

Annual Parish Report

January 27, 2019

(For Year End 2018)



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

123 West Sale Road
Lake Charles, LA 70605

2019 Parish Meeting Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer, Call to Order, and Rector's Report– Rev. D. Seth Donald

- II. Special thank you to our retiring Vestry members
(Taylor Smith and Jon Eastwood)

- III. Election of 2019 Vestry and Delegates to the Diocesan Convention*

- IV. Presentation of 2019 Budget – Avery Cook

- V. Election Results

- VI. Closing Prayer and Dismissal

Items followed by an * require a vote of the congregation.
Written Ministry Reports may be found in your Parish Meeting booklet.

“Glory to God whose power, working in us,
Can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine;
Glory to Him from generation to generation in the Church,
and in Christ Jesus forever.”

Ephesians 3:20-21

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everliving God,
ruler of all things in heaven and earth,
hear our prayers for this parish family.
Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless,
and restore the penitent.

Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us
all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

p. 817, Book of Common Prayer

Closing Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you,
So guide our minds, so fill our imaginations,
So control our wills, that we may be wholly yours,
Utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will,
And always to your glory and the welfare of your people;
Through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

p. 832-833, Book of Common Prayer

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January 23, 2019

Phillip Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year marks my third as your Rector and priest. Time flies when you're havin' fun. We have accomplished much over the past year, but it is your faithful witness and dedication to Christ's church that continues to amaze me. I am grateful for our shared life of faith and for your support in where God is leading us as a church.

The bulk of my report at the annual meeting will be verbal and through a video presentation that captures 2018 in about three minutes. It almost feels as though the year has gone by that quickly!

It is noteworthy to report that the RenewalWorks program was undertaken by an exceptional group of lay leaders in 2018. The results confirmed that we are a healthy church of happy, faithful believers. We do have opportunities to grow spiritually: by increasing our biblical literacy, deepening our knowledge of the prayer book tradition and Anglican liturgy, and in sharpening our focus on programming and outreach rather than expanding in those areas.

The principal role of the ordained clergy is to serve as a pastor, priest, and teacher (BCP 531) but we are all the ministers of the church. "The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church (BCP 855)." We do this by gathering "together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God" (BCP 856).

Let me know how I might empower you to live into your call as a lay minister and grow in deeper love and discipleship of our Lord.

Faithfully In the Risen Christ,

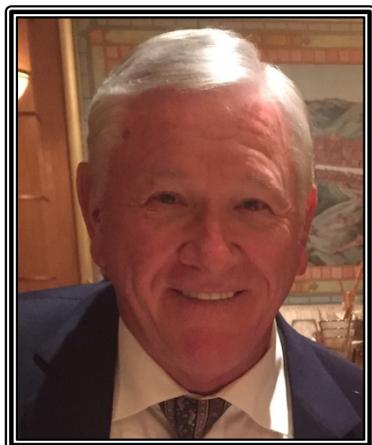
Fr. Seth+

The Rev. D. Seth Donald+

The Rev. D. Seth Donald, Rector

2019 Vestry Nominees

Rand Alexander



Rand was born in Jennings and grew up in Lake Charles. He is a graduate of McNeese and LSU School of Dentistry and LSU-Charity residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Rand practiced Oral Surgery for 36 years and recently retired and is enjoying it spending time traveling, hunting and flying. Blessed to be married to Wanda for the last 27 years and their family is made interesting by a puppy named Prince! Rand has been a member of St. Michael's since the year 2000.

Sarah Brummett



My name is Sarah Brummett. I grew up in Jennings, Louisiana and moved to Lake Charles in 1989. I graduated from McNeese State University with a B.A. in Early Childhood education and a MEd in Early Childhood Education. I have been an educator for more than 35 years. Twenty one of those years were spent teaching Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. The last fourteen years have been spent serving as an Early Childhood Instructional Coach. I retired in June of 2018. I am a cradle raised Episcopalian. It has been rewarding to be a part of the St. Michael's community. I have enjoyed serving on the altar guild, as a lector, and with "O Holy Night". I look forward to serving on the vestry at St. Michaels.

2019 Vestry Nominees

Tom Chamberlain



Tom Chamberlain brings 20-plus years of utility experience, including energy efficiency, business development, economic development and marketing. He holds a bachelor's degree in public and environmental affairs with a certificate in business from Indiana University, and a masters in city and regional planning from the University of Memphis. A project manager for Entergy, Tom has prior experience with Memphis Light Gas, Water and Austin Energy and the Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development. He also did a four-year stint in the Air Force early in his career. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Alliance for Positive Growth in Lake Charles and community advisory council for Christus St. Patrick. He previously served on the vestry of his former

church home in Memphis: Calvary Episcopal Church, where he also taught Godly Play as well as the Middle School Sunday School and was an active volunteer in the ministry for the homeless. Since joining St. Michael and All Angels, Tom has joined the Pancakers breakfast team and assisted with teaching Godly Play and Middle School Sunday School.

Bill Shearman



I am a lifelong Episcopalian who was baptized by the Late Bishop Iverson Noland at the Church of the Good Shepherd. I have served in every church capacity I can think of: the choir, an acolyte, lay reader and the vestry. Two years ago, I was appointed to the board of trustees at Camp Hardtner by Bishop Jake where I serve as chair of the Property & Grounds Committee. I have a 60-year-old relationship with Hardtner.

Almost all of my career was spent in the newspaper business or some facet of journalism. I am semi-retired from theanship School of Mass Communications at LSU and I contribute editorially to the American Press.

I have an undergraduate and MBA degrees from McNeese as well as a graduate degree in journalism from Northwestern University.

I am married to the former Sue Cagle and we have three adult children and seven grandchildren.

Treasurer's Report – 2017

The attached financial statements for 2018 and the Operating Fund Budget for 2019 were approved by the Vestry of Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Because of the generosity of the members of Saint Michael's the Vestry is happy to report 2018 was a very blessed year. We were able to fully fund the Outreach Mission Fund, \$42,771.36 and pay the full diocesan asking, \$41,000.00. The Vestry started an Endowment Fund which as of December 31, 2018 had a balance of \$35,727.99. This fund is managed by Black Rock Investment Management Company and because of our relationship with the Diocese of Western Louisiana; the management fees are very economical. Saint Michael's had \$318,146.49 total cash and investment in various funds on December 31, 2018.

Fiscal year 2019 looks to be somewhat challenging. Pledges received to date are lower than last year, both in number and dollar amount. The Finance Committee and the Vestry have committed to operate with a balanced budget for 2019. In order to accomplish this we reduced the Diocesan Pledge to \$31,000.00 (the asking for this year was \$61,000.00) and we are capping funding of the Outreach Mission Fund to \$20,000.00 of pledge receipts and \$5,000.00 of open plate receipts. The Vestry will monitor the financial condition during the year with the hope of fully funding the Outreach Fund.

I believe with the grace of God and the generosity of our parishioners Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church will weather these challenges and continue to remain in a good financial position.

Respectfully submitted,
Avery Cook, Jr, Treasurer

Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

Balance Sheet For All Accounts

Through 12/31/2018

ASSETS

Cash Assets:

Capital One Bank	\$244,596.29
Endowment	\$35,327.99
FirstFederal	\$0.00
IberiaBank	(\$0.00)
JD Bank	\$37,922.21
Petty Cash	\$300.00

\$318,146.49

Property/Other Assets:

Bell Tower Carillon	\$8,643.00
Church Land & Buildings	\$1,153,930.47
JD Bank	\$0.00
Land Bayou Road	\$65,743.06
Rectory & Other Buildings	\$70,000.00
Stephen's House	\$85,000.00

\$1,383,316.53

TOTAL ASSETS:

\$1,701,463.02

LIABILITIES

Payroll Liabilities

FICA Church Portion	\$378.01
FICA Employee Portion	\$378.01
Federal Withholding	\$431.12
LocTaxAcc Not Matched	\$0.00
Medicare Church Portion	\$88.41
Medicare Employee Portion	\$88.41
Retirement	\$0.00
State Withholding	\$497.49

\$1,861.45

Property/Other Liabilities:

Cameron State Bank Loan	\$0.00
Nation Church Payable	\$0.00

\$0.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES:

\$1,861.45

EQUITY

Fund Balance

Altar Guild Fund	\$367.56
Breakfast Fund	\$708.98
Capital Improvement Fu	\$14,849.82
Childrens Ministry Fd	\$3,187.77
Columbarium Fund	\$4,893.53
Consert Fund	\$189.70
Continuing Ed Accrued Fund	\$2,321.48
Courtyard Fund	\$4,366.96
Devotional Supply Fund	(\$161.21)
Dominican Republic Sch	\$2,760.00
Eastside Parking Lot Fbal	\$10,612.00

Fund Balance

Endowment Fund	\$35,727.99
Fixed Asset Bal Fund	\$1,383,316.53
Flower Fund	\$1,689.86
Ins. Deductible Fund	\$33,028.68
Insurance Claims Fund	\$1,054.99
Little Free Pantry Fund	\$4,456.48
Memorial Fund	\$9,347.19
Mission Trip Fund	\$11,598.19
Music Fund	\$60.00
O.C.C. Fund	\$5,096.94
Operating Fund	\$124,197.83
Organ Fund	\$3,800.47
Outreach Mission Fund	\$9,161.39
Parish Special Events Fbal	\$93.00
Property Proceeds Fund	\$8,380.00
Security Deposit Fund	\$1,000.00
Special Gifts Fund	\$21,610.65
United Thank Offering	\$130.00
Workshop Fund	\$263.63
Youth Activities Fund	\$1,491.16

TOTAL FUNDS: \$1,699,601.57

Capital Equity

Equity \$0.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY: \$1,701,463.02

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Operating Fund for 2018 and 2019 Budget report					
2						
3	Income	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget		
4						
5	Plate Offering	\$ 35,500.00	\$ 57,452.22	\$ 37,000.00		
6	Pledges	\$ 293,411.00	\$ 308,204.77	\$ 294,518.00		
7	Prepaid Pledges	\$ 9,332.00	\$ 8,223.46	\$ 6,993.00		
8	Prepaid Plate	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00		
9	Rental Income	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,604.05	\$ 7,600.00		
10	Pledges Restricted	\$ 20,150.00	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 26,500.00		
11	St Michael Discret inc	\$ -	\$ 1,643.99	\$ -		
12	Misc. Income	\$ -	\$ 1,060.00	\$ 1,000.00		
13	Total Income	\$ 365,393.00	\$ 396,338.49	\$ 374,511.00		
14						
15	Expenses					
16	Accounting Services	\$ -	\$ 7,712.50	\$ 8,000.00		
17	Adult Education	\$ 500.00	\$ 698.46	\$ 1,000.00		
18	Altar Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,290.70	\$ 3,236.00		
19	Audio Visual Equipment Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00		
20	Audit Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
21	Bank Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
22	Bayou Rd Property Maint.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
23	Bonuses Staff Discretionary Exp	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,588.77	\$ 3,000.00		
24	Building Maintenance	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 14,195.89	\$ 14,000.00		
25	Church Music	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,923.30	\$ 2,500.00		
26	Church Telephone	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,434.06	\$ 2,500.00		
27	Church Utilities	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 17,319.49	\$ 18,000.00		
28	Columbarium Expense	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 65.00		
29	Computer Expense	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,631.86	\$ 2,000.00		
30	Consumer Use Tax	\$ -	\$ 4.00	\$ -		
31	Copier Expense	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 5,017.76	\$ 5,000.00		
32	Devotional Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,072.28	\$ 2,100.00		
33	Diocesan Convention	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00		
34	Diocesan Pledge	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 41,000.04	\$ 31,000.00		
35	Disability Insurance	\$ 400.00	\$ 417.00	\$ 450.00		
36	FICA	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 3,717.80	\$ 3,850.00		
37	Financial Sec Sal Ex	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -		
38	Halos Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 549.09	\$ 550.00		
39	Health Savings Account	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 7,000.00		
40	Housing Allowance	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,999.96	\$ 25,000.00		
41	Hurricane Deductible	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,800.00		
42	Ins Fire Ec Liability	\$ 17,345.00	\$ 20,129.90	\$ 20,200.00		
43	Janitorial Supplies	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,907.71	\$ 7,000.00		
44	Jr Youth Director Sal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
45	Junior Choir	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
46	Junior EYC	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 219.60	\$ 1,000.00		
47	Lay Employee Pension	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,476.55	\$ 2,750.00		
48	Medicare tax	\$ 900.00	\$ 869.50	\$ 895.00		

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49	Misc. Expense	\$ 700.00	\$ 520.95	\$ 300.00		
50	Music Scholarship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
51	Music Special Events	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,000.00		
52	Music Substitues	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00		
53	Newcomer Dinner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
54	Nursery Expense	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,744.99	\$ 4,048.00		
55	Office Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,943.93	\$ 4,000.00		
56	Organist Choir Dir CE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00		
57	Organist Choir Dir Sal	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,000.04	\$ 17,000.00		
58	Parish Sec Salary	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 23,035.92	\$ 25,000.00		
59	Parish Special Events	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,657.03	\$ 2,650.00		
60	Postage	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,579.85	\$ 2,000.00		
61	Publicity	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,738.49	\$ 3,000.00		
62	Rectors Continuing Education	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,577.21	\$ 3,500.00		
63	Rectors Health Ins	\$ 24,936.00	\$ 26,970.00	\$ 28,000.00		
64	Rectors Pension	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 14,500.00		
65	Rectors Salary	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 54,999.96	\$ 55,000.00		
66	Rectors Travel	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,680.54	\$ 3,000.00		
67	Rectors Telephone	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		
68	SOS Expense	\$ 900.00	\$ 452.84	\$ 450.00		
69	Sexton Salary	\$ 19,467.00	\$ 19,467.00	\$ 19,467.00		
70	Spiritual Reteat Rectors	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00		
71	St Michael Discretionary fund	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 4,043.99	\$ 2,400.00		
72	Stephens House Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
73	Stephens House Main.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 845.14	\$ 850.00		
74	Substitutes Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,500.00		
75	Sunday School	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,894.67	\$ 2,500.00		
76	Termite Treatment	\$ 700.00	\$ 642.00	\$ 700.00		
77	Treasurer Salary	\$ -	\$ 462.00	\$ -		
78	Workmans Comp Ins	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,512.00	\$ 1,650.00		
79	Yard Work	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,752.13	\$ 10,000.00		
80	Associate Priest travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
81	Associate Priest Health ins	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
82	Associate Priest CE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
83	Associate Priest Sprititual Retreat	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
84	Associate Priest Pension	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
85	Total Expenses	\$ 365,073.00	\$ 367,196.90	\$ 374,511.00		
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87	Net	\$ 320.00	\$ 29,141.59	\$ -		
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	A	B	C	D	E	F
89						
90	Pledges as of 12/10/18					
91	85 Operating fund Pledges	\$ 346,740.00	12 are new pledges \$23,500.00			
92	Pre paid Pledge	\$ (7,770.00)	5 deceased 11,720.00			
93	Pre paid Plate	\$ (1,000.00)	19 2018 pledges did not pledge for 2019			
94	<u>Restricted</u>	\$ (26,500.00)	30 2018 pledges increased for 2019			
95	Total	\$ 311,470.00				
96	<u>Less Outreach 10%</u>	\$ 20,000.00	capped at 20000.00 for pledges and 5000.00 for plate			
97	Net Pledges	\$ 291,470.00				
98						
99	2 Pledges to Cap Improvement fund	\$ 2,600.00				
100						
101						

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT 2018

At the end of my short tenure as Senior Warden, I would like to leave with a message of thankfulness. To the new members of St. Michael's that I have met and worked with, to the Vestry members who have volunteered their time to the betterment of our church to help make it a place of the goodness of our Lord, and especially to Father Seth and Avery Cook for their faith, patience and encouragement.

May 2019 be a year of thankfulness for us all as well as we further our relationship with each other as Christians, and as followers of Christ.

Respectfully,
T. Smith

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT 2018

CHURCH WORK DAYS

We had two organized work days this year, one on April 21st and then October 20th, we had good weather for the April work day and 21 volunteers came to help, we trimmed trees, cleaned flower beds, planted new flowers and added mulch where necessary. We had some rain for the October work day but lots of inside projects were done. Classroom chairs were painted, the pantry in the kitchen was completely cleaned out, shelves removed and cleaned and all necessary items were returned in proper containers and well organized. New entrance/exit signs and visitors parking signs placed in the parking lot. Flowers were planted and mulch added where necessary. Fr. Seth brought donuts, Paul and Marianne White provided sandwiches, chips, drinks and desserts. There were 18 volunteers.

PARISH HALL UPGRADES

We purchased three new round tables and 20 new chairs, giving us a total of 18 tables and 118 chairs. A dropdown screen and state of the art projection system has been installed, with a new sound amplifier and mixer. To compliment all this, new speakers have been purchased and installed, with a separate volume control for the speakers in the kitchen area. This new amplifier and sound system works very well with the new projector and is not complicated to operate and has dual mic operations without feedback.

Roll up blinds have been purchased and installed for the sliding glass doors. These blinds are designed to block out much of the sun's heat.

A modification was made to the air circulation system, the change will not allow outside air to enter the blower when the air-conditioning system is in the maintaining mode. When the system is running at full capacity only the required amount of makeup air will enter the blower.

NEW CLASS ROOM

The old youth room at the north end of the east hallway has been cleaned out; glass added to the entry door, painted and is now a classroom-office.

REST ROOM UPGRADES

We were able to install new vanities, sinks and plumbing in the old restrooms which we have needed for some time. Thanks for all the positive feedback.

OUTSIDE LIGHTING

Plans are under way to add lighting to the north side of parish hall and improve the security lighting for the main parking lot.

CANTERBURY HOUSE

A 23 by 22 foot wood deck has been constructed at the Canterbury house. Good planning and good materials were used for this project and it will last. This project was completed with all volunteer help and came under budget.

SECURITY CAMERA

A new security camera has been installed which covers the drive through, parking and surrounding areas in front of church. There is a monitor in the Sacristy and in the church office.

It has been great working with everyone during 2018, as I was digging through materials for this report I was amazed at what we were able to accomplish, however the list of tasks for 2019 is as long as 2018. So I say thanks to all who volunteered their time and hard work and thanks for the kind words and support.

A member of St Michaels whom I have great respect gave me some good advice during the month of May 2018 "Larry lean on your Church Family"; I now have the ability to do just that. It has been an honor serving as Jr. Warden.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Bell

EYC ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The youth group had its kickoff on August 19th with an "Olympic" style minute-to-win-it game night. The theme of the season was introduced as "Proving God". We had 15 teens in attendance.

Aug 26 was a regular meeting. Topic was about the intricacies of cell structure, DNA and immune system of the body and how it is proof of Gods existence as the designer. 10 teens were present.

Sept. 9th Amy did teaching and had game night. Average attendance.

Sept. 16th the group went bowling and the night was funded by an anonymous donor from the congregation. 15 teens were present. Great night of fun and bonding.

Sept. 23 regular youth night. Talked about Love, reasoning, communication, morality, consciences as further proof of God. 8-10 teens present.

Sept. 30 was the second attempt to go on an Airboat ride which was cancelled due to bad weather as was the first attempt last year! Bummer!

October 7th regular youth night with discussion of miracles as further proof of God. 8-10 teens attended.

October 14 was a breakfast food cook off. 15 teens in attendance. Fun night!

October 21 Lynette Johnson came and spoke to the kids about her life as a double above the knee amputee. She is a recording artist of gospel music and tours the US giving her testimony and performing. 10-12 kids attended.

October 28 we had movie night at church with a viewing of "The Shack". 10-12 attended.

November 4 typical youth night.....light on lessons and heavy on interacting with everyone. 6-8 in attendance.

November 11 Bart Glatt, a Christian Magician came to perform! So much fun. 14 teens in attendance.

November 25. Movie night at my house. 8-10 present.

December 2 Discussion of Christmas traditions from all over the globe. Talked about what was biblical and what was man made. 8-10 present.

December 9 Youth Christmas party at my home. White elephant gift exchange and food and games.

Youth group was suspended until after holidays and resumed on January 20, 2019.

The dynamic of our group has changed from last year, as it will each year, due to the teens advancing in grades and the culture that brings. Several of the girls that were regulars last year have not been coming as much as last year. However, there are a group of teen boys who have been faithfully attending. They were not present last year.

Around November, a college student named Gabby Snow showed some interest in helping out with the youth group. Her father is an Episcopal priest in Alexandria. I am hoping she will join our group. She is back in Lake Charles for the next semester and I will be contacting her to see if her interest is still there. Currently working on 2019 schedule and topics of discussion.

Honestly, this year has been more challenging then the past two. I think it is because kids don't have gauges on them to show you if they are spiritually "full" and it's hard to see if you are actually making a difference. Please continue to pray for me that I lean on the knowledge of Gods promises and not on what I see. Pray for wisdom, strength and passion as together we are growing Gods future disciples.

In faith, Leslie Abraham - Youth Director

Godly Play 2018

It is difficult to believe we have taught Godly Play at St. Michael and All Angels for 18 months now. We spent the Winter/Spring 2018 looking at parables and preparing for Lent. We walked with Jesus in the temple as a young boy and then followed him to the cross where we found sorrow in the crucifixion and joy in the resurrection. Over the summer, with the help of Deanna Chamberlain, we were able to incorporate Godly Play stories with our Vacation Bible School curriculum. We had 60 children learn Godly Play stories, many for the first time. The Fall started back with a visit to the desert. The kids LOVE the desert box in the Godly Play room. After all, so many important things happened in the Bible in the desert, therefore we must have a piece of it in our space. After we traveled through the Old Testament learning about our creation, ancestors, freedom and the Ten Best Ways to Live, we entered into Advent and prepared for the coming of Jesus. Next, we explored Epiphany by smelling Frankincense and Myrrh, two gifts of the wise men. And finally, we are back to the parables. You know parables are difficult to understand so it is important to keep revisiting them until you do understand. We will finish the year with stories in the New Testament. Thanks to support from parishioner's this summer, we were able to purchase all the Saints stories and enrichment stories for the room.

I am thrilled to announce that St. Michael & All Angels will be hosting a Godly Play Training at our church March 8, 9 and 10. Here is the link to sign

up:<https://trailblz.info/GodlyPlay/EventComplete.aspx?eventid=242>

To register make sure you use code gracioushosts for the scholarship available for St. Michael's members.

I know a weekend seems like a big commitment but you will learn so much more than how to share stories with the children in our church. The Godly Play practice is also a way to explore your own spirituality and how you can share Christ's love through intention and action in your life. I have been to two trainings and it is as much a retreat for yourself as it is learning a new way to teach and connect with others in our church. I guarantee your spiritual life will deepen and you will see things in a new light. The children participating in our Godly Play program can tell you personally what the program means to them in their life. If you have questions please call me or visit our classroom on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am.

Please prayerfully consider joining us on March 8th. Children are priorities in our home and they must be a priority in our church as we raise Christian children who will then go out to do Christ's work in the world.

Blessings,
Amy Donald

OUTREACH (MISSION) COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

For many years, ten percent of St. Michael's pledges and offering plate receipts have been set aside for outreach—to support entities, programs, events or other situations which need our help. When we are made aware of such needs, the Outreach Committee (Colleen Fontenot, Harriet Green, George Heard, Harris Rowzie, Patti Smith, Paul White, and Kathy Venable) is charged with considering requests and, after due discussion, making recommendations to the vestry for its approval. The need everywhere is great, and some of these we will have always with us. Therefore, we give priority to specifically Episcopal programs, and to those situations and events in which our members actively participate. (Total: \$33,513.03)

Abraham's Tent	\$ 1,000.00
Build Your House on the Rock	\$ 3,000.00
Calcasieu Council on Aging (Meals on Wheels)	\$ 1,000.00
Dominican Development Group (scholarships)	\$ 3,500.00
Dominican Development Group (clinic)	\$ 1,000.00
Dominican Development Group (Mission trip)	\$ 4,653.03
Soaps-reimbursement	\$ 500.00
Little Pantry (supplies)	\$ 500.00
Lord's Place	\$ 500.00
Open Door Ministry	\$ 2,000.00
Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse)	\$ 5,000.00
Clara Heard trip for OCC	\$ 1,000.00
Order of St. Luke's (Healing Ministry)	\$ 2,000.00
Salvation Army	\$ 1,000.00
Seminary training—Paul White	\$ 2,000.00
Sewanee Seminary	\$ 3,000.00
St. Luke's—Marietta, Ga,—Hurricane relief	\$ 500.00
Volunteers of America	<u>\$ 1,360.00</u>

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW), Annual Report (2018-2019)

All women of the church are considered members of St. Michael's ECW. We usually meet at Noon for about an hour on the second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall (except during the summer) for a short business meeting, fellowship and occasionally a short program. Marianne White presented a very interesting program on the National Cathedral at our January meeting. We bring our own lunch and dessert and drinks are provided.

For the 2019 year our meetings are being led each month by a volunteer POM (President of the Month). Treasurer is currently Royia Bell.

Our ECW is one of the more active ones. We are a non-profit organization and at times raise funds for things that are needed for our church. We currently have note cards for sale that have the image of our St. Michael stained glass on it. They are 5 for \$10 and may be purchased by contacting Harriet Green or Christy in the church office.

The ECW is the contact point for many outreach projects in our church. Some of our service activities include: The United Thank Offering currently led by Harriet Green; "Halos" who provide food/meal for funerals; "Helping Hands" who provide meals for those who are sick or in need; and "Guild of the Christ Child" which welcomes our newest members (new babies).

We also enjoy having opportunities for fellowship with the other Episcopal churches in our convocation. We had our Christmas luncheon at Reeves Uptown in December. We are planning a Spring Tea in April and our meeting in May will be a salad luncheon. Then we are off for the summer and start back up in September.

Ladies, please consider attending an ECW meeting if you get the opportunity. We would love to have you and it is a great way to get to know the other ladies at St. Michaels for fellowship and opportunities for service.

THE ORDER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE KING: WHO ARE WE?

The purpose of this order is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism. The primary purpose of DOK is to support the rector and ministries of the church through prayer and to intercede for church members and members of the community in prayer and to serve in areas where we see need.

We meet on the 2nd Sunday of every month after the 10:30 am service. During that time, we update our prayer list and discuss areas where we can serve in the church. Any woman in the church who thinks she may be interested in this type of ministry and would like a deeper walk with God would be most welcome to join us in our meetings to see if DOK is for her or not.

Current officers:

President	Nancy Cook
Secretary-Treasurer	Tommie Schweitzer

SOS—what is it? 2018

SOS is a gathering for food and fellowship in the Church Hall at 6pm every fourth Tuesday of each month. SOS stands for “Seniors of St. Michael’s” but there really is no age requirement to come. All adults from St. Michael’s are welcome to attend and to bring friends from outside the church too.

A main dish is provided and the rest of us bring a side dish or dessert. If you do not have the time to prepare a side dish, don’t feel like you cannot attend. We always have plenty of food.

Along with the food and fellowship, we also have a short 15-20 minute talk on a topic of interest by a guest speaker. Examples of topics that we have heard have been~ growing roses by an expert, scams to be aware of by the Better Business Bureau, updates on library services by the head of the Calcasieu library system etc. We have lots of great topics and food lined up for the rest of the year.

No need to sign up—just show up!

ST. MICHAEL’S BREAKFAST REPORT

As best anyone can remember this is at least 12 plus years the men and now women of St. Michaels have proved breakfast after the eight o'clock service and before Christian formation. Anyone can join and become a member of a breakfast team, all are welcome. No culinary skills required just a desire to serve and be blessed. Please contact George Heard ph#337-529-6606 or the church office and you will be welcomed to the Bon Appetit gang.

God bless,
George Heard

BISHOPS COMMISSION ON ADDICTION AND RECOVERY

With opioid addiction at "epidemic" proportions, the AA Recovery Ministry of St. Michaels has increased to include three 7:00 a.m. meetings per week. St. Michaels continues to lead the Diocese as a Recovery Center. The South City AA Group has met here since the days of Father Ralph Masters and has grown to a total of 18 meetings per week. This group is now the largest recovery group in Southwest Louisiana. No matter what addiction our congregation is dealing with, help is available within our own church. Contact Christy for names and meeting times.

Paul Hannen,
Member of the Bishop's Commission on Addiction and Recovery

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - 2018

In Jesus' last instructions to His disciples, He told them, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19. The mission of OCC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ of boys and girls around the world. The Simple Gift of gift-filled shoeboxes open doors into over 100 countries in order for millions of needy children to hear that "God Loves You!" and "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son (Jesus Christ), that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16. Last year, marks the 12th year that St. Michael and All Angels Saints have joined millions of people worldwide in this unique Gospel outreach. OCC is under the leadership of Samaritans' Purse International Relief, along with about 14 other ministry projects. Franklin Graham, son of Billy and Ruth Graham, is the President. Samaritan's Purse is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. For more information about Samaritan's Purse, please go to samaritanspurse.org

In January, our St. Michael's OCC Team set 3 goals for 2018.

1. To pack 600 Shoeboxes at 3 Packing Parties: with the children at Vacation Bible School in July, with the Youth of the Lake Charles Episcopal Convocation in October, and with the Parish in November. Mission Accomplished! Praise the Lord!
2. To better inform the Congregation about the OCC Ministry Project. The word went out, previous packers and new packers, individuals and families packed and brought in 145 Shoeboxes! Thank You Jesus!
3. To send Full and Excellent Shoeboxes! Success Again!!! George, Larry, Paul B. and others here plus the volunteers at The Dwelling Place Central Drop-off Location for Southwest Louisiana commented on the heavier shoebox-filled Cartons!

As a Parish, we collected, dedicated, and sent 745 Shoeboxes! Praise to Jesus for doing this with and through us!!! You are an Awesome Group! It is my pleasure to serve with you. God's abundant Blessings to each of you.

BREAKING NEWS: Some of our Shoeboxes are going to HAITI, MEXICO, and PANAMA!!!

Please continue to pray for OCC and the children who receive our shoeboxes to hear and respond to the Gospel message. Bookmark/Prayer cards are available in Narthex and Parish Hall; please take one and continue to faithfully pray for this Parish Outreach Ministry; something is always going on somewhere in OCC!

Clara Heard

2018 Report from The International Order of St. Luke the Physician



Greetings Saints,

The mission of the International Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL) is to empower God's people throughout the world to confidently pray for anyone, anywhere, through training in the healing ministry of Jesus, learning to pray for others, and providing opportunities to experience the healing power of Jesus. It is the vision of OSL that individuals, communities and nations be made whole, free of sickness, through Jesus Christ.

The Imperial Calcasieu Chapter of OSL is one of the most active chapters in the United States. We meet at St. Michael's on the first Monday of every month, and we have a subchapter that meets on the first Sunday of every month at CrossRoads Church in Moss Bluff.

St. Michael's has been home to the Healing House for six years. Prayer teams meet monthly on the third Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. anyone needing prayer or healing is encouraged to come. We have witnessed many miraculous healings from those who have come to the Healing House.

The Imperial Calcasieu Chapter of OSL held several conferences in 2018, including a silent retreat, and will have several in 2019. Our regional conference, which will include teaching and training, will be led by keynote speaker, the Rev. Josh Acton. The conference will be held on March 22 and 23 at St. Michael's, and this year's theme will be "The Victory of Love: Finding the Deepest Healing". You may pick up a registration form at the church office or email me at oslregionv@gmail.com.

The OSL ministry calls us to do more than sponsor healing services and conferences. God intends us not to be spectators but to be participants, sharing Jesus' ministry to heal the sick. Please prayerfully consider this outstanding opportunity to be truly in God's presence. You do not need to be a member of OSL to attend. All you need is an open heart and a desire to seek God's will for your life.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm Self
Director of Region V and
Vice President, OSL Board of Directors
International Order of St. Luke the Physician

ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018

Our members prepare the altar for all services in the sanctuary and in the chapel. These included four regular services each week, funerals, weddings, baptisms and confirmations. Four members are scheduled each Saturday morning for cleaning and preparing the altar for the Sunday services.

The care of the vestments, linens, and the Eucharistic vessels is an important part of our work. We purchase supplies as needed for the services.

This year we had 1 wedding, 8 funerals and 6 baptisms. During the Bishops visit 3 were confirmed.

Today we have 17 Altar Guild members and I would like to thank each one for her dedication and hard work this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kitt

ROSEWOOD NURSING HOME MINISTRY

St Michael's is still participating in a joint ministry with Good Shepherd serving the residents of Rosewood Nursing Home with two services (first and third Fridays 10:00-10:45) a month. We always encourage church members to add this worthwhile ministry to their calendar. The first Friday is a communion service led by Mother Petroula Ruehlen and the second is lay led. The residents so appreciate our meetings with them ...you can see it on their faces, their thank yous and their singing along with us when possible.

You will not be sorry if you volunteer, you need no talent, just a willingness to share your time and warm smiles. For further information call Ellie Lemoine 474-5876 or e-mail elliesherwood@bellsouth.net.

Guild of the Christ Child

This program annually celebrates the Baptism of a Child.

A greeting card is mailed to the child soon after Baptism and then each year on the anniversary of his/her Baptism. The final (12th) card is mailed as the child approaches Confirmation.

It is my pleasure to lead this lay ministry.

Peace and Joy,
Missy Shaddock

Canterbury Report

On average, about 25-30 McNeese students enjoyed fellowship and home cooked meals at Canterbury House each week during the Spring and Fall semester of 2018. The students always express their gratitude for the meal and time away from campus where they relax. Some improvements were made to the Canterbury House which contributed to the “home” atmosphere. The students, during nice weather, now have a new deck on the back patio where they can eat their lunch or just enjoy one another’s company. Also, Kathy and Randy Venable donated a washer and drier for students to use. Friday lunch is served beginning at 11:00 until 1:00. If you would like to provide a meal or help with serving or visiting with the students, please give a call or just come join us. All are invited and welcome to be part of this ministry. Thank you, St Michael’s community, for all your support.

Paul White

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