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The New Testament 101

Jesus was born into an unsettled world shortly before Herod the Great died in 4 B.C. He was born in Bethlehem in Judea, the village of King David. His mother was Mary, who was married to a man named Joseph. Jesus' childhood was spent in the northern hill country of Galilee in an obscure village called Nazareth. His public ministry probably began about A.D. 27 after he was baptized by John the Baptist, a fiery preacher who summoned people to repent of their sins before the coming of the Lord's judgment.

Jesus was a teacher and a preacher who announced the coming of God's gracious rule. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news" (Mark 1: 15). The coming of the kingdom would mean defeat for the powers of evil and liberation for the people they had held captive. Jesus warned of God's coming judgment, and called upon people to turn from sin and unbelief. He also compared God to a shepherd combing the hillsides for a sheep that had strayed, to a woman scouring her house to recover a missing coin, and to a father running to embrace a long-lost son (Luke 15). God was like the host of a banquet, bringing the maimed and the blind to dine at his feast after the people he first invited refused to come (Luke 14:15-24).

Jesus' actions bore out his message. He was known for his power to release people from the afflictions of leprosy, paralysis, and blindness. Those who had been possessed by demons that made them cry out and writhe uncontrollably were liberated when Jesus cast out the demons. Tax collectors were despised for their graft and complicity with the Roman authorities, but Jesus was willing to eat with them, saying, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners" (Mark 2:17). Jesus' followers included a group of twelve disciples, such as the fishermen Peter, James, and John, as well as a wider circle of many other men and women.

Opposition to Jesus arose, especially among the Pharisees and other religious authorities. They acknowledged that Jesus had the power to perform miracles, but charged that he violated the law of God by healing on the Sabbath, when no work was to be done. They argued that Jesus' claims to be carrying out the work of God were scandalous; they charged that his miraculous powers came from Satan, not God (Mark 3:1-6, 22). The leaders also feared that Jesus' popularity among the people would precipitate a revolt against Rome, threatening the security of the nation.

The crisis peaked when Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover festival in the spring of about A.D. 30. Crowds of worshipers thronged around him as he entered the city, but one of his disciples, named Judas, collaborated with the authorities to have him arrested. On Thursday evening Jesus ate a final meal with his disciples and went to a garden near Jerusalem. There he was seized, taken to the house of the high priest, and questioned. On Friday morning he was brought before Pilate, the Roman governor, and charged with claiming to be a king. He was stripped, beaten, and hung on a cross where he died later that same day. His body was placed in a nearby tomb cut in rock.

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Our Mission Is: We Will Know, Love, Serve, and Obey Christ and Will Make Him Known to Others!

Our Core Values:

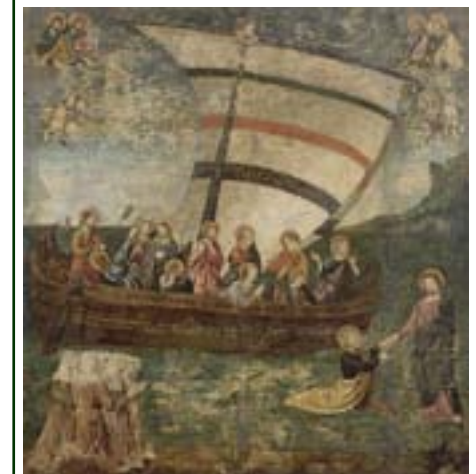
Growing and Discipling the Family of God

Reflecting the Love of God Through Hospitality, Friendship and Fellowship

Encountering the Living God Through Traditional and Contemporary Worship

Raising and Nurturing Children through the Grace of God

Sharing God's Love By Reaching Out to the Needy, Broken, and Oppressed.



BIRTHDAYS

08/01 Larry DiSano	08/14 Elise Baldwin
Christine Smith	08/16 Ruth Gray
08/02 Melinda Duncan	Karlan Hanley
08/03 Priscilla Bradbury	Linda Pellegrino
Desiree' Davies	08/18 Heather Lacey
Hillary Gerber	08/19 Sue Burgess
Richard Jennings	08/20 Art Blancas III
08/05 Keila DiSano	Keegan Novakosky
08/06 Kristin DePue	08/21 Audrey Boyd
Barbara Garney	08/22 Parker Muskiet
08/07 Lauren Fennel	08/23 Emily Legler
08/08 Bill England	08/25 Keith Miracle
08/09 Madison Gavin	08/26 Wayne Carpenter
Jennifer Smith	Kris Heeter
08/10 Bill Davies	Judith Jordan
08/11 Elli Detwiler	John Pegues
Mary Ellen Harrington	Jeanette Scovell
Joe Kenney	Robert Swan
08/12 Jacob Dear	08/27 Lance Aviles
Dena Fennell	08/28 Bob Ryle
Joshua Kenney	08/29 Gwen Arora
Beth Stanley	08/30 Bill Kotlan
08/13 Nancy Kison	08/31 Ted Jodzio
Mike Spiess	Heather Palmer
Jim Tummy	

Happy Birthday!

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On Sunday morning several women discovered that the tomb was open and that Jesus' body was gone. They were greeted by an angel who announced that Jesus had risen; some accounts add that the women saw the risen Jesus himself. Soon Jesus appeared to groups of his followers who testified that he was alive. The appearances of the risen Christ eventually ended, but the proclamation of his life, death, and resurrection continued through the work of his disciples.

Belief that Jesus would return in a short time gave great urgency to the spread of the good news about him. Enlivened by the Spirit of God, they gathered in homes for prayer and fellowship. Many of the religious authorities opposed the new faith and some of Jesus' followers were imprisoned or killed. Others fled to places outside Judea, where the gospel message was received by Samaritans and Greeks as well as by Jews.

One of the Jewish leaders who persecuted the emerging church was Saul of Tarsus, better known to us as the apostle Paul. Near the city of Damascus he encountered the risen Christ, who called him to be a proclaimer of, rather than an adversary of, the gospel. Paul set out on a career as a missionary, proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ in the cities of what are now Syria, Turkey, and Greece. His preaching centered on a vivid proclamation of Jesus the crucified Messiah, a message that kindled faith in the hearts of many hearers who were stirred by the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul became a leading figure in the mission to non-Jewish people, who were known as Gentiles. A watershed in the early church's history was the decision that Gentile Christians did not need to practice circumcision and other distinctly Jewish practices (Act 15).

The letters Paul wrote during the latter part of his ministry (A.D. 50-60) are the oldest extant Christian writings. The oldest of the letters is probably 1 Thessalonians, written about A.D. 50. In it, Paul comforts some who were grieving with the message that Jesus died and rose, and Christians, therefore, have hope that others who die will also rise (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14). The congregations in Galatia (central Turkey) were disturbed by some who

insisted that Christians needed to practice circumcision according to the Jewish Law. Paul argued that people enter a right relationship with God through faith in Christ, not by observing the Jewish law. Therefore, Christians also live by faith in Christ, not by the Jewish law (Galatians 2:16-20). In the city of Corinth, the Christians had split into factions. When Paul heard about it, he called them back to the unity they already shared in Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1). The letter known as 2 Corinthians was sent later, strengthening ties between Paul and the congregation.

Paul was imprisoned because of his missionary activities. While in prison he wrote a warm letter to the Philippians, thanking them for supporting him. He rejoiced at the spread of the gospel of Christ Jesus, who had been crucified and exalted by the power of God, "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend . . . and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Philippians 2:10-11). Paul also wrote to a man named Philemon, asking that he receive back a runaway slave as a brother in Christ.

The last letter from Paul that we know about was probably his letter to the Romans, written around A.D. 55-57. Paul hoped for an opportunity to preach to the Christians in Rome and his letter provided them with an extended summary of his message before his arrival. The book of Acts tells us that Paul eventually was taken to Rome as a prisoner. Later Christian writings also say he was executed there in A.D. 62, during the persecutions that took place under Nero.

During the final decades of the first century, Christian congregations were established in many towns and cities in the Roman empire. The early followers of Jesus died out, and Christians faced challenges of a new generation. The book of Hebrews compares Christians to the people of Israel, who journeyed in the wilderness for many years. It urges them to persevere in the certainty that God has prepared a place of blessed rest for them. The book of James cautions that faith cannot be reduced to a set of comfortable beliefs, insisting that genuine faith is expressed in actions. The book of 1 Peter assured Christians who were suffering that God was preserving them in faith for the salvation that

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Hey! Paseo Pilgrims and Cursillistas!

We need you! We need you to look in the pews, see those painting or constructing or working with kids or helping with the nursing home residents or providing snacks for coffee hour or singing in the choir. Look for those you know who would be enriched by a Paseo weekend. Pray about it. Talk to them about attending the weekend.

I'm working with Fr. Stan now to get an Ultreya set up, and I encourage you to attend once we have that scheduled. The Paseo team is already at work planning for the weekend, but we need YOU to sponsor someone. Serving as a sponsor is probably the most important part of the church movement, because YOU as the sponsor are the one to encourage the person to attend, to inform the candidate, to support the participant through prayer, and to continue that support throughout the Fourth Day. Sponsoring doesn't mean financial support. Sponsoring means spiritual support, serving as an "informer", and making certain everything is followed for the weekend.

Applications will be available between services. You can also go to the website, www.texaspaseo.org, or the church home page, www.sttimothysanglican.org for a link. Our Facebook page is Texas Paseo 3. Feel free to email me, annesundquist@sbcglobal.net, or call 281-615-5697.

Let's bring others into a closer relationship with Christ! Look for those in other churches as well.

De Colores!



Enrich Your Christian Experience!

You may have heard the term Paseo but have no idea what "it" is. Paseo (Puh-SAY-o) begins with a weekend, but that is only the beginning. Paseo lasts for the rest of your life.

Our next Paseo weekend is scheduled for September 8-11 at Camp Cho-Yeh in Livingston. The team, headed by Cathy Pennington, is already meeting and planning for a special weekend to give your walk with Christ a deeper meaning. We invite you to ask Fr. Stan, Cathy Pennington, Anne Sundquist or anyone associated with the movement questions you might have about attending the weekend.

The word Paseo means a journey, and that is exactly what you will begin on that September weekend. Paseo developed from the Cursillo movement, and many of us at St. Tim's attended a Cursillo weekend. The Walk to Emmaus, primarily in the Methodist church, is a part of the same movement. When we formed St. Tim's, we wanted to continue this special experience so that others could be a part of growing with Christ.

So what is this movement? It's a leadership movement of the church--not a retreat, not a healing, not a Bible study. Paseo takes leaders and potential leaders and brings them through a process to develop a plan. That plan helps the Paseo Pilgrims find their special work with Christ, a plan to take action. Though your plan is developed over the weekend, it is to continue the rest of your life--with modifications, of course, as life happens.

Go to www.texaspaseo.org to download an application. There is also a link on St. Tim's home page, www.sttimothysanglican.org. Copies of the application will be available between services each Sunday. Feel free to email Anne, annesundquist@sbcglobal.net or call 281-615-5697.



On the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30PM we offer the Rosary for those who are interested.



The July Rosary will be offered on August 17.

Leader's Meeting

Monday

Aug. 1

6:30PM

All are invited

A light dinner will be served



Incense Sundays

11:00 am service -
the second Sunday of the month
August 14
September 11
8:45 am service -
the third Sunday of the month
August 21
September 18



Vintage Flock

The July trip was very interesting. The Flock visited The Museum of Printing History to see a special exhibit of photographs taken by Marvin Zindler and also enjoyed lunch at the 59 Diner. The August 16th trip will be to The Museum of Natural Science to see an exhibit on the history of Texas. The trip plus lunch will cost \$15. The bus will leave at 9:45. Please contact Mary Lee Turk, 281 256-1772, if you would like to sign up.

The August meetings will be on the 9th and the 23rd. We would love for you to bring a dish and come and join us. Social time is from 11:30 to 12:00 and then lunch and games.

Remember prayers, hugs, cards and calls for all who need them.

God's blessings,
Sue





Women's and Men's Ministries

Ladies Night Out

Ladies' Night Out will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 9th @ 7:00. We will meet at PF Chang's at 249 and 1960. Ladies of the church, please join us!

Daughters of Honor

Prayer, Study, Service and Evangelism

For the next two months, we will break from our book study, *Her Name Is Woman, Book Two II*. We're excited to have Erin Kotlan join us at our meeting this month (Saturday, August 20) to tell us about her mission trip and experience in Uganda. For our September meeting, Martha Ann Matkin will be scheduling a guest speaker. Upcoming plans discussed at our July meeting included a few service projects the details of which will be communicated as soon as they are finalized. Last month we mentioned that three new members were admitted into our Chapter. In addition to that, two new candidates, Diann Brooke and Jeanette Scovell, began their period of study and discernment under the excellent direction of our Trainer, Jody Mansee. As we support, encourage and pray for these candidates, we ask that you do the same. We invite all women of the Parish to join our monthly meetings held on the third Saturday of each month. Holy Eucharist, celebrated by Fr. Stan, begins at 9:00am in the Chapel and is followed by our meeting and program.

In Christ Alone,
Gail

Women Who Read

First Monday of the month
10:30 at the Tomball Retirement Center Library.
See Ruth Gray for more information

- Aug. - *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*
Stig Larsson and Reg Keeland
- Sept.- *Shanghai Girls: A Novel*
Lisa See
- Oct. - *The Lacuna: A Novel*
Barbara Kingsolver



611 - Men's Ministry

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 1Timothy 6:11

The 6:11 Men's Ministry has finished its summer growth group where we studied the Book of Ephesians. It was great to get back into studying the Bible again. The Bible is the one book that teaches us what God requires that we must do to be saved and go to Heaven. "Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:17). A person is unwise not to study the Bible. The only way we can understand the will of the Lord is through Bible study. Those who do not study God's word are not able "to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14). The only way we can receive God's word is to "dust off our Bibles" and study them both privately and in Bible classes and hearing God's word preached. We should take advantage of every opportunity we have to know God's word.

The 611 Men's Ministry is open to any man in the church ages 18 and above. We will begin meeting again in September when the fall Growth Group semester begins. To learn more about the 611 Men's Ministry, please join us during one of our Sunday meetings this fall or talk to Nicholas Gerber or Martin Bayang.

Thanks and Praise!

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

As of this writing, it will have been one year, two months and twelve days since I last held a professional job. This time has not been easy for us, but it has been rewarding. Our family has grown much closer and our experiences together have been richer than they ever were. We have learned that God will provide for your needs - you just need to have faith in Him. We do believe that everything that happens in life, good or bad, is part of God's plan. And with that, I can thankfully say that God has planned for me to go back to work on July 25. We would like to thank you, our church family, for the love, support and encouragement that you have given us this past year. We thank God for each and every one of you! You will always have a special place in our hearts. We are truly blessed to be a part of the St. Timothy's family!

God Bless You All,
The Bayang Family

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was theirs in Jesus Christ. The letters of 1, 2, and 3 John were written in the wake of a split within the Christian community. The author took readers back to the tradition they had received "from the beginning" in the hope of restoring fellowship (1 John 1: 1-4).

The last book in the New Testament is Revelation, which is a letter written in about A.D. 95 by a Christian named John. Revelation was addressed to seven congregations that were plagued by false teachings, persecution, and lethargy (Revelation 2-3). The book calls Christians to renewed faith in God and in Jesus Christ, confident that God will triumph over evil. The final chapters bring the Biblical story back to its beginning. In the beginning, people were barred from the tree of life because of sin (Genesis 3:22-24), but in the end the redeemed come to the tree of life in God's new Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2).

Harvest Unlimited 2011

As I've written in the last newsletter article, our Harvest Unlimited Ministry Program is now underway with the excellent supervision of our Executive Coordinator, Gail Cahill. We are developing an initial, masterful leadership team who will in turn help to build teams within their own realms of operation, i.e., calling, praying, recording, writing notes, greeting, preparing for our Harvest Sunday on October 23, and finally the important step of following

up. This will require many volunteers to help us prepare to reach out to those in the community who have neither a church home nor a relationship with our Lord. May God bless us as we move full speed ahead in His Name and for His glory. Allow me to give an example of what happens when the Holy Spirit works. It is true that we did not see many new people come to church because of our Harvest Unlimited. But we knew God was working through our calls and prayers because of the numerous phone calls we received, even after the event. And then about two months ago, a husband and wife joined us and have become such an important part of our family, and are now involved in both regular worship and ministry. It turns out that they were ready to return to church and remembered the phone calls from last year. Guess where they chose to come to church? And what a blessing they are.

Fall Growth Groups

We have decided for the most part to have one common study for the whole parish. And because we wanted to lean more toward the Anglican side of things, we have chosen the Apostles' Creed which will consist of both video and discussion. Please be sure to sign up when the time comes.

Fr. Stan



What a tremendous VBS experience we had this year! The energy and enthusiasm the kid's had for the week's Bible experience was contagious. You couldn't help but smile watching them playing, singing and praising God.

In fact, that energy continues to move forward ... the Club56 group (5th & 6th graders) decided to keep things moving by holding a social event the week after VBS and were able to reach out to some kids their age that currently don't have a church home. A total of 11 kids came together for this outing! They can't wait to do more things to reach out to the community.

Below are just a few of the kind words some of the families that participated in VBS had to share with us:

Thank You VBS from the Stanley Family!!

My daughters have been going to VBS for four years. We have been to several area churches and all three girls stated several times in many ways that St. Timothy's was by far their favorite. As a careful and consistent observer, I have noticed a different kind of desire in them to read the Bible and to ask meaningful questions. Their questions and comments reflect a deep and profound processing going on in their hearts: "Where is Jesus' Cross? Can we go there and see it?" I have attached a picture taken of a page in Reese's journal written during the week of VBS which says: "I LOVE GOD YES I DO". (Reese said it was okay to share the page)

The CD of the VBS hymns fills them all with so much joy! They love to sing along to all of the songs and know the words, movements and message of each song. I love that there is worship in their little hearts that keeps them singing and remembering Truth.

We invited some of our favorite new friends to VBS, feeling completely comfortable with the warm welcome and loving attention we knew their sweet new faces would receive at St. Timothy's. Our friends drove from Cypress every day, having never been to a VBS before or even to St. Timothy's Church. They loved being a part of the week, felt very warmly received and commented about the low cost of such a thoroughly fun-filled week.

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Evangelism

As I write this, Soul in the City has begun. There are lots of kids, activity, noise, excitement, and things around here have been turned pretty much upside down when everyone is here. Don't get me wrong, I don't mean upside down in a bad way. It is just way out of our "normal day to day life" around here (whatever normal is...). It is pretty energizing to have everyone around and to see the kids as they get ready to go out and do God's work and as they learn to live in this week long Soul in the City community.

This is no small feat, organizing, housing, feeding and entertaining this many people, especially in a location that wasn't built to do so. I applaud Kristin and all her leaders and volunteers for what they are accomplishing – again – this year. There is still a lot of week left but I have no doubt that it is in God's mighty hands and that it will be fantastic.

One of the most uplifting things about this week is the number of people who step up to help in so many ways to prepare and then execute all the plans. We are blessed by several of our college kids who return to help with the week. Several parishioners give up a week of their time (and often vacation) to lead the groups and go out on the job sites. The kitchen is manned by a huge crew who cooks, sets up and cleans and have appointed themselves with the task of going above the common pizza, hot dogs and sandwiches route that you see often when feeding a group of this size. Their mission statement is "They have labored all day and they deserve to sit down to a meal worthy of the Kingdom's work they have done." Believe me, they take that mission to heart and these kids eat well. Many of you have provided cookies for the nightly snack. And the prayers that have

been offered up as the preparation was taking place and then during the week are invaluable. No one doubts that none of this would happen if not for the power of prayer and the Lord. It really is awesome to watch our church step up to the challenge of hosting this event. Don't discount the evangelism that exists in these very acts. These kids who come to us are in various stages in their own walks and all this support shows the face of Christ to them even as they step out to show His face to those in Houston. The kids' willingness to give up their time and love to the Houston community also speaks of the power of God to all the volunteers. It is one of those wonderful win-win-win God things!

Yes, this place is turned upside down but isn't that how God often works? Jesus overturned the money changer's tables; He ate and hung out with those lowest on the social totem pole, not searching only for those who had status in the community. The Pharisees came to Him continuously asking Him why He and His disciples weren't following the Jewish laws. He healed lepers, the blind and drove out demons and raised the dead. He gave up His life on a cross to overcome death three days later! If that isn't turning things upside down, then what is?

God calls us to radical changes, in our society, our parish and in ourselves. Watch for those opportunities that He presents to each of us to make those radical changes and join in. The blessings that God offers in His work are beyond anything we can imagine.

Peace,
Tracy

Evangelism Notes...

- N Please fill out your *Connection Card* every week. It is up to us to set the example for our guests and for each other.
- N Please remember to wear your nametags on Sunday mornings.
- N Refill invitation cards and new card wallets are available in the Narthex.

If you bring friends to church please make sure they pick up a guest folder and the free book at the Guest Center in the narthex after the service. Also please make sure they receive, fill out and turn in a Connection Card.

We cannot thank you enough for all of your prayers and support during the early life of our precious twins, Tatum and TJ. Born at 25 weeks and 4 days at 1 pound 12 and 1 pound 13 ounces respectively, they faced the risk of so many complications. However, God had plans for our babies and after 93 days in NICU, they came home on May 27th and are both close to 9 pounds! Our family was truly blessed by the amazing prayer warriors of St. Timothy's and while our journey is far from over, we could not have come this far without this wonderful church family. We look forward to introducing them to you.



May God bless you all,
Sandi and Troy McMahon

Thanks

(VBS cont.)

To: The Children's Minister, VBS Director and all those who were involved with VBS,

I am sitting here in my living room watching all 3 of my children sing "I'm a Soldier [in the Army of the Lord]" and "This is My Father's World" and feeling so very thankful. They had such a wonderful time at VBS that they are now trying to teach me the moves to the songs!!! I just wanted to take a moment and say thank you so much for all the hard work! After being involved with VBS's in the past I understand the hours involved – BUT know it has made a lasting impact!

Thank you,
The Manning Family (a guest family)

From Allison Pellegrino:

I liked VBS because it taught me so much about God and Jesus. It taught me that Jesus gave his life for us and it brought me closer to God than I ever was before.

My favorite part was games. I loved playing octopus tag. Also, there was singing and art. Art was fun because you are doing crafts and learning Bible verses. In singing I got so attached to the Go Fish band we were singing from. At snack you never knew what you are going to eat, but it was always good.

A Note from a Teacher

I would like to share a VBS story that involves the Special Ed student who was my assistant. At age 14, Cameron had never attended a VBS. He became a leader in the 1st & 2nd grade class and it was such a positive experience for him. He looked forward to coming every day and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in crafts, bible time, games, snacks and music. I believe that taking part in VBS was a life changing experience for Cameron.

Diann Brooke

STAY - 7th - 12th Grade St. Timothy's Anglican Youth

- Wed. Aug. 3: Splashtown \$25/person (bring extra money or a sack lunch)
- Sun. Aug. 7: No STAY
- Wed. Aug. 10: STAY 6:30 – 8:15pm in the youth room
- Sun. Aug. 14: STAY Encounter 5 – 7pm
- Wed. Aug. 17: STAY 6:30 – 8:15pm in the youth room
- Sun. Aug. 21: STAY Backpack Blessing 5pm in the church
- Wed. Aug. 24: No STAY
- Sun. Aug. 28: STAY 5 – 7pm
- Wed. Aug. 31: STAY 6:30 – 8:15pm

Invite your friends!

■ A **BIG** great Thank You goes out to all who supported this year's Soul in the City! What an incredible week of service and growing closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ. We had close to 100 participants and leaders here all week long. God's presence was clear from the different worksites, to the evening worship, to Montrose Street Church, and among all the volunteers! Thank you for your help with the food, setting up and taking down, driving kids to and from showers, your donations and above all your prayers! We are so excited about what God is doing in our city, in our church, and in the lives of all who attended! We know it doesn't stop here, but that this is only the beginning!



Christian Formation



God can use you at any age—if you are willing.

*Think not your work of no account
Although it may be small;
The Lord marks well your faithfulness
When you give Him your all. —D. De Haan*

The way we celebrate a birthday changes over the years. The older I get, the more my perspective on life I have and I'm sure a lot of you have had the same experience. I spoke to a friend about this recently after she turned 50 and she shared with me her thoughts.

She told me how she used to think people in their fifties were "old." Then she started counting the number of productive years she might have left and set the number at 20, maybe 25. This thought, she said, made her a bit depressed. Wallowing in self-pity, she went along with this dead-end kind of thinking until she remembered a very productive co-worker who was 75. So she sought him out to ask what life after 50 was like. He told her of some of the wonderful ministry opportunities the Lord had given him over the last 25 years.

The apostle Paul, referring to himself as "aged" in Philemon 1:9, really resonates with my own sense of aging: "Being such a one as Paul, the aged, . . . I appeal to you for my son Onesimus" (vv.9-10). Paul was asking Philemon to take back his runaway servant Onesimus. Some scholars believe Paul was in his late forties or early fifties when he wrote this—certainly not a senior citizen by today's standards. But life expectancy in those days was much shorter. Yet despite awareness of his mature years, Paul went on to serve the Lord for several more years.

That being said, we need more volunteers to serve the Lord here at St. Timothy's. Christian education is an essential and abiding ministry in the church. In fact, the greatest gift, the most precious inheritance that we have to give to our children is our Anglican faith. As with other important ministries, it is never finished. It can be as vital and meaningful as the whole body of the church makes it through provision of adequate personal, spiritual and financial resources.

Jesus makes it clear that He wants children to come to know Him. Are you able to help in this endeavor?

In September, our children's programs will begin again and we are still in need of volunteers to make this program possible. As we go to press, we still need teachers for Sunday school and Wednesday evening classes, as well as substitute teachers. I know many of you have helped this ministry in the past when your children were younger, but our commitment to the youth in our church family should never end. We need your help to ensure that we are still able to teach our children how to know, love, serve and obey Christ and make Him known to others. If you are able to support this vital ministry, please let us know on your Connection Card or email Michele Gavin at Michele.Gavin@StTimothysAnglican.org.

In Christ's Service,
Michele

**Watch for Fall Growth
Group information
coming soon!**



Mission & Outreach

T.E.A.M.



Listen carefully—do you hear those school bells ringing? It's almost time for school to begin. We have signed up children for our "Back to School Drive" for the whole month of July. If you have any 'gently worn' school clothes or shoes, please donate them to our Resale Shop. We allow each child to select two outfits to start their year. We appreciate all donations.

Foods and personal items needed this month are: boxed macaroni and cheese; soups; Ramen Noodles; toothpaste; sizes 5 and 6 diapers; and liquid dish detergent.

May God continue to bless each and everyone of you.

Thank you.
Your T.E.A.M. Representatives

Thanks to all who donated blood in July. We kept the staff busy as they collected 23 pints. They stayed 30 minutes later than planned to fit us all in!



Cross Wall



We are still working on our wall(s) of crosses. If your family has not contributed a cross yet, we would like to encourage you to bring one. Please make sure you put your family name on the back and give it to Mary Hargis or turn it into the front office.



**Don't forget to bring
non-perishable food items
on Sunday, August 7th and
Sunday, September 4th for
the Tomball Emergency
Assistance Ministries**



**Tomball
Emergency
Assistance
Ministries**



(VBS cont.)

When I asked Lane (8), Erin (7) and Reese (5) about their time at St. Timothy's VBS, these were their responses:

Erin (7) "I understand Jesus really well - I know He's the Great Savior"
"My Father is real. I believe in Him because He is the Great Savior in my heart"
"I'm glad God made everything because I want to be alive"

Reese (5) "My Father is in Heaven - He likes to love me and all the children in the whole wide world."
"VBS is a lot of fun because you know you're going to have a lot of fun once you try it!"

Lane (8) "They said they would put the 'Bible' back in Vacation Bible School and I think that really happened and I really like the crafts".

I sense there is a strong presence of God's Holy Spirit at St. Timothy's and that was evident in the week of VBS and my daughters' experiences of Him there and in all of you.

Thank you all so much for all that you have done for our children and for Jesus. The fruit for us all is obvious and evident and eternal.

Blessings,
Beth and Merrill Stanley



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Altar Guild Installations

Potluck & Ice Cream Social

& SUMO WRESTLERS?!?



New Members

Daughters of Honor Installations

New Officers



SitC Style!

SOUL IN THE CITY 2011
THE BEGINNING
Stay tuned....