

A WORD FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Five days ago, a twenty-four old Baltimore native opened fire at the Jacksonville Landing after he lost a video game contest. Three individuals (including the shooter) died and eleven were injured. Last week one young man was killed and another arrested in a shooting following a high school football game here in Jacksonville. I know that you have kept all of those involved and their families in your prayers. We should pray, too, for the people of our city, our elected leaders, our police, and those in the medical field who try to assist in these situations.

These events are part of a growing list of young men who have been the perpetrators of shootings in this country. Young men are particularly vulnerable in our society today. For a variety of reasons, young men often feel unloved, disconnected from their local communities, and unhappy with the direction of their lives. For many of them, it seems, life lacks purpose and hope.

I am convinced that there is an answer to lack of purpose and to hopelessness.

The answer lies in relationships...relationships with family, schools, neighbors and church. Most important it is the relationship with God whom we know in Jesus Christ, which will touch and heal each of us. Our prayers are centered in this knowledge. Each of us individually and in our churches is committed to building healthy and meaningful relationships with our young people and to sharing the hope which we know in Jesus Christ with them.

Our mission in this diocese is to evangelize in the Name of Christ and to grow the Church. This has to do with transforming the lives of those in our community like these young men who so desperately need to know Jesus, his love, his mercy and his grace. Our mission is to bring others to the knowledge and love of God as we know him in Jesus Christ.

We aim to provide them with real connections to family, friends, and churches and to assist them as they seek to find pathways to genuine and lasting hope for their lives and their future. Our great joy is to communicate to young people and indeed to the whole world the saving message of the love, grace and mercy of Jesus Christ. It is in him and him alone that the message of hope and acceptance may be found. Knowing and trusting in him, we will never be separated from the love of God and from the deep well of hope and grace which he so freely shares with all who know and trust in him.

Faithfully



The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Father, you have made all people with eyes to see you at work in the world, ears to hear you cry out when right suffers wrong, when justice is brought low. Give to the people of our nation courage to stand up for goodness and right-doing in the face of an oppressive spirit, and courage to believe we may restore, in accordance with your gracious will, a light to enlighten the nations and the people with your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

THANK YOU – Today's fellowship is hosted by the Hospitality Committee.

Flowers on the Altar this Sunday were given by the Erefah family in honor and celebration of Abigail's birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discipleship Gathering today in the Brooks Room at 1:00 pm.

September 3 – Office closed for Labor Day holiday.

September 5 – First Wednesday Supper at the Kearney Center at 6:30 p.m. Please wear closed toe shoes and a hat or cap.

September 7-9 – The Rev. Dr. Earl Palmer will return to lead A Weekend with C.S. Lewis – Witness To Truth and Grace in a Time of War: C.S. Lewis & Dorothy L. Sayers at the BBC (1941-1944) at Camp Weed. For more information call (386)364-5250.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT – Bible Study Group meets Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. in the Brooks Room. The readings for this Wednesday will be Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17 and Mark 7:24-37.

GOOD NEWS OUTREACH MINISTRY – Please remember to bring a food item from the following list: boxed pasta, grits, oatmeal, snacks, broths, soups, spices, baking mixes, flour, sugar, canned fruits & fruits cups. Place items in food gift box in Parish hall. We will bring forward the parish's gifts of food at the offertory the first Sunday each month giving thanks and asking God's blessing upon those who will receive them.

CHOIR NEWS – There will be rehearsal every Sunday morning at 9:15 am until further notice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10 – Vestry Meeting in the Brooks Room at 6:00 pm.

September 11 – Capital Campaign Committee Dinner Congregational Listening Meeting from 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

September 13 – Capital Campaign Committee Dinner Congregational Listening Meeting from 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

September 16 – African-American Genealogy Meeting from 2:30-4:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Serving today Sunday, September 2

Acolytes:
 Hollis Sams, **Crucifer**
 Tyler Sams, **Torch Bearer**
 Claire Wasson, **Torch Bearer**
 Colton Wasson, **Gospel Book Bearer**

Chalice Bearers: Alexis McMillan, Laureatte Scott
Lectors: Dourest Robinson, Alexis McMillan
 Chris White
Greeters: Ebenezer Erefah, Abigail Erefah
Ushers: Ebenezer Erefah, Ama Erefah
Vestry: Delois Brown
Organist: Debralee LaSeur-Helfand

Serving next Sunday, September 9

Acolytes:
 Pro Hrudu, **Crucifer**
 Charles Hrudu, **Torch Bearer**
 Quinton Laurie, **Torch Bearer**
 Collin Laurie, **Gospel Book Bearer**

Chalice Bearers: Zollie White II, Tangy Williams
Lectors: Leslie Warren, Renee Frazier
 Joseph Sams
Greeters: Tashi Williams, Cassandra Grayson
Ushers: Joseph Sams, Nadira Sams
Vestry: Ama Erefah
Organist: Monique Alleyne

September Altar Guild:

Anna White	Cassandra Grayson	Delores Grayson
Karen Goodlett	Lauren Sapp	Delois Brown
Shonna Laurie		

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PEACE AND HEALING



Jean Hyche-Jackson, Dourest and Jo Ann Robinson, Ophelia and Robert Scarbough, Eugene Wesley, Rosalyn Greene, Rose Douglas, Jewel Robinson, Williema Jackson, Joseph Wiley, Carl Murray, Rudolph Hinds, Cynthia Hinds, Alexes Parker, Robert Roulac, Karen Hardy Clark, Ella Woodbury, Charles Daniels, Joseph Gentle, Brandi Leland, Kenrick Baynes, Jessie Laurel, Hattie Olivia Scott, Rev. Canon Dr. David J. Weidner, Ella Brown Albright, Catherine Rand, Richard Corpening, Tyrone Gayle, Clifford Willabus, Al Wehner, David Johnson, Mecie White, Barbara Lee, Sharon Car, Sam Oliver Sr., Linzie Bogan II, Clark Bogan, Dr. Derek Spencer, Ariel Boyd, Jeoffery Bakker, Lora Rose Hunter Dargan, Anita Bush, Thelma Hilliard, Sara McClees, Jonecia Brown and Louis Chapman.



HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

Instrumental Prelude Debralee LaSeur-Helfand, Organist

Opening Prayer

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church Capital Campaign Prayer

Most gracious Lord Jesus Christ and generous source of all abundance, in gratitude we invite you to expand our hearts as we seek to increase and improve this place of worship, peace, healing, forgiveness, outreach, service and fellowship. May all who enter here be restored and strengthened on their journey of faith. Guide us Heavenly Father, that we may make manifest your vision of a beloved and enlightened church and community, and be a shining example of the living presence of the Holy Spirit. May we and our Capital Campaign be a channel of God's abundant grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, **Amen.**

Processional Hymn **H561, Stand Up for Jesus** *Morning Light*

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation **355**

The Collect of the Purity

Gloria

Collect for the Day

The Lessons

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

James 1:17-27

Gradual Hymn **H692, v 1-2** I heard the voice of Jesus say *The Third Tune*

The Holy Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23 The Reverend Fr. Jim Clendinen

Sequence Hymn **H692, v 3**

Sermon The Reverend Fr. Jim Clendinen

The Nicene Creed **358**

The Prayers of the People Form VI **392**

Confession of Sin and Absolution **360**

The Peace **A498, Let There Be Peace on Earth** Miller

Offertory Bringing in the Sheaves

Doxology & Procession **L56, Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow** Hatton

Presentation of the Offering – prayer to be said

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit, a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presentation Hymn	L65 , Bless the Lord	Crouch
The Great Thanksgiving		361
Sanctus		
The Lord’s Prayer		
The Breaking of the Bread		364
Fraction Anthem		
The Invitation		

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 1	A291 , O How I Love Jesus	<i>How I Love Jesus</i>
Communion Hymn 2	A357 , Jesus Paid It All	<i>All the Christ</i>
Meditation Hymn		
Post Communion Prayer		365
Birthday, Anniversary, Travel Prayers		
Announcements		
Benediction		
Recessional Hymn	A292 , All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name	<i>Coronation</i>
Instrumental Postlude		
Dismissal		

A=African American Hymnal (ivory)
H=1982 Hymnal (blue)
L=Lift Every Voice & Sing Hymnal (black, green, red)

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL

*We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are without a church home, we invite you to join our church family. Please sign the guest register, **include your home address, phone number and, if you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, news of special events and other happenings, please also add your e-mail address.***

OUR VISION is to be a cornerstone for serving the spiritual needs of the greater Tallahassee community, extending an eternal invitation to join our caring parish and to enrich the spiritual life of all people as we journey with Christ.

OUR MISSION is to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ by feeding the mind, body and spirit of our community in fellowship and service.



HOLY COMMUNION: All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive the real and living presence of Christ in Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer, you may leave the Bread on your palm for the person administering the chalice to dip into the Wine and place on your tongue. All persons are welcome to give thanks for God’s blessings at the altar rail, simply crossing your arms at the wrist with fingertips extending upward towards your shoulders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Abigail Erefah (9/3), Chris White (9/3) Demetre Bradham (9/5), Robert Scarbough (9/7), Phaedra Hyche (9/8), Eugene Wesley (9/8), Darren & Ivanna Carmola (9/5), Neil & Bridget James (9/6).

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace, which passeth understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Anniversary Prayer

God our Father, who made men and women to live together in families: we pray that marriage may be held in honor; that husbands and wives may live together faithfully, according to their vows; and that members of every family may grow in mutual love and understanding. In courtesy and kindness, so that they may bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ; for His name’s sake. *Amen.*