

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Historic Guidelines

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church has an immeasurable asset in both the interior and exterior of its historic structure: the original church building dating to 1890. Because the building has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is incumbent on the members of the church to take care of the exterior of the building and insure that nothing detracts from its historic character. Equally important is the interior of the building. The simplicity of design and lack of adornments maximize the warmth of the wood and the beauty of the stained glass windows. Parishioners over the years agree that the atmosphere in the church is a large part of what attracts them to Saint Andrew's and makes the worship experience meaningful and special.

In light of the importance of the historic structure, the Vestry has appointed a committee to review and recommend for Vestry approval any proposed modifications or enhancements. The committee has developed a set of guidelines to follow:

1. The altar, a gift to Saint Andrew's from Calvary Church in Memphis, is important as a central focus of services, especially Holy Communion. It should be used in the traditional manner, with the celebrant facing the east wall, away from the congregation. Other tables or altars should not be used.
2. Other than the documents relating to the Order of Saint Andrew that are hanging on the west wall, pictures, plaques, or other hangings should not be hung on either the plaster walls or the wood trim.
3. Any items that will be permanently placed in the church should be selected with the existing character of the interior of the historic building in mind and must be reviewed by the committee and recommended for Vestry approval. Warm, rich wood and polished brass, along with the simple white plaster are the predominate materials and new items should be completely compatible and in keeping with them.
4. Any modifications to the electrical or mechanical systems in the historic building should be as unobtrusive as possible and must be reviewed by the committee and recommended for Vestry approval.
5. Any modifications other than paint and maintenance to the exterior of the historic building must be reviewed by the committee and recommended for Vestry approval.
6. The committee shall consist of five members, appointed by the Vestry for 10-year terms. Members must meet current Vestry member eligibility. It is also recommended that a member of the committee be a parishioners for at least 4 – 5 years. Any member who cannot fulfill their term will be replaced by the Vestry to fill the remainder of that term.
7. The committee shall meet as necessary.

Members of the Historic Committee are:

Bill Felton
John Loftin
Lucia Outlan
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Approved by the Vestry, January 13, 2010