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## I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life Sermon Series

We have recently completed our John 14:6 Sermon Series where Jesus says about Himself, "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Allow me to both summarize our series and offer a few more tidbits, because this is one of the most critical doctrines within Christianity, i.e. the uniqueness of Christ.

Jesus begins this teaching about Himself in his conversation with the disciples at the Last Supper. He tells them in 14:1, "Do not let your heart be troubled...."

Jesus has ridden into Jerusalem through the East Gate on a donkey. He has established Himself in the temple. He has asserted Himself as the Messiah and is now a doomed man; there is no turning back. He just declared that one disciple would betray Him, and that Peter would deny him. Do these guys have a right to their troubled hearts?

I think of the miniscule things that trouble me compared to what these followers were experiencing and yet Christ begins his last discourse with his disciples with the words: "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me."

To be troubled means to be stirred up, disturbed or terrified. If any person's ever had a right to be stirred up or terrified it was those people in that small room. Yet, our Lord says; "Do not let your hearts be troubled." This could also be stated as "decide not to let your hearts be troubled." The Greek term for "do not" actually means "God forbid!" "God forbids that your heart be troubled!"

Jesus commands (not suggests) that the disciples should "not be disturbed" but instead "to believe." The term for believe comes from the word 'peitho' which translates into "have confidence and obey." or "be assured and follow."

Do I turn my fear (my terror) into an attitude of confidence and discipleship (obey and follow)? That is the command of Jesus at his Last Supper.

And then in John 14:6: Jesus, seeing Thomas' true confusion (as opposed to belligerence or cynicism), shares this message in the plainest language available: "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the father but through me." The word for 'the' means 'the only' and our Lord gives no room for doubt to all the confused Thomas' of this world. In the last few moments of his final meal with his followers, Jesus made his claim to be: Shepherd; Gate; Son of Man (Messiah); Teacher; Way; Truth; and Life. With Jesus the search is complete, his life and precepts are the sole source of pure, eternal joy. To fully know God is to fully know this one life.

The Way [hódós], is the route to God. By saying he was the Way; Jesus was claiming to be the only path. The Truth [Aléthéia] means what is the verifiable. Christ states that his position as the Messiah is validated by prophecy, by his words,

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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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05/10 Joseph Blanchard Bob Brooke	05/23 Nancy Rowland
05/13 Dick VanHorne Bill Bradbury Carol Ann Waldrop	05/24 Sue Little
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	05/26 Margaret Dougherty
	05/27 Valerie Fennel
	05/28 Jackie Austin
	05/29 Cynthia Aringo

**Happy Birthday!**

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his works and his resurrection. The Life [zoé] means the abundant and eternal life. Christ promises a life of fullness and joy (as opposed to pleasure or happiness) to those who believe in him through their actions.

Then, Jesus underpins his statements with the clarifying pronouncement; “No one gets to the Father but through me.” If we believe this, our faith should not instill in us any sense of pride but instead, a sense of absolute humility and gratitude. Such a gift of faith — in the unwavering truth of Christ’s way — is a gift we can pray for; “Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.”

Our constant prayers need to be consistent for those who are lost on false paths. Christ offers an encompassing peace—a peace that embraces those struggling in the bewilderment of this world.

### New Easter Sermon Series began on Easter Sunday What Difference Does Easter Really Make?

Come and find out over the next six Sundays.

Easter Day	Good News From The Graveyard
2nd Sunday of Easter	Is It Okay To Doubt?
3rd Sunday of Easter	On the Road Again!
4th Sunday of Easter	The Great Shepherd Knows My Name!
5th Sunday of Easter	My Heart Is Not Troubled! My Home is Heaven!
6th Sunday of Easter	I Am Not An Orphan!
7th Sunday of Easter	Up, Up, And Away! The Ascension

**Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You**  
I would like to offer my appreciation and the appreciation of the whole parish family for all the hard work so many

people continually put in to ministry for the sake of His Kingdom. I especially want to thank the whole Altar Guild with Co-Directors Carol McBee and Valerie Shepherd. The diligence they gave to their work during Lent, Holy Week and Easter has been tremendous. Also to the Canterbury Choirs (both the adult and the children’s) and to the Joyful Noise Praise team, who all meet week after week to make the music at St. Timothy’s so beautiful and uplifting. And if it were not for our Sr. Vergers, Kathy Boggs and Ray Waters, I would be a nervous wreck every Sunday morning trying to round up all of the Acolytes and Lay Readers. To Wade Fennel and all of our ushers, thank you. To the Harrington’s and all of our Greeters, thank you.

To all of our staff for the continuous energy and effort you put into ministry, and especially for the office staff (and volunteers) who worked so hard in the days leading up to Easter. Even though I write this article before the Fish Fry (May 1), I want to thank the numerous people who came together to make this such a huge success under the leadership of Caye Lankford. And as we close the Spring Semester I also want to thank all of our Christian Education teachers and all of our Growth Group leaders and Care Coordinators who have faithfully and lovingly served in these positions. (We are always looking for new leaders for the upcoming semesters.) And thanks to the many, many others who have served and are serving to make St. Timothy’s a simple taste of heaven for so many others.

### Stained Glass Window

It is with pride and joy in all of you that I announce we have received from the Lenten Gift Market numerous donations enough to purchase the new back-lighted stained glass window of a Cross which will be placed above the altar where the Cross and screen now hang. The screens and projectors will be moved to the front/side walls.

*Fr. Stan*

## Third Ward Service Project

Generation One is a non-denominational ministry located in the Third Ward whose mission is to make sure that the next generation knows what their potential is and to lead them to the belief that they can reach that potential. On an April Saturday our youth confirmation class along with members of the UnCommon Sense and 611 growth groups met at Generation One for their service project.

We were divided into two groups, with the smaller group staying at the Generation One Offices helping them sort, organize and store a large collection of t-shirts that Generation One sells. A larger group headed down the street with Rev. Rhymes to lend their helping hands.

Large buckets of paint, a box of brushes, scrapers, and rollers (with pans of course) and ladders galore gave these many willing hands the tools to take on the Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church on Hadley Street. The building was badly in need of fresh paint and the Confirmation class of 2011 came to the rescue. Both youth and extra adults took turns climbing ladders to scrape off the old and brush on the new paint. While some were busy scraping, others were busy writing Scripture verses on the walls that were ready to paint. All around the building you could see encouraging words – taken from His Word.

The Rev. Rhymes and several of his congregation worked

side by side the team and made short work of what seemed to be a daunting task earlier that morning. Lunchtime was made even sweeter by the thoughtfulness of Ms. Edna, who had made sandwiches for us (the chicken salad was unbelievably good!). We all sat around sharing sandwiches, water, and cookies. At the end of the day, the front and at least half of both sides were complete with new paint, fresh coats on both walls and window trim. Several of the men had taken the church doors off and were busy cleaning and painting them. The iron doors in front of these were given a fresh coat of black paint to shine them up, and the mailbox was given new life. Even the cornerstone got a touch up!

It was a privilege to watch the youth as they threw themselves into the work. The only near event was the wasp that threatened Audrey up on the ladder. Who knew she could shimmy down a ladder that fast? Her comment was that she had no choice – the wasp wasn’t moving!

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the event so special – special enough that Rev. Rhymes has agreed to attend the confirmation on May 25th (which just happens to be his birthday too). And special thanks to the adults who went along and worked so hard alongside the youth. The dedication they showed was an example that will not easily be forgotten. When Jesus said, “It is better to give than to receive,” he knew what he was talking about!



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



This month’s date  
Wednesday, April 20

### Special Services in May

- May 9, 10:30am – Elder Care Day
- May 22, 5:00pm – Night of Worship and Senior Recognition
- May 25, 6:30pm - Confirmation

### Incense Sundays

- 11:00 am service - the second Sunday of the month  
May 8
- June 12
- 8:45 am service - the third Sunday of the month  
May 15
- June 19



### Vintage Flock

Flock members took a trip to see the bluebonnets, but because of the dry weather, they saw some but they weren’t very tall. They had lunch at the Brenham Airport, went to the Antique Rose Emporium and ended their trip at the St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Plantersville. We plan to have other car trips because, due to the cost of gas and number of groups using the buses, there will not be as many opportunities to use them.

At the last business meeting, funds were allotted for Fr. Stan’s Discretionary Fund, Tomagwa and the auction item for the fish fry. The meetings for May will be on the 10th and the 24th. Come bring a dish and join us for a good time. We begin at 11:30 for a social time, 12:00 for lunch and then games. Remember prayers, hugs, calls and cards for those who need them.

God’s blessings,  
Sue





# Women's and Men's Ministries

## Ladies Night Out

Ladies' Night Out will be on Tuesday, May 7th at 7pm. We will gather at Harris County Smokehouse in Tomball.

Hope to see you there!

## Daughters of Honor

Please join us for the May meeting of the Daughters of Honor on Saturday, May 21 at 9 a.m. We begin with Holy Eucharist, then a meeting and program. We continue the study of the book; *Her Name is Woman, Book 2*, by Gien Karssen. Our guest speaker, Anthea Kotlan will lead the discussion of chapters 7 and 8. Guests are very welcome.

## Women Who Read

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

May - *People of the Book: A Novel*  
Geraldine Brooks

June - *June Bug*  
Chris Fabry

July - *Captive Queen: A Novel of Eleanor of Aquitaine*  
Alison Weir



## Ladies One-Day Lenten Retreat

The story of Ruth, combined with the somber attitude of Lent, gave the Women's Retreat a springboard to reflection and healing this Spring. The gracious hospitality of HopePointe, our sister church in the Woodlands, made the retreat possible and easily accessible to all the participants. Anthea Kotlan led the women in looking at the story of Ruth, a story of brokenness turned into redemption, and Jennifer Crain helped the women to reflect on their personal brokenness and redemption.

There were many special moments throughout the day, with a superb singing team and time for fellowship and lunch. The women had small group time, soaking prayer, and finished with a celebration of the Eucharist.

Many women had asked for a short day retreat for the spring as opposed to an overnight trip. The Women's Ministry Team revised the planned overnight to accommodate those women, and the result was a group of almost 40 women were able to take time out of their busy lives to attend. This retreat also

## 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*

Now that growing season is upon us, here are some helpful hints for you gardeners

### FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING

Plant three rows of PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant four rows of SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce love one another

Plant three rows of TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

To conclude your garden, you must have THYME:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends
4. Thyme with God

Water freely with patience, cultivate and weed with love. There is much harvest in your garden because you reap what you sow. What will you grow in your garden?

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 fill out the connection card in church.

has opened the door for combined events with the HopePointe women in the future, including a possible retreat in the fall.

For more information concerning the Women's Ministry, please contact Anthea Kotlan, Valerie Fennel, or Jennifer Scherzer.

## A Night of Worship & Senior Recognition Sunday May 22, 5pm

There will be A Night of Worship on Sunday, May 22 beginning at 5 PM. This Night of Worship will be held in conjunction with our Senior Recognition Service. This will be a great opportunity to praise God through song and prayer, as well as pray for the futures of our Senior class, as they take this next step in their lives. Come hear testimonies, support our seniors, and experience God in a whole new way!

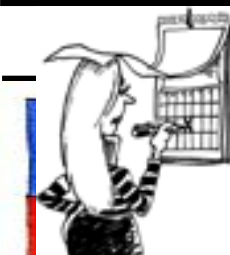
## Confirmation Wednesday May 25 6:30pm

Join us on May 25 at 6:30pm as we welcome our Bishop Phil Jones for the sacrament of confirmation. We will be celebrating with both youth and adult confirmands. If you wish to be received as an Anglican or reaffirmed please see Fr. Stan as soon as possible. If you are a former Episcopalian, you are already a part of the Anglican Communion and do not need to be received. Following the service our Daughters of Honor will host a reception to honor the Bishop and our newly confirmed members.

**Please help us support, honor and celebrate with our seniors and confirmands at these very special services!**

## 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

As I write this we are in the very heart of Holy Week, preparing to walk, with Christ, the road to Golgotha that must be traveled in order to come to the Easter Resurrection. There is nothing else quite like it in our church year. It is a season of old and new, as we hear, over and over again the prophecies from the Old Testament about Jesus' sacrifice that brings us to the New Covenant with the Father. It is a time that begins with proclamations of Hosannas, leads to "Crucify Him!" and ends with our Lord quietly calling out the name "Mary", as she turns from an empty tomb. It goes from broken bread, to a broken body, to wholeness with God. It is the darkness of death that leads to the Light of Life, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Lent, and Holy Week in particular, are rooted deeply in our history as Christians. Several of the services are based on practices of our earliest Christian ancestors. It is a deeply spiritual and biblical time. It is a season that allows us to experience worship with all of our senses. All of these things speak to my very core, and remind me how precious my Anglican roots are. The ancient and modern joining hands to continue to allow us to find Christ.

In a couple of days we will cry out in joy for the triumph over death that Jesus has won and then...well, what then? Easter is over. The bells have been rung, alleluias have been shouted, and then it's back to normal, right? Hopefully each Lent and Easter changes us to some degree, brings us closer to God, lets us see just a bit more clearly the heavenly

banquet that awaits us.

What is absolutely critical as Easter gives way to Pentecost is that I live these changes for the world. It does little good for me to become insular in my beliefs, to hold them close only to my heart, to 'hide my light under a bucket' as it were. We are each called to be Jesus' hands and feet on this earth, to do His work alongside of Him and to pass this light we have been given to others.

The busyness of Holy Week and Easter may have passed but now is the time for us to roll up our sleeves and get down to work. The oncoming months provide no shortage of opportunities to serve the church and others, to share Christ with the world around us and to help each of us "know, love, serve and obey Christ and make Him known to others." May brings the Fish Fry, Elder Care Day, Lunch on the Lawn (see the article below), Night of Worship which this month includes our Senior Recognition service and confirmation. In June we will be 'Kickin' it Old School' with VBS and our summer growth groups will be starting. July brings our second Soul in the City. And of course our other ministries like DOH, T.E.A.M., Altar Guild, Petals and Prayers (to name a few) continue as well. Each of these allow for opportunities to grow into our Easter changes, to keep walking in the light Jesus brought to us when He defeated death.

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.

*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.*

## Lunch on the Lawn - Help Needed! Saturday, May 21 from 12 - 2pm

On Saturday, May 21 we are inviting our community to join us for lunch on our front lawn. We will be serving hot dogs, chips and drinks. We will have members of our prayer team here to pray for any requests that people might have. We will be sharing information on how St. Timothy's can serve them in their daily lives as well as sharing information on our upcoming 'Kickin' it Old School' VBS. We will need volunteers before the date to prepare information packets and well as kid meal bags. On Saturday we will need

volunteers to set up canopies, tables, chairs, to cook hot dogs, serve lunch and most importantly to greet and visit with our guests. This is a great chance for families to serve together or as a Service project opportunity for growth groups. We will be serving hot dogs from 12 - 2pm or until we run out of dogs. We will begin setting up at 9am. If you would like to help please contact Tracy at the office, 281 255-4111.



# Corner Kids

## CHILDREN - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday Mornings at 10:15** - *Note: There will be no Sunday school on May 1st due to the Fish Fry*

- Children's Sunday School for PreK - 6th grade will meet in the Youth Wing.
- Sunday school will conclude for the semester on May 15th.

**Wednesday Evenings at 7:00**

- Children's FaithWeaver Friends for Kdg - 4th grade will meet in the Youth Wing.
- Club 56 for 5th - 6th grade will meet in the Youth Wing.
- The spring semester will conclude on May 18th.

## OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- Canterbury Kids End of Year Party will be held at 5:00pm on Wednesday, May 11th
- Senior Recognition - Sunday, May 22nd at 5:00pm
- Confirmation - Wednesday, May 25th at 6:30pm



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

- Sunday, May 1: Fish Fry, No STAY Programs that evening
- Monday, May 2: JR/SR Group from 6:30 - 8:30pm at the DePues
- Wednesday, May 4: STAY Growth Groups from 6:30 - 8:30pm
- Saturday, May 7: Soul in the City forms due!
- Sunday, May 8: Mother's Day - No STAY Programs
- Monday, May 9: JR/SR Group from 6:30 - 8:30pm at the DePues
- Wednesday, May 11: STAY Growth Groups from 6:30 - 8:30pm
- Saturday, May 14: VBS Work Day
- Sunday, May 15: Encounter 5 - 7pm at the church
- Monday, May 16: JR/SR Group from 6:30 - 8:30pm at the DePues
- Wednesday, May 18: STAY Growth Groups from 6:30 - 8:30pm
- Sunday, May 22: Graduating Seniors Recognition Service 5 - 7pm at the church
- Monday, May 23: No JR/SR
- Wednesday, May 25: Confirmation Service - No STAY Programs
- Friday - Saturday, May 27 - 28: Senior Retreat
- Sunday, May 29: STAY Swim Party
- Monday, May 30: No JR/SR



**SEE YOU THERE!**

## Graduating Senior Recognition Service Sunday, May 22 during the Night of Worship 5:00pm in the Sanctuary

Please come and support our graduating high school seniors at this congratulatory service. They've been a huge part of our parish and as their church family we are responsible for encouraging them in this milestone both spiritually and emotionally. What an honor to be a part of their lives. Even if you don't know them personally, your presence is a show of support and will mean a lot to these students! Hope to see you there!



# Christian Formation

## KID'S KORNER



This summer thousands of churches are getting ready to sponsor a VBS at their church, St. Timothy's included. It is amazing to see God at work through these week-long adventures; I know I am humbled and amazed every year I participate in this activity of what He can accomplish through us. True there are still days when I feel like I'm in over my head. At the same time, I have the confidence of knowing that our accomplishments are not because of me and the volunteers. We are able to have exceptional experiences because of God's grace and provisions. It is with His help that we are up to the challenge!

It is easy for us to give God all the glory for what is happening because, take it from me, what is already starting to happen is an absolute miracle.

Pray often for our VBS program, the many volunteers and of course the children that will be joining us this year. Just a note to the volunteers, I am truly humbled and honored that you would partner with STAC in this most important work. May kids throughout the world embrace the good news of our Savior through Vacation BIBLE School this year! It's all about the fishing!

### VBS IMPORTANT INFO

- Registration begins on **Sunday, May 1st** – on campus and on the website.
- 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.
- Saturday, May 7 the teachers & volunteers will have a training meeting and workday from 9am – 1pm (please bring a sack lunch) Note: Additional workdays may be scheduled as needed through early June

### ADULTS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

It's hard to believe, our first semester of Growth Groups will be wrapping up the week of May 8th! You all have shared some wonderful experiences that you have had with your groups and it has been so wonderful watching God at work.

Not only have our groups shared in studying Scripture and praying for the needs of one another, we have seen them make new acquaintances with people they may have never spoken to before. We've seen our groups in action - collecting cell phones for victims of domestic violence, working alongside our youth in the Third Ward, delivering Easter lilies to shut-ins, helping the community in the voting process – just to name a few.

What a blessing you all have been to our parish and our community. You have all been integral in helping St. Timothy's reach its goal to connect members of our parish family - new or old - to the "body of Christ."



As you may recall, we will all take a break from our Growth Groups for about a month and then reconvene for a short-time this summer. That being said, we will begin our summer GroupUp in a few weeks. Be on the lookout for new catalogs and information beginning May 22nd as we start to get ready for our summer semester.

# Mission & Outreach

## T.E.A.M.

### THANK YOU

On behalf of all the volunteers at T.E.A.M., we want to thank the wonderful people in the Tomball area for the overwhelming support given to T.E.A.M. in the year 2010. We try to thank you individually, but if we missed anyone it is because things get a little hectic during the holidays.

To all individuals, schools, churches, and businesses that donated food, toys, money, and adopted families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, you made some families very happy.

A special big thanks to H.E.B. Grocery and the employees, along with Fred Haas Toyota, Redeemer Bible Church, Inline Utilities, and LCP Drilling Consulting for partnering with H.E.B. in a matching food drive that was a big success. You, the community, are responsible for making it so.

Even with the economy being down, T.E.A.M. has been so blessed by all the donations we have received during the holidays. Thank you.

May God bless you in 2011,

Loma Holmes  
Director



**Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items on Sunday, May 1st and Sunday, June 5th for the Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries**



**T**omball  
**E**mergency  
**A**ssistance  
**M**inistries

## Stephen Ministry

Since we last talked, the six Stephen Ministers have faithfully attended training each Wednesday night. We have studied the distinctively Christian nature of Stephen Ministry care as well as the process that is utilized in this care. The ministers have learned about and practiced the essential skill of assertive communication, as they continue to build on their spiritual gifts and prepare for the work that God will bring for each of them. We have studied the nature of grief and depression. At this point, they have completed over half of the initial Stephen Ministry training program, which will be complete on May 18th. As I write, in a few weeks we will be remembering Christ's sacrifice for us on Good Friday and rejoicing in the Resurrection of Easter! For Stephen Ministers, this Easter season will be a time to reflect on training that is nearly complete, as well as a coming dedication service, where they will present themselves to you, the congregation that they will serve. Thankfully, Christ has shown us all the way to go about that service for he is the way and the truth and the life and we come to the Father in the only possible way...through Him! Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!



## Celebration of Life

On May 9 St. Timothy's will once again host several residents from area senior living homes. We will begin with Holy Communion, followed by lunch and entertainment provided by our own Bob Landgren's Barbershop group the "Men of Leisure". We are looking for volunteers to help serve lunch and assist our guests into the church and to the Parish Hall and then back to their vans after lunch. If you would like to help please be at the church at around 10:00am. If you have any questions see June Powell.

**We need your help!**



**Good Job St. Timothy's!**  
**We collected over 20 pints of blood and red cell donations for the Gulf Coast Blood Center.**  
**Thanks for giving the gift of life!**



**GENERATION ONE**



**SERVICE PROJECT**



**Palm Sunday  
Holy Week  
Tenebrae**



**Maundy Thursday  
Good Friday  
Easter Vigil**



**Women's Lenten Retreat**



**Blood Drive**



**Happy Easter**

