



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ October 2017

Reverently Speaking

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the Kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed"
— Matthew 21:31-32

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

What are some of the symptoms of integrity deficit disorder?

A person who is afflicted with this disorder knows what's right but doesn't follow through and do what's right. He or she makes a promise or commitment, then fails to keep it. Thus when you meet a person with integrity deficit disorder you're never quite sure if you can trust that person or not.

A second symptom is also one of the causes: people who have integrity deficit disorder live from the outside in rather than from the inside out. They let their feelings and emotional responses of the moment govern their behavior more than doing what's right regardless of their feelings of the moment.

To put it another way, people with integrity deficit disorder are reactive rather than proactive. Reactive individuals base their decisions and actions on the outward circumstances of the moment, what's going on around them. If someone is rude to them, they are rude in return. They are affected by their social environment. Reactive people build their emotional lives around the behavior of others, empowering the weaknesses of other people to control them. They let other people decide how they are going to act.

In addition, reactive people are often affected by the physical environment. If the weather is good, they feel good. If it isn't, they let it affect their attitude and their performance. Worse still, reactive people blame whatever happens to them on someone or something outside of them. They rarely take any responsibility for what's happened to them. It's always the fault of someone or something else.

In the comic strip, *Frank and Ernest*, two bums are sitting along a wall talking with each other. One says to the other, "Do you believe in fate?" The other replies, "Sure. I'd hate to think I turned out like this because of something I had control over."

On the other hand, proactive people carry their own weather with them. Whether it rains or shines makes no difference to them. They are value driven and if their value is to produce good quality work it isn't a function of whether the weather is conducive to it or not. Proactive people also do not let the social environment control their actions or decisions.

That's where integrity comes in. Having integrity is about behaving in the way you promised to behave even though the mood in which you made the promises has changed or the environment outside you has changed. If you have integrity it protects you from your changing moods, desires and feelings. It even protects you from the changing moods of other people. It protects you from saying you are going to something and then not following through.

One day Jesus told a story designed for people who have integrity deficit disorder. His target audience were people who claimed to be the most religious. In his story about the father who asks each of his sons to go work in the vineyard, Jesus makes clear who is obedient and who is not; *(continued)*

who has the integrity to follow the rules and who only pretends to do so.

The son who does the work, although he initially claims he won't, is obedient. The other son, the one who lies, telling his dad that he'll get the job done, but doesn't have the intention of doing so, is disobedient and defiant. His manners, of course, are impeccable – but he lacks integrity.

In the end, it's not what the sons *say* that matters eternally. It's what they *do*. It's their behavior. "Just tell 'em what they want to hear, then do what you want" is the credo of the bad lad. This sweet-tongued son looks, at first, like a clean-cut kid. He's slick. He's quick. He talks a good game. But he's a bad, bad boy whose outsides hide his disobedience. He's not to be trusted. He lies to his dad, as if his dad isn't ever going to discover just what type of person this son is. As if his dad isn't going to see through his charade.

The Christian faith is a showy faith. It isn't a private religion, because Christianity is a **DOING** religion. Works matter, as the letter of James shows. Faith matters, of course, but so do works. What we do, how we behave, matters.

Deceitful Christians may fool themselves into thinking they have fooled the world, but they can't fool God. We're all transparent before God. We hide nothing.

It's like that old-time saying about preachers: "The best sermon I ever heard was watching how the preacher lived, not listening to what he said."

The truthful son, who speaks his mind plainly, doesn't tell his dad what his dad wants to hear. Dad asks for help. He answers honestly, "No, sir. Not me."

Maybe that boy speaks rashly. Maybe he isn't as smooth, as slick or as refined as his brother ... but, eventually, he does what's required of him. He doesn't sneak off. He rolls the idea around in his head, makes up his mind and without another word, zooms off to do the obedient thing.

An awful lot of people put too much stock in what appears, rather than what is. Certain individuals may want to appear to be good Christians. They want to go to the right church, to be seen with the right people and to give to the right charities. They may wear the right clothes. They may read the right books, speak the right words, look the right part, but maybe they're like the son who lies to his father, expecting never to get caught. But like the Pharisees, the truth becomes plain to see.

Jesus points to the prostitutes and tax collectors, whose appearance isn't religious but whose hearts are. These people aren't synagogue people. They are scorned people. Outcasts. They're barely tolerated, and often despised. Jesus says the prostitutes and tax men are going to get into heaven before the holier-than-thou Pharisees. Before them. Why?

Because the prostitutes and tax collectors see, hear and believe. They know squat about the law and care little about rules, but they know enough to recognize the truth when they hear it. Once they hear it, their hearts change. Once their hearts change, they live their faith.

Our task is simply to do, with integrity, what God asks us to do. And leave the rest to God.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese



Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30am

Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet

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 rest of the line-up:

10/1 – The Ten Commandments

10/8 – Lessons from the Wilderness

10/15 – Don't Forget...Pass It On

When Did God Become a Christian?

Knowing God through the Old and New Testaments

The God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament is the same God, right? Then why does God seem so different depending upon which part of the Bible you read? Christians have struggled with this question throughout history. This six-week study, led by the Rector and based on a book by David Kalas, helps you explore the unity of the Scripture, biblical history, and the two primary attributes of God: love and holiness. You'll come away with a better understanding of the nature and integrity of God, leading you to love, worship, and trust God even more. Perfect for Christians in all stages of spiritual maturity.

Here is the line-up:

10/22 – Exploring the Rumor Going Around the Church

10/29 – Affirming the Unity and Reliability of Scripture

11/5 - Getting a Clearer Picture of God

11/12 - Seeing God's Holiness and Love in the Old and New Testament

11/19 - Identifying the Continuity of God's Purpose and Plan

11/26 – Different People, Same God

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

Thursday morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. will begin October 5. We will be 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.*

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP



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

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

(There will be a planning meetings on 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



WHAT: "Nerf-A-Geddon"

WHEN: Sunday, November 5

WHO: Children's & Youth (4th graders & up can stay without a parent present)

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

WHY: To enjoy fun, fellowship, and friendly competition! Please bring your Nerf guns (No bows or swords please). Each person will be responsible for keeping track of their own darts, so please add initials to each dart prior to the event.

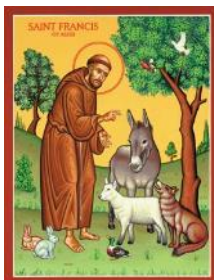
For more information about any of these events, or to RSVP,
Please contact Alicia Schmid at aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org
or call 813-221-2035

St. Andrew's Outreach Committee presents



Oktoberfest!

Sunday, October 8,
after the 10:30am service
Traditional German fare
\$10 Adults, \$5 Children
Proceeds to benefit
Metropolitan Ministries



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Saturday, October 7, 10:00am
in the church courtyard

Stewardship 2018

Dear Saint Andrew's Family,

It is once again time for the annual Saint Andrew's Stewardship drive. Please fill out a pledge card and return it at your earliest convenience. In Matthew 19:21 Jesus says "if thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come and follow me." While I am not asking you to sell all that you have, you can give to the poor through Saint Andrew's. Remember, we feed the homeless of Tampa every Monday through Friday.

Tithing is an Old Testament idea. The idea is to take ten percent off the top of what you earn and give it to God. Unfortunately, we are not all fortunate enough to be able to do that. I understand that you have to pay your mortgage. We all have bills that just will not wait, and every charity is looking for a donation right now, but giving what you can to your family here at Saint Andrew's is both an honor, and a duty. As you know, we are not a mega church. We do not have seating for 10,000 plus a large TV audience. No, our aspirations are both higher and lower. Higher because we are here to serve the people of Saint Andrew's and the people of our community by serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Lower, because we need to pay the light bill. We do not have a university-like endowment that pays all the bills; we depend on the support of our congregation.

Not everyone can afford to tithe ten percent of their income, but I urge each of you to search your heart and your budget to determine what you can afford. Then I ask that you please pledge that amount. If we all give what we can, it really does add up.

Your servant in Christ,

Brad Hall
Stewardship Chair

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Journey to Generosity 2018 Pledge

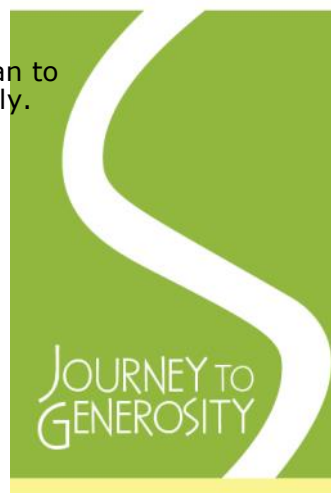
As part of my/our journey to generosity in 2018, I/we pledge \$_____. I/we plan to fulfill this pledge ____ weekly, ____ monthly, ____ semi-annually, ____ annually.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

____ Please contact me about including the church in my estate plans.



August Vestry Meeting Highlights

RECTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Reese:

- As of 8/14/17, there was \$135,538 in ops account. We have \$170,262 in the parish reserve account. There is \$13,223 in the Foundation's checking/CDs – monies available to the vestry. 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 \$1,988,252 in the Foundation principal as of 6/30/17 (up \$123K from 12/31/16). There is also \$95K 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.
- Donovan Audio Design (DAD) Project – Sony TV in Parish Hall was installed on 7/18. We have a DVD player in Parish Hall AV room hooked up to system. Just use HDMI 2 on the TV to play the DVD. If you wish to use a laptop for a PowerPoint presentation, plug it into the jack underneath the TV and coffee cup table and use HDMI 4. It's a smart TV, so while using the Parish Hall Wi-Fi, you can watch Netflix or Youtuber videos without needing a laptop. Lots of possibilities.
- Annual audits – Al and Brad have finished the audits – thanks, guys! We will need to approve the audits at the August meeting, since deadline to remit to diocese is 9/1.
- Diocesan Convention Convocation – is on Wednesday, 9/6 at 7:00pm at St. Peter's Cathedral in St. Petersburg. All delegates need to attend this gathering. Our intrepid volunteers are Gary Cotter, Al Getz, and George Levy (with Jeff Coleman as the alternate).
- Reznor Problem – The dehumidifier in the church has had it. George negotiated a replacement for it through CGM, our HVAC people. Cost for the new Trane unit would be \$12,107. There is a \$4,750 credit built into it, since we paid CGM \$4,750 to repair it a while back. They agreed that if the repair job did not work and we needed a new unit, they would credit us for the \$4,750 we spent in vain to fix it. Proposal was emailed to the vestry.
- Jeff Coleman requested that we acquire an old laptop to leave in the AV room for use with the new TV in the Parish Hall. Gary Cotter agreed to donate one.

Audit: Gary Cotter made a motion that the Parish Audit be approved. The motion was seconded by Brad Hall. The motion was approved.

Brad Hall made a motion that the Foundation Audit be approved. The motion was seconded by Chris Capsambellis. The motion was approved.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Jeff Coleman:

Jeff asked if someone will head up a table for the vestry for Rally Day. It might help with nominations.

New ovens have been installed in the Parish Hall. Jim Carmichael made it look good.

Abbey Dohring Ahern of The Dohring Group addressed the vestry. She suggested rent of *(continued)*

August 2017 Operating Summary				
	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$28,829	\$46,840	\$314,360	\$374,720
Expenses	\$45,077	\$46,840	\$374,122	\$374,720
Net	(\$16,248)	\$0	(\$59,762)	\$0

\$18-20 per square foot for the 6th floor as is. Could benefit from tax incentives for renting to Not for Profit tenants. 5 years is the standard commitment. Diocese will be involved in approval process of tenants (s).

Total fees to agent are 8%. Dohring is willing to discount her rate. May be able to get tenant's brokers to lower their rate as well. Tenant would pay for 1/6 of elevator and other common areas. Estimated time to find a tenant would be 3 to 4 months. 3% rent escalations expected on a 5-year lease.

Jeff Coleman distributed a report outlining some scenarios.

We need to inform the parishioners of what we want to do (i.e. 6th floor). Fr. Reese suggests an article in "The Call" and to address the church during services as well as weekly email and Sunday bulletin.

Jeff suggested we sort out asbestos on 4th and 5th floors and the drawings. **Jeff Coleman made a motion to remove asbestos on 4th and 5th floors at \$27,500 and proceed with drawings from Rojo for \$11,750 to be paid from reserve fund. The motion was seconded by Morgan. Discussion followed. The Motion was amended to pay asbestos and drawings out of foundation funds. The motion passed 7-5.**

Dates for the choir's trip to the Dominican Republic are May 26th to June 4th.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – George Levy:

Estimates for termite treatment in the church are \$7,141 from Chet's and \$13,780 from Haskell's.

George made the motion that \$7,200 plus and additional \$500 for contractor prep be paid out of reserve fund. The motion was seconded by Gary Cotter. The motion was carried.

Quote for Trane dehumidifier from CGM Services came in at \$12,107.

George made a motion to approve purchase out of the reserve fund. Al Getz seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

George will pursue warranty beyond 1 year.

TRESURER'S REPORT – Gary Cotter:

Gary reported that we are ahead of last July's revenue but revenue is off. This is not a good trend. Fr John requested that Gary write up something for the bulletin to highlight this situation.

Gary will head up videotaping our inventory. Lori will assist.

OUTREACH – Richard Ferlita for Holly Clemmons & Loueita Hargens

Now collecting deodorant, men's socks, and razors. KleanKit packing scheduled for Saturday, September 16th.

Other Outreach events and dates:

Rally Day	9/10
Octoberfest	10/8
Packing Boxes of Hope	11/18 @10am
Fish Fry	12/3

Donations to Saint Andrew's Foundation

*In Loving Memory of
Duane Cone*

Charles E. Bailes, Jr.

A. G. Divers

Paige, Donna & Lou Hatton

Beverly Larmon

The McKeel family

Boyd & Jennifer Wolfe

John & Pat Wolfe

*In Loving Memory of
Lawrence Dimmitt IV*

Betty Hall Wood

*In Loving Memory of
Jean Divers*

James & Joan Jennewein

Calvin Reed Family Foundation

*In Loving Memory of
Curt Goter*

Gayle Gaskill

*In Loving Memory of
Michael Hunter*

Wayne & Anna Putney



From the Parish Register

Deaths

Barbara Faber

William Fowler

Marriages

Jeffrey Beals &

Brittany Harding

Casey Crawford &

Victoria Aiosa

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday, October 8, after 10:30 service

See details inside

Proceeds benefit Metropolitan Ministries

THE RECTOR AND THE SEMINARIAN



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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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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.

Music News: Take Note!

The music staff has a wonderful fall and Advent planned. You may have noticed we have several new faces in the choir stalls. In the months ahead, The Call will feature two new choir members in a “Meet the Singers” feature. Stay tuned! The choir will have its first ever retreat on October 21st at St. Leo Abbey in Dade City. The choir will commune with the monks for a meal and for sung offices, and work on getting to know each other personally and as an ensemble. In November, St. Andrew’s will hold sung **Evensong** on **All Saints’ Sunday, November 5th, 2017, at 5:00pm**, dedicated to the memory of former choir member and music supporter, Curt Goter. The choir will sing music by Stanford, Mardirosian and Vaughan Williams. Don’t miss it! Finally, **Christmas Lessons and Carols** music has already begun to be rehearsed. The choir will sing music new to them as well as old favorites on **Sunday, December 17th at 5:00pm**, followed by the Parish Christmas Party. The music department may also have the opportunity to host several outside groups this fall... more details to come later. The music department thanks all who have generously offered their support by prayers, comments and financial gifts in the last few months. All these wonderful offerings for St. Andrew’s would not be possible without you.

On **September 23rd**, the members of the St. Andrew’s Children’s Choir and Cherub Choir, together with their directors, Rodney Shores and Maggie Coleman, and several parents, attended a field trip to the Patel Conservatory and Straz Performing Arts Center as part of their annual **Choir Retreat**. The children had a master class with Conservatory instructor, Kavan Gillespie, and then everyone enjoyed a behind the scenes tour of the Straz Center, including dressing rooms, costumer workshop, set making, and different stages/theaters. The children learned that Mr. Gillespie started singing at the age of 4 in his church’s Cherub Choir! Mr. Gillespie learned that our children practice solfege, words in Latin, and “Super Breath!” Dr. Shores and Mrs. Coleman welcome any interested children to join the Children’s Choir or Cherub Choir! Learning about music is fun! These kids sing in choir... what’s YOUR superpower?

