



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

Rescuing the "E" Word

Evangelism often seems to be a dirty word to most Episcopalians. Thoughts of evangelism bring to mind images of pushy, loudmouth know-it-alls who corner and theologically abuse defenseless people. In fact, many folks end up in the Episcopal Church because they have had a bad experience with such a model. Unfortunately, many Episcopalians can become so biased by this model that we reject any notion of evangelism because we see it as bullying and something to avoid. If we do not think of it as outright bullying, we do think of it as distasteful. And as all the old jokes about Episcopalians imply, we can stomach just about anything as long as it is discreet and in good taste.

Historically Episcopalians tend to be college-educated, urban-dwelling, middle- to upper-class persons. None of these categories in and of themselves are morally good or bad. They are what they are. Nevertheless, they have oftentimes put us in the awkward position of being discreet, comfortably tasteful people. In our minds, aggressive evangelism does not correlate with our assumptions about ourselves and therefore we assume that evangelism is something for one of *those other* denominations to do. We think that other discreet, tasteful people will understand us and that they will come to our church of their own volition in droves and we will continue to grow.

This sort of passive evangelism is a model that has led to a decline in our

church. The reality for today is that we must be intentional about evangelism. Furthermore, we must be creative but clear in thinking about what evangelism is and what it is not. We need to claim intentional evangelism as part of our Christian responsibility. But if evangelism by Episcopalians does not follow the pushy, loudmouth stereotype, what does our brand of evangelism look like?

I am a believer in the Apostle Paul's model of spreading the Gospel, the Good News. In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul explains his method of evangelism when confronted with the inevitable differences of people. "For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings." (1 Corinthians 9: 19-23)

Paul seems to understand the necessity of respectfully but

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**Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II,
Rector of St. Andrew's**

St. Andrew's to celebrate Independence Day: parade, Eucharist, picnic will mark occasion

July 4th will be a big day in Emporia, as the community marks its 150th birthday. St. Andrew's is planning to join the festivities by adding a float for the parade. Anyone who wants to ride on the float (a decorated flatbed trailer) is to meet at Fourth Avenue and Commercial Street. Judging begins at 8:45 a.m.; the parade starts at 10 a.m.

The folks at the Emporia Convention & Visitors Bureau, which is organizing the parade, say that early arrivals will be able to escape the confusion—and the traffic—that will increase as the start time draws closer.

At 6 o'clock in the evening, parishioners will gather at the home of David and Sue Mai, 1424 State St., for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist and a picnic supper. Everyone attending is asked to take a side dish for the cookout. It's also an occasion to BYOC: Bring Your Own Chair (if you have one).

City Flea Market to include St. Andrew's sale

St. Andrew's is making plans to participate in the 2007 Great American Flea Market, set for Sept. 8 in downtown Emporia.

Gay Barnes, who is heading up the "garage sale" that will be the parish activity for that Saturday, has cleared space in the basement for parishioners to bring in their sale items. She hopes that donors will price their items and bring them in boxes, to allow for easier storage.

Anyone who has trouble navigating stairs may leave boxed items in the hallway near the office. Please mark the box "Sale Items" so an able-bodied worker will know its destination and can carry it to the basement.

Information about volunteers to set up and work during the sale will be available. Watch the August Crossroads for more news.

Save the date: October auction will be a first for parish

Art and collectibles will go on the auction block on Oct. 27, as St. Andrew's puts on its first fund-raising sale and dinner.

A small committee has begun planning the event, but lots of talent will be needed, so everyone will have an opportunity to pitch in. If you're interested in helping, please call the church office and let Karen know that you're willing to lend a hand.

The time, it will be changing

Beginning on Sept. 2, St. Andrew's will inaugurate new Sunday service times: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The Vestry affirmed Father Kelley's recommendation to make the change, which will better accommodate the Christian education and music programs. The later starting time for the second Eucharist will allow the choir more time to rehearse and will allow our organist, Sue Seeman, to finish at St. Mark's and get to St. Andrew's in time to catch her breath.

Additionally, the time change will allow Christian education classes for adults and children to meet from 10 to 10:45 a.m., having time for a lesson, discussion and activities without rushing.

Vestry notes

At their June 14 meeting, members of St. Andrew's Vestry noted, again, that gas and electricity costs remain high. With other expenses, the vestry will probably tap into endowment funds during July.

Father Kelley noted that attendance numbers have been "up and down," somewhat unpredictably, since the traditionally high Easter attendance.

A Narcotics Anonymous group has begun meeting weekly at St. Andrew's, an outreach that provides a valuable service to the community.

Bill Barnes, senior warden, is seeking people to serve on the Christian Education Committee. The committee members will direct the program and will not be responsible for teaching classes.

Summer meeting schedule

Because of vacations, the vestry has decided to combine its July and August meetings and to convene at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, in the Parish Hall.

Father Kelley to take time away

After celebrating the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist on July 21, Father Kelley will be taking the rest of the week off. Anyone who has a pastoral emergency during that time is asked to call the church office, Pastor John Davis at St. Mark's or Bill Barnes, senior warden.

Dates worth noting

Aug. 3-5 Young people, high school freshmen through seniors, are invited to participate in the next Happening, to be held at Grace Cathedral in Topeka. Happening is an international movement that seeks to bring teens closer to Christ through ministry with their peers. The deadline for applications for Happening is July 25.

Aug. 12 The parish's annual visit to Chase County for a Eucharist and picnic has been scheduled. Watch for more details in the August Crossroads.

Sept. 29 The women of the diocese will convene the ECW Annual Gathering at Grace Cathedral. The Rev. Marilyn Engstrom, dean of St. Mathew's Cathedral in Laramie, Wyoming, will be the guest speaker. Men are welcome to attend.

Torrey burial scheduled

Longtime parishioner Sally Torrey will be buried on July 14 in St. Andrew's Churchyard. The committal service will be brief.

Spread the good news through the Internet ...

The new St. Andrew's website, www.StAndrewsEmporia.org, provides a great opportunity to tell friends about all the good things that are happening within the parish. Any parishioner with a personal website can add a link to the St. Andrew's site—and everyone who e-mails can forward a link to the website to all the people in their address book. The "e" in e-mail doesn't stand for evangelism, but we can certainly use it for that purpose.

... and help save trees and money

Receiving your Crossroads by e-mail is good for the environment and the budget. It cuts down on paper and on postage. Just let Karen know. Issues of Crossroads are also posted on the website, where they can be accessed any time.

Sconces, portrait add to parish memories

New sconces behind the high altar recall the service of all the saints who have worshipped and worked for the glory of God throughout the years at St. Andrew's.

The sconces, dedicated on June 17, will serve as office lights to be used at Sunday Eucharists and during Morning and Evening Prayer. The sconces, similar in design to the altar candles, were purchased with funds given in memory of a number of parishioners.

At the coffee hour that day, the parish got its first look at a portrait of Father Larry Valentine, who served St. Andrew's for 18 years. The portrait was painted by Diana Grosso of Topeka.

Grosso, who grew up in Seattle, Wash., studied visual art for a few years in the mid-1980s at North Seattle Community College and the University of Washington. She supported herself by doing secretarial work for several years afterward, working on creative projects on the side as time permitted. Since moving to Topeka in 2004, she has taken up painting full time.

Her area of focus is the human figure, and her preferred medium is oil paint, which she usually applies to canvas with painting knives rather than brushes. Father Valentine's portrait is done with brushes. Diana works out of her studio in her home in Topeka, where she lives with her husband, Andrew, canon priest at Grace Cathedral, and her cats, Sabine and Chiba.

Father Valentine's portrait now hangs in the hall, next to a painting of his predecessor, Father Jack Bunday. Father Bunday's portrait was painted by Gloria Stewart of St. Andrew's.



Left: Eddie Gilpin, Rick Mitchell and Gay Barnes pose in front of the new office candles after installing them. Junior Warden Nancy Pontius also helped. Right: Mark and Tim Valentine unveil a new oil portrait of their dad, Larry Valentine.





St. Andrew's has
had 29 rectors
since its
establishment in
1870.

Milestones

In our daily prayers

July 17 Sara E. Smith
Thomas B. Welch

we celebrate

July 20 Dean F. Allen
Richard Barnes
Sally Mason

Births

July 2 Tony Joseph
July 3 Alice Azzun
July 4 Kelby Harrell
July 7 Bill Barnes
July 12 Nancy Toms
July 23 Barbara MacGregor
Sid Conger
July 26 David Walker
July 31 Mary Mingenback

July 21 Flora Oberdick
Anderson Kopke

July 24 Ruby Crocker
Gallagher

July 26 Cynthia Beitz
Jeffrey Beitz
William Lindsay
White

Baptisms

July 13 Gary Mason
July 21 Donna Eudaley

July 27 Annette Vincent
July 28 Jill Bannon
July 29 Henry Schoap Jr.
July 30 Ralph E. Purviance
July 31 Kristi Diane Hicks
Walter Tyson

Confirmations

July 26 Ann North
Bill North

Marriages

July 10 Sid and Terri Conger

Ordination to the diaconate

July 22 Kelley Lackey II

If a date that's important to you hasn't been included in this calendar, please notify the church office or send an e-mail to oread1978@yahoo.com.

We remember:

July 2 Jane Elizabeth
Mahnson Ballard
Beverly Hartsook
Robert Hollingshead
Mattie Kirk Jones
July 3 MaryBelle Gideon
July 5 Paul F. Bailey
July 6 Giles E. Russell
July 8 Cornelia Hardcastle
Conwell Stauffer
July 10 Bruce Perrin
July 12 Betty Badger

Deadline for August Crossroads

Information to be included in the August Crossroads should be in by July 20. Drop your information by the office or e-mail it to oread1978@yahoo.com.

July Server Schedule

	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29	August 5
Chalice bearer	Sue McKinney	Allison Keller	Gould Garcia	Allison Keller	Sue McKinney	Pat Kelley
Priest server	Justin Davis	Sue McKinney	Rick Mitchell	Jenny Harder	Justin Davis	Rick Mitchell
Crucifer	Cody O'Mara	Jordan Crofoot	Gary Mason	Chase Harder	Brian Dyer	Chase Harder
Torch 1	Jordan Crofoot	Will Dyer	Cody O'Mara	Elijah Williams	Jordan Crofoot	Gladys Azzun
Torch 2	Brian Dyer	Brian Dyer	Jordan Crofoot	Hannah Harder	Cody O'Mara	Allie Mitchell
Reader	Jean Runge	Bill Barnes	Mary Mingenback	Lynn Bonney	Jean Runge	John Schwenn
Prayers of the People	Bill Clamurro	Mary Mingenback	Millard Harrell	Gould Garcia	Mary Mingenback	Marged Amend
Nursery 1	Mary Halleran	Leigh Dyer	Ann Jacob	Ray Call	Mary Halleran	Ashley Taylor
Nursery 2	Gladys Azzun	Mary Halleran	Nick Jacob	Helen Call	Gladys Azzun	Leigh Dyer
Greeter 1	John Bannon	Nancy Romine	David Mai	Brian Dyer	John Bannon	Josh Taylor
Greeter 2	Shirley Bannon	Julia Williams	Sue Mai	Jean Runge	Shirley Bannon	Chase Harder
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	June Hubert	Patrick Kelley	Lynn Bonney	Millard Harrell	Bill Barnes	Sue McKinney
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Please remember that if you are not able to serve you are responsible for finding your own substitute.

Rector's Column, *cont.*

enthusiastically and unapologetically presenting the gospel in terms that people could understand. Sometimes assertive and direct works, sometimes a more subtle but no less intentional approach is called for. Paul also understood that evangelism was personal but not private. One must be able to convey the way that one is personally transformed within the context of the church community. Contrary to a "Me and Jesus" approach that some evangelists take, true evangelism invites outsiders into a Christian community, not just a theological proposition. Our Christian life is primarily lived out within the context of the local congregation.

If we follow Paul's model of becoming all things to all people, that means that we must be willing to engage those around us with our stories of our relationship with Christ in ways in which people will listen. And we must be intentional in inviting those people into our midst. This will need to happen in at least two ways that work in concert with each other: by the parish as a whole and by individual members; otherwise, this congregation will eventually die a discreet and tasteful death.

Evangelism is now an explicit priority for this parish. The parish budget includes a line for evangelism. Items funded by this line include, for example, website costs, advertising items such as brochures, mugs, T-shirts, ink pens, and future radio and television spots. The vestry is also looking at ways to draw more attention to our building so that people know that we are right here in the middle of town. (On multiple occasions, our building has been confused as part of the Presbyterian Church next door.) Most advertising experts say that people must be exposed to a product at least five times before recognition of the product sticks in their heads. We now live in a commercially dominated society. If we are to follow Paul's model of effective evangelism, we must acknowledge that advertising is an important form of evangelism in 21st century America. We must be intentional about getting St. Andrew's name and image out in the public eye in the street, on the internet and in

mass media. However, slick marketing is only one necessary factor in our evangelism.

The most rapid area of growth for St. Andrew's is with our college students. Many students have come on Wednesday night, discovered a warm inviting atmosphere, good liturgy, friendly people, fellowship and food. It has become common to see a college student bring a friend on Wednesday night and within one or two weeks to see that friend bring another friend! Furthermore, many of these students are becoming involved in our Sunday morning liturgies and fellowship. These students are intentional in talking about what they have found at our church and they are deliberate about sharing it with others. Respectfully but enthusiastically and unapologetically they share their excitement about this community in ways that their hearers understand. When was the last time you tried to do that?

Can't think of what to say? Can't think of a way to bring it up? That's where all the paraphernalia from the evangelism budget comes in. You no longer have to feel that you are going it alone. Our evangelism budget is meant to help you in your ministry. Come get a T-shirt or coffee mug to show off. Keep a few of our brochures and ink pens handy to give out to folks. I'll bet that if you are active in a service club or a real KU, K-State or ESU fan, everyone at your office, in your neighborhood, or behind you on the highway knows it. How many of them know that you are a member of St. Andrew's, or a Christian at all? If each of us will embrace our role as evangelists half as enthusiastically as we do our membership in service organizations or our love of our particular sports team, we could fill our nave every week.

Pax, Kelley+

Meet Frank Burkett

St. Andrew's has a new custodian, Frank Burkett, who is most likely to be found in and around the building on Saturday mornings.

A resident of Emporia for about 40 years, Frank is working as a custodian at Logan Avenue School, but he likes to keep busy, he says, and he needed something to do with his Saturdays.

"I'm very pleased to be at St. Andrew's," he said. "I really enjoy the work."

Frank and his wife, Barbara L. Burkett, are the parents of a son, who lives in Buffalo, Kansas, and a daughter, who lives in Emporia. They have one grandson and because he lives in Emporia, they see him regularly (something many St. Andrew's grandparents must envy, just a bit).

When Frank isn't working, he says, he likes to spend time working in the yard. Although he's not a gardener, he tends grass and trees and helps Barbara with the flowers.

From the Senior Warden

On Sunday, June 17, we had two memorable events for St. Andrew's: the dedication of the new office candles behind the altar and the unveiling of a portrait of our longest-serving priest, Father Larry Valentine.

In past years, several parishioners have designated funds to help with landscaping the church yard. Rick Mitchell has had two different landscaping companies prepare proposals. The Building and Grounds Committee is currently reviewing these proposals and will make a recommendation to the Vestry later this summer.

Plans are being made for our annual church picnic. As we have done in past years, the picnic will be held in Chase County.

Bishop Dean Wolfe was in Emporia on June 22 to give the invocation at the dinner for this year's five National Teachers Hall of Fame honorees.

Our finances still remain a challenge, as our expenses continuing to outpace receipts. Our main expense overages are altar supplies, music, pension, and yard care.

Item	May YTD	Variance
Pledges	44,713	1,380
Total Receipts	50,008	2,208
Total Expenses	63,778	(1,329)

We have used \$10,000 from endowment earnings to support normal operations and will probably need to transfer additional funds in June. Please keep up with your pledges during the summer so we can minimize any fund transfers.

Bill Barnes

From the Treasurer: \$1 a day = balanced budget

For the first five months of 2007, expenses have averaged \$12,939 a month.

Receipts collected for the first five months of 2007 have averaged \$10,053 a month. That leaves a shortfall of \$2,886 a month.

St. Andrew's has approximately 87 pledging and giving units.

If each giving unit gave an additional \$33 a month, St. Andrew's would be able to balance the budget.

That amounts to *\$8.25 a week or a little more than \$1 a day!*

Mary Mingenback

From the Church Secretary

As a teenager I liked to listen to the top 500 hits of the year that one of the radio stations played one weekend a year. It was almost always a toss-up as to whether No. 1 would be "In the Still of the Night" or "Unchained Melody." Of course, there were the five or more Elvis hits in the top 10 and then, a few years later, the five or more Beatles hits, so I always anticipated the last couple of hours of the marathon of what we now call Golden Oldies. But "In the Still of the Night" always made me want to dance.

After a while, my generation's choices slipped away, my favorites becoming relegated deep into the 100, 200, or 300 top hits of the year, replaced by the selections of listeners reared on the Jefferson Airplane and the Stones.

As I write this, one of participants in the Episcopal Social Services program run from St. Andrew's is playing the piano in the parish hall. He loves to play and this is his only access to a piano, so once or twice a week he comes in to practice and sing. His visits are one of the highlights of my week. His "Amazing Grace" never fails to bring tears to my eyes. Right now, though, he's singing "In the Still of the Night."

There are many joys to working at St. Andrew's.

Karen Whittlesey

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