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BUILDING WITH CHRIST: St. Michael Looks to the Future



"Good things are
happening at
St. Michael.

Come and see!"

September 29th, the FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, held major significance for our parish; on that day, St. Michael and All Angels celebrated 136 years of ministry to the Tallahassee community, the Appalachian region and the Episcopal Diocese of Florida. Our celebration of this milestone began Friday evening, September 28th with the **Make a Joyful Noise Concert**, featuring Sounds of St. Michael with special guest Edward Bennett, in the sanctuary; and Positive Vibes Redeemed band, which filled the parish hall with sounds of reggae and soca that had



everyone praising the Lord on their feet and in their seats. Of course, no special event at St. Michael happens without mouth-watering food and there was plenty of that!

Saturday, September 29th was marked with a **Quiet Day**, a time for prayer, devotions, meditation and reflection. Led by The Rev. Dr. Jerry Smith, rector of Holy Comforter Episcopal, participants were reminded of Paul's defence (The Acts of the Apostles 22), noting that people have a zeal for God but no personal relationship with Him. Through reading of scriptures and meditating on the Word, we were encouraged to get personal with God and not be afraid to hear what He wants from and for us. Further, we were cautioned not to accept the grace of God in vain but to commit to a ministry of surrender – standing firm and staying faithful. We were left with the question: How can we be partners with and ambassadors of God to bring about change? We may have found one answer in the capital campaign, **Building with Christ**, that was launched on Sunday, September 30th.



Our current parish facilities have served the community for 50 to 60 years and the time is right for renovation and expansion. Although plans have been temporarily changed to allow for our congregation's recovery efforts following Hurricane Michael, St. Michael's Capital Campaign continues strong and is centered around the creation of a new "Perpetual Saints Trail." Inscribed bricks and medallions will be purchased by congregants or sold to friends and supporters of our parish and placed as a sidewalk-like historical marker stretching from Melvin Street to the sanctuary behind our current parish hall kitchen. Congregants, friends and the community are asked to offer pledges of support. Please contact Linda Dilworth at LindaDilworth@aol.com or (850) 508.1794 (mobile) or call the church office for more information and to pledge your support.

We believe this is what the Lord has commanded (Exodus 35:4). Join us as we continue to build with Christ.

KEY DATES

November 1
ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 2
Commemoration of all
Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)

November 22
THANKSGIVING DAY

November 30
SAINT ANDREW
THE APOSTLE

December 2 - 24
ADVENT

December 21
SAINT THOMAS
THE APOSTLE

December 25
THE NATIVITY OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:
CHRISTMAS DAY

December 26
SAINT STEPHEN,
DEACON AND MARTYR

December 27
SAINT JOHN,
APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

December 28
THE HOLY INNOCENTS



The choir, wearing new robes, performs the offertory selection, African Psalm, during the Holy Eucharist on September 30th.



136th Anniversary Fellowship, September 30th



Around the Parish

Upcoming Events



Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:15 pm
Said Mass

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
Bible Study

November 7, 6:30 pm
December 5, 6:30 pm
First Wednesday Supper Service at The Kearney Center

November 4
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS



November 9, 6:30 pm
Apalachee Region Monthly ULTREYA at St. Michael

November 11
VETERANS DAY



November 11, 18
UTO Fall Ingathering

November 27
Fourth Tuesday Supper Service at Grace Mission

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Haven't attended services at St. Michael lately? Here is a taste of what you have missed.



Have you ever wondered if our youth who serve as acolytes enjoy doing so? Well, these pictures tell a tale of youthful enthusiasm and joyful service.

Far Left: Colton Wasson drums during the offertory on September 30.

Left: Claire Wasson serves as a human podium for the Gospel reading on October 28.



Episcopal Church Women designated October 28th as **Breast Cancer Awareness** Sunday and asked congregants to show their support by wearing pink. Our own Dr. Shaun Laurie delivered important information during the Eucharist about breast cancer risks, the value of screening and early detection, and treatment options available to women and men who receive a breast cancer diagnosis. Dr. Laurie's address was well received as were the handouts he provided with additional information.

Following the Eucharist, everyone proceeded to the parish hall for fellowship, where the women served up an appetizing meal with delicious desserts.



Past meets Present — On November 3, Tallahassee Hidden History project will commemorate the extraordinary lives of Antonio, George and John Proctor, free black men of the 18th and 19th centuries. On November 4th, members of the Proctor family will worship with us at St. Michael in recognition of our shared histories. Senator John E. Proctor was a congregant at the original St. Michael Mission in the 1930s. As an early church historian noted, "Though Senator Proctor was quite aged and slow of step, he would walk to church every Sunday and sit on the last row, participating in songs and chants in a very soft voice but always offering a gentle smile as he was greeted by everyone." (*Elaine Fears Kitchings*) Please make every effort to attend.

Thanksgiving Outreach — Episcopal Church Women is once again spearheading the Thanksgiving Food Drive, which will continue until November 17th when we will assemble boxes in the parish hall for distribution on Sunday, November 18th. Please donate generously to this year's food drive. Any family that would like to receive a box, including any member of our church family, is welcome; you may **provide names and contact information to the church office by November 11.**



Hurricane Michael Relief Continues — After consulting with Congressman Al Lawson, Father Hugh launched a special appeal on behalf of the residents of Gadsden County, the home of some of our poorest residents here in Florida. This appeal for financial donations will assist with the restoration of electricity to homes and other critical needs. Please be as generous as possible. Make your checks payable to SMAA, and indicate it is for Gadsden Appeal Fund. As Father Hugh reminds us, **when we give to the poor we lend to God.**



Community Outreach — Now more than ever, in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, ministries we have long supported need renewed support. **Good News Outreach Ministry** is working with the **Area Agency on Aging** to help seniors who desperately need adult incontinent supplies (disposable pads, baby wipes, rash guard ointment); nutrition drinks (Boost, Ensure); flashlights/batteries; water; hygiene products; towels and other non-perishable items. If you are able to help, please give generously. **Items are being collected at Good News' administrative Office, 347 Office Plaza Drive.**