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From the Rector

Dear Parish Family,

I remember a time riding in the car with my family, with my dad driving. It was at night, and it was raining hard. As a young child, I was afraid. I thought to myself, "How can he see? What about all the cars around him?" However, I also remember drifting off to sleep in the back seat of the car, because, you see, no matter how dark and stormy the road was, my Dad had the wheel, and I trusted him. (Unfortunately, now, I am just as afraid when I drive at night in the rain at my older age.)

I was recently reminded of a story about the English Reformer martyr, Nicholas Ridley. Ridley was a Bishop of London who lived during the times of Queen Mary's persecution of the Protestants. The night before Ridley was to be executed, we find recorded that when asked by some friends if he would like them to stay up with him that night, he said, "No, no, that you shall not. For I mind (God willing) to go to bed, and to sleep as quietly tonight, as ever I did in my life."

How could he sleep before his execution? It was because he knew that his heavenly Father had the wheel, no matter how dark and stormy the road ahead might be.

The Psalmist wrote about this experience in Psalm 4:8, "I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for you, Lord, only, make me dwell in safety." Another way to say this is found in Psalm 46:10, "Be still then and know that I am God."

I say to you, still your heart, because God is God. No matter what happens, no matter what your experience may be, there is not a square inch in this universe, or moment in time, over which he does not reign.

Lay your head on this pillow and sleep: God is God. Whisper to your heart, "Be still, heart, God is God." Fall recklessly into the pillow of his sovereignty, his love, mercy, and care.

What is happening in your life? What anxiety is keeping you up at night? You can drift off to sleep because your Heavenly Father has the wheel, and no matter how dark and stormy the road might be, you can trust him with your life.

Fr. Stan

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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:

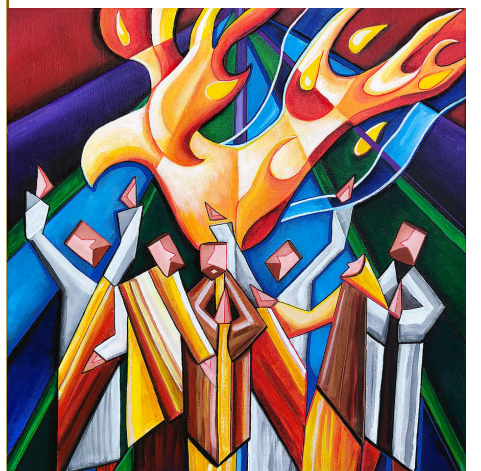
Growing and Discipling the Family of God

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

05/02 Matias Hernandez	05/15 Mar Giah
05/03 Dawn Osaji	Gabriel Maddox
05/04 Paula Koehler	Warren Settles
05/06 Wade Fennel	05/16 Brian Cahill
Lauren Lolley	Emmanuel Osaji
Charles Scherzer	05/17 Emilia Grayce
05/08 Delores Coward	Lauren Rodabaugh
Kevin Fennel	05/18 Tommy Lamb
Robert Rasinovich	Carol McBee
05/09 Dcn. Kathy Boggs	Gabriel Oduola
05/10 Bob Brooke	05.20 Luke Volante
Sophia Hager	John Zacharias
05/11 Dick Van Horne	05/22 David Ray
05/14 Irma Martinez	05/25 Laura Liggett
Frank Stahl	05/27 Valerie Fennel
	05/29 Agnes Masih
	Francisca Oduola
	Lee Stein

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Happy Birthday!



Diocesan Women's Gathering Rejoice and Be Blessed

The Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast will be hosting the annual gathering of women from across our Diocese here at St Timothy's Anglican Cathedral on May 31st and June 1st. Teachings from the keynote speaker, Jenny Noyes, will center around the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes. Hence, the event's name is, Rejoice and Be Blessed. (By the way, Jenny will be speaking here at 10:15am on Sunday, June 2 (between the 8:45 and 11:00am Services).

Jenny says, as a global networker, it has been her privilege to lead New Wineskins since 2016. New Wineskins is an Anglican mission-mobilizing agency and host of the New Wineskins Global Mission Conferences. Before her tenure with New Wineskins, she helped Alpha courses spread throughout the U.S. and overseas over the past 30+ years, working as Southeast Director for Alpha USA from 2009-2012. She helped coordinate the Hope and A Future Conference in Pittsburgh in 2005, then became the Coordinator for Evangelism for the Anglican Communion Network (ACN), forerunner of the ACNA.

She and her husband, Larry, have been married for 40 years and have three grown children and two daughters-in-love.

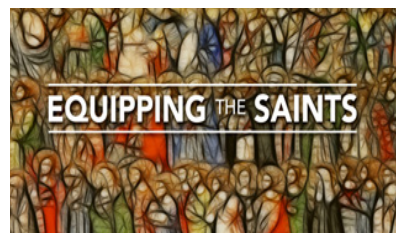
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Equipping the Saints Initiative

Wednesdays from 6:45-7:45pm

The Anglican Way of Christian Discipleship
Rev. Canon Aaron Jeffrey

This semester we will focus on the general faith and practice of the Anglican Church. The form and content of this study is based on three interrelated convictions: 1. The Anglican Church and its tradition best expresses the fullness of Christian faith and practice. 2. Christian faith and practice best expresses the fullness of what it is to be human. 3. What it is to be human is best expressed according to goals, motives, and standards of Christian love (i.e. centered upon, animated, and shaped by Jesus Christ). The Anglican Church is a living example of the Scriptural Church. Anglican faith and practice is not a hodgepodge of borrowed customs. It is not a compromise between divergent traditions. Our faith and practice are the efforts of those who belong to Jesus Christ and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to follow Him, to walk the path of worship outlined in Holy Scripture - leading through everyday life to full communion with God in Christ. The April and May schedule is:



May 1 THE ORDER OF LOVE: We are a structured (i.e., polity) people.

May 8 I Am "N" - a presentation from Voice of the Martyrs, sponsored by BoB and DOH

Rosary

This month the Rosary will be offered on Wednesday, May 15 at 5:30pm.



The last **Equipping the Saints, WoRM, and The Quest, also dinner, will go on summer break following May 8. We will begin our summer session on Wednesday, July 17.** Holy Eucharist at 6pm and STAY will continue throughout the summer.

Incense Sundays

8:45am -
the first Sunday of the month
May 5
June 2



11:00am service -
the second Sunday of the month
May 12
June 9

WISE & OTHERWISE

An evening of games and a potluck dinner for adults. All adults are invited to join us for this evening of food, friends, conversation and a little competition.

Our next gathering is on Friday, April 19 at 6:45pm at the church. Please bring a dish to share.

Cross Wall

We continue to work 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 the front office.



St. Timothy Scholarship Program Available

St. Timothy's annual Scholarship Program applications are now available. This program is open to all students going to college, university or trade school. Scholarships of \$1,000 are available, paid out in semesters. Payments are \$500 on August 15 and \$500 on December 15 for the full year.

Requirements for applications are that the student be a member of St. Timothy's and be entering or attending either a college, university, or trade school in the Fall of 2024. An application must be filled out for each year that the student applies. The original application requires a short essay on their future plans for attendance at that establishment. Two recommendations must be sent in with the first application, with at least one from a member of St. Timothy's congregation. Subsequent applications will only need the application form filled out.

If you are interested, please fill out an application and return it to the front office before July 1, 2024. The number of scholarships accepted will be based on available funds for that year. If you have any questions, please direct them to Deacon Jennifer Scherzer or Judith Jordan.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Timothy's Anglican Church is an ecumenical fiber craft group devoted to creating handmade prayer shawls and various items for charity. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has expanded to include knitters, crocheters, quilters and blanket makers. Besides going to our extended church family, our work goes to a regional Pregnancy Center, and our diocesan disaster relief team.

Interested crafters, or those wanting to learn, are invited to join us 9:30-11:30 in the Green Cross room on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. If you know of a church member who has need of a prayer shawl, please inform one of our members or leave a message for us with the office. If you are chilly during service, loaner shawls are available in the Welcome Booth.

Join us or contact Carolyn Boyd for more information. Newcomers and guests, novice and experienced needle crafters are all welcomed!

St. Timothy's Apparel

You now have the opportunity to get the St. Timothy's logo embroidered on a large variety of clothing items through Lands' End. We have set up a store front at Lands' End Business Outfitters and our store URL is: <http://business.landsend.com/store/sttimothys>. There is also a link to the store on our website. Once there you can shop for the product(s) you want. After you choose your color, size and quantity press the add logo button. There is a logo with black text for lighter items and one with white letters for darker things. Please choose the correct logo. If you are purchasing a cap please make sure you use the correct cap logo, these are designed to stitch on a curve. The logo is an additional \$5.95 fee per item. We are excited about this because it allows you to pick from different types of shirts, sweaters, jackets, caps, etc. in a wide assortment of colors and sizes which we would never be able to do if we had to buy each stock. Questions? Talk to Tracy Pegues.

Ed. Note - Picture on front page is *Pentecost* by Jennifer Allison

From the Organ Bench

“And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.”—Ac 2:2-3

It’s a bit ironic: just when the Holy Spirit starts to heat things up, we start to slow down. The long seasons of Lent and Holy Week conquered, all those of us who exhausted ourselves working overtime to ‘make it happen’ (really, it is only the Spirit within us) look forward longingly to a period of respite, however brief. But it was not so with the early Church; the season after Pentecost was—for them—when the true work began. They, like us, could do nothing until the Spirit gave them the path, the purpose, and the power. They took that mandate and carried it to the four corners of the known earth.

What are we doing? What is our mandate? What gospel are we going to carry with us on our cruises and trips to visit the grandkids? The penultimate verse of an old hymn (#525 in our hymnal), looking forward to the end of all strife, says: “and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.” Somehow I don’t think roadtrips and the beach are what the poet had in mind. A considerably more recent artist asks, “Where will you run my soul? Where will you go when wells run dry? When the wind starts to blow, how you gonna keep this flame alive?”

If we are taking our rest in anything but the One who is our rest, who created the Sabbath as a gift to bring us closer to Him, we will gain nothing. But how do we achieve that rest? The question of how to keep the flames of Pentecost alive in our hearts is a legitimate one, but the answer, I think, is quite plain, as the joy of the early Church in its fervor also testifies to: one does not keep a flame alive by isolating it, holding it close and safe. “No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light” (Lk 11:33). To keep a fire going, the easiest way is to let it spread. That doesn’t necessarily mean going out to preach on street corners (though for some it might)—one could do that and still be as dead as a doornail (see 1 Ct 13:1-3). Before any of that can happen, the best—and sometimes scariest—place to let the fire spread is within each of our own souls.

Because the only way any of us will achieve any rest is by letting the Holy Spirit take the things that are weighing us down and returning them to the dust from whence they came. True Sabbath rest is not a cessation from activity, as the Pharisees might have us believe, but a freedom from what was to become what we are and will be forever—children of the King. “For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness” (1 Th 5:5). “This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring” (Rm 9:8). Or as Jesus tells Peter, “then the sons are free” (Mt 17:26b). Wherever you find yourself these next few months, I pray that you will burn brightly in the perfect rest and freedom that comes from knowing the Lord—and through Him—yourself.

From your servant and brother in Christ,
Zachary Musick
Music Director

Canterbury Kids & Heavenly Harmonies

Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Psalm 96:1

Mother’s Day is almost here and that marks the traditional end of choir for Canterbury Kids and Heavenly Harmonies as we pause for the summer. The two groups traditionally combine to sing on Mother’s Day Sunday for the 8:45 and 11:00 services and it’s always a special blessing. This year’s anthem, This Little Light of Mine, reminds us that God blesses us every day and that we need to let our light shine for Him every day, too. Let your light shine through raising your voice in prayer and praise each and every day!

Singing and praising,
Lisa and Zach Musick and Bonnie Hartwell



(Fr. Stan continued)

Schedule

The gathering will begin on Friday evening with dinner and program, and we will conclude on Saturday afternoon at 3 pm. Various breakout sessions will be offered on Saturday.

Early Bird Discount & Registration link-- <https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/2208883>

Scholarships

A limited number of partial scholarships will be available this year, please email Anthea Kotlan at womensministry@dwgc.org to learn more.

From the Deacon’s Desk

April showers bring May flowers! That’s an expression many of us think of at this time of the year. This year it seems especially true for me. We did have some showers in April, one of which was pretty horrific in some areas. But here it is now May and my gardens are all full of beautiful flowers.

Isn’t that just like God to show even though we might have storms in our lives we also have beautiful times that remind us of colorful blooms filling the air with their sweet perfume.

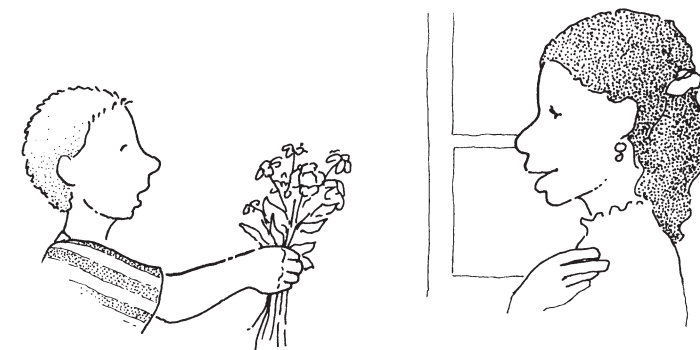
My garden is full of flowers this year. It is true that I planted most of them but God keeps bringing them back year after year, much to my delight. As soon as the weather starts warming up I start searching for signs of little green shoots coming up from the brown winter cover of dirt. I am never disappointed! Some of my plants have been in my garden for more than twenty years.

We have a giant oak tree that shades my lantana flowers that was just a skinny twig when we moved into this house 24 years ago. The lantana returns year after year and is now in full bloom, a spray of yellow, red and orange.

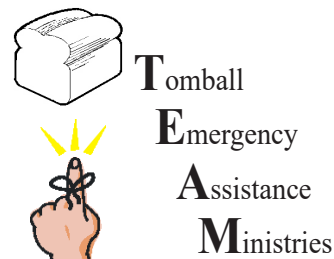
As I walk out my front door each day, my plants remind me of how good God is to provide us with reminders of what he does in our lives. We too are his creation and he sustains us as he does the flowers. He helps us grow and shows us how to further his kingdom. Just like the flowers, he keeps renewing our lives so that we can take his Word to those who do not know him.

So, take a moment today to gaze at the beauty around you and rejoice that God has made you as a beautiful flower in his garden. He delights in us!

Deacon Kathy



Mission & Outreach



Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items for T.E.A.M.



As the end of the school year approaches, you might be wondering what your kids, grandkids or friend's kids are going to do this summer. Once, the answer was simple; boys would mow lawns and girls would babysit. Here is a different suggestion for anyone 16 and older. **Volunteer to work at TEAM for the summer.** Advantages include exposure to the working world, volunteer hours to put on college applications, mixing with a diverse group of ages and backgrounds, learning a few real life skills, setting your own work schedule, and experiencing the satisfaction of serving others. Ask me, go to TEAM's website or pick up an application on the information board outside the Cry Room.

Shalom,
Carolyn Boyd



Kleb News

We are continuing to minister to Kleb in a slow and steady process. I want to thank everyone who baked cookies for the beginning of Teacher Appreciation month. In addition to the teachers, we made sure the administration staff, counselors, and all the support staff, including cafeteria workers and janitors were treated as well.

We will also be holding our first "Big Event" in May, providing the staff with breakfast tacos. This will also be a Meet and Greet for Kleb and any St. Timothy parishioners who would like to attend. The current plan is to provide these on Monday, May 6 from 8 to 8:45am. Please contact Tracy for more information.

Once school wraps up, our committee will meet with Kleb to get ideas for next year. If you work in a school that has a similar partnership and have examples of things your partners have done, we would love to hear from you!

I will continue to request this, but as you begin to shop for next year's school supplies, (especially as things go on sale) if you could pick up a couple extra (pens, pencils, paper, spirals, colored pencils, etc.) for donation, that would be great! If you see a great deal on backpacks and are able, they request backpacks every year for the kids who don't have them.

As we grow in this ministry I would ask that you continue to keep Kleb in your prayers, and also St. Timothy's so that we can serve them and show them the love of Christ.

Tracy



Use your phone to scan this to go to the KISD volunteer application



Band of Brothers Men's Ministry



All men of St. Timothy's Anglican Church, 18 years of age and older, and their guests, are invited to attend !

Join us as we continue to equip, empower and impact our daily life, our church and our community in the name of Christ! The Band of Brothers' four mission-essential tasks are:

Teaching - To understand manhood through God's word.

Outreach - To serve others with the Lord's heart.

Service - To honor God by serving in His church.

Accountability - To connect and encourage each other through the salvation of Jesus.

Brothers, our monthly Band of Brothers meeting is Saturday, May 18 at 8:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Remember, if you are at least 18-years old and a member in the parish, you are a member! So come join us for breakfast, fellowship, scripture discussion...and bring a friend!

Mark your calendars for the BoB's fellowship event on the first Friday of every month! Please bring your favorite meat to grill, sides and refreshments, a musical instrument to play or any game to share. This is a time for fellowship and relaxing. See you at the BBQ Pavilion on May 3, 5:00 - 9:00 pm!

SPRING FEVER!



Trail Life USA Troop 2317

If Trail Life has taught me anything it's that God is still alive and working in this broken world. This organization is full of God fearing men daring to take a stand for Christ. These men are dedicated to growing disciples out of the youth of today, while other organizations struggle with their identities TLUSA remains a beacon of light.

Trail life is at its core a Christ-centered program that utilizes the outdoors to draw boys and their families into a closer relationship with their Creator. We meet on Thursdays at 7p.m. -8:30p.m. At St. Timothys in the youth building. Please come see what we're all about.

Also if you have an American or Texas flag that needs to be retired please allow us to do so. We respectfully retire flags several times a year. Just place your flags in one of the cubes on the bottom shelf of our awards wall in the youth building.

Contact Joe Kenney , 281-813-0455, for more info.



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"So that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:17



Women's Ministry

Tea and scones and dainty sandwiches and petit fours – what a combination! Add to that a staff of eager waiters and a bevy of friendly ladies who love to be together and you have the perfect storm of a Spring Tea! A special thank you to all of those who put forth time and detail to make this a beautiful event. As they say, a good time was had by all.

Marys and Marthas: Sisters Seeking and Serving Our Savior

Next on the agenda is the Diocesan Women's Gathering Rejoice and Be Blessed on May 31-June 1 to be held here at St. Timothy's. If you haven't registered to attend yet, time is closing in on you. This year's theme will center around the Beatitudes, with keynote speaker Jenny Noyes. Register soon!

Then we turn our attention to summer things. The women will have two gatherings this summer: a movie night on June 28 and a game night (Bunco, anyone? I still need to learn!) on July 26th. I also want to remind everyone that VBS is coming up in June. It takes a whole church load of volunteers to make it work well. I hope that each of you know that there is a spot for you, regardless of age and talent. Trust me, I know – they let me work it each year! Taking time to pass down what you know and show about God through your actions, teachings, or just those smiles in the hallway build up our children in so many ways. So, if you have the opportunity to help, please do so. Find Lisa or Deacon Jennifer and volunteer. Soon!!!

Also coming up on the radar are TWO opportunities to bake cookies! Our commitment to Kleb Jr. High will be spotlighted through the cookies we send in May. Tracy is in charge of that and could use all hands on deck as we look for many dozens of cookies to share with them. AND of course Soul in the City is fast approaching and – well, I don't have to tell you that cookies and teens are an explosive combination! We will be sending out a request in June for a number of cookies (no nuts, as usual). Please respond with enthusiasm.

The M&Ms don't always have their own events to care for. We love coming alongside the other ministries in the parish when needed. When I see all the opportunities listed above where we have a chance to share our time and talent with others, it makes my heart sing. Please consider being a part of any or all of these upcoming moments in the life of our parish! I can promise you it makes a difference to us all!

Deacon Jennifer

Ladies' Night Out

Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, May 14 at 7pm at Bluewater Seafood, 4921 FM2920. All ladies and their friends are welcome. If you are able to come, be sure to call or text Valerie Fennel so she can save a spot at the table for you: 281-744-0345 or just show up—we will make room!



Outreach Ministry for Disaster Relief

The Mission Outreach Team would like to thank the parishioners for their support during the Lenten Giving Drive. Your support is the heart of our success.

God Bless You All.

Thank you!
George Vick
Roger Koehler
Frank Boyd
Sonji Williams

Yahweh Adonai – YA a fellowship ministry for those post high school to 30 years old

I would like to introduce our post high school young adults' group Yaweh-Adonai to you. We are a ministry designed for those who have graduated from high school through 30 years old. Our mission statement is **the Y-A Group exists to build authentic community among Young Adults as we seek to connect the Old with the New that together we may mature in the LORD.**

Currently we are meeting regularly once a month, on the first Saturday of every month, at Shane and Jessica Anderson's home: 2210 Deer Valley Dr, Spring, TX 77373.

We are currently studying *Art + Faith* by Makoto Fujimara. In this study we are learning how all aspects of our lives can be theological work, expressing the Gospel to the world around us, as we allow the Holy Spirit to inspire us and as we explore the spiritual aspects of "making."

We also gather for outings outside the regular monthly gatherings. Watch the Sunday Bulletins or contact Shane or Jessica for information on these opportunities.

Our logo is Yod-Aleph, which is Y-A in Hebrew (read right to left):



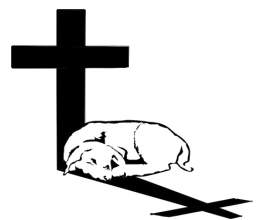
If you would like more information on Yaweh-Adoni please contact Shane or Jessica Anderson, or email Shane at ShanemAnderson@outlook.com.

Condolences

To the family and friends of:
Joyce Fontaine



Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.



Daughters of Honor

Prayer, Study, Service and Evangelism



Ladies, do you need encouragement or some time for self, then come join a dedicated group of ladies on Saturday, May 18th at 9:15 am. We begin by celebrating Holy Communion. Then we gather to pray, eat, and study Holy Scriptures.

All ladies are welcome to come to taste and see what our Lord and Savior has in store for us.

If you have any questions please contact me, Terry Thomas, at 281 536-1218 or email me at tthomas1218@gmail.com

American Heritage Girls Troop 2317

Faith | Service | Fun

Troop 2317 will be continuing badge work in May. First up is a trip to a local horse stable for a horseback riding lesson. Then the girls will sharpen up their survival skills. The badge work for May will conclude with work on being a kitchen scientist. Of course we will continue with our Bible study on Women of Faith. There is also an opportunity for service work at the Texas Homeschool Convention working in the American Heritage Girl booth, May 30th- June 1st. The month of May is shaping up to be an active one!

Troop 2317 meets on Thursdays at 7p.m. at St. Timothy's. Please attend an upcoming meeting if you have any questions or would like to join the troop.

Please contact Penelope Kenney for more info. penelopekenney@sbcglobal.net



"So that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:17



Thoughts from the Youth Ministers

As the Spring season rolls around, we find ourselves in the early stages of preparing for our annual youth event hosted here, at St. Timothy's. Every year we look forward to attending and participating in a spiritual, rejuvenating, fun week. Soul in the City is a great opportunity for the youth to take part in God's Kingdom and work around the city of Houston.

For those unfamiliar with this Diocesan Youth Event, Soul in the City is a week-long event designed for intentional discipleship that is grounded in solid biblical teaching and Anglican tradition. Throughout the week, the students will study, discuss, serve and worship all while having an opportunity to build relationships, grow in their faith and share the love of Christ with others. Per tradition, we serve alongside one another at different worksites and in different not-for-profit organizations and ministries. Outreach has included working with various food pantries, homeless ministries, home renovations and special needs centers.

If you have attended, then you know that it is a week of transformation, relief, love and so much more! God never fails to show us His love for us and this week is no different. We are encouraging you to attend from July 7- July 13 and to also invite a friend or two. We are most definitely praying for all involved in this wonderful event and eagerly excited to see you there!

We appreciate all of your love, support and prayers as we continue to come together in fellowship to learn more about our Heavenly Father. May God continue to richly bless each of you.

STAY Honored Leaders,
Shelia Chandler, Ana Acosta, Cody Hicks



STAY Invites YOUth!

7th-12th graders can join us for dinner, fun & games and Bible Lessons on Wednesday Nights in the Youth Building. Bring a friend or two!

May 2024

Wednesday 05/01	STAY Meets 5:30pm- 7:45pm
Wednesday 05/08	STAY Meets 5:30pm- 7:45pm
Wednesday 05/15	STAY Meets 5:30pm- 7:45pm
Wednesday 05/22	STAY Meets 5:30pm- 7:45pm
Wednesday 05/29	STAY Meets 5:30pm- 7:45pm

Follow us on Instagram [@sttimothys.youth](https://www.instagram.com/sttimothys.youth) and Facebook [@St. Timothy's Anglican Youth](https://www.facebook.com/St.Timothy's%20Anglican%20Youth) for more updates! For any questions, please reach out to **Shelia Chandler, Ana Acosta** and/or **Cody Hicks** via email at stayanglican@gmail.com

Soul in the City 2024 Registration is now up. The registration link can be found on the STAY Instagram! If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of us.

Christian Formation



CHILDREN & YOUTH EDUCATION

If we don't teach our children how to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

It seems like I keep coming back to the themes of trust and obedience. Whether that is because we have all been given the command to teach our children to trust and obey (*Then you, your children and their children after them will honor the Lord your God as long as you live. Obey all his rules and commands I'm giving you. If you do, you will enjoy long life. Deuteronomy 6:2*) or whether God is trying to teach me to trust and obey! The children's classes have been studying about Moses and the Israelites all year and it's easy to see that that when they trusted and obeyed God, good followed. However, whenever they leaned on their own understanding, trouble began to brew and God had to bail them out over and over again. Isn't that the way our lives tend to go as well? We roll our eyes at the Israelites and comment about how they never seemed to learn, but are we any better? Although it seems as if they get out of one mess and then immediately fall into another one, in reality, their fall was probably a gradual slide into old habits and comfortable thinking patterns. Unfortunately, that describes us, too. Their lives were capsulated in the words of the Bible for us to read and ponder to lead us away from that slippery slope we all deal with at some point in our Christian walk. Trust and obedience aren't easy or comfortable and yet the Bible shows us time and time again how God uses the most unlikely people to teach us these lessons, like Joshua and Rahab. What a great summary of all the lessons we've learned this year as we wrap up our regular classes in early May.

And then comes VBS, where we'll join Moses again and fill in some of the blanks in our timelines along the back wall, reinforcing all these lessons we've learned from the Bible. The theme of VBS this year is ROAR where life is wild, but God is good. The music and songs have a definite African vibe, but the message is all about trust and obedience. See how God works! The dates for VBS are June 17th -21st from 9:00-noon for children ages 3-12, \$5 per child. Registration is already open online and will be available in the Narthex as well. We're always looking for lots of help either through donations, volunteering or praying. It takes all of us to teach our children well. So, consider trusting and obeying God to lead you to step out and participate this year!

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
 What a glory He sheds on our way!
 While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
 And with all who will trust and obey.
 Trust and obey, for there's no other way
 To be happy with Jesus, but to trust and obey.

In Christ's Service,
 Lisa Musick and the Children's Ministry Team

ADULT EDUCATION

Our spring classes are rapidly coming to an end as we approach May and our church calendar has built in time off through most of May - June - July before we pick up a brief summer schedule. This break exists so that teachers don't get burned out, but some of us are less tied to the specific dates in the calendar so feel free to ask if you are uncertain. Deacon John will be continuing Sunday morning Sunday school except for dates surrounding the Church cruise. As we are finishing up our harmony of the Gospels class in Precepts we will be starting a new study focused on the 1 Kings - 2 Kings period including prophets, geography, and history after the cruise. Please join us for this study. It will prove to be wide-ranging.

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Eventfully Speaking



**"I Am N' Event
 Wednesday, May 8
 6:45-8:00pm**

(sponsored by our Band of Brothers (BoB) and our Daughters of Honor (DOH)

Come and hear testimonies about Christian persecution throughout the world and hear stories (on video) about how the Lord is making Himself known through the persecution.

Learn to offer prayer on behalf of these persecuted Christians and the church.



VBS 2024

ROAR



(Register here or at stimothisanglican.org)

JUNE 17 - 21, Ages 3 - 12, 9am - 12noon, \$5 PER CHILD



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SUNDAY, JULY 21
 10AM

CONFIRMATION



NEW DATE!



Easter Sunday

The Farewell Discourse

