



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ October 2019

Reverently Speaking

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:11

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

"Mr. Clean," the bald, muscular, earring-bedazzled and immaculately dressed icon of all things shiny and scrubbed turns 61 this year. Since 1958, America has become accustomed to seeing him show up in commercials helping someone make things spic-and-span with his patented formula. And in these 60-some years, he hasn't aged much. He wears a white shirt, has white eyebrows, his arms are folded. He looks like a very clean bouncer at a nightclub — not a male version of a charwoman.

Anyway — Mr. Clean's solvent was originally created as an alternative to the caustic fluids that had previously been used for cleaning ships. Perhaps that's why Mr. Clean looks like a guy who's just stepped off of a squeaky-clean Navy ship in port from some exotic locale.

Keeping things clean has always been costly, not only in terms of the various goos, potions and wipes we use but also in terms of elbow grease. Dirt and grime have a tendency to accumulate quickly, and it takes a diligent, determined and daily effort to scrub, scour, sweep, mop, dust and wipe down all things domestic.

The same is true for our spiritual lives. Left unattended, our lives tend to accumulate a lot of harmful gunk that can really gum up the works and make it difficult for us to live freely and cleanly as God intended. If cleanliness is next to godliness, as our grandmothers often said, then the reverse would also seem to be true: a godly life is a clean life.

The cost for this kind of life is going up, as a sinful world seems to be intentionally spreading dirt into every area of human life via the media, rancorous debate and bad behavior. It's a world that can leave us all feeling just a little bit dirtier every day.

The same was true in the first century, however, and the apostle Paul acknowledges the need for some serious house cleaning, particularly in the church of which his young protégé Timothy was the pastor (1 Timothy 6:3-19). The church had been dirtied up by some contentious people who had been stoked by false teachers who did not "agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness" (v. 3). The same false teachers believed that godliness was a means of financial gain, increasing their own profits (v. 5).

Essentially, these interlopers had pirated the church, no doubt trying to look squeaky clean in the process. Paul thus gives Timothy a lesson in spiritual housecleaning that doesn't require an overstuffed janitorial closet. It's a lesson in simplicity, contentment and using the right solution.

Simplicity. One of the responses people have to the rising cost of household cleaning supplies is to seek simpler and more natural solutions. Vinegar, for example, is really cheap and can be diluted in water to become a miracle cleaning solution for windows and countertops. Baking soda has a wide variety of cleaning applications (as well as being useful for baking on occasion). A cloth rag is reusable and washable and can take the place of a bunch of disposable paper towels. It's about looking around at what one already has at hand rather than expending the resources to accumulate more.

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Contentment. Paul's advice to Timothy is to do the same thing — focus on the resources at hand. “Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment,” says Paul (v. 6). In contrast to those who are addicted to their desires and the accumulation of money and stuff, which clutters not only one's house but one's spiritual life, Paul reminds Timothy that the real necessities of life are those that are the most basic and simple. Since we entered the world naked and leave it the same way (v. 7), everything we deal with in between must be put into perspective.

We are stewards, not owners; thus we must be careful not to put too much value on things that seem to be necessary but really aren't. Food and clothing are the essentials, says Paul (v. 8), and if we have those, it is enough. We can be happy and content.

People who live simply live cleanly, and those who live cleanly live with contentment. They are not dependent on anything other than God to supply their needs. The false teachers, on the other hand, are slaves to their cravings and thus continue to accumulate the world's dirt in every corner of their lives.

The right solution. Many people think that money is the answer to everything. More money solves problems. Actually, more money often adds to our problems. But Paul isn't running down wealth as a terrible thing. It's actually a great thing when it is used wisely and with the mindset of a godly steward.

Pursuing wealth over godliness, on the other hand, can lead people into all sorts of temptation and trap them in “many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction” (v. 9). It's not money itself but the *love* of money that digs up all kinds of evil dirt that gets spread around in someone's life. It can lead people away from the faith — something which clearly happened to some in Timothy's community, leaving them “pierced with many pains” (v. 10).

The truly godly person, by contrast, understands that money is not the right solution for getting things clean. Godliness is not about money or marketing. The right solution is a mix of things like “righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness” (v. 11).

Paul goes on to say that if anyone does happen to be wealthy, it's important for them to use their wealth in ways that are both godly and clean. They are to “set their hopes” on God, who provides all things (v. 17), to be rich in doing good and in generosity (v. 18), and to store up “the treasure of a good foundation for the future” (v. 19). That's the way to take hold of the “life that really is life” — a life in which godliness and cleanliness really are bound up in one another.

Paul's admonition to Timothy encourages us to think about doing some of our own fall cleaning for our spiritual lives. What do we spend our time and money accumulating? Is it worth it? Does it actually get us closer to godliness? It's an invitation to do some inventory — are we content with what we have, and do we give to our church? Are we being overwhelmed with the world's dirt and clutter, or are we focused on fighting the good fight of faith?

Mr. Clean would like us to buy his products. But we might not need all those supplies. For a truly clean life involves simplicity, contentment, and the right solution. No earring required.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John +", with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Rev. John Reese

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 rest of the line-up:

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.

A New Reformation: From Luther’s World to Ours

Justified by faith. We are accustomed to this theology today, but when Martin Luther shared his belief in this concept during the sixteenth century, it was anything but typical—it sparked the Reformation. Author Rob Fuquay says that although “justified by faith” is not a new idea, the message is as revolutionary today as ever. In *A New Reformation*, Fuquay helps us take a close look into the life of Martin Luther and teaches us how to embrace reformation in our church and in our life today.

This six-session video series features Rob Fuquay on location at key sites of the Reformation in Europe: Prague, Dresden, Leipzig, Wittenberg, Erfurt, Eisleben, Worms, and Mainz. We will connect with the events and significance of the Reformation through these places as Fuquay guides us through the study. Fuquay is the Senior Pastor of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Here is the line-up:

10/20 – A Perfect Storm

10/27 – *Sola Scriptura*

11/3 - *Sola Fide*

11/10 – Taking a Stand

11/17 – Refuge

11/24 – The Priesthood of All Believers

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

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

Sunday School News

October:

- 4-6** New Beginnings Middle School Weekend at Dayspring
- 20** Youth Sunday, Parents, youth, and anyone interested Meeting 6th Floor after Service
- 27** Halloween event (more info to follow)

November:

- 1-3** Happening Weekend at Dayspring for High School Students
- 3** Daylight Savings Time
- 15** *Proposed youth lock in
- 17** Youth Sunday
- 23** Youth Service Project-Helping Outreach with Turkey Pack Day

Upcoming...

Please plan to join us for Choral Evensong for the Solemnity of All Saints at **5p.m. on Sunday, November 3**. Our guest organist will be Simon Morley from St. John's, and the choir will sing Charles Stanford's *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C*, the William Smith *Preces and Responses*, and the anthem will be *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Choral Evensong is one of the quintessential services of the Anglican tradition, and it's a wonderful way to commemorate the feast of All Saints and the faithful departed. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall following the service. Please plan to attend, and more importantly, to invite friends and neighbors!



From the Parish Register

Transfer In

Michael & Amy Chandler
*from St. David's
Austin, TX*

Stewardship 2020

Dear Saint Andrew's Family,

I'm excited by this year's stewardship theme, "Shining Our Light." That theme, taken from the fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, speaks to us as individuals and as a community of faith.

Individually, each of us is called to make sure we are letting God's light shine through our work, our friendships, our service and our giving. We are called to be light bearers. It is a powerful calling.

As a faith community, St. Andrew's must shine the light of Christ through our worship, welcoming, pastoral care and ministry to the wider community. How we use our time, talents, and treasure determines how brightly we are shining our light.

At St. Andrew's, I'm often amazed by the various ways members of our church keep their light shining brightly. Some of us make sure the snacks at the coffee hour are delicious and abundant. Others participate in our worship either by singing in the choir or assisting in the service. Still others prepare the worship space with flowers or altar vestments. Many of us also represent the church in our participation of various community service programs around Tampa.

While during this pledge drive, each of us is asked to make a generous financial pledge for the coming year, I'm also grateful for the many gifts of time, food, and skills from virtually every member of this church.

I hope you'll join me as we work together to shine our light in church, in our community and in our lives.

Faithfully,

Gray Sanders

Stewardship Chair

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Shining Our Light : 2020 Pledge

To help shine God's Light brightly in 2020, I/we pledge \$_____.

I/we plan to fulfill this pledge:

_____ weekly, _____ monthly, _____ semiannually, _____ annually.

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

EMAIL

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



♪ Meet The Choir ♪

Carolyn Tapie
Alto, Staff Singer



How long have you been in the St. Andrew's Choir? Two years

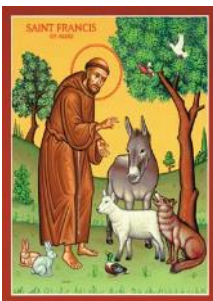
When did you get started in music, and why? Thanks to my parents, I learned to play violin at a young age, and I began singing in choirs in elementary school. I was raised in an *a cappella* church tradition, so got used to singing a lot of four-part harmony in church, and have always loved singing with others, especially in worship.

If you were stranded on a deserted island and could only bring recordings of two composers, who would you bring, and why? Assuming that being stranded would be a temporary situation, I'd pick Rachmaninoff and Britten due to some personal favorites they've composed, and the fact that there are a lot of Britten choral pieces in English, which would probably be comforting while stranded and deserted. If I'm going to be there a long, long time, I'd choose Mozart and Mendelssohn to have more options while living out the rest of my days alone on an island.

What is one of your most memorable musical experiences? Singing Britten's War Requiem at the Kennedy Center with the Washington Chorus in 2013. I was pregnant with my daughter at the time and was particularly moved by the juxtaposition of the Latin mass as an answer, or a plea, to the bleak horrors of war described in Wilfred Owen's poetry. And the story of Abraham and Isaac has never been the same to me since then.

What is the last book that you've read? "Some Trick" by Helen DeWitt. But the last book I loved was "The Good Lord Bird" by James McBride, which I read this past summer.

Hobbies/interests outside of music? Reading and cooking.



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Saturday, October 5, 10:00am
in the church courtyard

♪ Meet The Choir ♪

Kathy Stoy
Alto, Volunteer



How long have you been in the St. Andrew's Choir?

I've been in the choir for 3 years. I heard the beautiful choir selections on the website and had to come and visit...I stayed!!

When did you get started in music, and why? My mother and father both had beautiful voices. Both were active in their (different) choirs. Mom says I could sing the Lord's Prayer when I was 2 years old (not that I remember), but I've been singing ever since.

If you were stranded on a deserted island and could only bring recordings of two composers, who would you bring, and why? I'll say Cesar Franck (especially his organ works) and depending on how long I'll be on that island, I'd really rather have some various composer organ works. And some Rogers and Hammerstein so I can sing along.

What is one of your most memorable musical experiences?

When I was in college we sang the Verdi Requiem with the Pittsburgh Symphony. A wonderful experience!

What's the last book you've read?

I'm a bit of a sci-fi geek and have enjoyed the Dresden Files series by Jim Butcher (wizards etc). One of my very favorite books is "One Hundred Years of Solitude."

Hobbies/Interests outside of music?

I love any kind of needle and fabric crafts. I've done quilting, crochet, bead work etc.

St. Andrew's Outreach Committee presents



Oktoberfest!

Sunday, October 6,
after the 10:30am service
Traditional German fare
\$10 Adults, \$5 Children
Proceeds to benefit
Metropolitan Ministries

August Vestry Meeting Highlights

RECTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Reese

As of 8/12/19, there was \$132,465 in ops account and \$105,824 in the parish reserve account.

As of 7/31/19, there was \$26,847 in the Foundation's checking account – monies available to the vestry. (There is still \$6,650 to be paid from this account for the new roof we are having done on south side of church. Foundation paid a 3K first installment on this a few weeks ago.)

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 \$2,649,960 in the Foundation principal as of 6/30/19 (as compared to \$2,421,641 at end of 2018, a 228K increase over six months).

There is also \$98,466 in the Dan Curtis fund fbo St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, with about \$700 in grant money currently available. We spent 6.5K from this fund earlier in the year to pay for church roof repairs of tiles broken during January termite tenting.

New Organist/Choirmaster – Ryan Hebert joined us on 7/31, and 8/4 was his first Sunday. Ryan will give an organ recital in celebration of the 25th anniversary of our organ on Sunday, 9/29 at 3PM. We will have Evensong for All Saints' on Sunday, 11/3 at 5PM (with Simon Morley as the guest organist). Christmas Lessons & Carols will be on Sunday, 12/22 at 5PM (with Simon Morley as guest organist).

Director of Handbells and Children's Choirs – is Coleman Flentge. In addition to continuing to conduct the handbell choir and cherub choir, Coleman will assume the reins of the older children's choir and serve as choir librarian. We have tentatively scheduled a Handbell Choir Concert for Sunday, 12/15 at 3PM.

Calendar Planning – through December will be completed at staff meeting on Wednesday, 8/28 at 10AM. If you have anything you want published on the calendar, please send it to Lauri in the office. After the meeting on 8/28, we will then upload the calendar on to the parish web site.

Parish & Foundation Audits – are complete. Pam will send them to you via email. Audits are due in to the

August 2019 Operating Summary				
	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$34,936	\$47,095	\$317,876	\$376,764
Expenses	\$47,663	\$47,095	\$364,730	\$376,764
Net	(\$12,727)	\$0	(\$46,853)	\$0

diocese NLT 9/1. Many thanks to Ben, Jeannie Borsch, Frazier Carraway, Peter and Barbara for serving on the committees this year.

An inventory of the parish assets needs to be conducted. The diocese may have an app or a program they might recommend to assist in this effort. Pam will enquire.

A motion was made by Ben Borsch to adopt the Parish audit and was seconded by Barbara Brotherton. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Peter Baker to adopt the audit conducted on the Foundation. Brad Hall seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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.

Vestry Nominations – time for nominating committee to get together and determine the nominees, then ask them to run. This year's committee is Richard, George, Piers, Lori, Barbara, Brad, and Paula (all outgoing vestry members plus exec com members).

717 Parking Contract – is being finalized. McIntyre, et al (the law firm across the street) will be leasing additional spaces in our lot from 717 and will allow us to use their lot each Sunday morning for any overflow church parkers (as they have done in the past at Christmas and Easter). 717 will install additional signage in our lot listing the phone app for after-hours parking. Many thanks to Peter for all his work negotiating this new deal.

Church Roof – work will hopefully begin on south side roof within around two weeks. We approved the \$9,650 cost via email, electing to pay for it from Foundation funds.

The motion to approve the \$9,650 TNT invoice previously approved via email for roof repairs to be paid from Foundation funds was made by Brad Hall and seconded by Barbara Brotherton. It was approved unanimously.

Heissler replaced tremolo on organ on 7/27. Cost was \$750, which we are paying from Foundation funds.

The motion to approve the \$750 Heissler of America invoice previously approved via email for organ repairs to be paid from Foundation funds was made by Barbara Brotherton and seconded by Brad Hall. It was approved unanimously.

Fire Pump repairs – CINTAS recent annual inspection revealed that the fire pump must be re-packed. Cost is \$5,460. One option is to pay this from reserve fund.

Acolyte Festival – at the Cathedral in St. Pete on Saturday, 9/7. Richard and Victor will shepherd our acolytes at this event.

Rally Day – is on Sunday, 9/8. Hopefully, each group can bring some food that morning. This day will also kick off Sunday School for the wee ones.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Richard Ferlita

Richard is creating a flyer to promote Ryan's upcoming concert. Richard is planning to submit an announcement of the concert to the newspaper.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – George Levy

Roofing tiles project is complete. Repair is underway on the south side of the roof.

The fire pump requires servicing. The Executive Committee authorized the repair.

A motion was made by George Levy to approve \$5,640 for fire pump servicing to come from the reserve fund. Ben Borsch seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The urinal in the Parish Hall men's room has been repaired.

A dishwasher for the rectory is needed and has been ordered.

Wall stains in the Baptistry and north and south transepts in church require attention. Consideration should be made to professionally painting the water stains on the interior once we are sure it is watertight. There are also some cracks and wood rot to be addressed.

The Rectory will be needing exterior painting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Piers Curry

Total expenses are good. After adjustments, we are in good shape for December. We are well ahead of where we were this time last year.

OUTREACH – Ingrid Muellerleile

For Operation SmartStart, we packed up 52 backpacks with paper, pencils, erasers and tissues, along with lots of supplies for the teachers. The donations benefit children at B.C. Graham and Cleveland Elementary Schools in Tampa.

Richard Ferlita reported the status of the Klean Kits. He organized the hallway and Outreach closet, gathering up all the Klean Kit items. His goal is to make up 150 kits, and it was decided that we would all gather after the 10:30 service on Aug. 18th to help pack the kits.

An overview of upcoming events was discussed, including Gabriel's Giving Tree. Linda Busby asked if we could store the gifts and accessories for the party in a secure location on the third floor. Ingrid sent in the request to Father Reese, and it was confirmed that the room used by the Outreach Committee for our meetings will serve as storage.

Presented to the Committee:

We have received an urgent request from Rosemary Graf who teaches at Foster Elementary on behalf of her students. While they receive donated school supplies, the children themselves are in desperate need of

some basic clothing items: uniforms, underwear & socks. The Outreach Committee unanimously decided to do a flash drive to assist the children, offering parishioners to either shop for the items, or the committee will also be at the back of the church at the end of the service this Sunday to receive an offering. Richard suggested that we repeat this for a couple of Sundays. We are asking for Committee members to volunteer to collect donations by gathering at the back of the church at the end of the service this Sunday.

Plans are being laid out for upcoming events, including Rally Day, and Oktoberfest, with pre-sales of tickets to begin soon.

CHRISTIAN ED – Brad Hall

Ice cream social was a success. Lots of new, young children were in attendance. We need to focus on this growing group.

A Halloween party and Acolyte Festival are coming up and a lock-in is being planned for November.

HELPING HANDS – Barbara Brotherton

They have been busy assisting with funeral receptions.

PARISH LIFE – Don Crawford & Lori Taplow

The reception following the upcoming organ concert on September 29th at 3:00pm is our next event.

OLD BUSINESS

Peter Baker discussed the 717 parking lot contract that is currently being negotiated. It has only been amended once since 2014. We will be giving preferential rates for 20 spaces to a neighboring law firm in exchange for use of their lot every Sunday plus other specified events. We should increase our revenue despite the discount to this firm. We will utilize an app to maximize revenue during off hours. St. Andrew's parishioners will still continue to park for free with the windshield sticker in place. This is a 2 year term with options.

A motion was made by Peter Baker and seconded by Richard Ferlita to allow Peter some leeway in negotiating the balance of the contract. The motion passed.

There are spaces remaining for the Anchor Ball table this year. This event includes an auction with great items.

NEW BUSINESS

Paula Stewart reports that there are 6 new members of Daughters of the King being inducted at St. Andrew's at the 10:30 service on Sunday, 9/15. Coffee Hour after the service will be hosted by Daughters of the King.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday, October 6, after 10:30 service

See details inside

Proceeds benefit Metropolitan Ministries



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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The Call:** 15th of each month

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