



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ September 2019

Reverently Speaking

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

Psalm 139:1

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

My wife and I recently moved our son, Hamilton, into his dorm room at Florida State University in Tallahassee. Colleges seem to resemble posh resorts nowadays, what with gigantic recreation centers, movie theaters, and fancy dining halls with limitless options. I can see why Hamilton was eager to embark on his college career.

This led me to think about my own college days. I went to a commuter college called NJIT (New Jersey Institute of Technology), formerly NCE (Newark College of Engineering). It was located in beautiful downtown Newark. I travelled to and from school each day via bus and the Newark city subway. My major was mechanical engineering. Calculus, chemistry, and physics were all a blur to me, but I bluffed my way through freshman year. But then they started throwing thermodynamics and mechanics of materials at me. It was quite clear that I was not engineer material. But I had made numerous friends at college, played intramural floor hockey, and partied hearty on the weekends. I knew I should have changed my major, but that would have required me to transfer to another school, since NJIT was engineering-only. So I remained at NJIT. In the spring of my fourth year, my mother suggested we plan a graduation party. I had to break the news to her that I was far short of completing my degree. So no diploma – or party - for me. My crowning achievement at NJIT was that my floor hockey team won the intramural championship my senior year. (I still have the shirt awarded to the winners.)

Without a degree, I went and enlisted in the Army. Eventually, Uncle Sam helped me enroll in ROTC and got me back into college at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. They said I could major in whatever I wanted, so I chose history and graduated after two years of classes.

I have always regretted taking six years to finish college. Although I was terrible at calculus, I could still do the math: I wasted two years of my life. If I had transferred out of NJIT after my first year, I could have graduated in four years. But I couldn't bear to give up taco and tequila days at the TKE house. And so I live with the regret.

But what should we do with the weight of regret caused by mistakes, bad judgment, short-sightedness, and immaturity?

If only there were something that would allow us to square up for the problems we cause or the sins we commit for which there is nothing we can do to reverse the damage, no way to undo our mistakes or wrongdoings.

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Psalm 139 asserts that God knows us as we really are: “O Lord, you have searched me and known me,” the psalmist says. “You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.” That God knows us as we are can be a frightening thought — he knows the secret us, the part of ourselves that we never reveal to others, and if there’s anything unsavory or ungodly in that secret us, we can’t hide it from God. But that God knows us as we are can also be comforting — he understands what it means to be human, including what it means to live with sorrow and regrets.

The late author J. Ellsworth Kalas said we should “make friends of our regrets.” He said that it is by our regrets that we grow. “Regrets generally represent the refuse of our lives, the stuff we’d like to eliminate from memory — both ours and that of our community of friends and associates,” Kalas said. But he also called regret “the redeeming residue of guilt,” and “the compost of the soul, the place where new life grows.”

One way we can use such regrets is by allowing them to make us sympathetic and understanding of the faults and failures of others. We can also learn from them to help us avoid similar mistakes. And we can use our screw-ups to make midcourse corrections in how we are living. More importantly, our regrets can become instruments of God’s grace. They can help us discover his mercy.

Psalm 139 tells us that God knows our inner self. But beyond that is the psalmist’s testimony that God is with him – and us.

*If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast. (vv.7-9)*

So remember: God’s presence is with us despite whatever regrets we may have.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese



Learn about all parish ministries on

Rally Day

Sunday, September 8

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 9:30

Taste and See: Discovering God Among, Butchers, Bakers, & Fresh Food Makers

The Psalmist declared, “Taste and see that the Lord is good” (Ps 34:8), so Margaret Feinberg decided to take the invitation literally. She embarked on a global culinary and spiritual adventure descending 410 feet into a salt mine, baking fresh matzo at Yale University, harvesting olives off the Croatian coast, and tasting succulent figs at a premier farm—all to discover the truth in such a simple verse. With each person she encountered, she asked, “How do you read the Scripture in light of what you do every day?” Their answers will change the way you read the Bible - and the way you approach every meal. Join us in this deeply nourishing six-week video Bible study sprinkled with delicious recipes and tangible insights. After all, it’s at the table where we learn to taste and see the goodness of God.

Margaret Feinberg speaks at churches and leading conferences, including Catalyst, Thrive, and Women of Joy. Her books, including *Wonderstruck*, *Fight Back With Joy*, and *Scouting the Divine* and their corresponding Bible studies, have sold more than one million copies and received critical acclaim and national media coverage from *CNN*, *Associated Press*, *USA Today*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and *The Washington Post*.

Here is the line-up:

- 9/8 - You’re Invited to the Table
- 9/15 - Delighting in the Sweetness of Fruitfulness
- 9/22 - Chewing on the Bread of Life
- 9/29 - Savoring the Salt of the Earth
- 10/6 - Relishing the Olive and Its Oil
- 10/13- Discovering the Liturgy of the Table

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

Thursday mornings at 10:30

Thursday morning Bible Study began a new study on Jan. 10 at 10:30am in the library, The Gospel of John using N.T. Wright's study guide. "Nothing in John's Gospel is there by accident... And all the details in John are designed ultimately to come together. In these studies we discover the clues John gives that we might see even more clearly the reality of who Jesus is, the new creation He inaugurates and the difference that all makes." Please join us for this exciting study of Jesus through John's eyes!

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

Acolyte Fest is September 7th, 2019.

New Beginnings #66 is October 4th-6th, 2019 at Dayspring (grades 6th-8th).

Happening #79 is November 1st-3rd, 2019.

If you are on Facebook look us up at st.a.y. (St. Andrews youth) a group to keep up with our happenings
Contact me, Victor Van Pelt at christianed@saintandrewstampa.org or 813-898-3415 with any questions.



A very warm welcome reception was held on August 4th
for Ryan Hebert, our new Organist/Choirmaster!

Fisk Organ 25th Anniversary Celebration Recital

During a time when churches are abandoning their pipe organs, we will celebrate ours! This year our Fisk Organ (Opus 105) will be 25 years old, and Ryan Hebert, St. Andrew's new Organist/Choirmaster, will play a special recital. The **concert** will be **Sunday, September 29** at **3p.m.** The program will be about an hour long and will open with the *Prelude in F# Minor* by Dietrich Buxtehude, and include other works like the *Fantasy and Fugue in G Minor* by J.S. Bach, *Aria on a Chaconne* by Joel Martinson, variations from an organ concerto by G.F. Handel, and a colorful set of variations on *Old Hundredth* by Canadian composer Denis Be-dard. The program will showcase the instrument's ability to produce a variety of colorful sounds, both great and small. The concert is free, but there will be a freewill offering for the continued support of the music ministry at St. Andrew's. A reception (hosted by the Parish Life Committee) will follow in the Parish Hall.

Attending live concerts is a wonderful way to support the music at St. Andrew's, but even better is inviting a friend, a relative, a neighbor, or a coworker. Many people have never attended an organ recital before, and many have never even heard a *real* pipe organ. Introduce your friends to the wonders of what Mozart called "The King of Instruments." In November of 1994 the first concert was played on our organ, and in September we will commemorate and celebrate those parishioners, past and present, that made this treasured instrument possible. As the Psalm reminds us (and the Latin inscription written on the organ case!) "Let Everything that has Breath, Praise the Lord!"

Foundation Donations

In loving memory of
Charles & Anne Garison

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Steve & Betsy Chambers
John & Emily Bryan
Jane Doyle
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John & Pat Wolfe

In loving memory of
Anne Garrison
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In loving memory of
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In loving memory of
Bettye J. Kirkland
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From the Parish Register Baptisms

Eleanor Lynne Jackson

Rory Tate Johnson

Weddings

Bryce Smith & Mary Grace Ake

Deaths

Robert L. Mitchell, Sr.
Charles Pendleton Garrison
Anne Ashton Garrison
Gloria Hernandez Dabolt
Joan A. Register



Transfers Out

Alfredo Gomez-Marti
to St. John's, Tampa

Outreach Updates

Update for Foster Elementary:

On behalf of Rosemary Graf and all the children at Foster Elementary, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all who gave so generously to the urgent request for help. Rosemary received over \$900 in donations, and many needed supplies, as well as uniform items. You have made a difference in the lives of these children.

Gratefully,

Ingrid Muellerleile

A Note from the Director of Handbells and Children's Choirs

As Director of Handbells and Children's Choirs, I am so very excited to begin our year of awesome music ministry at St. Andrew's! There are several amazing opportunities to expand your worship through music. For children of families at St. Andrew's, there are two music learning outlets. Elementary age students, roughly ages 4-10, are encouraged to participate in Cherub Choir. Cherub Choir children will receive an exposure to foundational elements of music through songs, games, instruments, and more! **Cherubs meet in the Children's Chapel on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-5:40.** Middle and high school students are invited to participate in our upper level Children's Choir. In this choir children will continue to develop both rudimentary and advanced music literacy skills through targeted instruction and performance of appropriate literature. The **Children's Choir meets on Wednesday from 5:45-6:30 in the adult choir room** on the third floor. Please encourage any youth already here at St. Andrew's to consider joining Children's Choir. Finally, we will be continuing the **St. Andrew's Ringers**. If you have music reading abilities and would like to worship with us through handbell music, please consider joining. We perform exciting literature that provides a unique musical experience to our ringers. You do not need to have prior handbell experience, but music reading ability is required. The group **meets on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 on the 6th floor**. I cannot wait to begin our year, and I hope to see you in one of these ensembles soon! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Coleman Flentge, and stop by our tables for these ensembles on our Rally Day on September 8!

Anchor Ball

Once again St. Andrew's is supporting the Tampa Port Ministries by acquiring six seats at a table at the annual Anchor Ball sponsored by Port Tampa Bay. This black tie/evening dress event will be held Saturday, September 14th at the Bryan Glazer Family Jewish Community Center (formerly the Fort Homer Hesterly armory) at 522 N. Howard Avenue, beginning at 6 pm. Proceeds from this event benefit Tampa Port Ministries and the Tampa Bay Maritime Scholarship Foundation equally.

If you would like to attend or would like more information on this event and these organizations, please contact Pam Frost in the office (813/221-2035) or Peter Baker (813/230-0354) for more details. As the tickets are without cost to you, please be generous in your participation in purchases of items in the silent and live auctions. We hope you will be able to join us!

Daughters of the King

The Matilda Wall Memorial Chapter of the Daughters of the King will admit six new members during 10:30 Holy Eucharist, September 15, 2019. These women have completed a three month discernment period and will take their vows into the Order in the presence of our Lord and Savior, this congregation and current members of this historic chapter. All are invited to a special welcoming coffee hour after church.

June Vestry Meeting Highlights

RECTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Reese

As of 6/10/19, there was \$142,048 in ops account and \$108,127 in the parish reserve account.

As of 6/7/19, there was \$29,978 in the Foundation's checking account – monies available to the vestry.

We have another \$13,324 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. (\$30,000 has already been transferred to the Foundation checking account from the 2016 allocation, which totaled \$43,324).

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.

We have another \$63,718 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 3% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2019 at their meeting on 2/27/19.

And there was \$2,594,036 in the Foundation principal as of 6/7/19 (as compared to \$2,421,641 at end of 2018, a 172K increase year-to-date).

There is also \$103,437 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). At our 2/25/19 meeting, Vestry authorized a 6.5K draw on this fund to pay for church roof repairs of tiles broken during January termite tenting. This work is currently in progress. George will report.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is meeting each day this week (9-12 noon). This is a great outreach to the two dozen Cornerstone Kids from St. James House of Prayer parish. Our volunteers are doing a great job with all the kids!

Organist/Choirmaster Search – Richard will report. Josh Cessna (a former student of Ryan Hebert at UT) will be the supply organist on 6/16, 6/23, and 6/30.

Parish & Foundation Audits – Ben is chairing parish audit and Peter is chairing the Foundation audit.

Sesquicentennial Celebration – St. Andrew's turns 150 in 2021 (the parish was founded in 1871). This, of course, will be an ongoing process as we prepare for 2021 festivities.

717 Parking Proposal – Jason Accardi is working up a proposal for 717 to expand their operation in our lot from during the day on weekdays to evenings and weekends as well. We also have a proposal from the law firm across the street (McIntyre, Thanasides, Bringgold, Elliott, Grimaldi, Guito, & Matthews, P.A.) to lease the lot for themselves, eliminating any middleman, such as 717. (See my email for the proposal.)

July 2019 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$30,647	\$47,095	\$282,940	\$329,669
Expenses	\$36,281	\$47,095	\$317,000	\$329,699
Net	(\$5,634)	\$0	(\$34,059)	\$0

The Vestry discussed the two options and requested that Peter Baker see if it possible to pursue both options by allowing 717 to expand its operations and providing the law firm across the street a preferred rate for the spaces it requires.

Lumina Choirs – approved our counterproposal, which sets the rent at \$10,200 per year. It takes effect in August. This results in a 2K per year rent increase.

Vestry Retreat Summary – Retreat leader Michael Durning could not find his notes when he came back to Florida over the Memorial Day weekend. He will send us a summary based on his recollections of the retreat.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Richard Ferlita

Richard discussed the search for an Organist/Choirmaster. The Vestry engaged in a detailed discussion of the candidates, including the recommendation of the search committee, additional information gathered in the search process, financial considerations related to the position, the choir's experience with the candidates, and Father Reese's recent discussions with various candidates. The decision was made to have Father Reese discuss the position with Ryan Hebert to see if certain concerns raised in the discussion could be resolved to Father Reese's satisfaction. Richard suggested that, having the benefit of the search committee and Vestry's input, the decision now be left in Father Reese's hands. Peter asked that the Vestry send any questions they may have for Ryan Hebert to Father Reese. Father Reese agreed to schedule a discussion with Ryan Hebert and to let the Vestry know how the discussion proceeds and his decision.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – George Levy

George discussed the issue with the plate glass windows in the 1st floor of the Parish Hall. While replacement was a cost prohibitive option, George and the contractor devised a work around involving covering the rotten wood with metal flashing that was caulked and touched up. The solution buys some time and was done at no charge to St. Andrew's. The exterior door to the Church also was repaired at no charge.

The ice maker in the Parish Hall broke down beyond repair and was replaced. The decision was made at a meeting of the Executive Committee. The new ice machine cost \$2,755 and was paid for from the reserve account.

There is a leak in the roof of the southern wing of the church. The leak is the result of a flaw in the roof's batten system. George is getting quotes to replace the roof on the southern wing without a batten system.

The broken roof tile replacement project is almost complete.

As a result of the tenting, there are lots of dead insects and dust in the pews. Paula will ask the Daughters of the King to clean up. Ben suggested a workday be scheduled and all parishioners be asked to participate.

George will get a quote to paint the interior of the church.

The light panel in the church also is acting up again. The lighting contractor has been notified and is coming to investigate the problem.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Piers Curry

Piers stated that we currently are \$33,000 off budget for the year. But adjusting for annual expenses and revenues, we are only about \$15,000 off budget. Given the increase in revenues in the fall and winter, including the Christmas season, the current shortfall hopefully will not be an issue.

Committee Reports

Brad Hall – Christian Education

VBS was last week. The Vestry discussed some participants' concerns that organization and planning was not as complete as in the past. The committee also discussed summer Sunday school, but few children were participating.

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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.

St. Andrew's Calendar 2019

SEPTEMBER	2019		
Monday	2	Office Closed	Labor Day
Wednesday	4	7:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal resumes
Thursday	5	10:30am	Bible Study resumes
Saturday	7		Acolyte Festival
Sunday	8		Rally Day
Sunday	15		Outreach to pre-sell Oktoberfest tickets
Monday	16	5:30pm	Vestry Meeting
Sunday	22		Outreach Meeting
Sunday	22	10:30am	Youth Service/Hotdog Fellowship
Sunday	29	3pm	Fisk Organ 25th Anniversary Recital
OCTOBER	2019		
Fri-Sun	1st -3rd		New Beginnings Middle School Weekend
Saturday	5	10am	Pet Blessing
Saturday	5		Decorate for Oktoberfest
Sunday	6		Outreach Oktoberfest Luncheon
Sunday	6		Stewardship Kick-Off Every Member Canvass
Saturday	12		Diocesan Convention
Monday	14	Office Closed	Columbus Day
Sunday	20	10:30am	Youth Service
Sunday	20		Outreach Meeting
Monday	21	5:30pm	Vestry Meeting
Friday	25		Youth Halloween Event
NOVEMBER	2019		
Fri-Sun	1st - 3rd		Youth Happening High School Weekend
Sunday	3	5:00pm	All Saints Evensong
Sunday	3		Daylight Savings ends
Monday	11	Office Closed	Veteran's Day
Friday	15		*Proposed Youth Lock In
Sunday	17	10:30am	Youth Service
Sunday	17		Outreach Meeting
Sunday	17		Tree & Hands up for Gabriel Giving Tree
Monday	18	5:30pm	Vestry Meeting
Saturday	23		Outreach Turkey Packing
Thursday	28	10:00am	Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday	28	Office Closed	Thanksgiving

St. Andrew's Calendar 2019

DECEMBER	2019		
Sunday	1		Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Sunday	8		Outreach Fish Fry
Sunday	8		Outreach Meeting
Sunday	8		Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Saturday	14		Gabriel Tree Party
Saturday	14	10:00am	Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
Sunday	15	3:00?	Handbell Holiday Concert
Sunday	15	10:30am	Christmas Pageant
Monday	16		Vestry Meeting
Sunday	22	11:00am	Greening of the Church
Sunday	22	5:00pm	Christmas Lessons & Carols/Parish Christmas Party
23-Dec	3-Jan		Youth Winter Break - (no school)
Tuesday	24	5:30pm	Christmas Eve Service (5:00 music)
Tuesday	24	11:00pm	Christmas Eve Service (10:30 music)
Tuesday	24	Office Closed	Christmas Holiday
Wed	25	10:00am	Christmas Service
Wed	25	Office Closed	Christmas Holiday
Thursday	26	Office Closed	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday	31		New Year's Eve
Tuesday	31	Office Closed	New Year's Eve