship Campaign – Let’s plan on launching it the first week of October.
- Vestry Nominees – not too early to start thinking about names for January election.
- Mutual Ministry Review – Jeff and I met with Canon Eric Cooter from the diocese on June 8. Jeff will tell us all about the various options on this.
- Fr. Campbell spent a few minutes introducing himself and telling the members a little about his life and background.

Senior Warden’s Report – Jeff Coleman:

Jeff had two hand-outs to pass around. One was “*Calling all visionaries: Task Force Vision 2020*” dealing with the build-out of the fourth and fifth floors. The other was “*How to Conduct a Mutual Ministry Review*”. More details to follow. He also discussed putting together some form of policy book regarding things like the policy for social media.

Junior Warden’s Report – George Levy:

George reported the painting and repairs are nearing completion. Results of Tropical Storm Colin indicated that there were still some leaks after all that are probably roof-related. George passed around the proposed invoice to replace seals on all toilets in both first floor Parish Hall restrooms in order to resolve the sewer gas smell. The cost will be \$1,300 to \$1,480.

Chris Watson made a motion to use up to \$1,500 from the parish reserve fund for this expense. Irene Baker seconded. After no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – Peter Baker

Collections are down but still ahead of the same time period in 2015. Expenses are down.

Outreach Report – Loueita Hargens

No meeting in June. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for July 17. Only socks and deodorant still needed for Klean Kits.

Audit- Al Getz reported he and Richard Ferlita would have the audit done in August.

Donations to Saint Andrew’s Foundation



***Remember:
Gifts to
St. Andrew’s Foundation
are a lovely way to
remember a birthday,
anniversary or any
special occasion!***

From the Parish Register

Marriage

Tom Akins & Elise Robichaud

Hospital Admissions

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please notify the church office so that you may be prayed for and visited.



Columbarium niches available

St. Andrew’s columbarium is located north of the Children’s Chapel, and arrangements can be made for eternal rest at St. Andrew’s. Each niche can hold two urns, and the cost per niche is \$2000. For more information contact the Rector.

