

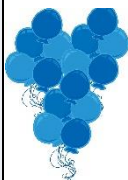


# The Archangel's Voice

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church E-Newsletter

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## Happy 135<sup>th</sup>, St. Michael!



*"Good things are happening at St. Michael."*

***Come and see!"***

On September 29, 2017 ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH will observe 135 years of ministry. To some, this may not seem like a big deal, but if you know a little about our church's rich history, you will understand the importance of this milestone.

St. Michael began with the planting of a missionary seed in 1882 by Bishop John Freeman Young, the second bishop of the Diocese of Florida. Bishop Young called Rev. Jacob R. Ballard, the second Black ordained to the diaconry in the Diocese of Florida, to organize a congregation in Tallahassee. Throughout its history, our church has actively labored in the community it serves to spread the good news of the gospels, and to uphold the name of its patron saint – Michael, The Archangel – by steadfastly working to defend truth and justice.



During its early years, St. Michael had no regularly assigned priest and was served by visiting priests from nearby parishes, primarily St. John's in Tallahassee. It was not until 1947, when The Reverend David Henry Brooks came to Tallahassee as vicar of the church and Episcopal Chaplain at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, that St. Michael began a continuous ministry. During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s, Fr. Brooks was a leader in the Tallahassee community.

St. Michael achieved parish status on May 22, 1977 and The Reverend James H. Hall, who succeeded Father Brooks in 1974, became the church's first Rector. Since then, St. Michael has been served by four other rectors and several interim rectors/priests-in-charge, including The Reverend Calvin Goodlett, who has been the Interim Rector at St. Michael since 2014.



### KEY DATES

**September 4**



**September 14**  
HOLY CROSS DAY

**September 21**  
SAINT MATTHEW,  
APOSTLE AND  
EVANGELIST

**September 29**  
SAINT MICHAEL  
AND ALL ANGELS

**October 18**  
SAINT LUKE  
THE EVANGELIST

**October 23**  
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW  
THE APOSTLE

**October 28**  
SAINT SIMON AND  
SAINT JUDE, APOSTLES

Please join St. Michael in celebrating 135 years of ministry in Tallahassee and the Diocese of Florida, and learn more about our history. Two major events are planned for Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30.

#### REVIVING SPIRIT FRIDAY

Sep 29, 7 – 9 p.m.

- ◆ Video history of our parish
- ◆ Testimonials and displays from our community partners
- ◆ Voices of Our Youth video
- ◆ Music that revives us (body, mind and spirit)
- ◆ Refreshments under the tent

#### SATURDAY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sep 30, 10 a.m. – 12 Noon

- ◆ Welcome/Opening Prayer by Diocesan Bishop Howard (Video)
- ◆ Various prayers: for the Church, our national life and social order
- ◆ Observations/Closing Prayer by Presiding Bishop Curry (Video)

The celebration will end on **Sunday, October 1** with our principal act of worship, **The Holy Eucharist, at 10:00 a.m., followed by a celebratory fellowship** in The Brooks Parish Hall. St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Tallahassee is a parish that is **"Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve."** We pray for God's guidance to lead us in continued service to Him and our community for many more years.

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesdays, 7 pm**  
Bible Inspiration  
resumes on August 30  
in The Brooks Room

**September 4**  
Church Office Closed

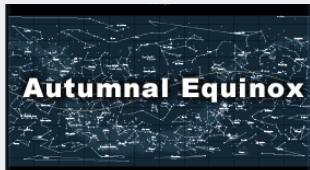
**September 6,**  
**October 4**  
Supper Service at  
The Kearney Center

**September 11,**  
**October 9**  
Vestry Meeting

**September 17**  
African American  
Genealogy Meeting

**September 29–**  
**October 1**  
135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration

**September 22**



Get ready for **FALL**



**October 1**  
Choral Evensong and  
Organ Recital at St.  
John's

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## Around the Parish

**ST. MICHAEL SERVING OTHERS** —Jointly with St. John's, St. Michael continues to serve supper at The Kearney Center on the first Wednesday of each month. The Kearney Center provides temporary emergency shelter and supportive services to those experiencing/on the verge of experiencing, homelessness.

We continue our outreach to Good News Outreach Ministry, providing non-perishable food items. Recent donations will be blessed at the altar on September 3. Your gently used handbags, personal items, and snacks are needed for the Handbags of Hope ministry. Please continue to give generously.



**FLIP FLOP SUNDAY** —St. Michael's fifth annual Flip Flop Sunday Service and Fellowship took place on Sunday, August 6 at Silver Lake. The Holy Eucharist was followed by fellowship that included Jamaican foods in honor of the island nation's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence



**CONGRATULATIONS** to former Vestry member Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku who was elected to the Florida A&M University Sports Hall of Fame! Dr. Oriaku was inducted into the Hall of Fame on Friday, August 25 during ceremonies and dinner held at the Al Lawson Multipurpose Center and Teaching Gymnasium on the FAMU campus. Joining Dr. O in celebrating this honor were family members who reside in Britain, his friends and colleagues at FAMU, and members of his church family.



**PRAYING AND GIVING FOR TEXAS** — In a letter to everyone in the Diocese of Florida, Bishop Howard asked for continued prayers and assistance for the people of Texas. Bishop Howard wrote:

"...the strongest and most important way for us to reach out to our distressed brothers and sisters is in prayer, asking God to be present with those affected by this natural disaster."

"The most immediate need is to fund those in distress and those assisting them. Financial gifts to support the work of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) will be the best way for us to achieve this kind of important support and I invite you to contribute generously. You can make your contributions to ERD in one of two ways. First, there is a link to "Hurricane Harvey" from our Diocesan web site which will lead you to a [donations page](#) directly to ERD "Hurricane Harvey Response Fund" web page. Second, you can send your gifts to the Diocese of Florida marked "ERD Texas Relief." We will gather those gifts and quickly send them to ERD. Either way, you will be touching the lives of those affected by Hurricane Harvey and you will make a difference."

"I invite you to pray passionately, to give generously and to continue to trust in God and His promises."