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News from the Rector

Vestry Elections

On Sunday morning, October 30, at 10:15 AM we will have a short parish meeting to elect **four new Vestry Members for a three year term**. If you would like to be considered for nomination, please be aware of the following:

Duties of the Vestry Person (according to our bylaws):

It shall be the duty of the Vestry to take charge of the property of the Church and its endowments; to regulate all its temporal concerns; and to elect and call a Rector and to provide for his support; to provide for paying debts owed by the Church; and, in general, to act as helpers to the Rector in whatever is appropriate to lay persons for the furtherance of the Gospel; it being understood always that the day to day spiritual concerns of the Church are under the exclusive direction of the Rector.

Requirements for Vestry Nomination (according to our bylaws):

- 18 years of age or older;
- A Communicant in Good Standing (one who for the previous year has been faithful in corporate worship, and has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God).

Expectations from St. Timothy's for Vestry Nomination.

Worship regularly at St. Timothy's (every week if possible).
 Make a written financial pledge to the parish, working toward the Biblical standard of the tith (10% of income) if not already tithing.
 Be active in the life and ministry of the parish.
 Learn and use constructive, effective and sensitive leadership.
 Get to know the members of the parish, their ideas and concerns.
 Be involved in the future growth of St. Timothy's and show the love of Christ by the example of your life.
 Work with and support, by word and action, the decisions of your Rector, Wardens, Vestry, Staff and other leaders charged with the responsibility of making decisions for the parish.
 Attend the annual Vestry/Staff retreat.

If you meet the aforementioned requirements and expectations, and would like to be considered for nomination, please feel free to contact the Rector or one of our vestry members.

Something to Think About Thank You, God, for the Gifts!

If I really had my "druthers", I would visit each of your homes before our annual pledge drive to have an opportunity to discuss stewardship in person. I believe the time when we complete our pledge card presents each of us with an important opportunity in our ongoing journey as members of the body of Christ. Since I cannot visit every home in such a short period of time, this note will have to be one of the substitutes.

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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

10/01 Barry Firestone	10/15 Justin Boggs
10/02 John Duncan	Cam Champion
10/03 Elizabeth Barlow	10/16 Cynthia Ott
10/04 Vicki Bayang	10/17 Jennifer Scherzer
Jackie Stevenson	10/18 David Thomas
Jeff Weissling	10/20 Grayson Gornick
10/05 Charles Crawford	10/23 Jimmy Gavin
Nicholas Gerber	Pat Landgren
10/06 Art DePue	10/24 Nelson Aviles
Connie Klutts	10/26 Kristen Fennel
10/07 Jennifer Blancas	Susan Howard
10/09 Reece Stanley	10/27 Brenda Spiess
10/12 Ralph Janisch	10/29 Candy Geer
10/13 Michele Gavin	Steve Jeffries
Sarah Jacobsen	Lane Stanley
Chris Patton	10/30 Carol Ann Muskiet
10/14 Kristina Dear	Fred Talley
Ted Ritts	
Sarah Segers	

Happy Birthday!

STAFF

Fr. Stan Gerber, Rector
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 Mike Mason, Music Director
 Nicholas Gerber, Praise Team Leader
 Michele Gavin, Education Director
 Kris Heeter, Financial Secretary
 Beth Winford, Office Administrator
 Tracy Pegues, Evangelism Coordinator
 Caye Lankford, Special Events Coordinator
 Rachel Johnson, Nursery Coordinator
 Valerie Shepherd & Carol McBee, Altar Guild
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 Bob Benning, Treasurer
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VESTRY

Martin Bayang (2014)
 Jim Boggs (2013)
 Peggy DePue (2014)
 Wade Fennel (2014)
 David Flower (2013)
 Tommy Lamb (2012)
 Paul Lankford (2013)
 Carol McBee (2013)
 Paul Palmer (2012)
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(Fr. Stan continued)

I believe in God. I know God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In spite of my faults, I am grateful to God for who I am and for what I have been given. My life and all that sustains it is a gift from God and a reflection of God's love. There are, of course, difficult times and bad moments in all of our lives which are beyond anyone's control. But I believe God is always present, God's grace always prevails, and light overcomes the darkness.

When I think about my own personal stewardship and all that God has entrusted to my care, the only word that seems to fit is "gratitude." The best kind of steward I know how to be is one who acts out of thanks to God. Stewardship thus becomes an attitude.

When we came to Tomball back in 1994, Mary & I took a step of faith and moved from 4% to 10% of our household income in our giving to the Church and now give another few percentage points on top of that for our Building Fund (RIF).

We encourage you to work toward the tithe until you reach or exceed it. You will be blessed in doing so.

Please think about these things, and when the time comes for you to make your commitment, your pledge will reflect your faith. Thanks for allowing me to share some thoughts with you that are so important to me.

Titling in Our Churches Today

As we begin to move into our Stewardship Season, allow me to offer a few thoughts about tithing.

In Christian congregations all over our land, people who pride themselves on their faith in Jesus Christ bring a \$20 bill every Sunday and place it in the offering plate each week and feel good about it. But let's look at it closely. Let's say the family receives \$25,000 per year in gross income, or \$35,000, or \$45,000. What would a weekly tithe -- 10% of those salaries or wages -- amount to? Get your calculator and figure it out. If you divide \$25,000 by 52 weeks you get an income of \$480 per week. A tithe on \$480 is \$48 per week. The weekly tithe for a family making \$35,000 is \$67.31; for \$45,000 it is \$86.54 per week.

Let me ask you plainly: Do you tithe?

I hope I haven't made you angry. People get angry when we talk about giving their money to the work of the Lord. Really angry!

"How dare you! What do you mean I'm robbing God? I can't afford any more! Don't you know I have bills to pay? Don't you know that the interest on our mortgage and credit cards and car payment is eating up any money we have left?"

Don't you know that this tithing stuff is an Old Testament law!

We're in an age of grace, not of law. Don't be legalistic! Show me one place in the New Testament which says I ought to tithe!"

Well, for starters, about the only thing Jesus commended the Pharisees for was that they tithed. In many areas they were petty, self-serving, self-righteous, and Jesus is scathing in his rebuke. But they did give ten percent of their income -- and ten percent of each of the herbs in their gardens -- to God's work, and Jesus commended them for it. He said they should continue to do that, but without neglecting mercy and love.

So let me ask you again: Do you tithe?

And then there are our Funny Priorities

Funny how a \$20 bill looks so big when we take it to church -- and so small when we take it to the movies.

Funny how big an hour (or hour and a half) of worshipping GOD looks -- and how small 60 minutes are when spent playing golf, fishing, etc.

Funny how laborious it is to read a chapter in the Bible -- and how easy it is to read 3,000 pages of a bestselling novel.

Funny how we believe what newspapers say -- but question what the Bible says.

(Fr. Stan cont. on pg.3)

From the Mission Field - Pt. 2

Dear Friends and Family,

I just want to thank you all so much for making my Kenya mission trip possible. The trip was absolutely amazing. I gained incredible experience in the medical field, I got to meet other amazing pre-med students and Baylor faculty, I got to see the beautiful country of Kenya AND I got to see God working in absolutely amazing ways through my team and the Kenyan people.

We went into Kenya and set up a small health clinic and blood work lab for a tribe of people called the Luo. Within the Luo people, there is a group called "Bethlehem Home." This group is made up of "elders" (widows) and orphans and they are grouped together in "families" to live and to make businesses in order to survive. They were our main focus, and our closest friends. Every day when we arrived there was a long line already waiting for us at the clinic. The people would walk over to the lab, get their vitals done, and get their blood taken to be tested for things like malaria, anemia, lead poisoning, and diabetes. The Luo are so gracious, and bear the needle pricks without flinching. They are so tiny and malnourished, and sometimes that makes it hard to draw blood, but they are so patient with us, and just so thankful to get their blood tested. Next they would head over to the clinic to be seen by the doctor. There were usually two or three students assisting each doctor, and I personally gained a ton of knowledge just from being able to sit with the doctor and see the patients. After they see the doctor, they receive medicine from the "pharmacy" (a group of students working to sort and count medicine for each of the patients.) Patients received medicines for the conditions they had as well as basic vitamins.

Outside of the clinic, we also built gutters to collect fresh rainwater, taught at the local school, planted fruit trees for the orphans, collected water to do testing for lead, took surveys on housing situations in order to understand the correlation to asthma better, went on house visits to those

who could not come out to the clinic, and numerous other projects.

One of my favorite stories from the trip comes from a time I went on a house visit. We hiked out to a house on the plateau to see a 97 year old woman who was suffering from extreme throat pain. She was the most alive 97 year old I have ever seen in my whole life. She was frail and thin, but she was bounding around collecting her grandchildren and great-grandchildren to come meet us. She was so happy to see us that she was dancing and singing for us. She was incredibly full of God's spirit and just so alive in Him. After talking to her about her throat pain and seeing a few x-rays from the hospital that she had gotten done a few years ago, we were able to diagnose it as some sort of tumor near her thyroid. We really had nothing with us that would help her, except maybe pain medication. We felt absolutely terrible for leaving her with nothing that would treat her condition. As we were explaining this to her, she suddenly got this smile on her face =, and then she looked at us and said something in Luo, the translator then translated it, "It's OK that you can't treat me. I know God loves me, just because he sent you guys out to see me, and to give me hope." That's when I realized, that a mission trip is not always about giving our money, or sharing our fancy American education, or providing fresh water, or even giving medicine and healing the sick. Sometimes it is more about brothers and sisters in Christ from all corners of the world coming together just to give each other hope and to remind each other of Christ's unending love.

I would love to talk about my trip more, to anyone that is willing to listen. I could talk your socks off about it! I cannot thank you enough for helping me be able to go on this trip. It was truly an experience of a lifetime, and I am so blessed to have had such an opportunity.

St. Timothy's -- Thanks so much!!!
Love y'all,
Megan Wilkie

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



This month's Rosary will be offered on October 19.

**Harvest Sunday
October 23
Combined Service
10am**
**Followed by a special
Harvest reception for
all our parishoners and
special guests**

Incense Sundays
11:00 am service -
the second Sunday of the month
October 9
November 13
8:45 am service -
the third Sunday of the month
October 16
November 20



Vintage Flock

Vintage Flock members took a car pooling trip to the Lenier Theological Library and the Stone Chapel. They found both very interesting and well worth visiting. Thanks Mary Leigh for all your hard work planning trips.

Members voted to give one hundred dollars each to the SOS Fire Fund for victims of the Texas fires and to a church family who suffered major losses due to fire many weeks ago. Thanks Ted for taking care of this. Discussions were held on how we will raise money for future gifts.

Meeting in October will be held on the 11th and 25th. Bring a dish and come join us for friendship and fun.

It sounds like it is going to take a lot of prayer for rain, so let's all get busy! Prayers, cards and hugs for all who need them.

God's blessings,
Sue





Women's and Men's Ministries

Ladies Night Out

Watch the Sunday bulletin for information on the next gathering.

Women Who Read

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

Oct. - *The Lacuna: A Novel*
Barbara Kingsolver

Nov. - *Sarah's Key*
Tatiana de Rosnay

Dec. - *The Art of Racing in the Rain: A Novel*
Garth Stein



Daughters of Honor

Prayer, Study, Service and Evangelism

The Daughters of Honor were so very blessed by the presence and talk given by our guest speaker in September, author-lecturer Camile Rodriquez, wife of Fr. Frankie Rodriquez, pastor of Living Stones Anglican Church in Sugarland.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 15, and we will be equally blessed to have our parishioner, Erin Kotlan, tell us about her mission trip experiences in Uganda. Please join us at 9 a.m. for Holy Eucharist and 9:30 for refreshments, meeting and speaker. Bring a friend!

See page 3 for information on our fall women's one day event – *Transformed*.

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

Leading a Prayer – Encouragement for the Beginner

Have you been afraid to pray in public? Are you always hoping you won't get chosen to lead a group in prayer? Do you wonder how others can be asked at a moment's notice and be ready to lead a prayer. Well, it doesn't take any special talent from God to lead a prayer, just a love of Him.

There are a couple things you need to understand about public prayer:

No one expects you to be a Bible scholar at this point. Are you afraid you'll say something wrong? You will say something wrong at some point. If not, you do have a gift from God. Just keep the prayer simple and from the heart and if someone comes and points out a misunderstanding you may have that was revealed in your prayer, thank them for pointing it out and go on. You won't be the first nor will you be the last.

No one expects you to lead a prayer like a preacher. Ministers and preachers have led hundreds, maybe thousands of prayers. Don't try to sound like someone else and don't worry that your prayer is not long enough. Try not to frame thy prayer in the language of King James unless thou art truly acquainted with it. In the future, if you become acquainted with it, and you truly feel that using it is the most reverent way to approach God then by all means do so. Just don't feel that it is a requirement to be heard by God. Simple and modern is just fine.

Here are some recommendations that you could try when it comes to public prayer:

Pray at home. In order to pray publicly you'll need to stop saying quiet prayers within your mind. You'll need to verbalize. This forces thoughts to become words. When you pray privately at home, verbalize. When you pray alone in your car, verbalize. When you pray at the dinner table, verbalize. Use words and be careful with your diction.

Pray for those things appropriate at the moment. When you lead prayer, don't feel obligated to include everything that might be God's concern in every opportunity for prayer. An opening prayer should include things that a closing prayer does not and vice versa. Prayers at the beginning of a Bible class should not be just like a prayer before a meal. Prayers at the Lord's table should be about the element about to be served.

Forget about making yourself look good or sound good. Conversely, forget about not making yourself look like an idiot (which is what beginners usually fret about). Put your mind on God, on His grace, His mercy, His holiness.

It's a privilege to lead the Lord's people in prayer. It is humbling and faith-building. More men should prepare themselves to do it. More men should accept the responsibility. As a Christian man it is a necessary step in your Christian development. You can do it.

The 6:11 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. We are currently studying the Apostle's Creed on Sunday evenings from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in the Blue Cross Room. Your participation is welcomed and encouraged.

(Fr. Stan continued)

Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray -- and don't have any difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

Funny how we need 2 or 3 weeks to fit a church event into our schedule -- but can adjust it for a social event at the last minute.

Funny how folks want to sit on the front row at a ball game

or a concert -- but scramble to get a back seat at church services.

Funny how difficult it is to memorize scripture or to share the simple gospel message -- but how easy it is to hear and repeat gossip.

Funny, isn't it?

Fr. Stan

Eventfully Speaking

Transformed - A Women's Event

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:1-2 NIV

Join us on Saturday November 5th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Timothy's Anglican Church.

Transformed is a one-day special event for women hosted by HopePointe, Savior and St. Timothy's Anglican churches. We will celebrate God's transformative power, seeking His renewal of our minds, bodies and spirits, through powerful worship, inspirational talks, and practical and fun workshops. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship as we laugh and learn together, being transformed by God's Word, His Spirit, and His Love.

Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)

For workshop information and registration, go to sttimothysanglicanchurch.org.



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, November 13, 2011
2 Seatings / (12:30 PM & 5:00 PM)

THANKSGIVING DINNER

It is almost time for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. A committee is needed to help with this special event. Parishioners will be asked to furnish a dish but additional help is needed in the planning, decorating, set up and clean up. If you can help, please contact Caye Lankford at 281-320-2920.



WORK DAY



ST. TIMOTHY'S

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT 10AM

JOIN US FOR THE SERVICE, SNACKS & PICTURES!



Join us for our next work day on Saturday, October 8 at 8:30am. We will be doing some painting, cleaning, minor repairs and some other small projects. Everyone is invited to help improve our church home. Questions? Talk to our Junior Warden Martin Bayang.

Evangelism

Have you seen the Kingdom lately? The good news is that you don't have to look very far to see it here at St. Timothy's. Let me take you on a tour. Stick your head into any of our classrooms throughout the week and you can see teachers, growth group leaders, care coordinators and participants sharing their knowledge, love and time to help each other grow closer to God by studying His word together.

Check out the office as we pass by, you'll see the staff and volunteers working on the things it takes to make this place run each week. Next is the kitchen. On Sundays our tireless coffee host teams make sure that our fellowship time is delicious. Wednesday nights finds a group of talented cooks who share their culinary talents by making dinner for everyone. Step across the way into the Parish Hall, doesn't that look beautiful? Clearly we have a special event happening and our decorators, chefs, hostesses and clean-up crews are ready to make this a memorable day.

In the conference room you can see our vestry at work. They are tasked with the job of managing our finances, assets and many of the decisions that keep us working for God. Come on any given day and you can see people and ministries working all around to serve God by helping those both in and out of this parish.

Hear that? Our choirs are practicing preparing for Sunday morning worship. Right there is the Altar Guild sacristy. These folks make sure that the church is prepared and beautiful for all our services. And those rooms down there are the clergy sacristy and the vesting room where all our clergy, acolytes and LEMs get dressed and ready to serve. I see that our greeters and ushers are in place and doing the important work of meeting everyone who joins us on Sundays. Step into the service and you can see our media team, lectors and prayer teams working to make sure that the worship experience is rich in the Word and prayer. Go ahead and have a seat with the rest of the family. Holy Eucharist gives each of us a taste of the banquet that one day awaits us and allows us to join Christians throughout the world and time in a heavenly family reunion.

The things we do together, the gifts that each of us bring allows St. Timothy's to do the work of the Kingdom. There is no job too small or gift that seems unimportant that God cannot use for Himself, so keep up the good work St. Tim's and continue to "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

Peace,
Tracy

The original intent for All Hallow's Eve festivals was to honor the dead (the saints). The dressing up for this festival was to resemble the souls of the dead, often well-known saints. The tradition of wearing masks and lighting bonfires was to scare away evil spirits. The 21st century secular popularity of Halloween has caused this festival to be less about honoring the dead and more about the commercial sale of ghoulish masks and frightening frivolity.

In fact, over the centuries our Christian beliefs have given way to focusing on honoring the dead through worship, prayer remembrances, and community, not only on All Saint's Day but also the evening before known as All Hallows' Eve. In 1979 the *Book of Occasional Services* was created as a result of a General Convention Resolution. The All Hallows' Eve service can be found on page 108, while the service of the light, found on page 109, may be used prior to the All Hallows' Eve service.

ADULT GROWTH GROUPS

Growth Groups will continue to meet through mid-November. Be sure to share your stories and experiences with us so we can see how God is working in our groups!

Question Box

Don't forget, if you have questions regarding The Apostles' Creed study, please feel free to leave us a note in the question box located in the main hallway in the Narthex. A Deacon or Staff member will respond to your question as soon as possible, just be sure to write down the best way to reach you on your index card.

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

Please check out our youth website at www.StTimothysAnglicanYouth.org for up-to-date information and forms for upcoming events!

- Sun. Oct. 2: Youth Alpha Session 5: Why and how should I read the Bible? 5 – 7pm in the youth room
- Wed. Oct. 5: STAY Growth Groups 6:30 – 8:15pm in the youth room
- Sun. Oct. 9: Youth Alpha Session 6: How does God guide us? 5 – 7pm in the youth room
- Wed. Oct. 12: STAY Growth Groups 6:30 – 8:15pm in the youth room
- Sat. Oct. 15: Youth Alpha Retreat 12noon – Sunday morning church
Bring Bible and overnight stuff – this retreat is part of our Alpha program and focuses on the Holy Spirit
- Sun. Oct. 16: Youth Alpha Session 7: How can I resist evil? 5 – 7pm in the youth room
- Wed. Oct. 19: STAY Growth Groups 6:30 – 8:15pm in the youth room
- Sun. Oct. 22: Youth Alpha Session 8: Why and how should I tell others? 5 – 7pm in the youth room
- Wed. Oct. 26: STAY Growth Groups 6:30 – 8:15pm in the youth room
- Sun. Oct. 30: Youth Alpha Session 9: Does God heal today? 5 – 7pm in the youth room

Invite your friends!

Letter from Stan DePue:

For those of you who haven't heard, Stan DePue, who was an integral part of leading our youth here at St. Timothy's has moved to Austin, TX where he feels God is calling him. Although this transition is what God has planned, it has been bittersweet! The following letter is from Stan to the parents of all kids here at St. Timothy's. Please keep him (and his fiancé Lane) in your prayers daily as God prepares him for what He has next!

Dear St. Timothy's Parents,

I just wanted to thank you one more time for everything you all have done for me and the youth group over the past couple years. There are a couple specific things that I would really like to thank you for. First, thank you for the support that you give St. Timothy's youth. There is absolutely no way that a youth program could live and grow without the support of the parents in the congregation, and you have always shown full support. From offering your home for pool parties, to providing meals, to sending your kids to Soul in the City, to driving your kids to STAY every week, y'all are constantly willing to help and play your part in the ministry. I really do hope you see that your effort and support for the youth group has made a huge difference. Your kids are blessed to have you!

Thank you also for trusting me with your kids. The teens in St. Timothy's youth group are amazing, and I will miss them so much. The youth group has an amazing leader with Kristin, and she has an amazing team to help her. In that sense, it is easy to leave and be confident that God will continue to move in this group and in the kids. Each one of them has a hunger for God that I am confident will continue to push them to seek God throughout their life. I am excited to see the things that God is going to do in and through them as they grow older. But all of that doesn't make it easier to leave those relationships! I appreciate you allowing me to be a part of their lives. I will miss seeing them every week a lot!

Lastly, once again I really want to encourage you to continue to be prayerful toward the youth program at St. Timothy's. Like I said, though I am slightly biased, I think that it is an amazing group. This is completely because of you, Kristin and her support, your kids, Fr. Stan's support, and the work that God is doing in them. I am very excited in the direction that the group is growing. Your kids have been a big part of my life and I hope that they will stay in my life! I will definitely be back to see y'all, and I will also be back for Soul in the City next year. Please keep in touch, and thanks again!

Love,
Stan DePue

Harvest Follow-Up

Harvest Follow-Up Team meeting and assignments, Monday, October 24 at 6:30pm. The more the merrier, so please feel free to just show up. Come help us put an exclamation point on this year's Harvest!

From the Mission Field - Pt. 1

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

Thanks so much for the prayers and financial support for my trip to Uganda. I had an amazing time. I got to spend nearly a month at the Northern Uganda Teen Missions International Base with my team. We built a roof, wall, fence, and finished a room for the base during the week. On Saturdays we did ministry with the kids and visited churches on Sundays. Ministry consisted of washing feet and giving out shoes, playing games with the kids, and sharing Christ with them through crafts and stories. Each week we got to work with a different age group of orphans. After our morning ministry we would spend the afternoon praying for each other and we did our presentation of songs and skits for them. The base had a children's choir that performed for us each week. Their music was so touching to my heart. They sang welcome songs, goodbye songs, and songs of blessing for my team. My team prayed with around 70 kids who wanted to accept Christ. God did miraculous things this summer in Uganda. The people are so beautiful. I had such an amazing time. Thanks again so much for keeping my team and I covered in prayer this summer.

Erin Kotlan



If you would like to help with the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 8 please contact Tracy or just show about around 8:30. We need help setting up, taking down and with pictures. Everyone is welcome!



Attention All Cookie Bakers!

We need homemade cookies to send out with our Harvest follow up crews. If you would like to help with this ministry please contact Tracy at 281 255-4111 or email her at sttimsanglican@gmail.com.



Christian Formation



*The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. (Proverbs 16:1)
Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. (Proverbs 16:3)*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION



Sunday Mornings: 10:15 – 10:50am

- The Nursery children will also have a FaithWeaver class in the Nursery during the Sunday school hour.
- The age brackets for our classes will be for: PreK – Kdg class, 1st & 2nd grade, 3rd & 4th grade
- **NO Sunday School on October 23rd due to Harvest Sunday!**

Parents Don't Forget our Family Tree Project!

As part of our October 9th Sunday school lesson, we will be talking about how we celebrate the love we have for our families by making a parish family tree!

All of the children will be asked to bring in a photo or drawing of their family glued to a paper plate to add to this tree (one plate per family). Your child's teacher has provided your child with a packet. We will have the tree on display through Harvest Sunday.

Club 56 for Guys and Girls (separate groups) will also be meeting Sunday mornings for a time of devotionals. This special group began meeting last year and has had a great time getting to know one another better and learn more about God, their faith and how to apply what they learn in this group in the real world. This group serves as a bridge for the kids as they prepare to join STAY in a couple of years. Girls meet in Kristin's office, Guys meet in the Youth Room.



HEY CLUB56 – WE WANT YOU ON THE FAMILY TREE TOO, so pick up a packet for your family.

Wednesday Evenings: 7:00 – 8:15pm

We will continue tying in the Bible lesson with a different type of art during the semester with a focus on music. These activities are for the children from Kdg through 4th grade.

In November we kick-off our Culinary Arts section along with 1st Communion instruction, more info will be available in the bulletin in the next few weeks.

Girls Club56 will also meet again to cover *Lies Young Women Believe* that will help them cope with their day-to-day issues they face at school and at home

All Hallow's Eve Festival – Wednesday, Oct. 26th

We are planning to have an All Hallow's Eve special event for the kids (Kdg – 6th grade) on Wednesday, October 26th at 7pm to introduce some history of how Anglican traditions have evolved over time and how such traditions can be used to bridge the Christian tradition and the commercialism of the secular world. More information on our festival will be in the weekly bulletins. There will be some restrictions on costumes, so keep a look out for more info.

If you would like to help with this event, please contact Michele Gavin at Michele.Gavin@StTimothysAnglican.org.



Painting by Fra Angelico

A Brief Background of All Hallow's Eve

All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas) is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Hallowe'en). It is a feast day celebrated on November 1st by Anglicans and is an opportunity for followers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. As part of this day of obligation, followers are required to attend church and try not to do any servile work. Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to them each year has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD.

Mission & Outreach

T.E.A.M.

Beginning October 4, 2011, the T.E.A.M. Food Pantry will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. We will no longer be open on Fridays.

The T.E.A.M. Resale Shop will still be open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. The Resale Shop is in need of volunteers on Wednesdays through Saturdays. If you could volunteer for any amount of time on any of those days, you would be warmly welcomed. You may stop by and talk with Barbara Fabian, manager, or Suzanne Arnold, our volunteer who works there.

Looking ahead on the calendar, we will be signing up families for Thanksgiving during the month of October. We will be signing up families for Christmas during the month of November. Both holidays will be here sooner than you think!

During the month of August, we fed 1,388 individuals (359 families) in the Tomball area.

Of the 359 families, 171 heads of the households were employed, 132 were unemployed, and 56 were retired or disabled. We had 51 new families become clients.

We wish to thank you for all your donations. Without your help, we could not help as many people in need as we do.

Your T.E.A.M. Volunteers (Suzanne, Ernie, Mary Ellen, Nancy, & Tim)



Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items on Sunday, October 2nd and Sunday, November 6th for the Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries



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Harvest Stories

Every now and then God gives us a peek behind the scenes and allows us to catch a glimpse of the amazing things He is doing. God gave us that opportunity just after we completed our first Harvest Unlimited program last fall. It arrived in the form of beautifully written thank you notes from a handful of people whose lives were touched by our efforts.

*Dear Linda,
Your prayers for our family are so appreciated. When the phone call came only God knew what was happening in our lives. I know that he directed that call from St. Timothy's to our home....*

The writer went on to explain that her daughter was going thru a heart breaking divorce with small children involved but the prayers were helping. The writer went on to say, *A few weeks ago I attended a memorial service in your church for a friend. I felt enveloped by love and the prayers you have given for us!*

God knew before we even picked up a phone that this lady needed prayer and she was going to be coming to our church in October of that year for a terribly sad reason. This is truly a circumstance that could only be arranged by our heavenly Father.

Another letter came our way from a lady named Mary Beth and she wrote:

*Dear Prayer Warriors,
You all are so dear to pray for me and write notes and scriptures to add to the blessing. While you were lifting me to the Lord, I had an unexpected pacemaker replacement almost two weeks ago. Did well!*

Now, obviously God knew all about His plan for Mary Beth and so He had us call her and make this vital connection. She went on to explain that she and her husband are actively involved at local church but so admired our reaching out to her. She closed the letter with the following: *I pray the Lord will bless your church and each of you who have prayed for me and others who are strangers to you. Someday we will meet and know each other!!*

Please pray for this year's Harvest Unlimited program because there are so many hurting people out there who really need to be supported by our prayers and care. If you would be interested in joining the home intercessor team, contact Anthea Kotlan @ akotlan@charter.net or 936-271-4816.



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