



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ October 2016

Reverently Speaking

“So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done.’”
—Luke 17:10

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

Is life all about recognition and accolades? The greeting card industry in America seems to think so. They are doing their best to keep us endlessly appreciating each other. Their very survival depends upon our obsessive purchase of cards for every possible occasion. There are cards for getting together, and cards for breaking up, cards to say you're sorry, and cards to announce you're right. There are cards for every possible person in your family and extended family for every possible holiday, event and accomplishment.

We're even inculcating in our children cradle-to-grave expectations of recognition. The time-tested grading system of old doesn't offer enough opportunities for our flagging self-concepts. Now we have gifted programs, advanced placement and obligatory certificates of achievement. If our children merely show up for some events, they arrive home with another certificate. We don't have room on our walls for all the awards, or space on our shelves for all the trophies. We're thanking ourselves to death.

In Luke 17:7-10, Jesus skillfully points out that servants should not expect accolades for doing what servants are supposed to do. If we, by definition, are called to serve those around us, then simply fulfilling our defined responsibility should provoke no great recognition. In fact, true and worthy recognition is trivialized when it's dished out too easily, or announced too widely. “Truth,” said Mark Twain, “is such a precious commodity, it should be used very sparingly.” The same is true of a well-timed and sincere word of appreciation.

True servants don't demand a pat on the back for every worthy deed. There remains such a thing as duty - obligation without any guarantee of reward.

We don't serve because we're rewarded; we're rewarded because we serve. Suppose there were two teens who were instructed to mow the lawn. One said, “Okay.” The other said, “How much will you give me for it?” Which one do you enjoy paying?

In humanly contrived models, the service is optional and the appreciation is obligatory. But within the kingdom of God, the service is obligatory and the appreciation is optional.

But how hard it is to toil without anyone's noticing and without any promise of the kind of appreciation that we indubitably deserve? Although we're accustomed to calling ourselves “servants” of God, we can tell if it's true by how we react when we're actually treated as such. Does it bother you to have to clear a dirty dinner table? That's what servants do.

Does it bother you to be called from your television show to listen to a discouraged friend?

That's what servants do.

Does it bother you to be the last one to leave the soccer field because no one else will pick up the cones and the goals? That's what servants do.

Surprise, servants serve!

How many men, upon pitching in with work around the house, don't expect to be thanked by their spouses? After all, fathers of the last generation rarely felt any compulsion to assist with housework. Should today's postmodern dads, who typically change diapers a lot more than their ancestors, expect a little recognition for their comparatively stellar contribution to domestic life? Or is that simply their duty?

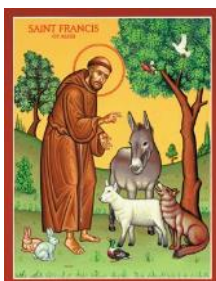
How hard would we work on a new project if someone else got the credit for it?

The desire to have our contributions noticed and appreciated is certainly not new, unusual or necessarily wrong. Nor should we refrain from expressing genuine and well-timed affirmation to others. But there comes a time, and it comes with frequency, that we must not let a lack of recognition from others cripple our own willingness to serve. For in the final analysis, nothing escapes the notice of the One to whom we answer, and the "Father who sees in secret, will reward us openly."

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Saturday, October 1, 10:00am
in the church courtyard

St. Andrew's Outreach Committee presents



Oktoberfest!

Sunday, October 9,
after the 10:30am service
Traditional German fare
\$10 Adults, \$5 Children
Proceeds to benefit our
Thanksgiving Turkey Pack
with Metropolitan Ministries
in November

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30am

The American Protestant Experience: A Free Market for Faith

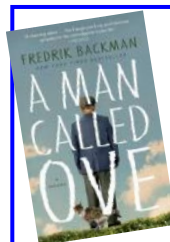
It's no accident that America is home to a wide range of religious expressions. Immigrants brought their faith with them from around the globe and established churches and denominations. But the most unique quality of American religious life is the innovation and experimentation that takes place here. 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 rest of the line-up:

- 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)

These classes, facilitated by the Rector, meet in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.



Book Club: will meet on **October 11** at Joanne Sullivan's home at 7:00pm. We will be discussing *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Ove is a grumpy old man with strict principles and absolute routines. He gets a shake-up with the appearance of new neighbors -- a chatty young couple and their two young boisterous daughters -- who accidentally flatten his mailbox. A much lighter read than our previous books, so this might be the perfect introduction for any who are interested in joining our group!

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.

"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

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& 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.**

August Vestry Meeting Highlights

RECTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Reese:

- As of 8/8/16, there was \$161K in ops account. \$92K in the Foundation's checking/CDs – monies available to the vestry. 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. \$63K in the parish reserve account. And there was \$1,784,926 in the Foundation principal as of 6/30 (up \$60K from 12/31/15). Also \$88K in the Dan Curtis fund *fbo* St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, with \$4.4K in grant money available right now – we recently used \$2.8K from the fund to pay for the church gutter repair. (The Curtis fund is restricted to being spent on building maintenance).
- Bishop's Visitation – Bishop Smith will be with us for the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, 6/4/17. We will conduct confirmation class for youth and inquirers' class for adults in the spring in order to prepare folks for Dabney's visit.
- Audits – time to approve the annual 2015 parish audit. Pam is emailing it along with the monthly financials, agenda, et al. Please peruse and come to the vestry meeting prepared to discuss and (hopefully) approve it. Richard Ferlita is currently working on the Foundation audit. Hopefully, we will be able to approve that via email later in the month and meet the 9/1 diocesan audit deadline.
- During the discussion portion of the parish audit, Peter asked for clarification on several points. Some changes will need to be made. Al answered what he could and noted that where necessary the audit would be amended.
Jim Morgan made a motion to accept the audit after the corrections are made. Holly Clemmons seconded. After no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.
- Assisting priest – Fr. Rick Campbell started on July 1. He has met with Fr. Stadel several times, who has graciously accompanied Fr. Rick on his initial visits with the homebound and shut-ins.
- Sexton – Richard Connar started as Sexton on a trial basis on 6/27 and then was called as permanent sexton on 7/25. His hours are Monday thru Thursday, 10am-4pm with an annual salary of \$16,224 (which works out to \$13 per hour) and no health benefits. He has the option of joining the church pension plan after one year of service.
- Sunday Parking Lot Attendant – We have once again engaged Guardian Security to provide an attendant on Sundays from 7am until 1pm at the rate of \$100 per week. Edwin Gonzalez started on 6/5 and is working out quite nicely thus far.
- Church painting – now completed. Mixed results after the rains of the past week: west wall and south transept are dry, so that is good. Still have roof leak on south side of church, pew 3 next to wall. (No water stain on floor just inside tower doors (in past, that would be a good-sized puddle, so it's getting better). It appears that north transept wall may have fresh streak(s) down the wall. George will provide details, along with a report on gutter repair on SW corner of church, next to tower. George also is in contact with roofers regarding the roof leaks in the church (plus the roof leak in the children's chapel lobby). Plus CGM just had to repair the choir room AC (replacing a condenser coil) at a cost of 3.2K.

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August 2016 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$29,785	\$47,607	\$308,379	\$380,861
Expenses	\$46,717	\$47,607	\$384,627	\$380,861
Net	(\$16,930)	\$0	(\$76,247)	\$0

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Jeff Coleman:

Jeff stated that the nominating committee consisted of the Executive and the out-going Vestry to find nominees for the 2017 seating of the board and would like to have a mid-September meeting to discuss along with a short meeting today following the vestry meeting. We need a minimum of six nominees; 8 or 9 would be better. The sixth nominee (lowest vote count) would serve for two years. A suggestion was made to invite potential nominees to attend a vestry meeting.

“Mutual Ministry Review”. Jeff discussed he was getting a feel for how we are going to move forward. From his viewpoint the feedback is as follows: 1) the majority agrees we will do the review 2) we will use the diocesan template 3) we will only be evaluating the priest as opposed to staff 4) we will forgo anonymity and 5) we will request the diocese add additional language to include general input concerning staff or other questions.

Holly Clemmons made a motion to accept the manner of doing the Ministry Review as presented. Jim Morgan seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

Jeff will be working to form a 20/20 Task Force Building Committee, possibly creating a media brochure to include photos and costs/prices. Would like help enlisting committee members from the congregation. Will contact elevator company to get input on what a second elevator install would entail. Suggested we encourage, at least once a year, someone from the music or youth ministries come to a vestry meeting to get their input. Would like more involvement with vestry for the welcoming committee.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S – George Levy:

George discussed problems with the roof, highlighting current concerns and best manner to move forward. Ritz did some of the repairs during the course of the building work but there remain some problems. George then introduced Todd Arrant from TNT Roofing. He discussed current repair needs included on his proposal. His bid for the work is \$12,500.00 with the understanding that it may be more or less depending on what the situation is when the problems are identified and corrected. After a few questions Todd left and the vestry discussed.

Al Getz made a motion to accept the proposal with the funds coming from the parish Reserve fund. Loueita Hargens seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Fr. Reese reported that the Reznor (de-humidifier) in the church is not working (again).

TREASURER'S REPORT – Peter Baker

Summer collections are typical, nothing unusual and no issues to report. 717 parking is doing better than last year. He would like to again support the Anchor Ball by buying 4 tickets at a cost of \$600.00, matching what we did last year. Funds to come from the Restricted Outreach funds.

Motion made by Loueita Hargens to buy these tickets. Seconded by Amy Ramirez. Motion passed unanimously.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT- Jim Morgan

Successful VBS this year with double the numbers of attendees. Discussed the need for Sunday school teachers.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT- Kristi Roberts

Kristi reported she and Jim will be going to Day Spring Saturday for the annual Stewardship Workshop. There will be a big push for an earlier start to the pledge process. She is seeking ideas on how to get parishioners to respond quicker with their pledges.

Donations to Saint Andrew's Foundation



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

From the Parish Register Baptism

Mac Carey Maynell
Mackenzie Swann Maynell

Deaths

Alex Riasanovsky

Marriage

Matthew Wills
&Michelle Smith

Matthew Hillson
& Julianne George

Transfer Out

Nancy Milam,
to St. David's, Roswell, GA

The Galvez family,
to St. Stephen's, Durham, NC

Hospital Admissions

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

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BRAINSTORMING AT THE LITURGY MEETING.



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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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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.