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Why Something Like Harvest Unlimited (Sept. 18 - Oct. 23)?

As I said last year at this time, I wish that everyone in our community could feel the excitement and the joy and the love of St. Timothy's. I wish they could feel what we feel when we walk into this church; what we feel when we come together as a church family.

I wish they could walk these halls with me on Sunday morning and see what I see.

Little children feeling very much a part of the family with such joy and exhilaration on their faces,
 Cars circling the parking lot trying to find a place to park,
 The ushers and greeters welcoming people to church with genuine warmth and affection and kindness,
 Choir members and praise team members scrambling to get to the pre-service rehearsal,
 Young people making their way to church early on a Sunday morning to serve as acolytes even though they were out late on Saturday night,
 Vergers herding the acolytes with love and care for the two late Services as a Shepherd cares for his/her sheep,
 Staff members and ministry leaders working feverishly behind the scenes to make the worship service and Christian Education and coffee hour warm and welcoming and celebrative,
 Church members greeting and hugging each other, and reaching out to visitors with love and respect in the Spirit of Christ.

I wish I could take those in our community to our youth group activities, or to our Vintage Flock activities, or to our Growth Groups throughout the week. I wish they could've seen the glow on the faces of our Soul in the City participants after they came to the end of their July mission work. I wish they could hear our different kinds of music and see people kneeling at our Altar for prayer and Holy Communion. That's what I wish.

There are so many incredible things, amazing life-changing things that I would like to show them here because I am convinced that they have never seen or experienced a church like St. Timothy's. If they had, then I believe with all my heart that they would be rushing to join us every week.

Paseo Weekend

If you have not yet registered for our 3rd annual Paseo Weekend (September 8-11) and plan to do so, please do so immediately. Time is running out! Cathy Pennington is our Lay Leader for the weekend and I will be the Spiritual Director. I look forward to seeing you there.

The Bible

As you've seen in the last couple of newsletters, I've been writing articles about the Bible. This month I have listed the names of the Books of the Bible and have

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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

09/01 Mary Jane Berry	09/16 Lee Wetmore
09/02 Jon Austin	09/17 Emma Gornick
09/03 Phillip Brookes	09/19 Ryan Brooks
09/04 Cathy Arellano	Nicholas Wanner
Jamie Chappell	Miles Winford
Sean Fennel	09/20 Caroline Craze
Lorraine Zeller	09/21 Emile Champion
09/05 Suzanne Drew	Grace England
Sandra Vick	09/22 Greg Broughton
09/07 Carol Powell	Leigh Gornick
09/08 Carol Whaley	Brooklyn Kriger
09/09 Nanette Benoit	09/23 Chris Wanner
09/10 Harry Berry	09/24 Ruhla Davison
Ben DePue	Aliyah Peavy
Chris DePue	09/25 Mary Benning
09/11 Susan Rothermel	Cameron Tynes
09/13 Austin Lipinski	09/26 Mary Legler
Andrew Mann	09/27 Max Rowland
Ernie Midgely	Nicole Stevenson
Cat Stanley	Mona Lisa Suubi
09/14 Rusty Gavin	Charlotte Talley
Roger Koehler	09/28 Terri Norris
Alex Musick	09/30 Chris Boggs
09/15 Joanne Bradley	
Steve Powell	



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placed them in one of the several categories. The chart below lists the contents of the Bible in the order that they appear in the Old and New Testaments. The books of the Apocrypha, which are included in Bibles used by Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians, are listed at the end.

Old Testament

The Pentateuch

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

The Historical Books

Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

Psalms and Writings

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

The Prophets

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

New Testament

The Gospels

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

Historical Narrative

Acts

Pauline Letters

Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon

General Epistles & Revelation

Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Revelation

Apocryphal Books

1 Esdras, 2 Esdras, Baruch, Bel and the Dragon, Ecclesiasticus, 1 Maccabees, 2 Maccabees, 3 Maccabees, 4 Maccabees, Greek Additions to Esther, Judith, Letter of Jeremiah, The Prayer of Manasseh, The Prayer of Azariah and the Song of the Three Young Men, Psalm 151, Susanna, Tobit, The Wisdom of Solomon

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Following is a portion of an article written by a priest in communion with us, Fr. V. E. Novak, of the Diocese of Mid-America of the Reformed Episcopal Church/Anglican Church in North America – with a little editing on my part.

The Sacrament received by the faithful (the consecrated Bread and Wine) is called Holy Communion. In this Sacrament the true Body and Blood of Christ are received. At the Last Supper the Lord Jesus said, "This is my body" and "This is my blood", not "This represents my body" or "This is a symbol of my body."

Jesus took bread, blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "**Take, eat; this is my body.** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins**" (Matt. 26:26-28).

Jesus said, "I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live forever" (John 6:48-58).

Just like today, many of the disciples who heard these words would not accept them. "Many therefore of his disciples, when they heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?" (John 6:60). Yet Jesus did not take His words back, or explain that they were only meant to be taken "symbolically." And just like today, "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him" (John 6:66).

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there on the altar begins to be sacramentally in the form of the bread what previously was not there and therein."

Jan Huss was a faithful Catholic priest who was martyred by the Roman authorities for trying to restore communion in both kinds to the laity. As late as AD 1095 the Council of Clermont, under the presidency of Urban II, Bishop of Rome, decreed that "*no one shall communicate at the altar, without receiving the Body and the Blood separately and alike, unless by urgent necessity and for caution.*" The withdrawal of the chalice from the laity and Communion in one kind only began in the 12th century, although in the 13th century St. Thomas Aquinas speaks of the primitive practice lingering in some places. Communion in one kind did not become the general practice in the Britain until after the burning of Huss at the Council of Constance (AD 1415), which decreed it. This error was of short duration in Britain as the chalice was restored to the laity by a unanimous act of Convocation on December 2, 1547.

Martin Luther, who launched the Reformation in AD 1517, firmly believed in the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In his famous and still popular *Small Catechism*, Luther wrote, "*What is the Sacrament of the Altar? It is the true Body and Blood of Christ, under the bread and wine.*"

John Calvin concurred. In his *Short Treatise on the Holy Supper* Calvin wrote, "*It is a spiritual mystery which cannot be seen by the eye nor be comprehended by human understanding. Therefore it is represented for us by means*

of visible signs, according to the need of our weakness. Nevertheless, it is not a naked figure, but one joined to its truth and substance. With good reason then, the bread is called body, because it not only represents, but also presents it."

When people describe mere memorialism as Calvinism they are mistaken. It was Zwingli, not Calvin, who taught mere memorialism: that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is merely a sign or symbol. Unfortunately, most Reformed theologians and denominations embraced Zwinglian sacramental theology long ago, and that is why Zwinglian sacramental theology is often described as Calvinism today.

In the Catechism of the historic American Book of Common Prayer is presented the Anglican understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion:

"Question. What is the outward part or sign of the Lord's Supper?"

Answer. Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

Question. What is the inward part, or thing signified?"

Answer. The Body and Blood of Christ, which are spiritually taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper."

Queen Elizabeth I, gave testimony of her faith in the words of this short poem: "*He was the word that spake it, He took the bread and break it; And what his word did make it, That I believe and take it.*"

Fr. Stan




Our next Paseo weekend is scheduled for September 8-11 at Camp Cho-Yeh in Livingston. The team, headed by Cathy Pennington, is prepared to welcome you for a special weekend to give your walk with Christ a deeper meaning. We invite you to ask Fr. Stan, Cathy Pennington, Anne Sundquist or anyone associated with the movement questions you might have about attending the weekend.

So what is this movement? It's a leadership movement of the church--not a retreat, not a healing, not a Bible study. Paseo takes leaders and potential leaders and brings them through

a process to develop a plan. That plan helps the Paseo Pilgrims find their special work with Christ, a plan to take action. Though your plan is developed over the weekend, it is to continue the rest of your life--with modifications, of course, as life happens.

Go to www.texaspaseo.org to download an application. There is also a link on St. Tim's home page, www.sttimothysanglican.org. Copies of the application will be available between services each Sunday. Feel free to email Anne, annesundquist@sbcglobal.net or call 281-615-5697.

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 September 21 .


Harvest Unlimited Schedule

Caller Training –
Wed. Sept. 14, 7pm
Calls begin Sun. Sept. 18
Harvest Sunday Oct. 23
Follow Up Team Assignments –
Mon. Oct 24

Watch for more information next month

Incense Sundays

11:00 am service -
the second Sunday of the month
September 11
October 9



8:45 am service -
the third Sunday of the month
September 18
October 16

It's Not Too Late

Vintage Flock

Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip to the museum for the Texas History exhibit. Thanks, Mary Lee, for a job well done. Our games days for September are 13th and 27th. We have a good time so come by and see for yourself. Say a prayer for all those who need them and a special one for our country. RAIN, please, God and thank you for the beautiful days.

See you,
Mary





Women's and Men's Ministries

Ladies Night Out

Ladies' Night Out will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00pm. We will meet at Gratz Italian Restaurant, 6334 FM 2920. Ladies of the church, please join us!

Daughters of Honor

Prayer, Study, Service and Evangelism

The Daughters of Honor are pleased to invite the women of St. Timothy's and guests to join us in welcoming a special guest speaker at our usual meeting time on Saturday, Sept. 17. She is author Camille Rodriguez, wife of Rev. Frankie Rodriguez, rector of Living Stones Anglican Church in Sugarland. She will speak about our legacy, how we might want to be remembered, from her newly published book, *When I Die*. We will begin at 9am with Holy Eucharist in the Chapel, then continue at 9:30 with refreshments and our speaker in the Parish Hall.

Please help us show our guest the wonderful hospitality of St. Timothy's as we begin the new season. This is a good time to bring guests and see for yourself if you would like to be a part of the Daughters of the Holy Cross, national Anglican women's order of which we are the Daughters of Honor Chapter.

Ladies Save the Date!!

You are invited to join us Saturday November 5th at St. Timothy's Church at 9 a.m. for a one day women's event.

TRANSFORMED

...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice...be transformed by the renewing of your mind... (Romans 12:1-2)

Women Who Read

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

Sept.- *Shanghai Girls: A Novel*
Lisa See

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

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



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

We hope you all had a great summer. It's hard to believe we're at the beginning of a new school year already. As with the kids going back to school, it is time for us to also begin studying again. The fall session for the Men's 6:11 Growth Group will begin on September 18, 2011. We, along with the other growth groups, will be studying the Apostles Creed.

The Latin word "credo" means "I believe" and it is from this word that we have obtained the word creed. A creed is a statement that contains a summary of basic beliefs. In the Creed we find a distillation of the Church's reflection on the essentials of the faith as expressed in scripture. Studying the Creed will help us to think more deeply about our own understanding of the Christian faith and hopefully equip us to explain it to others. It also serves to remind us that we are part of a community of Christians that reaches right back to the birth of the Church and the first Apostles who were appointed by Jesus himself.

This study should be very interesting and should spark some great discussions. Along with this study, we hope to have some other activities where we can fellowship and have fun. There is still an outstanding project that we did not get a chance to get to this summer because of various reasons. We hope to have this scheduled soon and will let everyone know the details once we have them worked out.

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 missing some of our music stands from the church and choir room. If you know where any of these wayward stands might be hiding out please contact Mike Mason.

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The Apostles and early Christians understood that Christ meant his words to be taken literally. The Sacrament of Holy Communion not only **represents** the Body and Blood of Christ, but **presents** the Body and Blood of Christ. The Body and Blood of Christ is given, taken and eaten in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "*The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?*" (1 Cor. 10:16). Because Christ is really present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, St. Paul goes on to warn, "*Wherefore whosoever shall eat of this bread and drink of this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body*" (1 Cor. 11:27-29).

The early Church believed in the "**Real Presence**" of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and so did all Christians everywhere for some 1,500 years until the 16th century. Today, three out of every four Christians worldwide belong to Churches that teach the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*, commonly known as the *Didache* (c. AD 40-70), a very early Church Manual from the Middle East says, "*Thou (God) gavest food and drink to men for enjoyment, that they might give thanks to Thee; but to us Thou didst freely give spiritual food and drink and life eternal through Thy Servant [Jesus Christ].*"

St. Ignatius, an early Church Father, lived from AD 30 to 107. He was Bishop of Antioch, and was martyred for his faith. He and St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, who was also a martyr, were fellow-disciples under the Apostle John. While awaiting martyrdom he wrote a number of epistles (letters) to various churches. To the Church in Ephesus he wrote, "*obey the bishop and presbytery with an undivided mind, breaking one and the same bread, which is the medicine of immortality, and the antidote to prevent us from dying, but that we should live forever in Jesus Christ*" (Epistle to the Ephesians, c. AD 105).

In his *Epistle to the Romans*, (c. AD 105), St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote, "*I desire the bread of God, the heavenly bread, the bread of life, which is the flesh of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who became afterwards the seed of David and Abraham; and I desire the drink of God, namely His blood, which is incorruptible love and eternal life.*"

In his *Epistle to the Smyrnaeans*, (c. AD 105), he warned of the Gnostics of his day who denied the doctrine of the Real Presence. His warning is just as valid today. He wrote, "*They [the Gnostics] abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer; because they confess not the Eucharist to be the flesh of our Saviour Jesus Christ, which suffered for our*

sins, and which the Father, of His goodness, raised up again. Those, therefore, who speak against this gift of God, incur death."

St. Justin Martyr (AD 100-165) wrote, "*And this food is called among us the Eucharist, of which no one is allowed to partake but the man who believes that the things we teach are true, and who has been washed with the washing that is for the remission of sins, and unto regeneration, and is so living as Christ has enjoined. For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Saviour, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh*" (First Apology).

St. Irenaeus (AD 120-202) was pupil of St. Polycarp, who was a disciple of the Apostle John. Later he became the Bishop of Lyons in Celtic Gaul (modern France). His great work *Against Heresies* was written between AD 182 and AD 188. In refuting the Gnostic heretics of his day, he wrote, "*But our opinion is in accordance with the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn establishes our opinion. For we offer to Him His own, announcing consistently the fellowship and union of the flesh and spirit. For as the bread, which is produced from the earth, when it receives the invocation of God, is no longer common bread, but the Eucharist, consisting of two realities, earthly and heavenly; so also our bodies, when they receive the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, having the hope of the resurrection to eternity*" (Against Heresies).

St. Athanasius of Alexandria (AD 295-373), the great champion of the Orthodox Faith during the Arian crisis said, "*But when the great and wondrous prayers have been recited, then the bread becomes the body and the cup the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (Sermon to the Baptized).

St. Cyril was an early Bishop of Jerusalem, the Mother Church of Christendom. Around the year AD 350 he delivered introductory lectures to his classes of catechumens. Regarding the Eucharist he said, "*The bread and wine of the Eucharist, before the invocation of the holy and adorable Trinity, were simple bread and wine; but, after the invocation, the bread becomes the body of Christ and the wine becomes the blood of Christ*" (Mystagogical Lecture 1.7).

St. John Chrysostom was the Archbishop of Constantinople, modern-day Istanbul, Turkey. He was born between AD 344 and 354 and died in AD 407. Some Christians say that St. John Chrysostom is unparalleled among the Fathers, while others believe that he was only equaled by St. Augustine of Hippo. Speaking of the Eucharist, St. John Chrysostom said, "*When the word says, 'This is My Body,' be convinced of it and believe it, and look at it with the eyes of the mind*" (Homilies on the Gospel of Matthew, AD 370).

Evangelism

As Fr. Stan noted we are beginning our second Harvest Unlimited this month. Fr. Stan explained the why Harvest in his article but I wanted to just go over the how for our new folks. Beginning on Sunday, September 18 for 5 nights a week call teams will call homes in our area. People are asked if they have a home church, if not they are invited to join us for our Harvest Sunday, which this year will be on October 23. Everyone, church or not, is asked if they have any prayer requests. Any prayer requests are immediately taken to the prayer team who is at the church while the calls are made. The request is prayed for and then the prayer request is given to home intercessors for continued prayer. The calls and prayers continue for four weeks.

During the next several weeks the prayer teams will send out cards letting our neighbors know that they have been prayed for. We had some amazing stories of answered prayer last year. More than one person made a point of contacting us to let us know the results of the prayers. After the four weeks, those who expressed an interest in joining us for our Harvest Celebration or in St. Timothy's are contacted again. This is so we can get an idea of how many to expect for our Sunday Celebration.

On Harvest Sunday, we will have special parking spots for our guests. This means that in addition to our ushers and greeters we will have parking lot attendants also. We will have a hospitality crew to put together the reception for our guests.

The week following Harvest Sunday we begin our follow up work. Follow up is a critical and vital part of Harvest and I would like to make a special plea for volunteers to help with this phase of Harvest. We will be following up

with everyone who came to Harvest or indicated that they were going to come and couldn't make it and with those who showed a particular interest in St. Timothy's but were unable to make it on Harvest Sunday. We will contact these folks and ask them when we can drop off a gift for them. We will travel in pairs to their homes and then talk with them briefly on the door step, answering any questions they might have, thanking them for their interest and again asking if they have any prayer concerns.

As you can see it takes a lot of planning, work, and volunteers to make this happen. God blessed us with a tremendous team last year and He is doing so again, but there is still room for help.

I assure you that you will be fully trained, and supplied with instructions for each of the "jobs" that need to be filled. It is a tremendous opportunity for St. Timothy's to once again reach out to our community and to let them know that we care and want to support them in finding their place in the Christian Community, to assist them in their walk with Christ and most importantly in prayer.

It is my hope as we continue participating in Harvest Unlimited that we will become known as "that church that prays for people" no matter if they belong to our family or not. As evidenced by 30,000 people at Reliant last month and some 600 prayer requests in Harvest last year there is a yearning for prayer in our society. May God use St. Timothy's and all the blessings He has bestowed on us to reach out and offer our time and His love and grace to our community.

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.
- N Refill invitation cards and new card wallets are available in the Narthex.
- N Growth Groups are opportunities to reach out to friends and family who are unchurched. If you are joining a study that you think someone who isn't a member here might be interested in, don't hesitate to extend an invitation for them to join you. Remember all God asks us to do is plant the seeds, He is in charge of the growing.

If you bring friends to church please make sure they pick up a guest folder and the free book at the Guest Center in the narthex after the service. Also please make sure they receive, fill out and turn in a Connection Card.

**FROM THE
CHOIR
LOFT**

Canterbury Choir practice begins on Thursday, September 1st at 7pm in the choir room. Our first Sunday will be September 18.



Canterbury Kids, for our 1st thru 6th graders, begin practice on September 21st at 5pm in the choir room.



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

- Sun. Sept. 4: STAY Alpha 5 - 7 pm in the youth room
- Wed. Sept. 7: STAY Guys/Girls 7 - 8:15pm in the youth room
- Sun. Sept. 11: STAY Alpha 5 - 7pm in the youth room
- Wed. Sept. 14: Guys/Girls 7 - 8:15pm in the youth room
- Sun. Sept. 18: STAY Alpha 5 - 7pm in the youth room
- Wed. Sept. 21: STAY Growth Groups begin (all 7th - 12th graders meet in youth room at 7pm then we will divide into our groups) 7 - 8:15pm
- Sun. Sept. 25: STAY Alpha 5 - 7pm in the youth room
- Wed. Sept. 28: "See You at the Pole" and STAY Growth Groups 7 - 8:15pm

Invite your friends!

SOUL IN THE CITY TESTIMONIALS

What a great year at Soul in the City! I was in Church in the Park group and was nervous about talking to people in need that I didn't know. I was anxious, but the day before I came to SitC I read a quote by Lecrae - a Christian rapper: "Anxiety says our peace rests in things going the way we want, but real peace rests in the fact that God's in control, good or bad" and when I spoke I felt God speaking through me and everyday afterwards we went to paint and scrape a house in the 3rd ward. All the little kids had the brightest faces I had ever seen. And I wondered - how can someone with so little be so happy? But then I realized they're not always wanting more. This was a big wake up call and I'm happy to have had my eyes open!
-Chris Harris (12th grader)



Soul In the City was amazing this year! Throughout the week seeing kids with so little that acted like they had so much really opened up my eyes. It made me realize that they actually do have everything you could ever need. They have GOD! Because of my experience I grew so much closer to God and have stayed close to him because I know he has much more in store for me! It definitely was a week I will always remember.
- Clayton Johnson (10th grader)

My experience with Soul in the City this year was transforming. I tried not to bring in any expectations from last year because I was doing the same thing - at the same worksite. Although I was at church in the park last year, God taught me something new with new people and experiences. Six of my friends also came and it helped our friendships grow in Christ and prepare us to go to college. The amazing program was very eye-opening and impactful for all the participants. Working together to paint the house was great for building the youth group, teamwork and patience were two things God taught us in the scorching sun. And through working with the homeless, God taught us to be thankful for what we have and even those who have nothing can give everything to God. I am so thankful for Soul in the City and the lessons God taught me in youth group. EVERYONE SHOULD GO ON A MISSION TRIP!
-Shannon Tumy (graduating Senior)

My experience with SitC was amazing. The youth was dedicated to what they were assigned to do. For some of us we had to play with the little kids. I was in a group that worked on a site called The Forge. It was a Vacation Bible School mixed with lots of games and play time. During this mission trip, we became more of a family. We chose to help one another to become closer and grow a bond. God was definitely with us during the whole time. I hope that next year's mission trip will be just as amazing!
-Art Blancas (12th grader)

- Soul in the City was amazing. I was part of
- the VBS group, and I was very nervous to
- work with children. I thought I was going
- to be teaching them, but it turned out that I
- was the one learning. The children were so
- great and truly devoted to Christ! They were
- so thankful for everything we gave them that
- week, and it really made me think about how
- blessed I am. I'm so glad that I went to Soul
- in the City, and I can't wait until next year!
- -Audrey Boyd (8th Grader)

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)*

NEW CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES

As we began to prepare for the upcoming year of education classes for the children and youth earlier this summer, I was reminded of Proverbs 16 (some of my favorite passages are above). In everything we do, we must first seek the counsel of God before moving forward. I am mindful daily that I need to apply this wisdom in my ministries at St. Timothy's.

Sunday Mornings: Beginning September 18th from 10:15 – 10:50am



We are excited to continue to use the *FaithWeaver* curriculum classes for Nursery-aged through 4th grade. This curriculum makes Bible learning fun and uses a variety of active experiences to help students learn in the ways they learn best. *FaithWeaver* also helps people of all ages “weave faith into life” by applying the Bible to their lives throughout every week. On the first day of class, your child will be sent home with a chart with an overview of what your child will be learning during this year.

- 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

Club 56 will also be meeting 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.

Wednesday Evenings: Beginning September 21st from 7:00 – 8:15pm

Our mid-week programs will still follow the *FaithWeaver Friends* curriculum, but with a twist. We wanted to tap into some of the natural talent we have here at St. Tim's and will be tying in the Bible lesson with a different type of art during the semester. The first 5 weeks will be taught with a focus on music, then the following 3 weeks will be focused on the culinary arts ... yum! These activities are for the children from Kdg through 4th grade.



Club56 will also meet again to cover some in-depth studies that will help them cope with their day-to-day issues they face at school and at home.



Growth Groups are a very important part of parish life at St. Timothy's. The groups function as the “eyes and ears” of the church and is a wonderful way for our parish family to pursue a relationship with God, and each other. It also gives us a way to encourage one another to continue moving forward in our faith journey, be that service, ministry, mission or education.

As many of you experienced first-hand this last year, we also desire group members to serve those in our local community or at the church. This has been a very rewarding experience for many of you, be sure to share your story with others.

Last, but not least, Growth Groups are a way to extend the message of Christ to others in our community. So invite a neighbor/friend to join group during the enrollment period!

Registration for Growth Groups will begin on **Sunday, September 4th!** Be sure to find a group to join. Growth Groups will begin to meet the week of September 18th.

Mission & Outreach

T.E.A.M.




One hundred fifty Tomball I.S.D. students (Pre-K through sixth grade) will receive school supplies from T.E.A.M. for this school year. Klein I.S.D. students will receive school supplies from N.A.M. or their schools. Two hundred eighty-eight students (from both Klein I.S.D. and Tomball I.S.D.) will receive school clothing from T.E.A.M. this school year. We were busy signing up all those children! School appropriate clothing is always welcomed at the Resale Shop.

All your donations to the Food Pantry are appreciated and used. We are in short supply of the following items: assorted canned beans (no green beans); canned soups; fruit juices; liquid dish soaps; and, Men's and Women's Deodorants.

FALL is almost here!!! Hope it will be cooler and wetter!



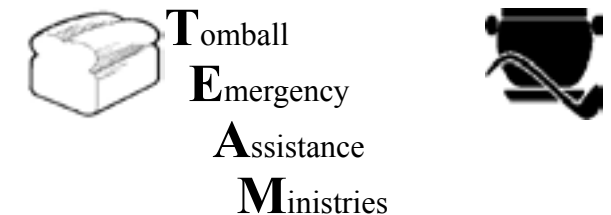
God bless all of you.
Your T.E.A.M. Representatives



Cross Wall

We are still working on our wall(s) of crosses. If your family has not contributed a cross yet, we would like to encourage you to bring one. Please make sure you put your family name on the back and give it to Mary Hargis or turn it into the front office.

**Don't forget to bring
non-perishable food items
on Sunday, September 4th
and Sunday, October 2nd
for the Tomball Emergency
Assistance Ministries**



(Fr. Stan cont.)

St. John Chrysostom says that the bread, *"when once Divine Grace has, through the intervention of the priest, sanctified it, is worthy to be called the Lord's Body, although the nature of bread remains"* (Epis. ad. Caes).

St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430), was the greatest theologian that Western Christendom has ever produced. St. Augustine taught the doctrine of the Real Presence clearly and simply. He said, *"I am mindful of my promise. For I promised you, who have now been baptized, a sermon in which I would explain the Sacrament of the Lord's Table, which you now look upon and of which you last night were made participants. You ought to know what you have received, what you are going to receive, and what you ought to receive daily. That bread which you see on the altar, having been sanctified by the word of God, is the Body of Christ. That chalice, or rather, what is in that chalice, having been sanctified by the word God, is the Blood of Christ. Through that bread and wine the Lord Christ willed to commend his Body and Blood, which He poured out for us unto the forgiveness of sins"* (Sermons).

Gelasius, Bishop of Rome (AD 492), taught, *"The grace of the Body and Blood of Christ which we receive is a divine thing, wherefore also we are by the same made partakers of the Divine nature; and yet the substance and nature of bread and wine ceaseth not to be"* (De daub. Christi naturis).

The Reformers all agreed with the Scriptures and the Fathers of the Church in believing in the doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The first major religious leader to dissent from the historic doctrine was Ulrich Zwingli; and Luther reacted strongly against him and refused to be in communion with him or his followers. According to Zwingli, the Eucharist is a bare sign, a mere memorial. Rather than the Real Presence, he taught what amounts to be the real absence of Christ in the sacrament. Unfortunately, modern evangelical Christianity and most of modern protestantism long ago embraced Zwinglian sacramental theology. With such a theology they cannot be in any way heirs of the primitive Church or the Reformers.

John Wycliffe, the “Morning Star of the Reformation,” said that the change that occurs in the Eucharist, *"effects the presence of the body of Christ...Not that the bread is destroyed, but that it signifies the body of the Lord there present in the sacrament"* (De Eucharistia).

Jan Huss, the great Bohemian Reformer of the 15th century believed likewise. He said, *"The humble priest doth not...say that he is the creator of Christ, but that the Lord Christ by His power and word, through him, causes that which is bread to be His body, not that at that time it began to be His, but that*



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