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Reading the Old Testament

John Henry Newman once said, "I read the Bible to know what people ought to do, and I read my newspaper to know what they are doing." And guess what? Most of the time, those two things are at opposite poles.

I would also add a further observation: "We can understand the Bible only on our knees." And I'll tell you why! If we read the Bible without prayer -- if we allow the words of Scripture to become only words -- if we read the Bible only for its history or its sociological factors -- if we read the Bible only for its moral codes and ethics -- then we might as well be reading any other book. Because the purpose of Scripture -- even though all of those other things are included -- the purpose of Scripture is for God to reveal Himself to us. And in order for that revelation to be met, prayer has to happen! That means that before we read the Bible, whether it be at home, or at church or at work, wherever it might be, we first need to pray. Why?

Because the revelation being offered is all about what??? Relationship! And relationship happens when we communicate on a two way street. It's not one way! I don't know of any healthy relationship where only one person does all the talking. It doesn't work that way. As hard as some of us guys try to make it work that way, it just doesn't. We have to talk to each other. And our relationship with God is like that! We have to talk to God to keep a healthy relationship going, but we also have to listen. And one way to listen to God is to hear His Word through the Holy Scripture.

Okay! So why is this so important? Why do we have to have a relationship with God? Because that's the way God wants it, and that's the way God has wanted it since the beginning. Remember the story about God walking in the garden in the cool of the evening with Adam and Eve, keeping them company? That's the way it began, and then things went haywire. Things began to fall apart, and we broke our part of the relationship. But you know what? That didn't stop God from trying. God is a lover and He's going to love us till the day He dies, and we know that's not going to happen, which means He will love us forever. And God is going to do everything He can to keep us!

Therefore we come to what the Old Testament is all about. It's not about floods and wars and plagues and death and kings and judgment, even though those things are included in the stories. It is about God's tremendous love and care for His whole creation which began with a certain person and continued with a certain people.

We call it the Old Testament, but another word for Testament is the word Covenant.

What's the definition of a Covenant? A pact, a treaty, an alliance, an agreement between two parties of equal or unequal authority. In other words -- a relationship.

A covenant can be accepted or rejected, but not changed. The Old Testament is about covenant. It begins with what we all know as the creation stories with Adam and Eve. But things began to happen, things began to fall apart, and we broke our

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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.



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06/04 Rachel Johnson	06/20 Kyle Fennel
06/06 Tracy Pegues	06/21 Penelope Kenney
06/07 Caidyn Tynes	Jody Mansee
06/09 Anne Smith	Jack Rowland
Christian Tynes	06/22 Jeff DePue
06/10 Caye Lankford	06/23 Isabelle Phillips
Robin Lipinski	William Phillips
Julia Lyons-Ryle	06/24 Judy Kirk
Bertha Whaley	Elaine Tummy
06/11 Nicholas Brightman	06/25 Anne Birkhead
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06/12 Dick Savacool	06/27 Ben Musick
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part of the creation covenant. And then the Old Testament speaks about the great flood. Noah and his family are saved! But things began to happen, things began to fall apart, and we broke our relationship with God. But God doesn't quit on us! He zeroed in on a particular person. A person selected to begin a nation. God makes a covenant with this man, this believer named Abraham. But things began to happen, things began to fall apart, and we broke our part of the covenant. Generations later, during the time of Moses, God makes a covenant with his descendants, the nation of Israel. But things began to happen, things began to fall apart, and we broke our part of the covenant. Eight centuries later, in the Old Testament, we are told about a New Covenant, a future covenant, which will bring a personal relationship between God and the individual.

Many people today think that the Old Testament is not relevant. They think it has nothing to say to "us New Testament Christians." But I tell you that the Old Testament is no less a part of our Christianity than is the New Testament. The Old Testament is just as much alive and as important as is the New Testament. Would you like to guess about how many times the Old Testament is quoted in the New Testament? Scholars count more than 1000 quotations!

An analogy between the Old and New Testaments might be that of the steel wheel and the rubber tire on our automobiles which travel the roads of life. The New Testament is the tire which actually makes the contact with the road, brings you home, and ultimately saves you on a treacherous road. However, we must recognize that for all its flexibility, the tire must have the steel wheel to support it and to make it function. Likewise the New Testament must have the Old Testament to support it and make it complete.

Summer Has Arrived

Summer has arrived and church life is slowing down a bit. That's the way June and July are supposed to be, or at least, that is the plan. That is, until we look at the parish schedule for June.

- We have a wonderful week-long Vacation Bible School from June 13-17.
- We hope to have an ordination this summer of all of our soon-to-be deacons.
- Of course, we have our Sundays of dynamic worship and preaching.
- We are preparing for our Paseo (Cursillo) Weekend at the end of summer (Sept. 8-11)
- Our Seniors in high-school will have had their retreat.
- In July we have the tremendous time with Soul in the City for 7th -12th graders with tons of adult help.
- We have baptisms on Pentecost Sunday (June 12).
- We have our summer six-weeks Growth Groups from June 26- July 30.
- We have our July 3rd Ice Cream Social after church celebrating July 4th.
- We have many, many days when Klein ISD will be using our building to train and teach their teachers.
- And we have a whole bunch of little things in between.

Did I mention we are slowing down for the summer? Please keep all of these activities and ministries in your prayers even if you are not able to participate.

I know that many of you will be traveling here and yonder on vacation. Do have a safe journey and remember... say your prayers, go to church, and bring back a signed bulletin. Your rector enjoys seeing what other churches are doing, and the 'signed' part helps to hold you accountable to your Christian duty (keeping holy the Sabbath).

And remember to wear your nametags EVERY week. This is for both your benefit as well as the other person's.

Have a safe, holy and peaceful summer.

Fr. Stan

Celebration of Life Thank You's

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with the Celebration of Life, making it a wonderful day for our guests. They appreciated it very much.

Jane Scholwinski's decorations in the Parish Hall were outstanding. Charlotte Talley and her crew provided food that both looked attractive and tasted good. The youth group gave their time to set the tables on Sunday. With Caye Lankford's seating arrangement and under Carol Vadala's direction in the Parish Hall, the lunch went very smoothly. Ben Hoyt and his men did a great job receiving our guests by helping them into the church, Parish Hall and getting them safely back to their transportation.

Our thanks also go to "The Gentlemen of Leisure" barbershop chorus, who donated their time to give a splendid performance, and to both Lloyd Tomlinson, of Engrave It Houston, and Walmart for donating gifts for our guests.

Special thanks to Susan Rothermel for playing the organ before and during the service and to Fr. John who officiated the service in place of a recovering Fr. Stan.

My gratitude goes to Tracy, Beth, and Kris who always came through for me no matter how busy they were, and to Leon, Mary, Martha Ann and John who spent many hours helping me. Last but by no means least, is Fr. Stan who gave support and encouragement every inch of the way. St. Timothy's is truly a wonderful church.

June

Thank you so much for the wonderful day. The service was nice, the meal was great and the music was very entertaining. We really appreciated your hospitality and thoughtfulness. Thanks for thinking of us!

Sincerely,
Dolores Ughetti
Activity Director
Atria Cypresswood

Dear Reverend,
Thank you for inviting Atria Cypresswood. I worshipped at St. Timothy's Church. My heart graced the Communion.

Your loving members shared your delicious food. We all enjoyed it very much.

Thank you again for inviting us.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Jo Cooper

Vintage Flock

Flock members enjoyed a trip by car to the Funeral Museum and lunch in May. The June 21st trip is scheduled to go to the Painted Churches, but if enough people have not signed up by the cutoff date, which will be in a Sunday bulletin, Mary Lee will try to change the trip to The Museum of Printing History. Please call Mary Lee Turk, (281 256-1772), as soon as possible to sign up for the Painted Churches trip. Our July trip will be in the next newsletter.

June meetings will be on the 14th and 28th. Please bring a dish and join us. Social time from 11:30-12:00, then lunch and games.


Members were saddened to hear of the passing of their beloved friend Cecelia Bruder. She was a long time member of our church congregation and the Vintage Flock. Her wonderful personality, bright outlook, sense of humor and love of others will always be remembered. She is in a better place with her loved ones. A special thanks to those who cared for her from our church. You made her life so much better.

Prayers, cards, calls and hugs for all who need them.

God's blessings,
Sue



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




Due to the VBS Night of Worship we will NOT have Rosary in June

Special Services in June

- June 5 - Stephen Minister Installation
 - June 15, 6:45pm – Night of Worship
- Watch the Sunday Bulletin for the ordination date of our Deacons.

Incense Sundays

- 11:00 am service - the second Sunday of the month
June 12
July 10
 - 8:45 am service - the third Sunday of the month
June 19
July 17
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Women's and Men's Ministries

Ladies Night Out

Watch the bulletin for news on the next WMT get together.

Daughters of Honor

The Daughters of Honor will meet Saturday, June 18, at 9 a.m. for Holy Eucharist followed by a meeting and program. We will be covering chapters 9 and 10 of the book, *Her Name is Woman*, Book 2 by Gien Karssen, which is available at the meeting. Guests are welcome.

Women Who Read

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

- June - *June Bug*
Chris Fabry
- July - *Captive Queen: A Novel of Eleanor of Aquitaine*
Alison Weir
- Aug. - *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*
Stig Larsson and Reg Keeland



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

Just as we need food to sustain us physically, so do we also need to feast on God's word to sustain our souls. God says in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." People will be lost because they did not care enough to read and study God's instruction book. Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." The more we study the word of God the stronger our faith will be. What happens when we fail to study God's word and become spiritually starved? 2 Peter 3:16 says that those who are "untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the scriptures." We cannot understand God's word unless we study it. Let's not endanger our souls by a lack of study of God's word.

The first of the summer Growth Groups will begin in June. The Men's 6:11 Ministry will meet on Sundays from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Blue Cross Room to study the book of Ephesians.

Along with the Growth Group, there are several events that the 6:11 Men's Group will look to get involved in, including Vacation Bible School, Soul in the City and donating our talents skills to a service project sold at this year's Fish Fry.

The 611 Men's Ministry is open to any man in the church ages 18 and above. To learn more about the 611 Men's Ministry, please join us during one of our Sunday meetings or fill out the connection card in church.

Dear GOD:

I want to thank You for what you have already done.

I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards;

I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better;

I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me;

I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears;

I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves;

I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet;

I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get the job;

I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief;

I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed;

I am thanking you right now.

I am thanking you because I am alive.

I am thanking you because I made it through the day's difficulties.

I am thanking you because I have walked around the obstacles.

I am thanking you because I have the ability and the opportunity to do more and do better.

I'm thanking you because, Father, YOU haven't given up on me.

A Night of Worship VBS Edition

Wednesday, June 15, 6:45pm

In conjunction with Vacation Bible School, A Night of Worship will be held on Wednesday night, June 15, beginning at 6:45 PM. This will be a great way to come and share in the fellowship with those who are attending and volunteering our Vacation Bible School. Come worship the Lord in a whole new way! Music will be led by the Joyful Noise Band. We will have videos and speakers and of course, lots of fun! Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU!!

St. Timothy's Annual Fish Fry and Family Fun Day was a **GREAT SUCCESS**. Many Parishioners spent countless hours to make this event **PERFECT!** Thank you to everyone who chaired a committee, worked on a committee, set up, cleaned up, cooked, worked a booth, donated, ate, played games, purchased auction items, etc, etc, etc.....it takes **EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER** and **WE DID IT!**

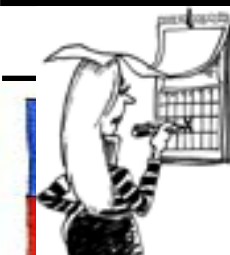


Please take note: There will be NO dinner served on Wednesday nights on June 1, June 8 and June 22.



Eventfully Speaking

Save The Date!!



ST. TIMOTHY'S 4th of July Celebration PICNIC LUNCH AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, July 3
Following the 11:00 Service

Bring a picnic lunch for your family and your favorite ICE CREAM to share.
Board games, volleyball and just 'OLD FASHION FUN' for the family.

To help with the planning and setup,
call Caye at 281-320-2920 or email eclank@hotmail.com.



Evangelism

If you have read this column for a while or participated in any evangelism studies you've heard that telling your story is one of the most effective ways to share God with other people. Showing people how God has been active in your life is a personal way to help lead others to a relationship with Christ. A few weeks ago St. Timothy's received a vivid illustration of how God provides, and this provision became a part of all of our stories.

When Fr. Stan became ill and was out we found ourselves in the unenviable position of being a sacramental church with no priest. Normally we have 2 days a week with services that require a priest, Sunday morning and Wednesday night. I guess God wanted to make sure that we knew that we were firmly in His protective embrace, for the week that Fr. Stan was out not only included our normal services but also our Celebration of Life Holy Communion and an already scheduled private baptism. Now had it been necessary Morning and Evening Prayer could have been substituted for the Eucharists and the baptism rescheduled but God showered us with more Grace than we could even imagine.

Our four deacon candidates all have some experience in deacon's masses, and while the "Sunday morning stage" was a little larger than they were used to they each stepped up, adapted the services and did a magnificent job. Our blessings started a couple of years ago with the relationship that St. Timothy's developed with St. Alban's and Fr. Oscar. Fr. Oscar was at our beck and call ready to help us in any way we needed. Before our deacons could lead us in a Deacon's Mass we had to have consecrated elements. This is where God's providence was so clear. An ACNA meeting here before Easter brought Fr. John into our lives. He and his family began worshipping with us on Palm Sunday.

Little did we suspect that we would be calling on him in such a big way in a few short weeks. Fr. John came up on Saturday and consecrated the elements so that we were able to have Mass on Sunday. He then came on Monday and celebrated the Holy Eucharist for our guests who came for Celebration of Life. He again gave generously of his time when he came on Wednesday to perform the baptism and then stayed to do the Wednesday night service. In addition to Fr. John and Fr. Oscar, Fr. Craig let us know that he was available to help out. A couple of other "little blessings" were that Fr. Stan had finished his sermon before he went into the hospital in anticipation of his (ultimately un-made) trip to Little Rock, so Jennifer had a completed sermon to deliver. On Fr. Stan's first Sunday back, still nursing his energy level and an irritated throat, John had already been scheduled to preach, saving Fr. Stan's voice for the services only. Some might call these coincidences but I have no doubt that it was the hand of God.

In addition to our clergy help, God has blessed us with leaders who know their jobs and step right in to make sure that things are done with the high quality that we are used to. All week long we saw amazing servants who worked to make sure that St. Timothy's ran as normally as possible. This included not only during services but also in the day to day jobs that happen around here.

This story doesn't just belong to Fr. Stan, Fr. John, Fr. Oscar, the deacons or ministry heads and staff. It is a story that belongs to all of us as members of St. Timothy's. IF anyone questions whether or not God is really active in the lives of His people just tell them the story of a church, its priest and his gall bladder. Happy story telling!

Peace,
Tracy

hoped for. And yet, I would call the day a success. We had great examples of team work as we prepared the food and seating/serving areas and in the cleanup. There is no doubt that if they didn't know it before, folks who drove by knew that St. Timothy's was there as they were encouraged to pull in and visit us. We fed some of our friends at the auto repair center across the street. And we really did have some great fellowship time with each other.

Had I had my way the day would have gone differently, but I have complete trust that God was at work. I will sum up the day with one of my favorite closings from Morning Prayer:

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 for ever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20, 21)

Thanks!!!

FEAST ON THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



As summer gets into full swing, gardens and produce departments are filled with delicious, healthy fruit we've been craving all winter long. So it's a perfect time to share with children the "fruit" of our Christian faith.



In Matthew 7:20, Jesus said, "Just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions." God wants us to bear good fruit for him, specifically "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22).

Unfortunately, these fruits can be difficult to live out—especially in families consisting of imperfect, grumpy, and impatient people. But thankfully, God provides his Holy Spirit as our helper. The Holy Spirit leads us "in every part of our lives" (Galatians 5:25), helping us plant, cultivate, grow, and share those spiritual fruits.

CHILDREN - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Mornings at 10:15

We will have a "mini-camp" Sunday School during the summer beginning June 26th. All kids from PreK through 6th grade are invited to join us in the STAY room for some fun praise and worship time!

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00

We will not have programs on Wednesday evenings during the summer. See you in the fall.



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

Wed. June 1: No STAY
Sun. June 5: No STAY
Wed. June 8: No STAY
Sun. June 12: VBS Prep Day
June 13 – 17: VBS
Wed. June 15: VBS Night of Worship
Sun. June 19: Father's Day – No STAY
Wed. June 22: No STAY
Sun. June 26: STAY Encounter 5 – 7pm
Wed. June 29: STAY Growth Group 7 – 8:15pm

Soul in the City: July 17 – 23 Volunteers Needed!

For any adults who are interested in helping out with Soul in the City, we need prayer volunteers, food helpers, and people to help serve in whatever ways come up during the week. If you interested in helping in any way, please email Kristin at kdepue@gmail.com so we can add you to the list. There are many things to do, so let us know when you're available and we'll find you a spot.

Soul in the City prayer packets will be available for pick up at the beginning of July.



Christian Formation

ADULTS – SUMMER GROWTH GROUPS



It's almost time for Growth Groups to start back up for the summer. Between now and July 3rd you will be able to sign up for a STAC Growth Group. Growth groups will be made up of 15 – 20 members. Once registration reaches 20 people for a group, that group may be closed. If fewer than 10 people sign up, the group may be cancelled. It is important that you sign up for a group as soon as possible to ensure your spot and to guarantee that the class makes its minimum participation level. Growth Groups will begin meeting the week of June 26, except for the two open Lectionary groups that will continue to meet each Sunday morning at 10:30am and Wednesday mornings at 10:00am.

There are three ways you can “GroupUp” :

Growth Group Table

The first two weeks of the GroupUp period, we will have team leaders available to help you sign up for a group. The maximum number for a Growth Group is 20. Each week the Growth Group offerings posted will be the up-to-date availability for each group.

Connection Cards

Mark on your Connection Card which Growth Group(s) you are interested in joining by using the Reference # associated with the group in this catalog. If a group is closed, you will see the word “FULL” instead of a Reference #.

Website

Go to the STAC website and select the GROWTH GROUPS tab. Provide us your name and contact information, as well as the group(s) you would like to join. When possible, there will be a link provided to an on-line bookstore so you may purchase the materials that may be needed for your group.

Kids corner



VBS IMPORTANT INFO

- VBS is June 13 – 17th from 9am – 12noon; please keep all of the children, volunteers and families in your prayers as the important outreach event will be the start of our summer season at St. Tim’s.
- The cost of VBS is \$10 per child or \$25 per family of 3 or more – this fee covers t-shirts, VBS Music CDs for the kids to take home, actual backstage passes for a Go Fish concert, and other little goodies.
- June 5th - Teachers don't forget we will be meeting at 12:30pm to go over the VBS schedule, songs and last minute details. We will meet in the Blue Cross Room.
- June 12th - Staging for VBS will start immediately after 11am services; all rooms and hallways will need to be decorated and ready to go for the next morning.

Mission & Outreach

T.E.A.M.

T.E.A.M. currently has seventeen member churches: Christ Bridge Fellowship; First Baptist Church of Tomball; First Presbyterian Church of Tomball; Graceview Baptist Church; Household of Faith Fellowship; Pilgrim Hill Baptist Church; Redeemer Church; Rosehill United Methodist Church; Saddlecreek Church; St. Timothy's Anglican Church; Salem Lutheran Church; Southwinds Baptist Church; The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd; Tomball Assembly of God; Tomball Bible Church; Tomball United Methodist Church; and Zion Lutheran Church.

Each church is entitled to have two representatives to serve on the Board of Directors.

The officers of the Board are: Director - Loma Holmes; Resale Shop Manager - Barbara Fabian; President - Bill Hendrix; Vice President - Stefanni Lynch; Secretary - Susan Crowder; Treasurer & General Manager - Ben Scholl.

If you are able to volunteer, please call us at 281-351-6700 or visit us. We are located at the intersection of N. Cherry St. and Main St. (FM 2920). Due to illnesses and injuries, we are in need of volunteers.

Thank you.

Suzanne Arnold, Mary Ellen Harrington, Ernie Midgely, Nancy & Tim Caudill



Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items on Sunday, June 5th and Sunday, July 3rd for the Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries



Tomball
Emergency
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Ministries



Hot Dog Outreach



Joy and Thanks

By the time you read this, I will have been working at my new job for a few weeks. (I started on May 9th.) It was an incredibly long search (my last paycheck was in February 2009), but the Lord has provided me with an excellent job that greatly exceeds our needs.

Susan and I are very thankful for this job, and we are also very grateful to be members of the St. Timothy family. You mean more to us than you will ever know. You have supported us during our time of need with your prayers and encouragement, and even your generosity. The Lord has provided this job for us, but he also placed you in our lives to do His work here on Earth.

Alleluia!

Patrick & Susan Howard



Celebration of Life

FRESH FRY & **Auction Royal Wedding Party**

...and yes, that clock
does say 4:15am! 