



# The Archangel's Voice

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"Good things are happening at St. Michael.

**Come and see!"**

## **KEY DATES**

**September 1**

World Day of Prayer for Creation

**September 5**

Labor Day

**September 9**

Apalachee Ultreya at Holy Comforter

**September 16-18**

Happening #132

**September 22**

First Day of Autumn

**September 23-25**

Bishop's Institute-Bonhoeffer Workshops

**September 29**

Saint Michael and All Angels



## ***The Search Is Still On***

For 11 weeks during the months of June, July and August, a committed group of St. Michaelites came together to read Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry's book, ***Songs My Grandma Sang***. The book study took place each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Each week, participants would take turns reading aloud from the chapter for that week, breaking into song when the text demanded, and offer their own thoughts and perspective on the readings. We were often amazed at the parallels we saw in our childhood experiences regardless of the country of our birth, and in current events within our city, state, nation and the world. And, yes, we identified parallels in the life of our own parish.

In Chapter 9 of ***Songs My Grandma Sang***, Bishop Curry asks: *How do you know when the Spirit is in your church?* This question may be on the minds of many at St. Michael. After a lull lasting several months, in June our search committee resumed its work to identify candidates for consideration as our new Rector. To date, four priests have expressed an interest in joining our church family. Of the four, three have been interviewed via Skype and one by telephone. As the search committee continues to seek out interested persons, it is clear that the process is ongoing. And, after two and a half years, how do we know that the Spirit is in our church? Bishop Curry concludes that the Spirit lives where there is a community filled with love. "God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there." (The Hymnal 1982, #577)

Undoubtedly, there is a sweet, sweet Spirit at St. Michael. Our church is a community filled with love – for each other and for our neighbors. Although we realize that the calling of a new Rector will mean we will no longer have Fr. Cal as our Interim, we know that as long as the Spirit is in our midst we will be filled with love and blessings.

*Holy Father, we pray your grace and blessing upon members of the vestry and search committee as they journey on with you. Now and in the days to come, may they embrace your renewing Spirit, persevering in their labors with the knowledge that this, your holy planting, will produce a true harvest; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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## **World Day of Prayer for Creation**

On **Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians are being asked to join in the World Day of Prayer for Creation and to use the following month, leading up to the feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4<sup>th</sup>, as a Season of Creation. The late Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios introduced the Season of Creation into the Orthodox Churches in 1989. Last year Pope Francis designated the 1<sup>st</sup> of September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; and this year he has called on Catholics to join "together with all Christians" in the Season of Creation.

More information on this observance may be found at [Prayer for Creation](#).

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesdays,  
6:30 p.m.**  
Choir Rehearsal

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6:45 pm**  
Bible Inspiration

**September 17**  
Grace Mission's One  
Church, One Saturday

**September 24**  
Grace Mission's  
Blues & BBQ

**Wanted:  
Fellowship Sponsors**



Having a birthday soon?  
Celebrating an  
anniversary? Consider  
hosting the fellowship  
after Sunday service, in  
thanksgiving for your  
many blessings.

**Please sign up on the  
calendar in the parish  
hall.**

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## Around the Parish

**Flip Flop Sunday** — Our fourth annual church service at Silver Lake took place on August 14<sup>th</sup>. As we all know, a picture is worth a thousand words; these pictures attest to the beauty of the day.



Heartfelt thanks to: Men of St. Michael, especially Pro Hruda, Charlie Clark and Pitmaster Joseph Sams; ECW for providing side dishes; and Big Bend Transit for generously donating transportation for parishioners to Silver Lake.

**Grace Mission Outreach** — On **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**, St. Michael will sponsor "**One Church, One Saturday**" to assist Grace Mission with food distribution at the Joe Louis Housing Complex. Twenty volunteers are needed to help from 9:40 a.m. to about noon. If you would like to participate, please inform Melanie Martin at (850) 322-7516 or [mmartin1124@hotmail.com](mailto:mmartin1124@hotmail.com).

**Spiritual Development** — Our regular Bible Study resumes on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. The readings for each session are the appointed lessons for the following Sunday.

**Choir News** — Our summer break has now ended and regular Wednesday evening rehearsals resume on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. While on break, however, the choir did not stop singing (see pictures below). To all who have thought about lifting their voices in song: You have an open invitation to join the choir and share in the joy of singing.



Choir performing Ride On! (arr. Robert Olsen) on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Choir member Ivana Kenny Carmola (pianist) traded places with Organist/Choir Director DL LaSeur for this performance.



O Praise Ye the Lord (by Jamaican Composer Noel Dexter) was the offertory selection for August 7<sup>th</sup>, in celebration of the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jamaica's Independence.