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Stewardship

2011 Stewardship Season



This year we will be having a low key stewardship drive since I have just completed a series of sermons on 'Treasures of the Heart' where seventy families have taken the challenge to tithe (give 10% back

to God). I will be sending a letter with an offering card for 2011 – to be prayed over, filled out, signed, and turned in on Sunday, November 14 and 21st as we have our Offering Card Ingathering. You might want to be thankful we didn't take the approach shown in the cartoon!



A WORTHY REMINDER

What Money Will Buy:
 A bed but not sleep.
 Books but not brains.
 Food but not appetite.
 Finery but not beauty.
 A house but not a home.
 Medicine but not health.
 Luxuries but not culture.
 Amusement but not happiness.
 A church pew but not heaven.
 A crucifix but not a Saviour.

What Money Can't Buy,
 Jesus Christ gives freely...
 without charge!

From Money-A-Tracts

SOME KEY POINTS ABOUT TITHING

ITS DEFINITION: The word 'tith' in the Hebrew is *maser* and in the Greek *dekate*. It literally means 'tenth.' The word first appears in Genesis 14:20 and thereafter occurs 28 times in the Old Testament. It appears in two references in the New Testament: in the Gospels (Matthew 23:23) and in Hebrews 7 where it is used to describe Abraham's relationship to God by drawing a parallel between one's honoring the tithe and one's acknowledgement of God's role in their lives.

ITS PURPOSE: The tithe was established as a physical, earthly demonstration of man's commitment to his God. God understood very well our selfish tendencies and provided a readily identifiable sign to help us measure our sincerity. By the act of surrendering some of our physical resources, we are testifying to our origin as a gift from God Himself and gratitude for our life and the salvation offered through Jesus Christ and His sacrifice.

ITS ORIGIN: The tithe existed before the Law. We often associate the giving of (Fr. Stan cont. on pg.2)

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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

11/01 Art Blancas IV	11/16 Eric Ritts
Bella Marburger	11/17 Beth Levitz
Frank Winford Jr.	11/19 Oralia Cain
11/02 Caroline Davies	Galen Mansee
Casey Johnson	11/20 Tom Burgess
Carol Vadala	Brandon Geer
Emma Williams	Sarah Maxwell
11/03 Addie Kriger	11/21 Bob Capps
Nancy McCracken	11/22 Gail Cahill
11/06 Paul Lankford	11/23 Caleb Aringo
11/08 Sue Cox	Monica Bradley
Shawn Kriger	Mary Capps
11/10 Diann Brooke	Mackenzie Seiver
11/11 Reese Boyd	11/25 Ifeoma Ibekwe
Jim Maxey	Grant Seiver
Wade Seiver	11/27 Nettie Briggs
Jim Wilkie	11/28 Jennifer Goslin
11/13 Andrew Heeter	11/29 Cynthia Wheeler
11/14 John Moran	11/30 Mary Gerber



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tithes with the Old Covenant and the Old Testament section of the Bible. However, it was not through Moses and the Old Covenant that God first introduced the giving of tithes. In the Bible, we read of the giving of tithes from the earliest times as a feature of God's people's material and financial dependency on and connection with God. The first openly expressed reference to the tithe is when Abram (later Abraham) gave tithes to Melchizedek, the high priest of his day. Genesis 14:18-20. Thus, the tithe is a precept which God has used to instruct His people to follow from the earliest times. God calls us to answer His call by giving a tithe and with His call He promises His sovereign blessing and protection.

You may want to meditate upon Malachi 3:10-12:

10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

11 "Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes," says the LORD of hosts.

12 "All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts.

Also, Proverbs 3:9-10:

9 Honor the LORD from your wealth

And from the first of all your produce;

10 So your barns will be filled with plenty

And your vats will overflow with new wine.

The Holy Eucharist

- continued from last month -

Last month in my writing about the Holy Eucharist, I left off at the beginning of the Eucharist called the Liturgy of the Word.

And the first thing we do as we process is to sing a hymn or Song of Praise. This hymn-singing was not done just to pass the time until the minister got to his seat. They

were sung in order to gather the church in unity, to help the people gathered recognize their commonality. It wasn't until the 1789 Prayer Book that a hymn was rubrically allowed to be sung at the entrance, in place of the psalm.

The Opening Acclamation (BCP 323)

"Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

And the people say: "And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen."

This wording is reminiscent of the beginning of Jewish prayers, "Blessed be God." As Christians baptized in the Name of the Trinity, we bless God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. There are two other acclamations we use: one for the Easter Season and one for the Lenten Season. The acclamation sets the service in the context of God's Kingdom. It reminds us that we have entered into another dimension of reality -- that we have ascended into heaven -- that we are in God's presence.

The Collect for Purity (BCP 323)

"Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open..." And the people say: "Amen."

This Collect is reminiscent of Psalm 51, and dates back to at least the 11th century. It is also anciently found to have been said by the priest as a part of his private preparations as he vested for the Mass. This prayer is required to be said in the Rite I Service, but may be omitted in Rite II. This is a Collect of preparation for all worshipers, and is a good prayer for us to pray silently beforehand as we prepare ourselves for the Service.

The Ten Commandments (Decalogue) (BCP 317)

and/or the **Summary of the Law (BCP 324)** may follow. (Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith...)

Then, depending upon the season of the Church Year, the **Gloria in Excelsis (BCP324)**

(Glory to God in the Highest ...) which dates back in the liturgy to at least the 4th century and as the normal song of praise in the 11th century. The first revision of the American Prayer Book allowed for some other Song of Praise to be used as an alternative to the Gloria -- which you will notice we do here on occasion. Or, in the more penitential seasons of Lent and Advent, the **Kyrie eleison (BCP 324)** (Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. 3, 6 or

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Harvest Unlimited Prayer Report

As part of the Harvest Program our church made phone calls to households in our community to invite our neighbors to attend our church. While the callers were making the calls, a prayer team waited each evening in the chapel to receive prayer requests from those who were called. The team was also on hand to pray over the callers themselves. Prayer team members would enter the calling room from time to time and walk around praying silently for each caller. It was amazing to see almost immediate results. It seemed that following a prayer session, more phones were answered and more positive responses were received.

Meanwhile as the callers engaged our neighbors in conversation, they would ask if we could pray for any needs the person might have. It was amazing to see how open people are to this intensely personal request. Many responded by opening their hearts and unburdening themselves of things that were deeply felt and very precious. One grandmother asked for prayer for her grandchild who had been diagnosed with cancer, while another man asked for prayer for his wife who had been diagnosed with dementia.

What a privilege to carry another's burdens before the Father's throne realizing that sometimes the name you carry there may never have been brought there before. Jeanne Janisch, one faithful prayer warrior said, "Learning more is part of the daily program with prayer team. It is a sacred privilege to carry our troubles to Jesus. It is second nature to us. Or is it? The more we learn the more we find we did not know. Such was the case with the intensified prayer effort at Harvest. We were amazed to see how our efforts were magnified. We also seemed to care more for one another. When there were a group of us in the prayer room we had stronger discernment than when we were praying alone. There were times when we could feel electricity in the room. One of the bonus parts of the on-going learning and efforts is the more firmly we become bonded as a team. A team that is made up of parts that at this point are inextricably bound in His love!"

While the prayer teams present those evenings at the church were very blessed by their efforts, those who served as home intercessors served in a vital follow-up position. Each

of them would pray for sometimes as many as twenty five requests each day, and then once a week for three weeks send a personal postcard to the ones they prayed for. Phone calls came into the church from those who were so grateful for those postcards which served as a tangible reminder of God's love for them. One man called in tears and asked to speak to the man who had prayed for his wife. She had been ill for a very long time and the prognosis had been dim. Suddenly there was a turn around and he wanted the intercessor to know that God was working. By God's hand alone, that particular intercessor happened to be at the church at that very moment to receive the call personally. A miracle upon a miracle that seemed to be a note written by God to let us know that our efforts were not missed by Him.

Mary Capps, who due to surgery was home bound for much of the Harvest calling period explained, "God helped me do my part from home as I could not be at church. I knew he was here helping me help others." A big thank you goes out to everyone who served our church with prayer during the Harvest program. We had teams at church and those at home that did some kingdom building on their knees. Thank you all!

Bill and Anthea Kotlan

Would you; should you; could you make a temporary commitment to sing in the Canterbury Choir?

The Advent/Christmas season is fast approaching and the Canterbury Choir needs additional singers to prepare for Evensong on November 28; our Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols on December 19; and our Christmas Eve pre-service concert.

This is a particularly fun time to be an ensemble singer. The music is challenging but delightful and uplifting.

Please consider this short-term commitment and begin attending rehearsals on Thursday evening at 7PM. The choir has already begun work on these important services but it's not too late for interested singers to join us.

Call Mike Mason if you are interested at 281-467-5070.

Vintage Flock

The next Vintage Flock trip will be Nov. 3rd to Brookwood. Bus will leave at 9:30. There is a gift shop, beautiful plants and restaurant to enjoy. Call Mary Lee Turk at 281 256-1772, as reservations must be made for lunch. We have donated \$100.00 to thank Precinct 4 for the use of the buses.

The Christmas Party will be held in the parish hall December 14th at 11:30. The ham will be provided and the rest will be pot luck. We will be collecting donations for a Christmas charity. We will only have one regular meeting in November. It will be on the 9th. Bring a dish and come join the fun at 11:30.

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

God's blessings,
Sue



Choral Evensong For the First Sunday of Advent November 28 at 4:30 pm

With the music of
Bach, Neary, Holby, Masser
and Stainer



INCENSE SUNDAYS

11:00 am service -
the second Sunday of the month
Nov. 14
Dec. 12



8:45 am service -
the third Sunday of the month
Nov. 21
Dec. 19

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



This month's date
Wednesday, November 17



Women's and Men's Ministries

Women's Ministry Team Meeting

Next meeting is Monday, November 8 at 7:00 pm. Please join us!

Daughters of Honor

The next meeting of the Daughters is Saturday, November 20 at 9:00a.m. in the Blue Cross Room, beginning with Holy Eucharist. We will continue the study of *Her Name is Woman* by Gien Karssen. This month we will studying chapters 21 and 22. Visitors are always welcome. We will not meet in December.

Ladies Night Out

The Ladies' Night Out group will meet on Tuesday November 2. This month we will again gather at P.F.Changs on 249 at 7pm. As always, all ladies of the church are welcome to join us!

Women Who Read

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

Nov. - *Stones into Schools*
Greg Mortenson
Dec. - *Mockingbird*
Charles Shields



Mark Your Calendar!

Women's Advent Luncheon

St. Timothy's Annual Women's Advent Luncheon will be on Sunday, December 5 following the late service. Just like last year we are asking for women to bring their china and holiday decorations to set their table for the festivities. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends! Watch the Sunday bulletin and Connection Cards for more information.



611 - Men's Ministry

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

The mission of our church is that "We Will Know, Love, Serve, and Obey Christ and Will Make Him Known to Others". The Men of 611 do this through weekly worship, daily prayer and meditation, individual and group study, music, developing the gifts of God that are within each one of us, and through reaching out and serving others.

The 611 Men gather weekly to study the bible. Through our study of the Word, we come to know more about Christ. In the Holy Scriptures, God says to us, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Our love for Christ is demonstrated in obedience to God. We support each other in our continuing efforts to learn about and obey Christ through prayers, reunion groups, and fellowship.

To love Christ in the most practical way is to love our fellow beings. To serve Christ is to live as He lived, serving others. If we are to love and serve Christ, we must love and serve others, just as Christ did. The 611 Men's Ministry are ready to serve others when called upon. Several of the men from the group are actively served in the Harvest Ministry, helping to make phone calls, serving as prayer warriors, and helping out with the different activities related to Harvest Sunday. We also continue to work on projects to help the church and our fellow parishioners.

By knowing, loving, serving and obeying Christ, we will make Christ known to others. As we disciple others and as we are disciples, we bring Christ to the forefront. We will begin a program that will empower men to become a Paul (one who mentors), a Timothy (one who is discipled) and/or a Barnabas (one who is an encourager). We are excited to begin this program and pray that there are more men who will want to be a part of it.

The 611 Men's Ministry is open to any man in the church ages 18 and above. We meet Sunday evenings from 5-7pm in the Parish Hall and are currently studying the Book of Acts. To learn more about the 611 Men's Ministry please come by and check it out or fill out the connection card in church.

Don't forget to set you clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 6.



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9 times.) We may also use the *Trisagion (BCP 324)* once or three times. (Holy God. Holy and Mighty. Holy Immortal One. Have mercy upon us.)

The Kyrie itself can be traced back to the 4th century, and the tune we use in Lent is the Missa Marialis, which comes from this past century. In secular usage the text of the Kyrie eleison was an acclamation used at the approach of an emperor ----"Lord, have mercy."

All of the above -- is a preparation for our **Proclamation of The Word** of God! This section begins with the *Salutation (BCP 325)*. (The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.)

This, again, is where in the ancient rites, the Service began. Or, some of the older liturgies opened the Service with "Peace be with you." The one we use now, (The Lord Be With You) is the Biblical response based on the greeting of Boaz and the response of his harvesters found in the Book of Ruth (2:4).

After the salutation, we come to *The Collect, (BCP 159ff.)* which is different every week. The purpose of the Collect is to 'collect' the dominant theme or idea from all the readings of Scripture so as to put them together in the prayer for the Day. The Collect is a short prayer -- a pin-point prayer. One of the many experiments in beginning psychology is testing sensory perception and pain threshold by applying a pin point to locate the nerve ends in a one-inch square patch on the back of the hand. The pin is jabbed repeatedly into the skin, but only in a few pricked places is sharp pain felt. It may occur to us that the word of God is like the pin point: it keeps jabbing and pricking, inch by inch, word by word, idea by idea, without letup, until a spiritual nerve end is struck and a response is awakened.

After the Collect, we are seated to be instructed and inspired. An *Old Testament lesson (BCP 325)* and a reading from an *Epistle* is read (one of the New Testament letters). These readings amplify and deepen our understanding of the Christian life. A lay person usually reads both the Old Testament lesson and the reading from the New Testament. This helps us identify our common share in the celebration of the Eucharist. The first services of the earliest Church were held principally for the purpose of hearing readings from what we now call the Old Testament. This of course, was very common practice in the Jewish tradition as they attended synagogue. But then, the Christians added readings from letters of the apostles, evangelists and other

Sermon Series & Preaching Through 2010

Four Week Advent & Christmas Preaching Series
Nov 28 Advent 1 Adoration Prayer #1 Fr. Stan
Dec 5 Advent 2 Thanksgiving Prayer #2 Seminarian Bob
Dec 12 Advent 3 Fasting#3 Fr. Stan
Dec 19 Advent 4 Intercessory Prayer#4 Seminarian John

Christians. The Books of the New Testament were in fact largely selected from Christian writings which had come into general use in the Church's worship. Gradually, lectionaries (scheduled Biblical readings) developed which provided systematic patterns for the church to read. In the back of the BCP (888), we can look and see every reading we will ever read on Sunday mornings. The custom of announcing the readings do not date until the 12th century. The response to the announcement (Thanks be to God) dates back to the medieval period as an acknowledgement of having heard what was said. The response, of course, in those days was "Deo Gratias". After the readings, silence is permitted to encourage silent reflection on what was just read.

When we come to the reading of the *Holy Gospel (BCP 326)*, (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) certain actions may accompany it. These help to emphasize the importance the Church gives to the life and teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. Dating back to the 4th century, in a document called the Apostolic Constitution, there are directions for the people to stand as the Gospel is being read. Dating to the 7th century, two lighted candles are carried in procession to the reading place, usually to the pulpit in those days, where the deacon would read the Gospel. In many older rites, the Gospel book (which would have been richly decorated) would be carried in at the beginning of the Service with great dignity and placed on the altar until the time came for the procession to the pulpit for the reading. The reading of the Gospel, and the Book itself, symbolized the presence of Christ in the Liturgy of the Word --just as the Eucharistic Prayer and the Eucharistic elements of bread and wine symbolized His presence in the Liturgy of the Sacrament. Responses of praise surround the Gospel reading at the announcing and at the completion of the reading. Glory be to Thee, O Lord. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

--- More next month ---

Fr. Stan

ADVENT WREATHS



We will be keeping the popular tradition of making Advent wreaths later this month. Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens. Each day at home, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal-- one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. A short prayer may accompany the lighting.

Pre-orders for Advent wreaths are now being taken in the Narthex. Please let us know if you would like to construct your wreath here or purchase one of our new "take-home" kits. Supplies are limited and are on a first-come, first serve basis. So reserve your wreath now to ensure your family can keep this tradition alive and well. Wreaths and Advent devotionals will be available for pick-up on Sunday, Nov. 28th for \$15.

Evangelism

On the annual calendar, November is one of the most eventful months. Around here we can usually start depending on cooler weather, hurricane season ends, daylight savings time ends (Nov. 7 – set your clocks back on Saturday night!), the honest to goodness real Christmas shopping season starts, NCAA basketball gets underway, Advent begins (usually) and of course Thanksgiving.

I have been thinking a lot about thanksgiving lately. As my life has undergone a major change, (Have you heard I retired from teaching?) I am trying to change my focus to look for the positives in my life. Without a doubt my two biggest is that I get to come here to work every morning now and that my dad has surpassed all his doctor's expectations as he has battled brain cancer. As I write this we have received news that there is some new growth, but it appears to be small and there are more treatment options. God has worked miracles so far and your prayers have been invaluable in that. Hopefully these new treatments will be as successful and he will continue to be a living testament to God's goodness and the power of prayer.

I give great thanks to all those who have worked so hard on our Harvest ministry; callers, prayer team, luncheon workers, table hosts, follow-up team and all of you who made me cookies to put into our thank you bags. God worked in so many ways here during the last few months. We helped Him plant the seeds. I challenge each of us to watch patiently as He grows the fields and allows us to help reap the Harvest.

I also give thanks to the Lord for the gift He has given us in this campus. It is amazing to look at this building 2 years

ago and where it is now. This is a result of the blessings that we have in so many of you who have shared your gifts and time working to improve St. Timothy's, as well as the generosity of so many who provided the financial means to make it happen. It is easy to forget how far we have come, but believe me I have pictures! Stop by some day and ask to see them. It will take your breath away.

I could never write an article on thanksgiving and not mention the gift I have in all of you. To know that I will always have a shoulder to lean on, a friend to laugh with, or a hand to help me up is more than I could ever ask for. But isn't that what God's grace is all about? Giving us more than we deserve to ask for?

My prayers and wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving for each of you and your families.

Peace,
Tracy

IN EVERY
THING GIVE
THANKS; FOR
THIS IS GOD'S
WILL FOR YOU
IN CHRIST
JESUS.



CHILDREN & YOUTH EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 – 10:50am

PreK through 6th grade children will meet in the Youth Wing for FaithWeaver classes and will continue to learn how to continue to "weave faith into life" by applying the Bible to their lives throughout every week. Please sign your kids in before you leave.

- **7th through 12th grade** will meet in the STAY room for a class specially designed to help improve the student's Biblical knowledge.
- **Wednesday Evenings** - the children's classes will begin at 7pm after services and dinner.
- **Kdg – 6th grade (Circle of Friends)!** We will continue to focus on the weekly Bible passage covered on Sunday, however we will add some different activities into the mix ... so be ready for some games, some crafts, some learning and definitely some fun! Please bring your children to the classrooms when you finish your meal.
- **STAY:** The youth group will meet; see the STAY section for details.

COMMUNION CLASS

Mark your calendars! Our Fall Eucharist Instruction (First Communion) Class will be offered on **Saturday, November 6th, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.** at the Church. This class is for children four years old through the second grade. Elementary-age children who have never taken this class, even though they are already receiving communion, are welcome to join as assistants to the younger children or attend for a "refresher" if they wish.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM



Our mission for the Confirmation Program at St. Timothy's Anglican Church is to form Christians who are fully prepared to lead a life of discipleship in Christ. Over the course of the program, we will journey together and explore and enrich our faith by following Christ and being open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

If you are interested in having your child participate in this program (8th through 12th grade) please let us know on your Connection Card or by email: Michele.Gavin@sttimothyanglican.org

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICES

It's hard to believe, but Christmas will soon be upon us! We will have some practices for the Christmas pageant on Wednesday evenings in December. Check the December newsletter and announcement pages for the schedule.



Eventfully Speaking



Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 14, 2010 Parish Hall

Please join the St. Timothy's Parish Family for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 14, 2 seatings; 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. Reservations for your family are made on the Connection Card. (Let us know how many to expect!)

"Turkey" bucks, turkey donations or \$\$ to purchase turkeys are greatly appreciated.

- A – I - Corn Casserole or Corn Pudding
- J – R - Green Beans or Potato Dish
- S – Z - Dessert



HELP NEEDED!

Please contact Caye Lankford at 281-320-2920.

Save
The Dates

Live Nativity
Sunday, December 12
Watch for more information next month



Saturday, December 4



The cost is \$5/child and includes breakfast, crafts & photo with Santa!

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

- Wed. Nov. 3: STAY Bible Study "Sin, Temptation, & Healing" 7- 8:15pm
- Sun. Nov. 7: Church-Wide Kickball Tournament 12:30pm (see below for details)
- Mon. Nov. 8: JR/SR Group 6:30 – 8:30pm @ the DePue's
- Wed. Nov. 10: STAY Bible Study – Guys/Girls Split 7 – 8:15pm
- Sun. Nov. 14: No STAY – Thanksgiving Dinners
- Mon. Nov. 15: JR/SR Group 6:30 – 8:30pm @ the DePue's
- Wed. Nov. 17: STAY Bible Study – Guys/Girls Split 7 – 8:15pm
- Sun. Nov. 21: STAY 5 – 7pm
- Mon. Nov. 22: JR/SR Group 6:30 – 8:30pm @ the DePue's
- Wed. Nov. 24: No STAY
- Sun. Nov. 28: STAY 5 – 7pm
- Mon. Nov. 29: JR/SR Group 6:30 – 8:30pm @ the DePue's



STAY Christmas Cookie Bags on sale beginning the first week in December.



KICKBALL TOURNAMENT: Sunday, Nov. 7 @ 12:30pm

- 9-11 players to a team: Entry is \$100/team (You can get someone to sponsor you!)
- Form your teams now! Submit your team form and money by Wed. Nov. 3rd. Must have at least 2 girls per team. (Must be 7th grade or up to play) Teams can be co-ed, all ages, and can include people from outside the church. Creatively dressed teams get a prize!
- T-Shirts are \$15 each.
- There will be a concession stand with hot dogs and other refreshments available for sale.
- We will have a \$50 VISA Raffle and other prizes. Tickets are \$1 each and you must be present to win!
- We will also give a prize to the oldest person who plays!



Christian Formation



Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:17

“Thanks” Giving

There’s an important significance to the fact that Thanksgiving comes before Christmas. It’s tough to experience “Joy to the World” without first having had the opportunity to “Give Thanks.”

- D Gratitude receives special emphasis as Thanksgiving nears, but we can keep it at the forefront of our minds year-round. A great way to start is by praying with grateful hearts. Discover ways to thanking God for all he provides and does for us:
- D Make prayer a part of your lives by incorporating it into daily living. Frequent prayer is important ... requests aren’t the only reason to talk to God. Use the “ACTS” model of prayer to get started: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication.
- D Show thankfulness by saying spontaneous prayers throughout the day. Remember to tell God thanks for life’s “little things”—from beautiful weather to favorite foods. Also, thank God for the kindness and help of others in your life.
- D Direct gratitude toward the giver of “whatever is good and perfect” (see James 1:17). Remember that God deserves credit for all of our blessings.

November Special Schedule Notes:



- Sunday, Nov. 14th: due to the Parish Thanksgiving dinners there will only be Children’s Classes, the adults will not meet.
- Wednesday, Nov. 17th will be the last day of Wednesday evening classes for children and adults for the fall semester on. Classes will begin again in 2011. STAY will continue to meet as usual.

ADULT GROUPS

Sunday Mornings at 10:00am

- *The Teachings of Matthew* continues to meet in the Parish Hall to learn how Matthew’s unique view interweaves a strong Jewish knowledge of the expected Messiah with a first-hand account of the actual Savior.

Sunday Evenings at 5:00pm

- *Men’s 611 Growth Group* will meet throughout the month. Please see the Men’s 611 article for more details.

Monday Evenings at 6:30pm

- *Precepts* will continue their study on the Book of Romans. This group meets every Monday, except the 3rd Monday of each month in the Blue Cross Room.

Wednesday Mornings

- Lectionary class will continue to meet every Wednesday morning at 10:00am.

Wednesday Evenings

- Join us for a brief seasonal study on *Thanksgiving: a Biblical Approach to Gratitude*. Bring your Bible and meet us in the Blue Cross Room at 7pm after services and dinner.

Thursday mornings at 9:30

- *Here and Now... There and Then* Beth Moore’s lecture study on the Book of Revelation will continue in the Blue Cross Room. Childcare is available upon request.

Mission & Outreach

T.E.A.M.

If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. James 3: 15 - 17

TEAM has seen increases in the number of clients requesting aid, both in food and financial needs, each month this year. Some facts and figures from January through September, 2010, are:

Number of Families Served = 2,856; and,
Number of Individuals Served = 11,881.

Thanks to you and the continued support of St. Timothy’s, we are able to help our less fortunate neighbors.

We are planning and preparing for the coming holidays. Our food needs for November and December will reflect these needs. Our November requests are: turkey or chicken gravy mixes; canned milk; stuffing mixes; instant potatoes; flour; sugar; dish soap (not for dishwashers); and toilet tissue.

All of your donations are greatly appreciated and given to our clients.

Thank you and may God bless you.
Tim & Nancy Caudill



Don’t forget to bring non-perishable food items on Sunday, November 7th and Sunday, December 5th for the Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries



Stephen Ministry



In last month’s newsletter, we introduced Stephen Ministry to you. It is a pastoral ministry, whose heart is to provide compassionate comfort and support to hurting people in a safe, confidential environment and delivered by faith-filled, trained lay Stephen Ministers.

During the next few months, we will continue to introduce this wonderful ministry to St. Timothy’s. We will also be, prayerfully, inviting you all to consider whether God may be calling you to be a Stephen Minister. Christ told us that in this world, we will have trouble. And people in trouble, very often, need a caring man or woman who will come alongside them to befriend them, to listen to them...to show that they care.

I want to be clear that a Stephen Minister is not called to heal the hurts of a wounded fellow parishioner. Only God can do that. A Stephen Minister is a listening ear...the one who just “shows-up”. Stephen Ministers are “after” people.

They are there after the phone call comes that you never wanted to come. After the family is gone and you’re alone. After that life changing event has changed everything...

If you’ve experienced one of life’s “rough patches”, and someone walked alongside you and provided that kind of compassionate caring, I ask you to consider this: The bible tells us to comfort others with the comfort that God has given us. Are you willing to provide that kind of comfort? If you think that you could be interested, talk with us about the ministry. You may be surprised to find out that being a Stephen Minister is not difficult! You’ll get 50 hours of training that will get you comfortable with being a Stephen Minister. And I promise you, just showing up at the side of a person who needs you and saying “I’m here”, will give you a glimpse into heaven!

Fr. Stan, myself (Bob Brooke), Michelle Crawford, Anna Weil and Bill Strong are Stephen Leaders. Come and ask us your questions. We all look forward to talking with you. May God’s richest blessings be yours today and forever.

St. Nicholas Ministry

The season is upon us again for our St. Nicholas Ministry. Last year we were able to serve 17 families, over 100 people, with much needed food and gifts. This year, God willing, we hope to increase that to 20 families and 120 people.

Like last year, Wanda Cowand will be making prayer beads and charms available for a small donation to the ministry. They are available in the narthex and she will be happy to customize them in the colors of your choice.

Watch for our present requests in the narthex. If you would like to help with the distribution of the gifts please contact Wanda or Erik Cowand.

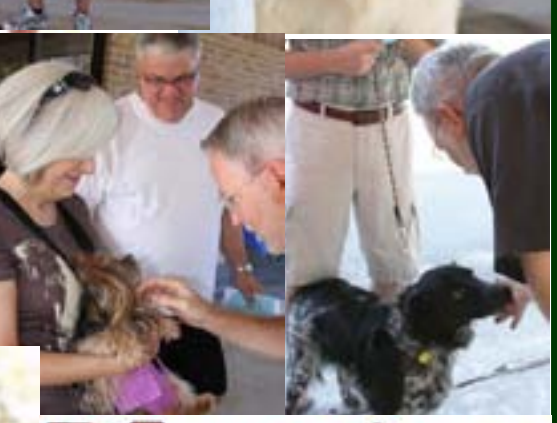




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