



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ January 2018

Reverently Speaking

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
—Philippians 4:8

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

How did your life as it was designed for last year work out? Are you interested in designing a new life? This is the question posed by Bill Burnett and Dave Evans in their book *Designing Your Life: How to Build a Well-Lived, Joyful Life* (Knopf, 2017).

But, even if we do want to change our life, do things different, start out in a new direction, turn over a new leaf, we may encounter resistance. We may have what Burnett and Evans call “gravity problems.” For example, you may say, “I am tired of the rat race. I am going to quit my job in the corporate world, go to the beach and write poetry.”

This is a wonderful idea if you are independently wealthy, or can live off the proceeds of the trust fund that the grandma whom you never actually met left to you. But poets in our culture don't make squat. People do not pay money for poetry, unless it's the drivel that's written on a Hallmark greeting card. People pay way too much money for that stuff, no question. And poets, let's face it, they're really not respected. When someone asks, “Well, what do you do?” and if you say, “I'm a poet,” they likely think you're an unemployed, romantic drifter who can't hold a real job.

The fact that our culture does not buy poetry enough to support poets is not really something you can change. So Burnett and Evans say that the problem you have is not a real problem. “Why? Because in life design, if it's not actionable, it's not a problem. It's a situation, a circumstance, a fact of life. It may be a drag (so to speak), but, like gravity, it's not a problem that can be solved.” So, as you talk to God the Designer about your life and about 2018, all you would like to do and what you'd like to become, remember this difference between “situations” and “problems.” If you're looking at something that's not actionable, then you cannot apply design thinking to it. You have to ask for God's grace to help you with it.

This was Paul's “situation” about which he writes in 2 Corinthians 12. Paul went to the Lord about his “thorn in the flesh” three times (v. 8). Basically, God said to him, “Paul, this is not an actionable problem. It's not going to change. But my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in your weakness” (v. 9).

In other words, Paul did not have a problem. He had a situation. As we look into 2018, we can ask God, as Paul did, to help us identify the actionable items. These are the things that may need a new design.

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We might start by asking ourselves, “How are things going in the major categories?” These categories include health, work, love, play, faith and spirituality. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate these life components? Take time to do an inventory and write a brief statement about each. Keep in mind that God wants you to be healthy. God knows that you need to work. God created love and understands the human need to love and be loved. God also rested from the work of designing and creating. God knows that you too need rest and recreation. God wants you to be connected by faith to the Divine.

The point is that as we begin to work on *actionable* items following this assessment, God will support us in this effort. But we’re going to need three things in our toolbox: inspiration, ideas, and implementation (see Tim Brown, *Change by Design*).

First, we need inspiration. This usually comes when we can identify a problem that needs to be solved. “Necessity is the mother of invention.”

- + Noah was looking at an imminent tsunami.
- + Joseph was a foreigner tasked to save his adopted country from starvation.
- + Moses was tapped to lead the Hebrews out of Egypt.
- + Joshua had to bring down the walls of Jericho.
- + David had a giant to slay.
- + Paul had a city to escape.
- + Peter had a sermon to preach.

All of these people in the Bible had problems and each of them saw these problems as opportunities. Each problem invited a solution and the problem itself inspired them to move on to the next tool: ideas.

We need ideas. And not just our own ideas. Many of the characters in the Bible got their ideas from God. God showed them the way. Perhaps we too often discount divine guidance. Perhaps we should ask God for ideas. After all, we’re told to “ask” and that if we do so, we will receive. So go ahead and brainstorm, generate, develop and test new approaches, new techniques. Often, when we run possibilities by a few other people, trusted friends, family members, colleagues, amazing new possibilities are generated. And if it is our very lives we’re talking about, how exciting is that?!

Finally, we need implementation. We have just begun a new year. This is a good time for inspiration, ideas and implementation. Let’s do it. Let’s make the changes we need to make. Let this be a spiritual matter. Let us understand that God is leading us to a new land, into new territory, to *terra incognita*. This is exciting stuff.

God is the Designer. All of heaven, the things on earth, all living things and all people should praise the Designer for the beauty of the design, the magnificence of creation. What God did on a vast scale, God can do on a smaller scale in our lives. We can apply the concept of design thinking to situations in our professional life and to interpersonal relationships. We *can* design the life we want. So get inspired, adopt some new ideas, and implement them. That’s design thinking. Have a happy and productive New Year!

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30am

Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling With Questions People Ask

Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling With Questions People Ask is a video-based small-group study that explores four major world religions - Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism – and compares the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. This six-week study deals openly and honestly with questions people ask about other religions, including why we should believe the claims of Christianity over those of other faiths. As part of the study, author and presenter Adam Hamilton interviews a religious leader from each tradition. He treats the world religions with great respect, recognizing the unique contributions of each. In examining these major world religions and the beliefs of their followers, Hamilton urges us as Christians to build bridges with others so that we might grow in our faith, seek peace in our world, love our neighbor, and find positive ways to share the gospel. Hamilton is Pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

Here is the line-up:

1/7 – Questions People Ask

1/14 – Hinduism

1/21 – Buddhism

1/28 – Islam

2/4 – Judaism

2/11 – Christianity

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

Thursday morning Bible Study is on hiatus for the holidays. Beginning January 18, we will study the book of Exodus using the study guide *Exodus: Learning to Trust God* by James Reapsome. "Trust God. It sounds so simple. Yet it is often difficult to trust God with the important areas of our lives -- our money, our career, our marriage, our health. In the book of Exodus, Israel's struggles resemble our own. In this story of hardship and hope, we can learn along with Israel that God is worthy of our trust." Join us in the library at 10:30am on Thursday mornings!

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



Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, January 28, 11:45am
to hear Annual Reports
and elect five new Vestry members

Are You Ready for a Burning Bush?

Those were the good old days: burning bushes, angels of the Lord, pillars of fire, parted seas, all those unmistakable signs of the presence of God. What wouldn't we give for one clear direction from the Lord, one burning bush to call us by name and tell us what to do? At least I think that is what I want. I stay so busy sometimes I wonder if I would see it; I wonder if I am so focused on my list of things to do that I would not notice a burning bush until I was scorched by it. And then, like Moses, I am afraid — of what the bush might know about me, of what it might ask me to do. If I stay busy with the little things, maybe God will not notice me or see that I already have enough to do and call on someone else to do the big things. So I just hunch my shoulders, keep my head down, and mind my own business. A burning bush? I didn't see it. A burning bush? I haven't got time. A burning bush? There is a reasonable explanation. A burning bush? Someone, please, put it out.

2018 PLEDGE REPORT

<i><u>Pledges received</u></i>	<i><u>Total Amount Pledged for 2018</u></i>	<i><u>Total Amount Pledged for 2017</u></i>
154	\$395,383.00	\$410,751 .00

19 *New pledges for 2018*

52 *Increased their pledge for 2018*

31 *Decreased their pledge for 2018*

52 *Made the same pledge in 2018 as in 2017*

154 *Total number of pledges received in 2018*

Make a Pledge for 2018

Please return your pledge card for 2018 as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, cards are available at the back of the church, in the Parish Hall, or through the parish office (813-221-2035). Make a commitment and support St. Andrew's in the coming year!

We have currently received **154 pledges for \$395,383**. Please help us reach our goal of \$500,000 in pledges for 2018!

Support St. Andrew's in 2018!

St. Andrew's 2018 Stewardship Donors

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Charlotte Churchill	Charles & Victoria Klug	Carol Jean Spoto
Dennis Clarke	Katherine Lawless	The Rev. Jerold & Anne Stadel
Holly Clemmons	George Levy	Linda K. Stevens
& Katie Pastorius	Ms. Deloris E. Lewis	Paula Stewart
Chris & Martha Cobb	Kim & Alex Liggett	Kathi Stoy
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Doug Dusini & Rachel May	James K. Morgan	

Thanks for supporting St. Andrew's in 2018!!

O COME LET US ADORE HIM...





CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2017

VESTRY CLASS OF 2021 NOMINEES



Peter Baker: Peter has been a member of St. Andrews for over 25 years during which time the parish has evolved to become a significant force for good in the lives of many people - parishioners, visitors and strangers – and a vital part of his own life. While he has spent much time and effort working with the Music department as a volunteer singer, he also served on the Vestry on 3 different occasions (acting as Clerk and Treasurer during several years) and served as co-Chair with LeRoy Collins of the 2005-2008 Capital Campaign that financed the restoration of the Sanctuary and construction of the Children's Chapel among other tasks. More recently he assisted in the Helping Hands ministry coordinated by his wife, and outgoing Vestry member, Irene Baker. He will pledge the same level of commitment and enthusiasm if elected for another term on the Vestry. This as an exciting time to be involved in leadership at St. Andrews. There is a great source for new congregants from the influx of new residents to downtown Tampa and the revitalization associated with Water Street and along the Hillsborough River. We have a terrific location and a dynamic message to deliver and leverage through our Outreach programs and Music ministry.



Benjamin Borsch: Ben has been a member of St. Andrew's for 25 years and a member of the St. Andrew's choir for almost as long. He has served St. Andrew's in a variety of capacities including Stewardship Chairman, acolyte master, diocesan convention delegate, and as volunteer director of the Youth Group for almost 10 years. A cradle Episcopalian, Ben spent 18 years "at seminary" while his father taught New Testament at several different seminaries. He began singing in Episcopal church choirs at the age of 6. Ben has strong interests in congregational development, outreach, music, and youth and children's ministry. Ben is married to Jeannie Borsch (a two-time vestry member). Their daughter, Emily, 9, participates in Sunday school and the Junior Choir. Ben is a graduate of Princeton University and is employed by Duke Energy Florida.



Barbara Ann Brotherton: Barbara was born and raised in Chicago. Upon graduating from high school, she and her mother moved to San Francisco where she attended San Francisco College for Women. They returned to Chicago 3 years later where she completed her degree work at Loyola University and graduated with a BS in Sociology. She then joined the United States Air Force where she served for over 25 years. Her last duty station was at Patrick AFB where she retired. Upon retirement, Barbara devoted herself to being a full-time housewife and mother and serving her local and church communities as a volunteer. While at Holy Trinity in Melbourne, FL she served on the vestry 9 months prior to moving. She relocated to Tampa in September 2016 and is active in the music program at St Andrew's (choir and bell choir) as well as the Outreach, Parish Life and Feeding the Homeless programs. She feels she has found a church home at St Andrew's and wants to do all she can to help this church be a strong support to the Tampa community.

Donreece Brown: No bio available at press time

VESTRY CLASS OF 2021 NOMINEES (*continued*)



Don Crawford: Don is originally from the Atlanta area and has lived in Tampa for 10 years. He attended Oglethorpe University, where he served as President of Delta Sigma Phi and as the chapter's delegate to the Interfraternity Council. He attended law school at the University of Florida, where he served as the Management Editor of the Florida Law Review. Don practiced law at Paul Hastings LLP in Atlanta and at Greenberg Traurig LLP in Tampa before starting Cope, Zebro & Crawford in 2012. He continues to practice law, primarily business litigation, in Clearwater, Florida, and he serves as Treasurer, St. Petersburg Committee, of Ducks Unlimited. Don and Summer Crawford met in Atlanta and were married at Don's family farm in Lake Butler, Florida in 2009. They are the proud parents of Rayanne, age 6, and Winona, age 4. All four Crawfords were baptized together at St. Andrew's on October 11, 2015, and Don and Summer were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday 2017. Don thanks God for the holy peace, comfort, and fellowship that his family has found at St. Andrew's, and looks forward to serving the church and God's people for many years to come.



Piers L. Curry II: Piers is originally from Armonk, New York where he attended St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He moved to northwestern Pennsylvania where he was active at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church. It was there, serving as an acolyte, where he met his wife, Pam. Following graduation from The Pennsylvania State University he moved to Florida and attended the University of South Florida where he earned his Masters of Business Administration. Piers has been working in the financial industry for over 10 years and founded Nautilus Financial Group, a firm specializing in wealth management for individuals and businesses nationwide. He was the 2015 recipient of the Gary J. Levin Crystal Vision Award in recognition of his commitment to excellence and leadership in the financial planning industry. Piers is a voting member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Tampa Bay Boy Scout Council. He also sits on the Board of Directors for the Boy Scout Youth Leadership Development Council. Piers has been a member of St. Andrew's for the past 15 months and currently serves as a Verger. His children, Ian and Stella are both acolytes and his wife helps with the Youth Program. Piers enjoys camping, skiing, and spending time with his family and two dogs.



November 2017 Vestry Meeting Highlights

RECTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Reese

As of 11/6/17, there was \$142,557 in ops account. We have \$146,504 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 \$2,054,648 in the Foundation principal as of 9/30/17 (up \$189K 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.

Annual Stewardship Campaign – is in full swing. Many thanks to our stewardship speakers: Brad (10/1), Irene (10/22), Gary (10/29), and Jim (11/5). The second round of pledge cards were mailed out in early November. The third round of pledge cards will be sent first week of December. Postcard reminders will go out first week of January and again the first week of February. Currently, we have 87 pledges for \$229K.

Foundation Board – voted to transfer 2015's allocation (\$37K) from principal to the Foundation checking account. Thus, we will be able to pay for the asbestos removal (\$27K) and architect's drawings for 4th floor (\$11K). Also, Foundation will receive a bequest of \$82,533 from the estate of the late Sylvia Frazier.

Choral Evensong – was on All Saints' Sunday, 11/5 at 5pm, sung in honor of the late Curt Goter. We had our best turnout ever for an Evensong (109). The reception afterward was elegant and the food was delicious. Thanks, Parish Lifers!

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Jeff Coleman:

Jeff noted nominating committee moving along well. Will possibly meet with architect on the 4th floor build-out. Would consider seeking the advice from attorneys in the congregation regarding the leasing agreement. Mentioned several names of possibilities to ask to look at it. In speaking with the leasing agent there is still some confusion on the renewal process. Passed out copies of the Mutual Ministry Review.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – George Levy:

George asked Richard Ferlita to report on the new washer and dryer that replaced the broken one in the Parish Hall kitchen. It is now installed in the kitchen and working great. Noted this makes new ovens, new refrigerators, new dishwashers, and a new washer and dryer at the church, as well as a new washer and dryer at the rectory. Loueita said the faucets in the Parish Hall kitchen (*continued*)

November 2017 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$58,321	\$46,840	\$476,630	\$515,240
Expenses	\$44,095	\$46,840	\$520,139	\$515,240
Net	\$14,226	(\$0)	(\$43,509)	(\$0)

and the kitchen faucet at the Rectory need to be replaced. Al asked about the cleaning of the ice machine. George commented that the trees in the back yard at the rectory have been trimmed. The landscaper that will be removing the tree in the front yard has been to the city, with the city tree inspector recommending it be removed. The cost will be \$3,900.00. The permit process has begun and a sign will be posted in the front yard for two weeks, per city regulations. A new tree will be installed for a total cost of about \$5,000.00. Church courtyard tree trimming is scheduled.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Gary Cotter:

Gary reports that we have received 95 shares of stock from a parishioner and must sell it by November 30, 2017.

Gary Cotter made a motion to sell the stocks. Loueita Hargens seconded. The motion carried.

The executive committee and Father Reese signed the document authorizing the sale.

PARISH LIFE – Cate Hammer and Chris Capsembelis:

Cate and Chris would like to thank Lori for her work on November Evensong reception. Said Chris Sherman would like to know the thoughts of taking groups to restaurants on holidays or other events. Cate and Chris have been emailing him back and forth. Irene said he might also like to do a wine tasting for Valentine's Day, for example.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Jim Morgan:

The kids sang yesterday and were adorable. Getting a new family every now and then. Next big project is the Christmas Pageant.

OUTREACH REPORT –

Loueita Hargens and Holly Clemmons:

Holly reminded everyone that the Turkey Pack and Klean Kit packing will be this Saturday at 10am for anyone who would like to join us. We meet this Sunday and will finalize plans for St. Andrew's Day Fish Fry. Hands will be available to pick off the Giving Tree that will be up in the parish hall this Sunday. Holly will make the announcement at church Sunday.

New Business-

Irene spoke about the three memos regarding the music program that she e-mailed to the Vestry. Discussion followed.

Richard Ferlita made a motion to close the meeting. Loueita Hargens seconded, and with no opposition the meeting ended at 6:30 P.M.

Next meeting Monday, December 18, at 5:30 P.M.



Columbarium niches available

The new columbarium, located north of the Children's Chapel, is now complete 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.

Donations to Saint Andrew's Foundation

A Bequest
Sylvia Frazier

Hospital Admissions

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



From the Parish Register

Transfers Out

Fran & Randy Johnson
to St. John's, Tampa
Francisco, Kristin
& William Mora,
to Holy Innocents, Valrico

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509 East Twiggs Street

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 28

following the 10:30am service



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.