



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ September 2017

Reverently Speaking

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." —Matthew 16:24-25

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

Typically, most Mom and Pop stores cannot survive "head to head" competition with Wal-Mart. There are a few that can. The few that do fall into one of two categories. Either they sell a needed product that Wal-Mart does not sell, or they offer a personal service that Wal-Mart cannot provide.

Why is it so difficult for Mom and Pop stores to go "head to head" with Wal-Mart and survive? That question has many answers. Wal-Mart has superiority in size, superiority in cash flow, superiority in buying power, superiority in pricing, superiority in advertising, and superiority in exchange policies. And all of those are real factors. But they are not the basic reasons. Wal-Mart has correctly "read" our society in two essential matters. They have correctly targeted America's obsession with time. And they have correctly targeted America's insatiable appetite for choice and variety.

Wal-Mart has made one-stop-shopping a "science." I can make one trip to one parking lot and one store. There I can buy anything from car batteries to bagels, from dish drains to dresses, from water hoses to wrenches, from plungers to pillows, from film processing to eye drops. Wal-Mart's basic objective is to save the shopper time and give the shopper variety at competitive prices.

Whether you love Wal-Mart or hate it, you have to admit that Wal-Mart understands the reality of today - just drive by their parking lot and count the cars.

We live in a Wal-Mart world; that is reality. Mom and Pop churches will struggle in a Wal-Mart world. Are you going to allow Wally World to determine what you do religiously? Or, will you avoid buying religion at a bargain price? You know what kind of religion I am talking about: Religion without denying yourself, Christianity without a cross.

Labor Day weekend is now upon us. For some, it's a depressing time of year. For Labor Day weekend signals the psychological end to summer, with its periods of refreshment, and the start again, for many of us, of the more hectic rhythm of life and work at school, in college, at office or at home.

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So let me ask you: How is your work? Are you giving of your self at work? Is work a place where you sacrifice for a cause?

I find it helpful to remember the story of the little girl who, in the process of growing up, discovered that more than anything else she wanted to be able to mow the lawn. But each season she was told that she was too young. The great day came, however, when her parents decided that, at last, she was old enough to do the task.

She did it with surprising skill and great delight, and having finished admiring her work, she began to cast long, envious glances across the fence at the neighbor's lawn, which also needed cutting.

The neighbor, seeing her interest, said, "Sally, would you like to cut my lawn?" And the little girl enthusiastically said, "Oh yes!"

"Well, let's see...how about \$5.00?" said the neighbor.

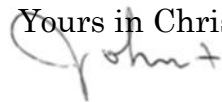
The little girl's face fell, and she turned away, shaking her head.

"What's the matter?" asked the neighbor.

"I only have \$2.00," said the little girl.

In the Wal-Mart world of today, God – and his Church – could use more Sallys.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese



Learn about all parish ministries on

Rally Day

Sunday, September 10

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

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30am

Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet (*starting September 10*)

It doesn't get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt...Moses' life was one challenge after the next, but although he resisted God's calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Join award-winning author Adam Hamilton as he travels and explores the sites of Moses' life. As Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, you'll gain a better understanding of Moses' significance in your life today, and you'll discover how you, too, can turn your own reluctance into boldness.

This six-session DVD study was filmed on location in Egypt, Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness areas where Moses lived and traveled. Each week we will watch a 10-12 minute video, then have our own discussion. Here is the line-up:

- 9/10 – The Birth of Moses
- 9/17 – Two Moments That Defined the Man
- 9/24 – The Exodus
- 10/1 – The Ten Commandments
- 10/8 – Lessons from the Wilderness
- 10/15 – Don't Forget...Pass It On

This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.

Thursday morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. has restarted after our summer hiatus! We are studying Galatians using N.T. Wright's guide which can be purchased in the office for \$7.00. "Paul's project, he often says, is building -- not building with bricks and mortar but rather with people. He lays the foundation with the shockingly good news of one true God who raised Jesus from the dead, in order to build a new family with no divisions, all of whom can call God Father. In a world of widespread ethnic rivalry and trenchant divisiveness, Paul's strong corrective message in Galatians demands to be heard and reheard. In these studies, we hear once again what remains shockingly good news." Join us!

This class, led by Alice Prucha, meets in the library.

KLEANKIT PACKING

Saturday, September 16

10:00am in Parish Hall

Volunteers of all ages needed!



Western Union Buildout: Update

Jeff Coleman, Senior Warden

The Vestry and Rector have moved incrementally forward in the development of the vacant floors in the Western Union Building. Phase One is underway and other phases are in final stages of completion. During the Bishop's visit a few months ago, we had an open house and solicited ideas. After much thought, discussion, work, and prayer, the Vestry and Rector continue to seek input as they move forward. Please continue to pray for guidance as we move forward! So, this is the plan under consideration:

PHASE ONE: "Let's take out the garbage!" (This phase was approved at the August 21, 2017 Vestry meeting.)

Remove all asbestos and other hazardous material from the currently undeveloped fourth and fifth floors. (The firm of EE&G has agreed to do this for the sum of \$27,500.⁰⁰)

PHASE TWO: "Let's do some planning!"

Attain architectural and mechanical drawings for the fourth floor. (ROJO Architect has been approved by the Vestry and retained for their purpose at a cost of \$11,750.⁰⁰) There are existing walls on the fourth floor and it will take some planning to figure out what to save and which functions the floor will serve within the youth and music ministries. The youth have been using a floor that was originally designed for a banquet room (thus the huge wide-open design) and our youth director has expressed some interest in examining other options that would be more suitable.

Obtain quotes for the proposed buildout of the fourth floor so that appropriate planning can be made with that expense in mind. **Note:** The Vestry should try hard to have a plan for implementing Phase Two before moving to Phase Three.

PHASE THREE: "Let's go fishing!"

Retain a commercial leasing agent to advertise the availability of the sixth floor at the rate of \$20.⁰⁰ per year per foot. The space contains approximately 4,800 square feet so the gross annual rent would be \$96,000. (The Vestry and Rector interviewed Abbey Dohring Ahern of the Dohring Group and was favorably impressed.)

Continue to firm up requirements for fourth floor and work with builders, lenders, donors, etc. so that we will be in the position to move quickly on the fourth floor if a tenant should appear. This phase and others will involve working with the Diocesan Finance Committee (DFC). Church representatives will confer with the DFC on issues of Listing, Loan and Lease of the property.

PHASE FOUR: "FISH ON!"

Negotiate lease terms and space requirements.

Once lease is in place, move forward with Fourth Floor renovation.

PHASE FIVE: "Let's retire the debt so we can see new source of cash flow for St. Andrew's Ministries."

Let's talk some numbers!

Assuming a commercial "for profit" tenant, our commercial rental agents have indicated that we could generate as follows:

Annual Gross Receipts:	\$96,000
Less Leasing agent commission 7% amortized	(\$6,720. ⁰⁰)
Less 6% sales tax	(\$5,760. ⁰⁰)
Less Ad Valorem tax estimate	(\$5,000. ⁰⁰)
Less Maintenance- 6% reserve	(\$5,760. ⁰⁰)
(Note: This assumes that we do not use a property manager and that these functions are kept in house by staff.)	
Less loan interest- \$250,000 at 3.5	<u>\$8,750.⁰⁰</u>
Annual Net Receipts to Apply to Principal	\$70,730

At this rate, the buildout loan will be paid in about 3 years and six months. (This is assuming no capital campaign to eliminate the debt before that time.) The lease would also typically have an escalation clause which would increase the rent over time.

Let's address some questions!

Are these numbers "pie in the sky"?

It is true that the numbers above are based upon the "asking rental price". Could that number be lower? Yes, but that kind of discussion should be dealt with behind closed doors, not a public document! Certainly, there are a whole host of other considerations such as utilities, etc. but they are all subject to discussion. These numbers do, however, give us an idea that usage of this space could produce some real benefits for the church budget over the long term.

Why rent out the sixth floor?

The real estate agents made it clear that the sixth floor will demand top dollar. Also, because it is largely built out, it can be available more quickly; therefore tenants that are ready to make a move will be more attracted to the space. Frankly, it is easier for a prospective tenant to "imagine" themselves in the space if it is not as rough as the fourth and fifth floors now appear.

Please know that the Rector and Vestry are committed to the development of the 4th floor as quickly as possible but it would not be prudent to do so until we have tenants lined up! The youth and our musicians will not be left behind! We will retain the "tall ceiling" feeling from the sixth floor. (This is important for "volume acoustics" that musicians require and for youth activities. It is also thought that having the fourth floor just one floor above the Sunday school room will decrease elevator traffic.

How do we secure our space from tenants and vice versa?

Fortunately, there are many security options such as card entry, elevator controls, etc. These would be in place before any tenant moves in. The real estate agent also pointed out that the current entrance with the shady courtyard is a real nice amenity. After extensive discussion with the architects, it was thought that the separate entrance may result in a need to relocate the nursery which did not seem advisable. The key will be to find a good fit for the tenant. Perhaps, someone reading this article knows of such a perfect tenant.

Perhaps, you have more questions or suggestions. That's great!
Please share them with me at Jeff@colemanlaw.com or 727-643-8249.

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

WHAT: Rock the Universe 2017 & Youth Lock-in!

WHEN: Saturday, September 9– Sunday, September 10, 2017

WHO: All Youth in grades 5 & up!

WHERE: Universal Studios Orlando

WHY: To have fun hearing the latest Contemporary Christian tunes while we have a blast riding rides at Universal Studios Orlando and enjoy fun & fellowship together!



WHAT: Rally Day/Sunday School Classes Resume

WHEN: Sunday, September 10

WHO: Adults and Children ages 3 & up

WHERE: Classes meet on the 3rd floor

WHY: To learn about how we can become the best disciples of Jesus and spend time in Christian community!

WHAT: Diocesan Acolyte Festival

WHEN: Saturday, September 16

WHO: All Children & Teens who serve as acolytes!

WHERE: St. Peter's Cathedral in St. Petersburg

WHY: To come together and learn more about the vital role of acolytes within the church and have a blast while we learn and spend the day together!



WHAT: New Beginnings for Middle School Students!

WHEN: Friday, September 29– Sunday, October 1

WHO: Middle School Students

WHERE: Dayspring Episcopal Retreat Center in Parrish, FL

WHY: To spend the weekend making friends, sharing our stories, growing in faith and having fun!



WHAT: St. Andrew's Halloween House— fun for ALL AGES!

WHEN: Saturday, October 29 from 6-9 p.m.

(There will be planning meetings on 9/17 & 10/8 after services!)

WHERE: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on the 6th floor

WHY: To enjoy a time of fun & fellowship, all proceeds go to St. Andrew's Children's & Youth activities

**For more information about any of these events, or to RSVP,
Please contact Alicia Schmid at aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org**

June Vestry Meeting Highlights

RECTOR'S REPORT:

- As of 5/30/17, there was \$157K in ops account. (Pam has been on vacation since then, so we do not have current numbers right now.) We have \$179,627 in the parish reserve account (which includes the \$50K bequest from Ferguson estate). There is \$78,182 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 \$1,965,935 in the Foundation principal as of 5/3/17 (up \$100K from 12/31/16). There is also \$89K in the Dan Curtis fund fbo St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, with \$3.2K in grant money available for the rest of 2017. (We just spent \$4,800 from this fund to pay the roofer for the recent work on the south side of the church.)
- Courtyard Plaque Request – Nancy Turner has asked that we spend \$1,200 of Foundation funds to purchase four plaques for courtyard wall. The process is: Donors give \$1,500 for a memorial plaque, of which \$300 is spent on the plaque itself. Thus, the Foundation nets \$1,200 on each gift. (The vestry was supplied with Nancy's letter of request.)

Al Getz made a motion to approve Foundation funds for the courtyard plaques. Richard Ferlita seconded and the motion was unanimously approved by the vestry.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Jeff Coleman:

Jeff will be reviewing the ideas collected at the Visioning Program on May 2nd. These are ideas for consideration by the building build-out task force for the 4th and 5th floors. The Newcomers' Committee is going well.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – George Levy:

George reported that the painting of Parish Building is complete and the final walkthrough is scheduled for Wednesday to inspect the work.

Additional painting of the railings, which is outside the scope of the current work, can be achieved for just under \$1400.

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July 2017 Operating Summary				
	MTD Actual	MTD Budgeted	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
Revenues	\$35,737	\$46,840	\$285,530	\$327,880
Expenses	\$45,881	\$46,840	\$329,044	\$327,880
Net	(\$13,144)	\$0	(\$43,513)	\$0

George Levy made a motion to approve \$1,400 for the railings to be funded out of the Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Jim Morgan and was unanimously approved by the vestry.

The window cleaning of Parish Building was completed successfully.

Leaks have been reported in the roof of the church at the 8th pew on the South side and another at the North transept. George suspects this is a roofing issue. He will pursue the possibility of the roofer covering it when he meets with him on June 20th.

Termites have been reported to be present at the chapel altar in the church. We are under contract with Pest Guard. George will look into whether or not tenting is needed and will check with other pest control companies that were suggested by vestry members.

TRESURER'S REPORT – Gary Cotter:

Gary reported that \$500 was collected for the Bishop's Discretionary fund during the Bishop's visitation.

E-giving link is not working on the church website. Pam will check into it. Bill pay is preferred over e-giving, which has an associated expense.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Jim Morgan:

Jim reports that it has been a relaxed summer and he has a meeting planned with Alicia on June 20th.

OUTREACH – Irene Baker

It was suggested that we begin the back-to-school "Smart Start" effort now in order to be ready prior to the start of the school year.

CHOIR – Jeff Coleman

Jeff shared that the choir is going full-steam ahead this summer with 2 anthems per week as planned.

HELPING HANDS – Irene Baker

Irene mentioned that she will need assistance on August 19th for Michael Hunter's funeral.

PARISH LIFE – Cate Hammer

Cate reported that Bishop Smith's reception was great.

OLD BUSINESS

Delegates for the Diocesan Convention on 10/14 are Gary Cotter, George Levy and Al Getz with Jeff Coleman as alternate.

Donations to Saint Andrew's Foundation

In loving memory of

Curt Goter

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In loving memory of

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Connie Rynder

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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.

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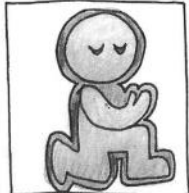
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Stand.



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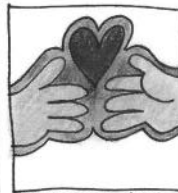
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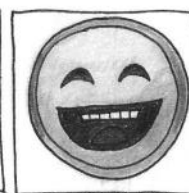
Make the sign of the cross.



Cough it up. Offering plate is coming around.



Exchange the peace (appropriately).



Laugh at joke in sermon even if you heard it before.



Cry at story in sermon even if you saw it on the internet.



Silence.

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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

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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.