



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

# THE CALL

*Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!*

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ June/July 2017

## *Reverently Speaking*

*Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?" —Matthew 6:25-27*

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

Many of you have probably heard of the Dale Carnegie course. Some of you may be among the millions who have taken this course, which is based on Carnegie's techniques on "how to win friends and influence people." Really. It's a course for those in sales who have to do a lot of public speaking. It has proved to be useful and practical.

One of the Carnegie books used in the course has a rather intriguing title: *How to Stop Worrying and Start Living*. I am kind of the designated worrier in my family, so I am a bit leery of such a notion. I was trained from an early age to always run to the worst-case scenario in any situation, which is also a result of my natural pessimism. (You know the definition of a pessimist: an optimist with experience.) Worry served me well as a deputy sheriff, because I quickly learned that even apparently benign calls for service such as a complaint about a yapping dog could quickly lead to a frenzied neighbor ready to send barking Bowser to canine heaven with a little help from their friend, Mr. Winchester. So I learned to have contingency plans ready for even what appeared to be mundane calls. But I must admit that worry and fear have been a constant nagging pain in the neck. Even if my glass is 60% full, it's still 40% empty.

Dale Carnegie's book, however, offers some good advice. Basically, he advocates doing three things if you have a worry problem:

- + Ask yourself, "What is the worst that can possibly happen?"
- + Prepare to accept it, if you have to.
- + Then calmly proceed to improve on the worst.

That's the kind of advice a pessimist can grab, given that there's always something to worry about.

But while Carnegie's advice is good, it doesn't get at the root problem - our nagging anxiety. Jesus told us not to worry and yet it seems like many Christians are conditioned to do nothing else. We are an anxious people, easily stoked by fear in a culture that uses anxiety as a selling point for everything from politics to the food you buy in the grocery store. *(continued)*

It's no wonder, then, that you don't see much joy in Christianity; there's a lot more moralizing, complaining, criticizing and hand wringing. Instead of people of joy, we tend to be known as a cranky and anti-social lot. Clergy are burning out at an increasingly higher rate. Denominational meetings are conventions of pessimists. Churches are filled with religious consumers who jump from church to church based on what's in it for them. Gossip and backbiting fill parking lots and blog posts. We scramble to find ways to soothe our personal needs and desires. Joy is in short supply.

Based on Carnegie's book, it might be time for a Gospel reality check. If we believe in Jesus, then we have to remember that whatever worst-case scenario we can conjure up, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus from the dead means that it's already been handled. We need not even worry about the big one, death, because he's proven that even the big D has an expiration date. When we focus on the basics of that good news, we can begin to see that even the worst-case scenario isn't permanent, that I can accept it in the meantime, and that Christ gives me his Spirit to start improving on it in the present.

Maybe if we had a little more of that Gospel joy, we'd be a lot better at winning friends and influencing people!

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese



**Michael Hunter**  
**June 7, 1949 – May 30, 2017**

Michael Hunter, our organist and choirmaster from 2003 to 2016, died in hospital due to complications from acute leukemia.

Funeral arrangements are yet to be determined.

*May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**Sponsor a Cornerstone Kid**

The Outreach Committee would like you to know that the Cornerstone Kids will be joining our Vacation Bible School again this summer. We are expecting between 25-30 children who are in need of financial assistance to defray the cost of their tuition, bus transportation and teachers. You can assist by sponsoring one, two or more of these children for a donation of \$50.00 per child. To donate, make your check out to St. Andrew's and put Cornerstone/VBS in the memo. Thank you in advance for supporting this mission!

## 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.

*This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) in the Parish Building.*

### Thursday Morning Bible Study 10:30am on hiatus until September

*This class, facilitated by Alice Prucha, meets in the Library on the third floor of the Parish Building.*



## Vacation Bible School 2017! Kingdom Rock!

**WHEN:** July 10-14, 9 a.m. to noon (activities for youth grades 5 & up until 3 p.m.)

A final VBS planning meeting will take place after the 10:30 service on June 24th.

Trainings will take place June 11<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.

**WHO:** Children age 4 by June 1, 2017—rising 6th grade.

**\*\*\*We also need youth** (rising 7th & up) & **adult volunteers** (childcare provided for children of volunteers 3 & under)

**For more information about these events, or to RSVP, or to volunteer:**

Please contact Alicia Schmid at  
[aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org](mailto:aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org)

or call 813-221-2035

(Tuesday through Thursday)



It's time again to begin our KleanKit Collection! Each month from March thru summer, we'll ask you to bring one toiletry item to church, which will go into the KleanKits that we distribute monthly through the Lunch Program.

### June: WASHCLOTHS

Please put your gifts in the collection boxes in the Parish Hall. **We also greatly appreciate donations!** You can put your check in the collection plate, noting "KleanKits" in the memo! *Thanks!*

#### **We still need:**

Deodorant, Soap (bars)  
Socks (men's, white or black)

### Congratulations to our Confirmands:

Adults:

**Bradley Hall**

**Kathi Stoy**

**Anthony Morrison**

**Jennifer Richardson**

**Donald Crawford**

**Summer Crawford**

**Ingrid Muellerleile**

**Alicia Schmid**

Youth:

**Beau Berryman**

**Stella Curry**

**George Gramling IV**

**Michael Phillips**

# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## 2017 IS FULL OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**WHAT:** VBS Set Construction Saturdays

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 10th & Saturday, June 24th from 12 p.m.—3 p.m.

**WHO:** All youth and adults interested in having some fun and helping create sets and props for VBS 2017!

**WHERE:** In the Parish Hall or 6th Floor (TBD)

**WHY:** To work as a team transforming St. Andrew's for the week of VBS 2017, into a land of knights, lords and ladies, and many others ready to learn how to stand strong for God! Together we will create amazing VBS props and sets that will help make VBS 2017 a life changing experience for our children!

**WHAT:** VBS 2017 & Safeguarding Volunteer Training

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 11, 2017 from 12-2:30

(Make-up training will be June 24, 2017)

**WHO:** Adults and youth serving during VBS 2017

(VBS will take place July 10-14)

And any church Vestry members who need training.

**WHERE:** 3rd floor library (room 302)

**WHY:** To attend VBS Volunteer training, Safeguarding training, or both.

Lunch will be provided for all those who RSVP.



**WHAT:** VBS 2017 Decoration Sunday

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 9, 2017 After the 10:30 Service

**WHO:** Anyone who wants to stay and help decorate for VBS 2017!

**WHERE:** We will meet in the Parish Hall after coffee hour

**WHY:** To decorate our church, transforming it into a medieval castle for VBS week!

**WHAT:** Vacation Bible School 2017 "Kingdom Rock"

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(childcare provided for children of volunteers 3 & under)

**WHERE:** St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**WHY:** To share Christ's amazing love with our children!



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## St. Andrew's Episcopal VBS 2017 Registration Form

Fill out this form to register children, youth volunteers, and/or adult volunteers for VBS 2017, July 10-July 14, 2017

Child/ Youth #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian/ Volunteer (please circle one) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child a VBS PARTICIPANT or YOUTH VOLUNTEER (rising 7th grade & up)? (Please circle one)

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ (must be 4 years old by July 10, 2017)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Child/ Youth School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Special Needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Buddy Request? \_\_\_\_\_

Child/ Youth #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child a VBS participant or Youth Volunteer (rising 7th grade & up)? (Please circle one)

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ (must be 4 years old by July 10, 2017)

Child/ Youth School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Special Needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Buddy Request? \_\_\_\_\_

Child/ Youth #3 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child a VBS participant or Youth Volunteer (rising 7th grade & up)? (Please circle one)

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ (must be 4 years old by July 10, 2017)

Child/ Youth School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Special Needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Buddy Request? \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size (please circle one per participant/ Volunteer and give a total #)

Child Sizes: YXS YS YM YL YXL # \_\_\_\_\_

Youth/ Adult Sizes: AS AM AL AXL A2XL A3XL # \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of T-shirts \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH OFFICE USE ONLY

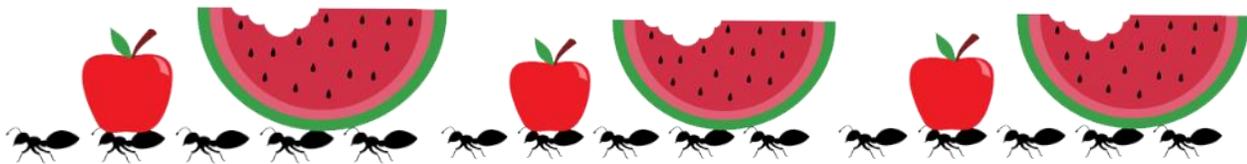
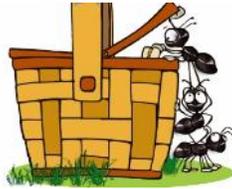
\$25 per child/ \$75 max per family

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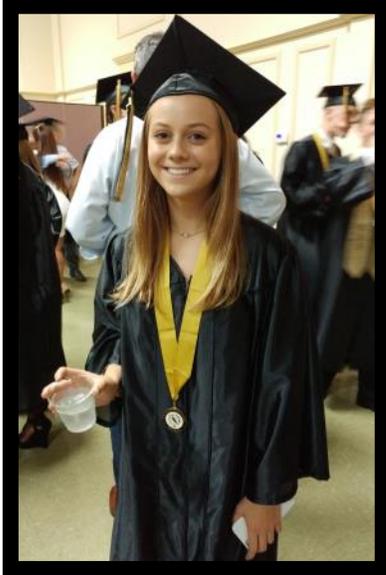


# Parish Picnic

Many thanks to Dr. Earl and Jan Smith for once again hosting St. Andrew's Parish Picnic on their "farm", complete with lake, pontoon boats, and volleyball court!



## Grace Michelle Bentschner



**Graduating From:**

H.B. Plant High School

**Will Be Attending:**

Florida Atlantic University  
(Boca Raton)

**Favorite Bible Verse:**

“I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”

-Jeremiah 29:11

**Fun Fact:**

Grace isn't a big fan of snow skiing, but she is a natural when it comes to water skiing!

## Talia Blake



**Graduating From:**

University of Central Florida

Double Major in

Broadcast Journalism and Psychology

**Career Goals:**

To take news as far as she can!

**Favorite Bible Verse:**

“Yeah, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

-Psalm 23:4

## Hilleary Barbara Gramling



**Graduating From:** Emory University Summa Cum Laude, with a double major in English and Creative Writing

**Career Goals:** Hilleary aspires to become a well-established writer!

**Favorite Bible Verse:**

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and your staff— they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.” - Psalm 23

**Fun Fact:** Hilleary has a dog named Strawberry Mouse.

## Michael Paul MacIssac



**Graduating From:**

H.B Plant High School

**Will Be Attending:**

University of Florida

(Honors Program)

Majoring in Engineering

**Favorite Bible Verse:**

The Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

**Fun Fact:** Michael’s friends and family say that he has a very smart, witty comedic side to him, which is often politically based.

## Jessica Lynne Lawless



### **Graduating From:**

Florida State University

### **Favorite Bible Verse:**

“The Lord, your God, is with you. He is mighty to save you. He will take great delight in you, he will rejoice over you with singing; he will quiet you with his love.” - Zephaniah 3:17

## Rick Newton



### **Graduating From:**

King's College, London, PhD. (December 2016)

### **Current Goals:**

To enjoy the next 3-5 years in Germany with his amazing wife Kathy, and to visit many places in Italy, Austria, Poland, France, Spain, and Hungary, where their eldest son will be living starting this summer!

### **Favorite Bible Verse:**

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there be one flock, one shepherd.” - John 10:13-16

### **Fun Fact:**

Rick still doesn't know he is 62 years old. Please help us keep this a secret!

We miss Rick & Kathy, but are so glad they remain faithful members of St. Andrew's, and we look forward to having them back with us!

# April Vestry Meeting Highlights

## RECTOR'S REPORT:

- As of 4/18/17, there was \$201,927 in ops account. We have \$130,387 in the parish reserve account. There is \$78,501 in the Foundation's checking/CDs – monies available to the vestry (with \$53K of that designated to pay for painting of Parish Building and \$11K to pay for refurbishment of wall plaques in courtyard). We also have \$37,783 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 2.25% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2015. We have another \$43,324 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 another \$53,473 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 3% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2017 at their meeting on 2/21/17. And there was \$1,945,587 in the Foundation principal as of 3/31/17 (up \$80K from 12/31/16). There is also \$94K in the Dan Curtis fund *fbo* St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, with \$8,070 in grant money available for 2017. (The Curtis fund is restricted to being spent on building maintenance. We are in the process of spending \$4,800 of those available funds to pay the roofer for the recent work on the south side of the church.)
- Bequest – A bequest of \$50,000 from the estate of Louise Lykes Ferguson will be arriving at St. Andrew's in the very near future. Mrs. Ferguson's will states that the bequest is to be used "as capital outlay or in support of the educational program for the Children's Sunday School." One option is to place this in our reserve fund and leave our options open for the future.  
**Irene Baker made a motion to place this money in reserve fund with Pam designating them as restricted under Ferguson bequest. Gary Cotter seconded, and with no further discussion the motion was unanimously approved.**
- Organ tuning – Vestry approval needed to request Foundation to pay \$350 Heissler invoice.  
**Paula Stewart made a motion pay to pay Heissler the \$350 using Foundation funds. Brad Hall seconded and, after no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**
- Annual audits – Al and Brad have volunteered to chair (and form) the audit committee that will conduct internal audits of both the parish financials and the Foundation financials.
- Wednesday Evening Lenten Series – ran for five Wednesdays, 3/8 through 4/5. We had 25-30 each week. We had 15-18 at the 5:30 eucharist during that same time period. Alicia reported she had about 10 kids each week at the Wednesday evening kids' event that met at the same time as the adults.
- Bach Bash – was on Tuesday, 3/21 at 6:30PM. Very good attendance.
- Stations of the Cross – Fridays in Lent (3/3 through 4/14) at 12:10PM in the church. We averaged about 8 folks each week, except on Good Friday, when 42 turned out.
- Holy Week – services went well. The noon services were better attended than in the past.
- Easter Day – we had about 560 at the three services, which is our usual number. Many thanks to all who made it a great feast day, including musicians, acolytes, vergers, LEMs, and Parish Life folks who provided great food!
- Bishop's Visitation – Bp. Smith will be with us for the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, 6/4. We will conduct confirmation class for youth and inquirers' class for adults in the spring in order to prepare folks for Dabney's visit. We will need Parish Life to host the coffee hour that day. *(continued)*

## April 2017 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$40,217	\$46,840	\$181,681	\$187,360
<b>Expenses</b>	\$51,852	\$46,840	\$191,533	\$187,360
<b>Net</b>	(\$11,635)	\$0	(\$9,851)	\$0

- 2017 Vestry Committee Assignments – Still need a Stewardship chairman.

**Brad Hall volunteered to head this committee.**

**SENIOR WARDEN’S REPORT – Jeff Coleman:**

Jeff reported that Amy Ramirez is still working on the binders that will have details on each committee’s duties. Mutual Ministry Review will be coming soon. Upper floor parish building buildout task force Visioning Program is scheduled for May 2, 2017, at 5:00 P.M. with Rob Glisson (architect from ROJO) and any interested parishioners. Jeff would like to do an inventory of the property to be included in the next audit. Jeff passed around thank you cards for signing and retreat presentation materials.

**JUNIOR WARDEN’S REPORT – George Levy:**

George reported that Gideon’s Plumbing came out promptly on Easter Day to resolve the Parish Hall first floor restroom issues from Palm Sunday and Easter Day. (Various commodes were resurrected from water closet hell and given new life.) He will follow-up with suggestions for preventive maintenance. Roofers did an excellent job on the south wing of church. Four pews have been removed for termite infestation and treatment and will be returned Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will continue with Pest Guard until the current jobs are completed, then start with Terminex for future work. The courtyard wall plaques are finished and awaiting the completion of the Parish Building south wall painting job. The primer portion of the job is well underway. George discussed the extra funds needed for exterior window cleaning of all windows in parish building.

**Jeff Coleman made a motion to use \$2,200 from parish reserve fund to pay Leach for the window cleaning, Al Getz seconded and, after some discussion, the motion passed.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT – Gary Cotter:**

Gary reported a couple of big payments that are paid quarterly went out, the property insurance and the pension payments.

**OUTREACH REPORT – Loueita Hargens and Holly Clemmons:**

Siete de Mayo plans going well. Parish Hall decorating for the event will be May 6. Deodorant will be the May request for KleanKits. April 30<sup>th</sup> is next Outreach meeting.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Jim Morgan:**

Jim reports there are currently four confirmands. Need more adult volunteers for Sunday Children’s Chapel.

**HELPING HANDS - Irene Baker:**

Irene got two more volunteers to help rotate the calendar for this committee.

**New/Old Business** — A thank you card for Dr. and Mrs. Smith for hosting the church picnic was passed around for signing. Lori Taplow has been sending letters to newcomers. There is a choir trip to the Dominican Republic scheduled for 2018. Loueita will take the lead on the Newcomers’ Dinner and coordinate with Jeanette Reese. Dinner to be held at the Rectory. Fr. Reese allotted \$300 from the discretionary fund to be used for catering this event. Some suggestions were La Teresita, Affordable Caterers or some other pick-up food.

**Donations to Saint Andrew’s Foundation**

*In Loving Memory of A. Lacy Baldy*

Mr. & Mrs. Lem Bell  
Charles & Rebecca Carlson  
First Baptist Sojourner’s  
Class

*In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Connar*

William P. Curtis  
Sabal Trust Co. Employees

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



**From the Parish Register**

**Transfers Out**

Margo Land,  
to St. John’s, Tampa

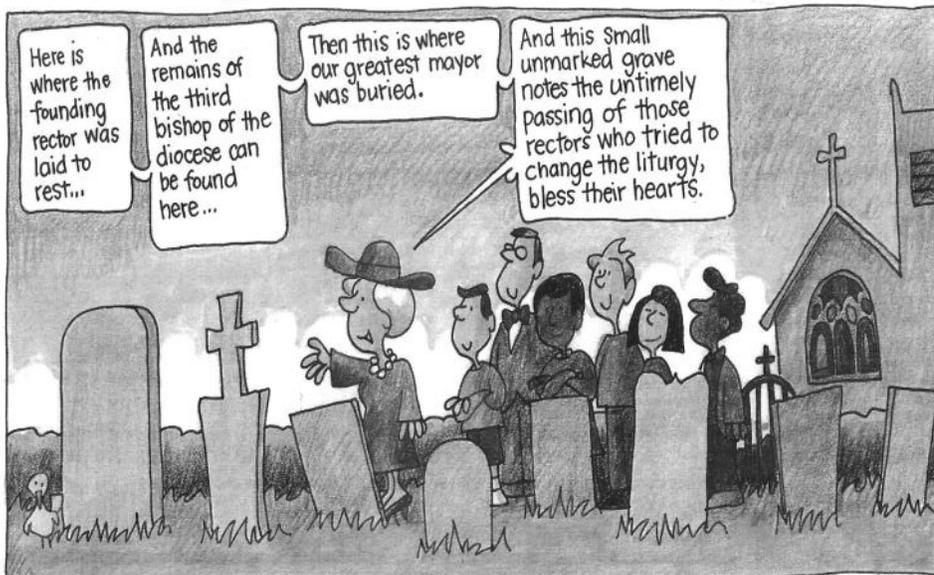


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Tampa, Florida 33602

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### **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

The Rev. John Reese, Rector

#### **Sunday Services**

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Children's Church

9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
for all ages

#### **Church Location:**

Marion & Madison Streets

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#### **Deadline for articles for**

**The Call:** 15th of each month

for the following month's  
newsletter. Submit articles to  
Kathy in the church office.