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Tell Me About The Eucharist pt. 1

Over these next couple of months I will be writing about the Holy Eucharist. I do this because many of our parishioners do not have a history of the Eucharist and have requested more information on this holy sacrament. So here goes.

"Man is what he eats." This is a statement made by a German materialistic philosopher by the name of Feuerbach. Without realizing it, Feuerbach was expressing the most religious idea of mankind. Think of the implications of this statement for us Christians who come to the altar week after week, eating of the substance of Christ. "Man is what he eats."

Beginning in the Book of Genesis, we are presented as hungry human beings with the whole world, minus one tree, as our food. At the end of the Bible we are given the image of our final destination as that of eating and drinking at the Lord's Table in His Kingdom. In between time, we eat at the Lord's Table in His church, eating and drinking of the Lord Himself, being filled with Christ so that we might become like Him in His humanity. So, keep this in mind as I continue with this article -- "Man is what he eats."

Before there was ever a Bible as we know it; before there were the Creeds as we know them; there was the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist was the most important service to the early Christians. Why? 1) Because Jesus instituted the Eucharist on the night before he was put to death, and 2) because He commanded his disciples to continue with the Eucharist until His coming again.

The Holy Eucharist has always been the central liturgical service of the Christian Church. The two most common titles given to this service have been "Holy Communion" and "The Lord's Supper." However, other titles have been used from the earliest of times, such as "The Mass", taken from the Latin words of dismissal, (Ite missa est); or "The Liturgy", which formerly applied to all the rites and services of the Church but today is used primarily for this one service; and "The Eucharist", which in Greek means 'thanksgiving'.

One of my favorite Orthodox theologians, who has now journeyed into the fullness of our Lord's Kingdom, is a man by the name of Alexander Schmemmann. He wrote about the Eucharist as being a journey, or as a procession. It is the journey of the

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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:

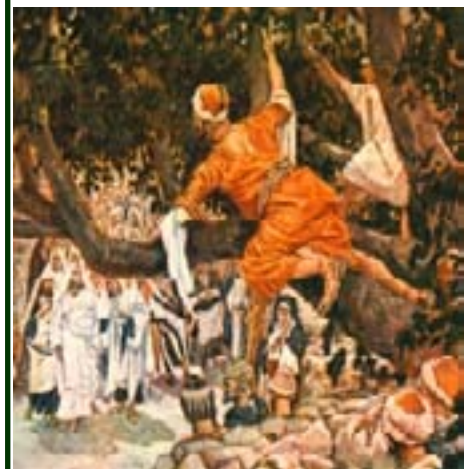
Growing and Discipling the Family of God

Reflecting the Love of God Through Hospitality, Friendship and Fellowship

Encountering the Living God Through Traditional and Contemporary Worship

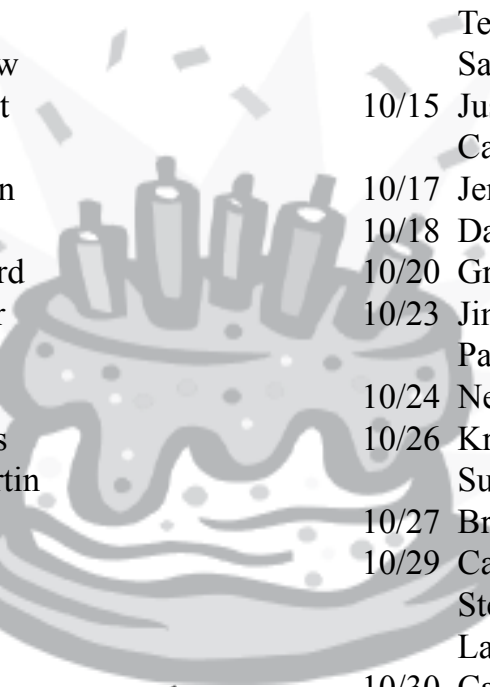
Raising and Nurturing Children through the Grace of God

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



BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Barry Firestone	10/14 Kristina Dear
10/02 John Duncan	Ted Ritts
10/03 Elizabeth Barlow	Sarah Segers
David Sundquist	10/15 Justin Boggs
10/04 Vicki Bayang	Cam Champion
Jackie Stevenson	10/17 Jennifer Scherzer
Jeff Weissling	10/18 David Thomas
10/05 Charles Crawford	10/20 Grayson Gornick
Nicholas Gerber	10/23 Jimmy Gavin
10/06 Art DePue	Pat Landgren
Connie Klutts	10/24 Nelson Aviles
10/07 Jennifer Blancas	10/26 Kristen Fennel
Caroline Gilmartin	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
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Happy Birthdays!

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church into another dimension of reality – into the dimension of the Kingdom of God. This journey begins when Christians leave their homes and beds on Sunday mornings. Whether we have to drive fifteen miles, or walk a few blocks, a sacramental act is already taking place. For in this morning journey, as we all head toward St. Timothy's, we are on our way to constitute the church, or to be more exact, to be transformed into the church of God. We come from all walks of life; some black, some white, some poor, some rich; we come together in one place, all bringing our lives and our worlds with us, offering them to be transformed into something better. We come and go to the altar again and again, all the while growing in grace and in the knowledge of God's love. We come to worship him through the offering of our lives for another try at living "our utmost for his highest" in a bewildering, frightening, and rapidly changing world. We ask only that he will keep us near to him throughout the long days and the dark nights, ever mindful of our own needs and the needs of others which he alone can help us meet.

Since it is by Christ's invitation that we come, we most always come just as we are, not quite sure of ourselves and our faith, feeling a little guilty, conscious of our needs, desiring a new life, intending to do better, asking forgiveness for things done and left undone, and really wanting to do something about our lives as they are. This is really the only way we can come.

The Eucharist has, with Baptism, always been the mark of the Christian. The service dramatizes both the life of the Christian community and the life of the individual

Christian. It acts as a summary of Christian experience and as the source of power for Christian living. The prayer book service we use Sunday after Sunday really has two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Sacrament .

The Liturgy of the Word is the preparation part of the service ending with the 'Passing of God's Peace' to one another. The Liturgy of the Sacrament or 'The Holy Communion' begins at that point with the Offertory. The first part of the service, the preparation, The Liturgy of the Word, was borrowed from the Jewish synagogue. It simply consists of prayers and of readings from the Bible. These prayers and readings describe our life together with God, helping us on our journeys giving us the directions for Christian living. We begin the service with The Entrance Rite. In our church the entrance rite is The Procession usually with a hymn or Opening Song. In the earliest services of the church, the liturgy was always in the homes, often called house churches. For the most part, the Service would begin with a salutation, (The Lord be with you), and then they would say a psalm, which eventually came to be sung. These early Christians met in homes because on the Sabbath they still worshiped in the synagogues as Jews. They still went to the Temple and did the things they were supposed to do until both the Temple and Jerusalem were destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD. As the church began to meet in more formal settings, i.e., churches, a desire for a more formal entrance began to be felt, thus hymns were sung in procession, led by the Cross.

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A Night of Worship

Come and join us on Sunday, October 24 from 5-7 PM as Joyful Noise hosts *A Night of Worship*. This laid back service is for all those from ages 0 – 125 who love to worship God, those who are seeking Him out, or those who have never even heard of Him before! This means everybody can come and feel completely at ease with their surroundings, so bring a friend. This service will include lots of music which could cause dancing, testimonies and messages that will stir the soul, and prayers that will change the heart. Come join the Spirit and see all He is doing at St. Timothy's *A Night of Worship*!

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



This month's date
Wednesday, October 20



Remember

Combined Service at 10 am
Harvest Sunday, Oct. 3
Join us for a great day!

INCENSE SUNDAYS

10:45 am service -
the second Sunday of the month
Oct. 10
Nov. 14



9:00 am service -
the third Sunday of the month
Oct. 17
Nov. 21

*Joseph and Penelope Kenney
are overjoyed to announce
God's gift to our family through the
miracle of adoption and journey of faith...*

Aiden Ronald Kenney

born July 29, 2009

Joshua Jackson Kenney

born August 12, 2007

Adopted into their forever family

September 28, 2010

*Please join us in attending their
baptism, followed with an adoption
celebration and dinner.*

October 16, 2010, 11:00 am

St. Timothy's Anglican Church

Spring, Texas

Vintage Flock

There will be no trip in October. Meetings will be on the 12th and 26th of October. We begin at 11:30 with lunch at 12 noon. Bring a dish and come and join us for fun and games.

Don't forget cards, hugs and calls for all that need them.

Fall is on the way and won't it be wonderful to be cooler!!!

God's blessings,
Sue



Family Ministries

We are kicking off the Family Ministries with a meeting on Saturday Oct. 16th from 4:30 until 7pm. There will be a cooking class before that time so we will be able to let the kids enjoy homemade pizza and bread from that class. As for the adults we are going to have spaghetti with pot luck sides and desserts, so bring your favorites to share. If you have an old family spaghetti recipe or a great one you have made or discovered and would like to share with other families, let me know. For the kids we will have popcorn and a movie with the option of games and possibly ping pong. Adults, there will be a presentation on saving or stretching your money; using coupons with store sales, homemade laundry soap, digital coupons, easy homemade recipes, how to share with those in need, giving the extras to the church and many more money saving and sharing ideas. Bring your ideas and input as well, there will be an opportunity to share your ideas.

Our Family Ministries is open to all singles and couples, with or without kids and teenagers; it is a gathering for real authentic fellowship, making Christian friends and relationships.

Working in Christ,
Grant Seiver
(281) 257-0899 or gdseiver@netscape.net

Thank You

Mary Lee Turk would like to express her love and gratitude for all the visits, cards and prayers during her recovery. Your love and support were a gift from God.

Our volunteers are **AWESOME!!!!** You give you time and talent not to mention your personal time off to make our Church so beautiful. Those of you who came on August 28 for the workday got so many projects that were unfinished - FINISHED, started and finished projects that have been on list and offered up suggestions for down the road. Wow!! Thank you, Thank you!

Our choir loft crew have put in endless hours on the "New" Choir area. They have done a FAB job and their time and talent is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to their families who have been without them on days and evenings that are usually reserved for family time – our families are AWESOME as well.

How about that **Men's 611!!!!!!** They removed all the furnishings and carpet from the Sanctuary area so the wood flooring could be installed in a timely manner. **MUSCLE MEN TO THE RESCUE.** Thanks guys for delaying your meeting to get this job done.

All our painters worked double time to get the area behind the altar painted. Thanks for helping us complete this task in record time!



Women's and Men's Ministries

Women's Ministry Team Meeting

The Women's Ministries Team will not meet in October.

Women Who Read

Monday Mornings

First Monday of the month

10:30 at the Tomball Retirement Center Library.

See Ruth Gray for more information

Oct. - *Memory Keeper's Daughter*

Kim Edwards

Nov. - *Stones into Schools*

Greg Mortenson

Dec. - *Mockingbird*

Charles Shields



Daughters of Honor

The next meeting of the Daughters is Saturday, September 18 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 Karszen. This month we will studying chapters 19 and 20. Visitors are always welcome.

Ladies Night Out

The Ladies' Night Out group will meet on Tuesday October 5. This month we will again gather at The Patch at 7pm. It is located in Tomball on 249. As always, all ladies of the church are welcome to join us!



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Donations for the Organ – Matching Funds

We have a very kind and generous offer from a family in the parish that with every dollar donated to help pay off the wonderful organ before the end of the year, they will match it with a dollar of their own. If you wish to write a check to accept this offer, be sure to designate it for the organ fund.

Thank You To Our Harvest Volunteers

I cannot even begin to express the proper gratitude to the many people who have stepped forward to help with Harvest Unlimited. What a huge blessing this ministry has been, and will continue to be, to our parish. I especially want to thank Gail Cahill our Executive Coordinator who has spent untold hours making this ministry work. Gail has been unemployed for a few months (which she credits to God for allowing her to be here for this ministry) and because I knew of her strong gifts in organization and administration I asked her to lead this ministry. What a true blessing she has been. And to all of our other Coordinators: Tommy Lamb, Calling; Bill & Anthea Kotlan, Prayer; Anna Weil, Mailing; Judith Jordan, Call Center Reporting; Tracy Pegues, Follow-Up; Caye Lankford, Harvest Sunday; Charlotte Talley, Luncheon; and Michele Gavin, Design/Print. Thank you to all of you for putting in the time, prayer and energy to make this ministry work. And to all of our Call Managers and Prayer Managers, our callers, all those who have prayed at church or at home, all those who have helped with writing and mailing, and all those

who are helping with the luncheon, greeting, parking, and follow-up. A huge round of applause for the fabulous ministry performed.

New AMiA Church Plant in Sugarland

Please keep Fr. Frankie Rodriquez and his launch team in your prayers as they launch the new Living Stones Anglican Church on October 3. They have been in preparation mode for several months and are ready to begin reaching out to the community.

Leader's Meeting

Please be aware that we have our next Leader's meeting on October 4 at 6:30 PM. This gathering is open to anyone to join the staff, vestry and ministry leaders. I always look forward to our time together.

Vestry Elections

And finally, please be reminded that we will have vestry elections on Sunday, October 24 at 10:00AM (Christian Ed. time). We will elect four persons to three-year terms and one person to fill a two-year term. This will also be Stephen Ministry Sunday where we will have a presentation on this new ministry being prepared to begin in the late Winter/early Spring.

Fr. Stan

Open to All

Celebrate Recovery

Do you have any hurts, habits or hang-ups?

Alcoholism*Divorce*Sexual Abuse*Codependency*Domestic Violence*Drug Addiction*Sexual Addiction*Food Addiction*Gambling Addiction*Smoking

Come and Celebrate Recovery!

A small group study on recovery, based on the eight principles of the beatitudes and the loving power of Jesus Christ. Created by John Baker from Saddleback Church.

For more information please contact Art Blancas from St. Timothy's at 281-731-6327 or email alwblancas@yahoo.com

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

Thank you to all the men of 611 who helped to move things off of the altar area and rip up the carpet from the area so that the new wood floors could be put down. Men and their destructive nature has never been handier!

The men of 611, which includes every man in the church over the age of 18, will continue their bible study on Sunday evenings of Acts. We meet from 5-7 PM every Sunday evening for fellowship, study, and lot of fun! We hope to see you there!



Sermon Series & Preaching Through 2010

Harvest Sunday BIG DAY!!!! New Series

Oct 3	Proper 22	Marriage#1	Fr. Stan
Oct 10	Proper 23	Divorce#2	Fr. Stan
Oct 17	Proper 24	Being Single#3	Seminarian Jennifer
Oct 24	Proper 25	Sex#4	Fr. Stan

Oct 31	Proper 26	All Saints	Fr. Stan
Nov 7	Proper 27	Lectionary Sermon	Fr. Stan
Daylight Savings Time Ends (Clocks Back an Hour)			
Nov 11	Veteran's Day		

Nov 14	Proper 28	Lectionary Sermon	Seminarian Larry
Parish Thanksgiving Dinner			
Nov 21	Proper 29	Christ the King	Fr. Stan

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

Ministry Leadership Meeting
Monday, October 4
6:30PM
Everyone is invited to attend



Evangelism

What an incredible September we have had here at St. Timothy's! It didn't take much to see all that God is doing around here. Wonderful new education programs, beautiful changes in the church and some great new folks that have joined our family. And of course all the planting of seeds that has been taking place for our Harvest Sunday.

We have had a tremendous group of people over the last 5 weeks reaching out to our community offering a friendly word, an invitation, compassion and prayers. I would encourage you to ask anyone who made calls or worked on the prayer team and I would be willing to bet that each one of them has at least one special story about an experience with Harvest over the past month. Isn't it just like God to make sure that as we reach out to others in the hopes of growing their faith, God uses the same experiences to grow our own. I have no doubt that God has a great day planned for us on Harvest Sunday. While it was easy to grasp the importance of inviting people who didn't have a church home to visit us, I am not sure anyone had a complete grasp of the impact of the prayer ministry in the community. Hundreds of prayer requests came in over the month. Clearly people are looking for answers to challenges in their lives and God used St. Timothy's to help address some of that need. Even in this ministry we were blessed. Faithbridge Methodist, our neighbor, prayed for our Harvest ministry every day. I couldn't help but remember our time back on Main Street when the help of the Bible Church and the Methodist Church and other faith communities were so instrumental in our ministry.

I would like to thank everyone who worked on Harvest during this amazing time. Gail Cahill's tireless work to prepare us for this event allowed everyone to come in prepared and that preparation made it easier for people to respond to God when He moved them in the direction that He wished. At the time of writing this, the follow-up team has yet to contribute their part of the harvest; I have no doubt that we, too, will have amazing stories of God and His blessings and grace.

Another harvest that took place in September was the amazing Paseo we had at Camp Cho-Yeh. As a member of the team I watched bonds being forged and faith growing in all those – participants and team - who were involved. I would like to extend a personal invitation to all who haven't been to Cursillo or Paseo to begin praying about attending the next Paseo in the fall of 2011. And to all those who have been, ask God if you might be led to be a part of the team. I can tell you from my experience that it is as fulfilling being on team as it was making my Cursillo.

This past month has seen a huge number of folks involved in answering God's call in their lives, but the work has only begun. It is my prayer that each of us finds a heart for continuing to plant seeds in our community for God's Harvest. It is what we are called to do, plant in His fields, nurture the seeds and then step back as He does the harvesting and then showers us in His bounty of new family members and a new focus on His call in each of our lives.

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 nathex after the service. Also please make sure they receive, fill out and turn in a Connection Card.



Come One Come All! Blessing of the Animals Saturday, Oct. 9 at 10am

We will have refreshments for both people and pets. Pictures of you and your pet or just your pet will be available for a suggested donation of \$5. Invite your friends and neighbors!

See You There!



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. More info to come.



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

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

Sunday, Oct. 3: No STAY – Harvest Sunday
 Monday, Oct. 4: No JR/SR Small Group – Leader's Meeting
 Wednesday, Oct. 6: STAY "To Save a Life" Bible Study 7 – 8:15pm
 Sunday, Oct. 10: STAY 5 – 7pm Hang out at the DePue's 15530 Brown Rd, Tomball, 77377
 Monday, Oct. 11: JR/SR Small Group 6:30pm at the DePue's
 Wednesday, Oct. 13: STAY "To Save a Life" Bible Study 7 – 8:15pm
 Sunday, Oct. 17: STAY 5 – 7pm CoffeeHouse Practice
 Monday, Oct. 18: JR/SR Small Group 6:30pm at the DePue's
 Wednesday, Oct. 20: STAY "Temptation, Sin & Lies" Bible Study 7 – 8:15pm
 Sunday, Oct. 24: A NIGHT OF WORSHIP 5 – 7pm
 Monday, Oct. 25: JR/SR Small Group 6:30pm at the DePue's
 Wednesday, Oct. 27: STAY "Temptation, Sin & Lies" Bible Study 7 – 8:15pm
 Sunday, Oct. 31: STAY Coffeehouse Practice 5 – 7pm



Invite your friends!

SEE YOU THERE!

STAC - 3rd - 6th Grade St. Timothy's Anglican Kids

We will meet for a kick-off SWIM party at the Pellegrino's house on Sunday, Oct. 10 from 5 – 7pm. The address is 19227 Cougar Peak, Tomball, TX 77375. Bring a snack to share. Please contact Kyla Bayang for more information at 281-357-8454.

We plan to meet once a month for fun and fellowship so stay posted for our next exciting event!



ATTENTION ALL 3RD THRU 6TH GRADERS!!

Christian Formation



We will not have any classes on Oct. 3rd (Harvest Sunday) due to combined services.
We will not have **adult** classes (kids will still meet) on Oct. 24th due to Vestry Elections.

WHAT A GREAT BEGINNING! Our fall classes have really hit the ground running and it could not have been possible without the help of our awesome volunteer teachers for our adult and children's classes! The kids have been having a blast learning the Scripture and have been doing a great job with their memory verses. We hope that the weekly emails have helped your family continue to learn and apply the Bible truths to your daily life.

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! All children will meet in the 1st & 2nd grade classroom. Please bring your children to the classrooms when you finish your meal.
- **STAY:** The youth group will meet as usual; see the STAY section for details.

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 begin a **NEW** study on the Book of Romans on Oct 11th. This group meets every Monday, except the 3rd Monday of each month in the Blue Cross Room. If you are interested in this new class, please let us know on your Connection Card.

Wednesday Mornings

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

Wednesday Evenings

- *Heaven* continues to meet in the Blue Cross Room at 7pm after services and dinner. Come open your eyes to the wonder and beauty of eternity, introducing you to Heaven as Scripture describes it.

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

As reported on the local news, food and financial needs in the Houston area continue to rise each month. It was reported that 26% of our area's children are living in poverty. Many parents are or were working, but their hours have been reduced, or they have lost their jobs.

T.E.A.M. has seen an increase each month in clients. We do appreciate all your support, but we need volunteers to work in the food pantry to fill orders and to interview clients. If you have any time open, please call 281/351-6700 to offer your services.

This month, the pantry is in need of small jars of peanut butter, sugar, canned fruits, and tuna fish.

We do thank you for all your donations.

May God bless you,

Suzanne, Tim, & Nancy



Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items on Sunday, October 3rd and Sunday, November 7th or the Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries



Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministry is a new and exciting lay pastoral ministry beginning at St. Timothy! Although it is new to us, the program has been around since 1975, when Kenneth Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist, began it to multiply the care-giving in his congregation in St. Louis, Missouri.

Currently, there are over 10,000 congregations spanning 150 denominations utilizing this ministry throughout the United States.

The heart of this ministry is to provide compassionate comfort and support to hurting people in a safe, confidential environment through faith filled, trained, lay Stephen Ministers.

Stephen Ministers are caregivers who have undergone 50 hours of training, which includes listening, understanding feelings, boundaries, assertiveness and utilizing Christian

resources. Their training also covers specific topics such as ministering to the divorced, hospitalized, bereaved and aging. These lay ministers will meet weekly with their care receiver to listen, understand, accept and pray for them as they work through their life crisis.

Stephen Leaders provide oversight and direction for this ministry. They also have undergone additional training in administration of the program. They recruit, select, train, organize and supervise our Stephen Ministers, identify people in need of care and match them with a Stephen Minister. Our leadership team consists of: Father Stan Gerber, Bob Brooke, Michelle Crawford, Anna Weil and Bill Strong.

We have designated October 24th as *Stephen Ministry Day* and look forward to sharing more information with you about this life changing ministry.

Eventfully Speaking

Save The Dates

Harvest Sunday

Oct. 3

Combined Service at 10:00am

Lunch follows service.

Nov.7 following the 11 am service

STAY Coffee House

Food, Fun, Entertainment

Come and help support our youth mission efforts



Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 14

2 Seatings – 12:30 & 5:00

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.



Harvest

Prayers

Sunday

Calls

