



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ May 2018

Reverently Speaking

(Peter addressed the people), “Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.” —Acts 3:19

Dear People of St. Andrew’s,

Sexual abuse scandals have been hitting the political, media and entertainment industries left and right lately. Big names are involved - Harvey Weinstein, Al Franken, Charlie Rose, Louis C.K., Matt Lauer, Dustin Hoffman, Kevin Spacey and others. Many of those implicated or accused have admitted wrongdoing and offered some sort of apology. But, there are apologies, and there are *apologies*. Let’s begin by going back to Archie Bunker.

If you’re of the Boomer generation or older, you remember Norman Lear’s groundbreaking 1970s television sitcom, “*All in the Family*.” Every Saturday night at 8pm, my parents and I would turn the TV knob (yes, the ‘knob’) to CBS (Channel 2 in New York City) and watch Carroll O’Connor and Jean Stapleton play Archie and Edith Bunker, a husband and wife duo known for Archie’s outbursts and Edith’s compliant behavior.

In one scene, Amelia, a cousin of Edith’s, comments on Archie and Edith’s marriage: “Of all the people I know, you’re practically the only one who has a happy marriage.”

“Really? Me and Archie? Oh, thank you.”

“What’s your secret, Edith?”

“Oh, I ain’t got no secret. Archie and me still have our fights. Of course, we don’t let them go on too long. Somebody always says, ‘I’m sorry,’ and then Archie always says, ‘It’s okay, Edith.’”

All of us, assuming none of us are perfect, have had to apologize. Perhaps these apologies involved the following:

“Honey, I did it.” That’s a *confession*.

“Honey, I feel badly about what I did/said/didn’t do.” That’s *contrition* or *repentance*.

“Honey, here’s a replacement for what I took/damaged/destroyed.” That’s *restitution*.

Flowers, a box of chocolates and dinner. That’s *reparations*.

The most common form of the non-apology is the expression “I’m sorry.” No two words roll off the tongue so easily when one has committed some kind of *faux pas* as the words “I’m sorry,” and no two words have been so emptied of meaning.

To say “I’m sorry” has become a mantra reflexively uttered whenever the situation careens in a direction we had not anticipated.

"I'm sorry" is not a *meaningless* expression because it's an important social interaction that acts like oil on machinery. It keeps relationships and connections alive and functioning. It's simply a device that keeps a minor situation from being more than it is. The failure to say "I'm sorry" when a slight infraction has been committed could lead to hurt feelings and deep misunderstanding.

But this kind of apology is not an apology. It's an important social convention, but not more than that. To say it in such circumstances shows that you have *some* social skills, however limited, that you're not a complete troll, and that you understand that "I'm sorry" is something you sometimes need to say.

Often, however, we can't even say "*I'm* sorry," but simply say "Sorry." This seems to suggest that we've removed or absolved ourselves of responsibility. We have not committed the offense. It's not "*I'm* sorry." Now, it's simply "Sorry." Thus, "Sorry" - when more is required - is self-righteousness dressed up as an apology.

Here are three things that must be present in an apology for it to help you get up and still look good: *confession, closure and change*.

A confession says you did it. You were wrong. Period.

Closure asks for forgiveness. You can, and should, ask for it. You cannot demand forgiveness. You can only ask. Then it is out of your hands.

A good apology seeks change as it takes a negative experience and shifts it to become a positive one. A right apology starts with a confession, moves on to a request for forgiveness, and then seeks to reshape the experience and turn a possible failure into a redemptive moment by working for change. It's hard work. But it's worth it.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese



"If I count my blessings and some of them are heavily taxed, do they still count as blessings?"



KleanKits: It's that time of year again where we start seeking donations for our KleanKit initiative to benefit the homeless community. To help parishioners remember to bring in items, we will set aside the last Sunday of each month to collect one new item for each kit. A member of the Outreach Committee will be stationed outside the sanctuary prior to the start of both Sunday services to collect the featured item for the month (please feel free to bring everything in at once if you shop in bulk!). A box will still be available in the Parish Hall (side hallway) for any donations brought in at any other time. Thank you in advance for your donations!

May 27 – Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

June 24 – Razors (men's disposable)

July 29 – Bar Soap & Washcloths

PHOTO DIRECTORY: We are beginning to put together the Photo Directory so long awaited... Please take the time to check the Master Directory with Lori Taplow to ensure that your information (phones, emails, etc.) is correct. Lori will have the Master Directory at the Welcome table on upcoming Sundays.



Cinco de Mayo Outreach Mexican Buffet

Sunday, May 6 after the 10:30am service

Enjoy this grande Mexican buffet lunch knowing that proceeds will go to VBS scholarships for Cornerstone Kids!

Adults \$10, Kids \$5

Outreach team will sell tickets in advance.

Mother's Day Brunch

Prepared by the men of St. Andrew's

Sunday, May 13

after the 8:00am and 10:30am services

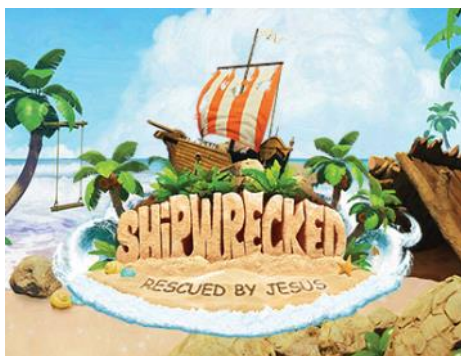


Calling all Graduates!! If you have a soon-to-be graduate in your family, let us know so we can honor them on **Sunday, May 20** during the 10:30am service!! Please contact Alicia Schmid at aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org with your grad's info:

- Graduate's name
- A picture of the grad
- The name of the high school they graduated from if a high school grad, and their future university or career goals
- OR university they are graduating from and future career goals
- The graduate's favorite Bible verse
- One fun fact about the graduate

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL
YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**
2018 IS FULL OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 25-29
SHIPWRECKED!! RESCUED BY JESUS



WHAT: VBS 2018: Shipwrecked Planning Meetings

WHEN: Sundays, May 27, June 10, June 24 after 10:30 services

WHO: Adults & Youth interested in serving during VBS 2018

WHERE: 3rd floor library (room 302)

WHY: To cast the vision for VBS and plan all necessary details!

VBS is June 25-29th from 9:00am-Noon, and is open to all children ages 3-5th grade who are fully potty trained.

Please fill out the Registration Form on next page and return to Alicia in the office or at church on Sunday

SPECIAL EVENT!!!

Youth & Parents Night:

What Can I DO to Help Keep My School Safe?



WHEN: Sunday, May 20, from 5:30-8 p.m.

WHO: Youth in middle & high school (5th grade & up please), friends, and parents

WHERE: St. Andrew's Parish Hall

WHY: To brainstorm ideas, share a meal, enjoy fellowship with one another, and learn something new, while we empower the community in hopes that we can help end gun violence in our schools.



St. Andrew's Episcopal VBS 2018 Registration Form

Fill out this form to register children, youth volunteers, and/or adult volunteers for VBS 2018, June 25-29, 2018

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 3 years old and fully potty trained by June 24, 2018)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Child/ Youth School Name _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Allergies or Special Needs? _____

Buddy Request? _____

Child/ Youth #2 Name _____ (must be 3 years old and fully potty trained by June 24, 2018)

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

Child's Date of Birth _____

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 3 years old and fully potty trained by June 24, 2018)

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

Paid Y N SCH Amount \$ _____ (check # _____) Check MO Cash

Easter Sunday at Saint Andrew's



Many Thanks to Chris Cobb, St. Andrew's Official Photographer!



Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

The God We Can Know: Exploring the “I Am” Sayings of Jesus

The God We Can Know is a seven week small group study designed to explore the “I am” sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. This series will help us find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, “Who do you say I am?” One by one, Jesus’ statements grab our imagination, reveal more about his identity and purpose, and connect us to the God of Moses, who spoke the first “I Am.” These significant, yet ordinary images (bread, light, shepherd, vine, and more) give us insightful ways to experience Jesus and point us to a God who wants to be known.

The DVD, filmed on location in the Holy Land, allows us to travel with Rob Fuquay, Senior Pastor of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, and actually see the places where Jesus stood while disclosing his true identity, and in what context he spoke each “I Am.” We’ll journey from the Judean wilderness to the Galilean hills and into the heart of Jerusalem.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

5/6—I am the True Vine – Knowing God’s Power

5/13—I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life – Knowing God’s Way

5/20—I am the Resurrection and the Life – Knowing God’s Possibilities

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 studying 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.

Meet the Choir



Damon Lazzara was born in Tampa, FL, and graduated from Tampa Preparatory School. He earned a BA in Media Studies from Goucher College, Baltimore, and a Master of Liberal Arts degree in Humanities and English at USF while an assistant producer for WUSF-FM and the tenor soloist for the Mendelssohn Choir of St. John’s. Having been called “Dr. Damon” for most of his childhood, he decided to make it official, and graduated in 2012 with his Ph.D. in Humanities from York University, Toronto. He has published, presented, and performed in academic, professional, and creative capacities in the US, UK, and Canada, and currently works in writing, editing, and building management. He has been married 17 years and lives in the river arts district with three sassy orange tabbies. Damon is thankful for the opportunity to sing every Sunday with his friends at St. Andrew’s, and enjoys the good and generous spirit of its community.

Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir at St. Andrew's

The Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir from Oakland, CA, will be spending part of their summer tour at St. Andrew's! They will enjoy a workshop day with Lumina Children's Choirs on Tuesday, June 19th, and will then perform at Concert that same day, in the early evening, benefitting Metropolitan Ministries. The concert will be free of charge, but they will collect a free will offering. More details to come as the date gets nearer, but **save the date** to come support these young people who want to give back through song! P.S. – if you are the parent of one of our choristers (or future choristers) this is a great opportunity for your child to experience a renowned children's choir!

Calling all kids who like to sing!!

Dr. Shores and Mrs. Coleman are looking for new recruits for the Children's Choir and Cherub Choir for the fall. The cherubs are aged 4-7 (exceptions for 3 year olds who are especially precocious or have great motivation to sing!), and the children are 8 through middle school. We learn music basics (rhythm, pitch, harmony), as well as how to sing in a group, how the different musical parts of our Episcopal Church service work, how to read hymns from the hymnal, and more! This experience can be a great adjunct to whatever music education your child is currently receiving in school. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM for both groups, and will start up again after Labor Day.

ST. ANDREW'S FOUNDATION

We are fortunate to have the St. Andrew's Foundation, where many families request gifts be made in memory of their loved ones. But there is also some confusion about these gifts. If you wish to make a memorial, the check must be made to **St. Andrew's Foundation**, and mailed to 509 E. Twiggs Street, Tampa, 33602. At this time we do not have the capacity to accept gifts to the Foundation electronically. Foundation monies are kept *completely separate* from the church operating account, so do not make your check to St. Andrew's Church if you wish for it to go to the Foundation! If you have any questions, please call Pam Frost, our Administrator, at 221-2035.



You are welcome here, even if you stole my pew.

March Vestry Meeting Highlights

RECTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Reese

- As of 3/12, there was \$199,294 in ops account and \$136,004 in the parish reserve account (we just paid TNT roofers the \$4K balance for the work they did on the church roof). As of 3/14/18, there is \$19,709 in the Foundation's checking account – monies available to the vestry. 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. We have another \$75,659 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 4% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2018 at their meeting on 2/21/18. And there was \$2,179,149 in the Foundation principal as of 2/15/18 (which includes an \$82K bequest from the estate of Sylvia Frazier). We will soon be adding a bequest of approximately \$400K from a charitable remainder trust given to the Foundation by the late Barbara Faber. There is also \$102K in the Dan Curtis fund fbo St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, with \$7,237 in grant money currently available (a combination of unused past distributions and the distribution for 2018).
- Sixth Floor – we now have a leasing agreement with The Dohring Group, seeking a possible tenant for the sixth floor.
- Annual audits – Barbara is the chair. Need to form the audit committee and conduct internal audits of both the parish financials and the Foundation financials.
- Lenten Series - Our annual Lenten series began this year on Shrove Tuesday, **Feb 13**, and continues weekly **through March 20. Each evening** begins at **5:30pm** with **Holy Eucharist** in the **Children's Chapel**. A **potluck supper** follows at **6pm** in the Parish Hall and the **program** begins at **6:45pm**. The presenter is our organist, Dr. Haig Mardirosian. Haig's illustrated talks (with sound and visuals) will focus on the pervasive and ancient phenomenon of music in religion and ritual. Each presentation will introduce a specific dimension on the overall topic. (Dr. Rodney Shores will fill in for Haig on 3/6.) A different parish group (Youth, Vestry/Parish Life, DOK, Altar Guild, Outreach, Choir) will host the potluck supper each week and provide a main course or two and perform set-up and clean-up. Great attendance – Parish Hall is filled each week and we have had at least 20 in the Children's Chapel for the Eucharist each Tuesday.
- Stations of the Cross – Fridays in Lent (2/16 through 3/30) at 12:10pm in the church. Come and join us each week for this simple, yet moving, service. It only lasts about 25 minutes. We are averaging six souls each week.

March 2018 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$33,066	\$48,210	\$105,279	\$144,630
Expenses	\$40,320	\$48,210	\$142,178	\$144,630
Net	(\$7,253)	\$0	(\$36,904)	\$0

- Vestry Retreat – We are on for **Saturday, 4/21** at Day-Spring, from **9am till 3pm**. We will have business meeting at 9am, followed by retreat session from 10am till noon led by Canon Michael Durning. Lunch comes next, followed by team-building exercises and the low ropes course from 1pm till 3pm. Thus, there will be no Monday vestry meeting in April. We do need a volunteer to take the minutes at the 4/21 meeting, since Lori is the lone vestry member who cannot attend.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Peter Baker

Planning to visit with vestry members. Oceanic Market tour with Chris Sherman went well with lunch following at Anise restaurant downtown.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Al Getz

Church roof fixed and a very patient contractor has been paid. The wood on our playground boat will be cleaned by Al Getz. He has all the supplies. Doug Taplow will help.

Further to the discussion of upgrading the first-floor restrooms, Al obtained a quote from another contractor. While his quote was \$3K less, the contractor indicated that he wasn't interested in bidding on the job. His quote was more to advise us as to what he thought we should expect to spend.

Jim Morgan moved that we approve the original bid of \$13,130 from CCP Construction Inc. The motion was seconded by Brad Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Al will send vestry members the quote with the breakdown of the 3 "phases."

TREASURER'S REPORT – Fr. Reese for Piers Curry

Two month deficit is \$29K which is to be expected for this time of year otherwise, nothing out of the ordinary.

Christian Ed – Jim Morgan

Alicia is putting together a program on School violence in the schools for the children, parents, and anyone who wishes to attend. This includes a topic about supporting kids.

Outreach – Holly Clemmons

Changing collection of Clean Kit items to once per month prior to each service. Will collect outside of the service in a box. Fr. Reese will remind a week in advance since donations were falling off. Easter Boxes of Hope still being collected for Metropolitan Ministries. Add this in the memo of your check for \$25. Seis de Mayo ticket selling will be kicking off soon.

Old Business

Chris reported that he is continuing to work on Active Shooter training for Ushers and Vestry.



From the Parish Register

Baptism

Desiree Wilber
Annabelle Mize
Lillian Maddison Wilber



Marriage

Travis Harris &
Megan Pemberton



Hospital Admissions

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



Columbarium niches now 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.

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