



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

"G" is for Gratitude

"Father, I don't see what my money has to do with my spiritual life and I don't think it's right for the Church to talk about money as much as it does. Why should I tithe? Why should I give 10% to the Church? I have a limited income and/or I give to other important causes." As a priest, I hear varying versions of these statements on a somewhat regular basis. And I really try not to demand or beg people to give to the Church. As we begin our every member canvass for next year's budget, it seems inevitable that I should address some of the assumptions the Church makes about your money, what you do with it and why.

It is flat-out wrong to assume that money has nothing to do with your spiritual life. It has everything to do with your spiritual life. Notice in the Gospels just how much Jesus addresses the issue of money. He speaks about our relationship with wealth much more than he speaks about most other things in our lives including many of the hot button issues that Christians spend a great deal of time bickering about! Jesus tells his followers in no uncertain terms, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6: 19-34) In other words, if you want to know what your personal gods are and how strong your relationship with Jesus Christ really is, sit down with

your budget and see where your money goes.

Furthermore, as the old saying goes, time is money. Time is also non-refundable and limited. Sooner or later we all run out of time. The amount of time you spend on your career, stamp collecting, the family, church attendance, golfing, playing X-Box or solitaire indicates where you really ascribe worth. What altar do you find yourself worshiping at most often?

Your checkbook and calendar are important indicators of your spiritual health. Is the Body of Christ, the Church, a priority for you or is it an afterthought when everything else has been attended to in your budget and your calendar?

It is also important to prayerfully examine why you give. Folks tend to give time and money to the Church for one of several reasons. I believe that our motivations can be narrowed down to guilt, greed, grabbiness, glory, generosity and gratitude. **Guilt:** People feel guilty about something and so they throw money at the church to fix their conscience. **Greed:** Oxymoronically, greed often motivates people to give because they think the investment will get them something better in return. **Grabbiness:** Some folks give in an attempt to grab power and, conversely, withhold when they feel their control has been challenged. **Glory:** Glory is received by being able

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

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Fr. Kelley receives diocesan award

Fr. Kelley Lackey's leadership at St. Andrew's earned recognition at the Diocesan Convention last month in Topeka. He received the Canon's Award plaque for exemplary service by a priest.

Fr. Kelley credits the people of St. Andrew's, saying that they share the award.

"I can't be a good priest without the exemplary participation of everyone in the congregation who are involved in our ministry," he said. "And with the recognition comes the responsibility of living up to the reputation."

Also at the convention, the Diocese reported, a resolution in support of the Millennium Development Goals was adopted unanimously. The measure pledged the diocese to financial support of the goals, with \$6,000—or 0.35 percent—in the 2008 budget. The full 0.7 percent contribution will be met in the 2009 diocesan budget. The measure also calls on every parish to learn more about the eight-prong effort to end extreme hunger and poverty by 2015. Parishes and individual members are urged to contribute to causes backed by the goals.

The convention also adopted unanimously a financial mission plan for 2008 of just under \$1.8 million. The plan includes an innovative grants program to help parishes reach out to students at colleges, universities and community colleges in the diocese.

Every Member Canvass begins

Don Bailey and Jacque James have stepped forward to lead the Every Member Canvass, which will run through November and end on Dec. 2 with the blessing of the pledge cards.

Households in the parish will be receiving a letter asking each member to consider prayerfully their contribution, especially in moving toward a tithe.

Parish outreach assists community, world

Beginning in Advent 2007, St. Andrew's will reactivate its support of the Emporia Food Pantry maintained by the Salvation Army. Lynn Bonney, Outreach chair, will meet with Army representatives and prepare a month-by-month list of needed food and sundry items.

The fourth Sunday of each month will be designated "Outreach Sunday," with loose offering and designated checks donated to Outreach projects.

The committee will also adopt sponsorship of the United Thank Offering project.

Workshop offers financial information

Need a little help getting your financial house in order? You are invited to attend the Three Simple Rules Financial Workshop.

This four-session workshop is being offered on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and lasting about an hour. We will start Tuesday, Nov. 6, in the church conference room. We will take Thanksgiving week off.

At this workshop, you will learn about the three simple rules that are guaranteed to improve your financial situation. You will also learn how to give yourself a financial physical and how to identify and change the financial habits that are preventing you from accomplishing your financial goals.

Call Carolyn Lackey at 342-4706 or the office for more information. Child care will be provided.

Vestry meeting

The Vestry will hold its monthly meeting on Nov. 8 at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

In Memoriam

Helen Samuelson, a longtime member of St. Andrew's parish, died on Oct. 13. She was buried in St. Andrew's Church Yard on Oct. 20. We pray for Helen and remember her husband, Roger, a resident at Holiday Resort, and their daughter and son-in-law, Ruthann and Jim Resch, fellow parishioners.

Looking ahead

Nov. 4 All Saints Sunday. Nolan Eugene Jacob, son of Nick and Ann Jacob and brother of Abigail Jacob, will be baptized at the 11 a.m. Eucharist.

Nov. 6, 7, 8 Fr. Kelley away. Fr. Kelley will be away, attending a meeting of presbyters in the diocese. He will return in time for the Thursday evening Vestry meeting.

Nov. 8 Vestry meeting. The Vestry meets at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This meeting, as all regular Vestry meetings, is open to all parishioners.

Nov. 11 Veterans Day. St. Andrew's will honor parishioners who are veterans during coffee hour.

Nov. 18 Tribute to Elaine Edwards. Emporia State University students who study piano with Martin Cuellar have planned a concert in tribute to Elaine Edwards at 3 p.m. at Heath Auditorium in Beach Music Hall. Elaine is a longtime member of St. Andrew's choir.

Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Eve. Service will begin at 6 p.m. No dinner.

Nov. 22 No Thanksgiving Day Eucharist.

Nov. 30 St. Andrew's Day. Holy Eucharist will begin at 6 p.m. See article on p. 7.

Dec. 2 First Sunday In Advent. Pledge cards from Every Member Canvass will be blessed during 11 a.m. Eucharist.

Dec. 6 St. Nicholas Day. Parish Life plans a visit from St. Nicholas, who is expected to leave traditional "gold coins" in the shoes of parishioners—especially children—who are present for the event.

Dec. 10 Peace Vigil. An interfaith peace march and vigil will begin on the Emporia State University campus and end at the William Lindsay White Auditorium. "No matter what your position on our government's policies, as Christians," Fr. Kelley reminds us, "we are called to pray for peace."

Notes from the Vestry

Vestry members took a look at a preliminary budget at their October meeting in preparation for the Every Member Canvass. Bill Barnes, senior warden, described the budget as "reasonable but conservative," noting that it did earmark 10 percent for outreach and that running the church will require between \$150,000 and \$160,000. Vestry members will bring their questions and ideas about the budget to the November meeting.

The Vestry also approved the purchase of new Gospel and lectern books to reflect the adoption of the Revised Common Lectionary, which will begin on the First Sunday in Advent. The common lectionary affects only Sunday readings; readings for the Daily Office will remain as listed in the Book of Common Prayer. The parish will also update its liturgical software.

St. Andrew's thanks ...

... **Karen Whittlesey**, whose participation in the life of the parish extends far beyond her secretarial duties. She, along with Deborah Cotterman, Nancy Romine and Lynn Bonney, spearheaded the Uptown Hoedown, which raised approximately \$5,000.

... **Patrick Kelley**, whose photographs record many of the parish's events for the Crossroads and church scrapbooks (if only someone would volunteer to prepare those scrapbooks).

... **Everyone who donated, cooked, decorated and attended** the Uptown Hoedown, and especially those who have expressed excitement about planning a second auction-type fundraiser.



Almighty God,
 who gave such
 grace to your
 apostle Andrew
 that he readily
 obeyed the call
 of your Son
 Jesus Christ, and
 brought his
 brother with him:
 Give us, who are
 called by
 your Holy Word,
 grace to follow
 him without
 delay, and to
 bring those near
 to us into his
 gracious
 presence; who
 lives
 and reigns with
 you and the Holy
 Spirit, one God,
 now and
 for ever. Amen.
 —Collect for St.
 Andrew's Day, Nov.
 30.

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

- Nov. 2 Gould Garcia
 Amanda Schwenn
 Nov. 3 Donna Eudaley
 Trish Weidert
 Nov. 9 Ian Lackey
 Ashley Mitchell
 Nov. 10 Helen Call
 Nov. 11 Zoe Dyer
 Nov. 13 Terri Conger
 Norma Gilpin
 Nov. 14 Leigh Ann Crofoot
 Elizabeth First
 Nov. 15 Brian Dyer
 Nov. 21 Tom North
 Nov. 25 Rivers Schwenn
 Nov. 26 Clifford Stewart
 Nov. 27 Daniel Wayne Hendricks
 Nov. 28 Mark Crofoot
 Hannah Harder

Baptisms

- Nov. 1 Shanda Hendricks
 Nov. 6 Sara Azzun
 Elijah Williams
 Julia Williams
 (reaffirmation)
 Kevin Williams
 Kira Williams
 Nov. 9 Nancy Billings
 Nov. 19 Eli Fowler
 Nov. 22 Grady Fowler
 Nov. 27 Carolyn Van Syoc

Confirmations

- Nov. 2 Opal Glasgow
 Nov. 15 Shirley Ebberts
 Nov. 19 Dobby Bailey
 Don Bailey
 Nov. 22 John Schwenn
 Judy Schwenn

Milestones

- Nov. 29 Ben Harbaugh
 Leigh Lingenfelter
 Nov. 30 Terri Conger
 Seth Fowler
 Mark Harder
 Patrick Kelley
 Phil Martin
 Amy Schwenn
 Kim Schwenn
 Tom Resch

Marriage

- Nov. 25 Jamie and Katie Adams

We remember

- Nov. 2 Gertrude Behymer
 Clair G. Bowen
 Nov. 5 James Adlai Walker
 Nov. 6 Guy C. Sickler
 Nov. 9 Jeannette Price
 Nov. 12 William A. Larkin
 Nov. 14 Floy Johnson
 Nov. 18 Marian Koger
 Nov. 19 Jay Lynn Mendenhall
 Nov. 20 Thomas R. Harris
 Nov. 22 Ora Belle Blevens
 Cheryl Ann Waller
 Jerri Lynn Waller
 Nov. 23 Fannie Klinkenberg
 Letilia Bradford Mullinix
 Nov. 24 Bessie Loraine "Betty"
 Mendenhall
 Nov. 25 Jim Teichgraeber
 Nov. 26 Lucile Hill Uhley
 Perl C. Walker
 Nov. 27 James David "J.D." Sims
 Drew Warren
 Nov. 30 Esther Wilhite Larkin

Important date missing?

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.

November Server Schedule

	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18	Nov. 25	Nov. 30 St. Andrew's Day 6 pm (with incense)	Dec. 2
Chalice bearer	Gary Mason	Allison Keller	Rick Mitchell	Pat Kelley	John Schwenn	Gary Mason
Priest server	Sue McKinney	Justin Davis	Jenny Harder	Rick Mitchell	Sue McKinney	Sue McKinney
Crucifer	Jordan Crofoot	Patrick Davis	Cody O'Mara	Gary Mason	Brian Dyer	Jordan Crofoot
Torch 1	Gladys Azzun	Will Dyer	Hannah Harder	Allie Mitchell	Will Dyer	Will Dyer
Torch 2	Brian Dyer	Cody O'Mara	Allie Mitchell	Will Dyer	Patrick Davis	Brian Dyer
Thurifer					Justin Davis	
Reader	Lynn Bonney	John Schwenn	Bill Clamurro	Millard Harrell	Adam Rust	Lynn Bonney
Prayers of the People	Mary Mingenback	Millard Harrell	Adam Rust	Marged Amend	Bill Clamurro	Mary Mingenback
Nursery 1	June Hubert	Ann Jacob	John Schwenn	Ann Jacob	Mary Halleran	John Schwenn
Nursery 2	Leigh Dyer	Nick Jacob	Judy Schwenn	Nick Jacob	Leigh Dyer	Judy Schwenn
Greeter 1	David Mai	June Hubert	Mark Harder	David Mai	Mark Harder	David Mai
Greeter 2	Sue J Mai	Julia Williams	Chase Harder	Sue J Mai	Nancy Romine	Sue J Mai
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Sue McKinney	Gary Mason	Sue McKinney	Janet Ayres	--none--	Sue McKinney
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Bill Barnes	Lynn Bonney	June Hubert	Lynn Bonney	--none--	Bill Barnes

Please remember that if you are not able to serve you are responsible for finding your own substitute.

NOTE: Sundays at 11:00 a.m., unless noted otherwise.

Rector's Column, cont.

to metaphorically or literally point to the brass plaque to show the world what they have given. Generosity: Others give out of generosity because it makes them feel good but don't if it doesn't. While all of these motivations may have their place, Christians are called to give primarily out of a sense of gratitude to God.

When we say that we believe that God is the creator of all we are making a statement about the source of our being. We should realize that everything that we have, our lives, our abilities and our resources, are temporary gifts that God has given us to use for a little while.

It is in gratitude for this fact that we intentionally remember God by making the work of the Church a top priority in our checkbooks and on our calendars.

Tithing is an explicit statement that we make to God by putting our time and resources where our mouths are when we say, "We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty and we believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ." It is our way of giving thanks to God for everything that we are and everything that we have. Tithing means putting our resources where our mouths are by contributing to the building up of the Church and its mission to the world in the name of Jesus Christ. Your tithe should go to your parish and to other ministries that are explicit about building up the Kingdom of God.

When you give to St. Andrew's, only two people in the parish besides you will ever see what you give: the treasurer and the rector. The treasurer needs to know what you give for bookkeeping purposes. I should see what you are giving because, as your priest, I am responsible for helping you to nurture your relationship with Christ and Christ's Body. The ratio and motivation of your giving says something to me about your spiritual life.

Keep in mind that the Old Testament standard of 10% is the norm for most Christians. In the New Testament, Jesus challenges his followers to give up 100%!

For some people a \$1000 pledge is a significant percentage of their budget, for others it is a trifle. If you are working toward 10%, that is, if you are increasing the percentage that you give in relationship to your income toward 10%, that is a pretty good indicator that your spiritual health is good. I do keep that in mind. I also keep in mind that circumstances in life change and 10% this year may look like a lot less than 5% last year. It is not my policy to nag you about money and I will never ask you for your tax returns! I will never deny or provide pastoral care based on the amount of your pledge. I will, nonetheless, be willing

to visit with you about your money as part of the pastoral care I provide to you.

If you already tithe, I would like to hear about what your experience has been. I have heard many stories from people who made the commitment to tithe and, without exception, they have indicated that it has strengthened their relationship with God and the Church. It has helped them to prioritize their whole life and has even improved their household budgets. Many of the anxieties they had around their financial situations have diminished. Intentional prayer does change things, including our budgets.

If you don't already tithe, please prayerfully consider it. Or if 10% is too frightening to you, do what our household has done and consider setting a goal of reaching 10% over the next 2 or 3 years by increasing the percentage you give each year. Soon you will receive a pledge card asking how much you will give to St. Andrew's next year for our shared ministry as a congregation. It will include a place for you to indicate the dollar amount of your pledge as well as what percentage of your annual household budget that represents. It will also provide a space for you to pledge your time and abilities. Please don't just fill out a dollar amount and then hand it in. Please take the opportunity to sit down and prayerfully count your blessings, examine where your time and wealth go, make out your household budget, and then respond to God according to the level of your gratitude.

Pax,
Kelley+



Mosaic medallion portrait of the apostle Andrew . San Vitale, Ravenna, Italy.

From the Senior Warden

On behalf of all our members, I would like to thank Lynn Bonney, Deborah Cotterman, Nancy Romine and Karen Whittlesey for all their work on the "Uptown Hoedown." Special thanks also go to all who donated items for the auction.

Our three fundraisers this year have also been "fun raisers" and have involved many of our members.

During November, we will be conducting our Every Member Canvass. Our members do a great job with the sharing of their time and talents. Please strongly consider the sharing of our treasures to support the various programs and activities at St. Andrew's. If we each raise our financial commitment for 2008, we can better meet the operating expenses to run our church.

The work to improve the landscaping has been completed and has certainly improved the looks of the church. We used past designated gifts from the Teischgraeber family and from Helen Hagan to pay for these improvements.

Please mark your calendars for St. Andrew's Day on Nov. 30.

Financial results through September:

	Actual	Variance
Pledge Income	\$81,391	\$3,391
Total Receipts	90,720	4,680
Total Expenses	113,380	(971)

Bill Barnes

Patronal feast to be observed on Nov. 30

Piper will be part of St. Andrew's celebration

The parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew on Nov. 30 with a Eucharist and supper. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and Parish Life members plan to serve hot soup on a night that will probably be nippy – but they hope not icy, as last year.

Young bagpiper Nathanael Harvey of Wichita has agreed to play during the service. He started playing the bagpipes at age 11, and has been playing 6½ years. He recently won the South-West regional championships in Arkansas, which means that he will have an all-expense-paid trip to Delaware for the US Championships next June. He also plays with the KC St. Andrews Pipe Band, Grade 2, and is the registered instructor for the Wichita Caledonian Pipe Band, of which he is a founding member.

He has won multiple "Piper of the Day" awards at competitions, an aggregate winner award, and has competed in Canada and Chicago and at a host of other cities and states.

By winning a scholarship from the Kansas Cultural Trust, Nathanael also went to Scotland last year to study piping. He is the youngest piper to receive a Senior Certificate – the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in piping – from the College of Piping in Glasgow.

A high school junior, Nathanael is home-schooled by his mother, as are his five siblings. He is also an active member of his church youth group and helps with the audio-visual aspects of their worship time.

In addition to worship music, Nathanael plans to include some "bluesy music" in his performance during dinner. "I am normally a very traditional player," he said, "but I also like to break out and play something different."

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November 20 is the deadline for information to be included in the December Crossroads. Please drop off any information at the church office or e-mail it to oread1978@yahoo.com by noon that day.

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