



# The Monthly Newsletter for Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church May 2016

Dear Members and Friends of Saint Timothy's,

New beginnings, new life, rejuvenation, and the Resurrection are on our minds and hearts in this Eastertide. Our thoughts and prayers will soon turn to the coming of the Holy Ghost as Pentecost is in the middle of this month. For the purposes of this letter, I want to stay with the Resurrection and new life in Christ subject. There is, and needs to be, a new beginning in the life of our parish and I'm hoping it can start all of us learning about and putting in place a process for having Saint Timothy's grow in membership. Growth in our membership will indeed bring new life, rejuvenation and many new beginnings to Saint Timothy's

I'm well into my twenty-fourth year here at Saint Timothy's and after all those years I have mixed reactions to our record of bringing new members into the Church. On the one hand, I'm proud that we have not stopped trying to bring people into the Church so they can enjoy all the good things that we have at Saint Timothy's. On the other hand, if someone asked me what I regret about the past twenty-four years, it would be that we have not "cracked the nut" on how to have a regular, systematic approach to getting and keeping people at Saint Timothy's. We have tried and attempted all sorts of things. We have written, visited, invited, prodded, begged, driven, called and taken many other actions to move someone from "visitor" status to "faithful member" status.

In this season of new life and Resurrection we have begun a new and exciting method or process so people can have a new life with Jesus Christ. After all, that is why we exist. When we bring new members into the Church we are inviting them into a life with Jesus Christ. The process is called *Invite, Welcome, Connect*. This was first presented to our delegates and me at the last Diocesan Convention. Mary Parmer, from the Diocese of Texas, has created a thorough process that has been tried in a number of parishes around the country and has proven results. There are actions to take that work for bringing more people into churches, and there are things that we

ought not to do if we want more people to become part of our parish. Mary Parmer, as the keynote speaker of our Convention, seemed to be speaking directly to our need here at Saint Timothy's. She described what needs doing to get more people into Saint Timothy's, how to make them know and feel a part of the parish and how to get them "connected" with the parish so they stay part of the church. It was clear to all of us attending the Convention that we needed to learn more and implement as much as we can of the *Invite, Welcome, Connect* "process" here at Saint Timothy's. I invite everyone to go to [invitewelcomeconnect.com](http://invitewelcomeconnect.com) and learn more.

On April thirtieth some members of the Vestry (Kevin Bodiford, Mike Lewis, Deanna Lord David Mason, Marie Stewart and Ed Watson), some members of key organizations in the parish (Duncan and Sarah Culton, Mary Watson and Betsy James) and I attended an all-day workshop at Saint Philip's Church in Durham on how to implement the helpful and effective practices of *Invite, Welcome, Connect*. We were able to examine what practices and activities actually work to have more people truly feel "invited" into the church. We reviewed good practices inside and outside the parish to have people actually feel "welcomed" into parish churches. For the "Connect" part of *Invite, Welcome, Connect* we learned what it takes to have people who come into the parish truly become part of the life of the parish. When they do truly become part of the parish they deepen their life with Christ and stay active and involved because they are truly being spiritually fed.

We know the process of inviting, welcoming and connecting works because we have seen the evidence. The real work begins now because in the course of the workshop we examined what things we do here at Saint Timothy's that work. These are gifts that we have as a parish that need to continue. We found out what things we do, but really need to be done better. We also learned many things that we do not do, but would be easy to start doing. We generated many ideas in these three areas of inviting, welcoming and connecting. We brought these ideas

back to the parish and will now begin to put them in place.

None of this will be effective, if we do not all get on board to becoming a more inviting, welcoming, connecting parish. Think of the “inviting” part as evangelism. Think of the “welcoming” part as hospitality and think of the “connecting” part as putting peoples’ gifts to work for ministry. It will be helpful to have all of us aware that if someone is interested in Saint Timothy’s, and interested enough to visit, it is incumbent on all of us to use what we’ve put in place with *Invite, Welcome, Connect* to move them from “visitor” to faithful, practicing parishioner. We will all have to learn more about how to do this and I hope all of us will examine the gifts we have and use them when asked. We cannot have Saint Timothy’s grow with a few willing and hardworking parishioners. It will take change over an extended period to have all of us creating an atmosphere where we all invite, we all welcome and we all connect. If we do this we will be doing what God is calling us to do while we’re here in this part of His Kingdom.

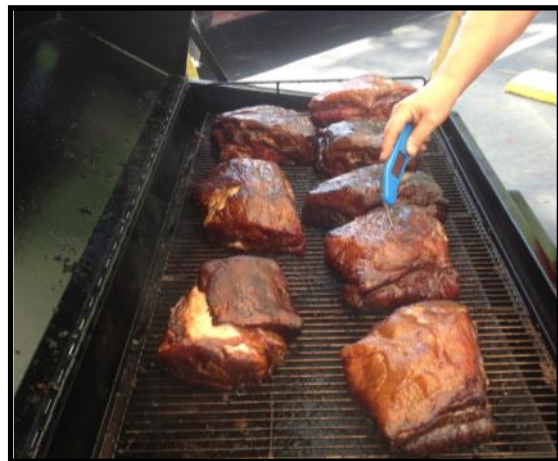
Yours faithfully, in the Crucified, Resurrected, Ascended and Returning Lord Jesus,



The Reverend Jay C. James  
Rector

## *Thank you to all who came out to support the Men’s Fellowship Group BBQ Fundraiser!*

All the monies raised go directly to support our Parish. The Men’s Fellowship Group host our Church event cook-outs with hot dogs and hamburgers, help feed the children during VBS, volunteer during the winter with Warmth for Wake, and help to maintain and fix items of concern inside and outside our church.



**Upcoming Special Events:**

- ⇒ **International Firefighters Day:** In honor of International Firefighters Day on May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Church School will be walking across the street to Fire Station #9 on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> to deliver crafts and baked goods for the Firefighters thanking them for their dedication to keeping our community safe.
- ⇒ **Picnic Lunch and Kickball:** Picnic lunch and kickball what could be better?! Join us Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 1:00 pm at Honeycutt Park, 1032 Clear Creek Farm Dr., Raleigh, 27615, for another exciting game of kickball, fun, and fellowship. This is fun for everyone so if kickball is not your thing *come out anyway* and help cheer on the teams! Be sure to bring your families picnic lunch and a blanket and let's enjoy this beautiful spring weather together!
- ⇒ **Hosting Coffee Hour:** The MS and HS church school classes will be hosting coffee hour for the Parish, please join us as our youth will be serving their favorite dishes on Sunday, May 22nd.



**Dive deep into God's presence at  
Deep Sea Discovery VBS!**

**Where kids and volunteers will discover  
that God is with them –  
*Wherever they go!***

**Mark your Calendars! Vacation Bible School  
will be held June 10th-12th!**

VBS will offer underwater adventures for explorers from Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Middle and High School volunteers are promised a BIG role as Diving Crew Leaders who will guide their very own crew of 4 youthful explorers through the VBS stations. Be sure to sign up early to secure your spot as a Diving Crew Leader!



**Divers Itinerary:**

Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am - 3:00 pm - Lunch will be served  
Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 10:45 am - 12:30 pm

If you have any questions about Church School, please email or call me, I am happy to help in any way!  
Sarah Culton; christianed@sttimothys.org, 919-787-7590



The Youth Group hosted two successful events in recent months- the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and a Biscuit Breakfast Fundraiser for the parish. The Youth Group has worked together as a team this year to help others and grow in fellowship, which has been so special to watch. As we finish the year we look forward to our end-of-the-year party on May 15th. There will be more details about the event as it approaches. Additionally, if Youth Group members who will be rising

9th graders or older would like to register to attend St. Michael's Conference this summer, please speak with any of the Youth Group Leaders or Father James very soon as the deadline for applications is approaching. If you have any questions, please call Olivia James at 919-604-3767.



The month of May is full of graduations, end-of-the-year celebrations, athletic banquets, recitals, and of course Mother's Day. Having all these activities and programs may also serve as a time of reflection for what we have accomplished or celebrated over the first half of the calendar year or an academic year. This May I am reflecting on my personal decision to become a member of our Saint Mary's Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK).

My first experience with DOK was in my middle and high school years when I was a Junior Daughter at Calvary Episcopal Church, Diocese of Lexington, Ashland, Kentucky. The Junior Daughters met with Senior Daughters monthly and all our activities were supervised by the Senior Daughters. The concept of Prayer and Service was emphasized. However, our Junior Chapter was more or less a prayer group.

Fast-forward decades later and I find myself interested in becoming a member of a spiritually based organization and starting the discernment process in 2013-2014, but personally did not feel I would have the time necessary to attend the new member meetings due to some family events and activities. However, this last fall, the time was right and I began the discernment process to become a Senior member of the DOK.

Under President Ann Jones's outstanding leadership, the new member meetings were well organized and the activities involved self-examination and sharing. The required review materials prior to the meetings assisted with the discernment process and motivated me to be more focused in my prayer life. As a new member we were also invited to attend the regular DOK monthly meetings and activities.

Being inducted as a lifelong member to this worldwide order in February was quite a spiritual milestone and responsibility to live a life of prayer and service. The Saint Mary's chapter is comprised of a wonderful group of loving women who come together to provide service to our church and the community. I am honored to serve and pray among them.

In April, I and six other DOK members from Saint Timothy's, attended the Spring Assembly for the Diocese of North Carolina in Greensboro. This was a day of fellowship, sharing, praying, and networking with Diocesan and national officers. Our key note speaker, Carolyn Edge, shared a statement which resonated with me. "Live out your own unique purpose in life." I immediately thought what an inspiring mission statement to use the gifts God has given you.

So as this May approaches, I hope you too will feel inspired to live YOUR own unique purpose in life!!!

*Faithfully,  
Cathy Elsea*

### From our Choir Director

It's difficult to believe that it won't be long until "most" of the choir will disband for the summer. The month of May will bring us the final two Sundays of the Easter season. The 7th Sunday of Easter also happens to fall on Mother's Day. Pentecost (and baptisms!) will follow on May 15. Then there will only be three more "formal" choir Sunday's: May 22, 29 and June 5, to complete the choir season.

Our music will continue with the Easter season on May 1 with an anonymous piece, "This Is the Day" written around 1600; so, early Baroque; late Renaissance style. We will give a nod to Mother's Day on May 8 with an Italian carol: "Hail, Blessed Virgin Mary". Although originally conceived for the Christmas season, it glorifies Mary's role as The Mother of Jesus.

Pentecost will feature a new anthem to our choir's library, a very beautifully written piece entitled, "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" by Friedell.

The children from the Church School will lead us at the Communion on both May 29 and June 5. It will be wonderful to hear their angelic voices twice in as many weeks.

We have been reserving that seat for you in the choir loft all season long! On May 29th, the choir will host the coffee hour. It is our hope to get to greet you and get to know you a little better on Memorial Day weekend. It is also our hope that some of you will think of joining us perhaps this summer as a way of "easing into" the new choir season which begins in September.

*Respectfully submitted,  
John Herrmann; Organist-Choir director*



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| <b>Anna Marie Martin</b>         | <b>05/02</b> |
| <b>Brock Boren</b>               | <b>05/03</b> |
| <b>Timothy Morris</b>            | <b>05/03</b> |
| <b>Septimus George</b>           | <b>05/05</b> |
| <b>Ikechukwu Anthony Ifedili</b> | <b>05/06</b> |
| <b>Joanna George</b>             | <b>05/07</b> |
| <b>Leshel Klimczyk</b>           | <b>05/08</b> |
| <b>Michelle Casey</b>            | <b>05/09</b> |
| <b>Velma Stewart</b>             | <b>05/09</b> |
| <b>James Marshall Bodiford</b>   | <b>05/11</b> |
| <b>Mary McDaniel</b>             | <b>05/11</b> |
| <b>Katherine Sholtis</b>         | <b>05/12</b> |
| <b>Dean Payne</b>                | <b>05/13</b> |
| <b>Tom Sturtevant</b>            | <b>05/13</b> |
| <b>Sam Searcy</b>                | <b>05/14</b> |
| <b>Emily Yost</b>                | <b>05/19</b> |
| <b>Ralph Case</b>                | <b>05/20</b> |
| <b>William Mason</b>             | <b>05/20</b> |
| <b>Teni Coker</b>                | <b>05/21</b> |
| <b>Geoffrey Richardson</b>       | <b>05/21</b> |
| <b>Alex Perry</b>                | <b>05/23</b> |
| <b>Gilberta Perry</b>            | <b>05/23</b> |
| <b>Marshall Taylor</b>           | <b>05/23</b> |
| <b>Andrey Claypool</b>           | <b>05/26</b> |
| <b>Barbara Woodlief</b>          | <b>05/26</b> |
| <b>Alexander Yost</b>            | <b>05/27</b> |
| <b>Kreager Taber</b>             | <b>05/28</b> |
| <b>Alex Yost</b>                 | <b>05/28</b> |
| <b>Brody Culton</b>              | <b>05/29</b> |
| <b>Farah Williams</b>            | <b>05/29</b> |
| <b>Danny Bratzke</b>             | <b>05/31</b> |

**Frieda Artis**  
**Gabrielle Baldwin**  
**Helga Boone**  
**Robert Brown**  
**Tom Casey**  
**Penny Caldwell**  
**Xander Cheetham-Smart**  
**Gini Cox**  
**Jane James**  
**Josh**  
**Becky Haygood**  
**Deb Lanier**  
**Gretchen Graves Lewis**  
**Clarke Mansfield**  
**Gertrude McKeathern**  
**Betty Moore**  
**Terri Northcutt**  
**Shelby Norwood**  
**Boo Parker**  
**Rorin Platt**  
**Father Presler**  
**Hank Rippetoe**  
**Rachel Rutledge**  
**Christine Redwood Sawyerr**  
**Gary Shelton**  
**Ramone Soler**  
**Velma Stewart**  
**Susan Stroup**  
**Allie Thompson**  
**Jennifer Wainaina**  
**Ann Wamser**  
**Peter Wando**  
**Roger Watson**  
**Kathy West**  
**Alexander Wheat**  
**Nathan Zook**



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| <b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Randall Whichard</b> | <b>05/12</b> |
| <b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Chip Carter</b>      | <b>05/18</b> |
| <b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Rick Smothers</b>    | <b>05/21</b> |
| <b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Franklin Louder</b>  | <b>05/26</b> |
| <b>Dr. Taylor &amp; Mr. Covington</b>  | <b>05/27</b> |
| <b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Andrew Silberman</b> | <b>05/30</b> |



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday  |
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| 1<br>6th Sunday of Easter<br>9:00 HC<br>11:00 HC and Church School<br>12:30 Youth Group   | 2<br>12:00 HC<br>The Feast of Saints Philip and James   | 3       | 4<br>9:00 Staff Meeting<br><br>10:30 Holy Communion and Healing Service<br><br>6:30 Bible Study | 5   | 6      | 7   |
| 8<br>7th Sunday of Easter: Sunday after the Ascension<br>9:00 HC<br>10:00<br>11:00 HC and Church School                           | 9   | 10      | 11<br>9:00 Staff Meeting<br><br>10:30 Holy Communion<br><br>6:30 Bible Study                    | 12  | 13     | 14<br>8:45—2:30 Daughters of the King Retreat<br>10:00 Baptism Rehearsal<br>12:00—2:00 Popsicle Sign up for Vacation Bible School |
| 15<br><b>Day of Pentecost</b><br>9:00 HC<br>10:00 VBS Leader Meeting in Parlor<br>11:00 HC and Church School<br>12:30 Youth Group | 16  | 17      | 18<br>9:00 Staff Meeting<br><br>10:30 Holy Communion<br><br>6:30 Bible Study                    | 19<br><br>3:30 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting<br>6:30 Vestry Meeting | 20     | 21<br><br>10:30—Raleigh Chinese Language School Graduation  |
| 22<br>Trinity Sunday<br>9:00 HC<br>10:00 Church School Teacher Meeting<br>11:00 HC and Church School<br>12:30 Youth Group         | 23  | 24      | 25<br>9:00 Staff Meeting<br><br>10:30 Holy Communion<br><br>6:30 Bible Study                    | 26  | 27     | 28<br>9:00 - Vacation Bible School Leader Training<br>10:00—Rehearsal for Youth Sunday  |
| 29<br>2nd Sunday of Pentecost<br>9:00 HC<br>11:00 HC and Church School<br>Teacher Appreciation<br>Church School singing           | 30<br>MEMORIAL DAY<br><br>Parish Office Closed | 31      | 1<br>9:00 Staff Meeting<br><br>10:30 Holy Communion and Healing Service<br><br>6:30 Bible Study | 2   | 3      | 4<br>10:00—Eighth Grade Graduation for Saint Timothy's School   |

# MAY SERVERS' SCHEDULE

|                              | May 1<br>White   | May 8<br>White  | May 15<br>Red  | May 22<br>White  | May 29<br>Green   |
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| <b>ALTAR<br/>GUILD</b>       | Midge Silberman<br>Mary McDaniel<br>Everlyn Boro<br>Shawna Hastings  | Darlene Sholtis<br>Bonnie Searcy<br>Danielette Coleman  | Marie Stewart<br>Princess Cheetham-Smart<br>Jennifer Wainaina<br>Carol Rippetoe  | Pennie Bliss<br>Scotty Martin<br>Sandy Wheat<br>Princess Byass   | Darlene Sholtis<br>Bonnie Searcy<br>Danielette Coleman  |
| <b>ACOLYTES</b>              | C: Roma Boren<br>1st Server: Christopher Stewart<br>2nd Server: Brody Culton<br>C: Eli Williford<br>Torch: Jake Bodiford<br>Torch: Dugan Stewart | C: Aly Persing<br>1st Server: Taylor Wamser<br>2nd Server: Fei Persing<br>C: Sean Manuel<br>Torch: Danielle Lewis<br>Torch: Michael Lewis | Boathoy: Brody Culton<br>Thurifer: Vaughn Vreeland<br>C: Christopher Bain<br>1st Server: Meredith Elsea<br>2nd Server: Christopher Stewart<br>Banner: Danielle Lewis<br>C: Matthew Bain<br>Torch: Izayah Lamont<br>Torch: Jake Bodiford<br>Banner: Michael Lewis | C: William Johnston<br>1st Server: Parker Johnston<br>2nd Server: Taylor Wamser<br>C: Dugan Stewart<br>Torch: Sean Manuel<br>Torch: Millie Soler | C: Millie Soler<br>1st Server: William Johnston<br>2nd Server: Parker Johnston<br>C: Roma Boren<br>Torch: Eli Williford<br>Torch: Izayah Lamont |
| <b>9:00 LAY<br/>READERS</b>  | L/C: Tom Donegan<br>P/C: Mike Spencer  | L/C: Al Clement<br>P/C: Tom Donegan   | L/C: Mike Spencer<br>P/C: Al Clement   | L/C: Pennie Bliss<br>P/C: Tom Donegan  | L/C: Al Clement<br>P/C: Mike Spencer  |
| <b>11:00 LAY<br/>READERS</b> | L/C: Meghan Lord<br>P/C: Connie Wilson   | L/C: Simon Naylor<br>P/C: John Castro   | L/C: John Castro<br>P/C: Kevin Bodiford  | L/C: Kathryn Carroll<br>P/C: Margaret Soler  | L/C: Margaret Soler<br>P/C: Simon Naylor  |
| <b>LECTORS</b>               | Meghan Lord  | Alfred Garshong   | Patricia Michael   | Betsy James  | George Bang   |
| <b>9:00<br/>USHERS</b>       | Pete Gattis<br>Ed Watson   | Derek Doolittle<br>Doug Journey   | Arthur Cheetham-Smart<br>Martin Whitley  | Freddie Martin   | Derek Doolittle<br>Doug Journey   |
| <b>11:00<br/>USHERS</b>      | Rob Stone<br>John Poole<br>Rick Smothers<br>Robert Elsea   | Kevin Bodiford<br>Mike Lewis<br>John Royall<br>Frank Louder   | Duncan Culton<br>Steve Sholtis<br>Jim Caldwell   | Bill Marley<br>Dave Elsea<br>Van Vreeland  | Kevin Bodiford<br>Mike Lewis<br>John Royall<br>Frank Louder   |
| <b>9:00<br/>GREETERS</b>     | Jackie Okoth   | Ed Watson   | TBD  | TBD  | TBD   |
| <b>11:00<br/>GREETERS</b>    | Carol Rippetoe   | Tom and Ann Jones   | Patty Hunt   | TBD  | TBD   |

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## **Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church Mission Statement**



**Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church is a traditional,  
welcoming, and scripture-based place of  
worship that leads to salvation  
through the celebration of the sacraments,  
service, fellowship, and outreach.**