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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.**

Dear Members and Friends of Saint Timothy's,

We begin November with one of my favorite and treasured feasts, All Saints' Day. There are ways in which particular days and holidays rise to be a "favorite" in our lives. I think it's because recollections of special events bubble up to the surface of our memories that occurred on those particular days. It may be that the foundational principles undergirding the institution of that holiday have a deep meaning for us. Whatever the reasons, we all have particular days and times that are especially meaningful and it varies for each of us. I don't know exactly why one is All Saints' Day for me. It could be something as simple as it happens in the fall and I like the cool nights and warm days of autumn. It could be that the first parish where I served as curate, All Saints', Ashmont, in the Dorchester section of Boston, was a wonderful start to my ministry. I've always liked that dedication for a church: All Saints' or All Hallows'. I spent seven momentous and meaningful years in that parish that has all the Saints as her title and dedication. Part of the reason for this deep affinity, and even love, for All Saints' Day, too, is the meaning it has, and the definition it brings, to the Church. For me, The Communion of Saints is the Church.

All Saints' Day means that we are giving due honor and praise to those who have been part of the Church here in the world. Because of their excellent and faithful witness here, we are confident and sure that they have received their reward and are perfectly spiritually united to the Trinity in heaven. They are where we should long to be and yet, because it is the same Holy Spirit dwelling in them, as in us, we are united to them too. This means that "The Church" is one big spiritual Body of the living and the dead. The Saints are united to us by their spiritual holiness and we are united to them because, in their humanity, they were once here in the world as we are. That kind of unity, that kind of holiness, that kind of universality (catholicity) defines The Church for me. Thank God that He made the Church, through His Son, to be this way. I need it and love it.

This is why we baptize on All Saints' Day. It is the day in which we bring into this Spiritual Body, the Church, those who need to be bound by the Holy Spirit. Once one is baptized, the same Holy Spirit dwelling in the souls of the faithful, also comes to claim, and dwell in, the soul of the Baptized. The Baptized become members of The Church, The Body of Christ, at that point. Those baptized at any age have the stain of Original Sin, the sin of Adam, washed away, and the Holy Spirit comes to live with that soul.

In keeping with The Church's sacred and fine tradition, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on All Saints' Day. It falls this year on a Sunday and we are fortunate to have a good number of souls to baptize. We have offered the opportunity to have children from our parochial school, who have yet to be baptized, join us in the celebration. We will have a number of children receive the Sacrament of Baptism from the parish and from the school. Please remember them in your prayers as they prepare to begin their life as a Christian.

All Saints' Day will be celebrated in all its splendor on Sunday morning, November 1st, and we will continue a celebration later that day. Our 2016 Stewardship Celebration will be Sunday, November 1st, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Stewardship Committee is hosting a barbecue for all of us and it is a barbecue that cannot be missed. Renowned Cooper's Barbecue from here in Raleigh will be here so we can enjoy not only their barbecue, but fried chicken, potatoes and everything else that goes along with North Carolina barbecue. (I should say "eastern" North Carolina barbecue). We are really celebrating Saint Timothy's Church and all we love about Saint Timothy's. We have committed to pledging and supporting our parish through the 2016 Every Member Canvass and now we can give thanks to God that He has given us this wonderful parish and thank Him for all the blessings we have received by being part of it.

Thank God for the witness of all the Saints. They inspire us. They pray for us. We pray with them as part of the Church. Thank God for the witness Saint Timothy's makes and thank God for the opportunity to support that mission and ministry. It is just a joy and privilege to be part of The Church and especially to be part of The Church in this corner of His Kingdom called Saint Timothy's.

Yours faithfully, in Christ,

The Reverend Jay C. James
 Rector

From Our Senior Warden

The month of November has always been one of my favorites. We welcome the fall weather and prepare for the start of the Advent Season. Not to mention the grocery shopping and traveling surrounding the Thanksgiving holiday. November will also be an exciting month for Saint Timothy's!

On Sunday, November 1st, we will not only celebrate All Saints' Day, but we will also have our Stewardship celebration from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the church. Please plan to join us for bar-b-que, fried chicken, cole slaw, potatoes, hush puppies, and desserts!! This will be a great way close our 2016 Growing Together in Faith Stewardship Campaign. A special thanks to all the Stewardship Committee members who have diligently worked on the campaign. If you have not taken the time

to prayerfully consider your commitment to Saint Timothy's for 2016, you may still complete your pledge card and return it to the church, or complete it on line by going on the church website.

Also, on Tuesday, November 24th, Saint Timothy's will host the Six Forks Road Ecumenical Thanksgiving service. It has been several years since we have hosted this evening service and it is always nice to visit with the parishioners from the various churches in our neighborhood. So if you are in town and enjoying your company, take a break from the cooking and please bring them with you to this meaningful service.

*Prayerfully submitted,
Cathy Elsea*



Please join The Men's Fellowship Group in assisting with Warmth For Wake this season.

The Men's group will be delivering fire wood on these dates Nov. 7th,

Dec. 5th, Jan. 23rd, Feb. 13th and Mar. 12th.

Contact Duncan Culton for more information at sdculton@gmail.com



If you are interested in becoming an Usher for one of the services on Sunday, please contact Ed Doolittle at 919-847-0663.



Greetings! Well, the first of the season's choir rehearsals got underway back in September. What a WONDERFUL and TALENTED group of people with whom to make music to praise OUR LORD! We have been working hard on upcoming anthems for All Saints' Day, Christ the King, and have already begun working on some music for the Advent Season. Christmas music will be rehearsed from October 11th until our final rehearsal on December 21st, with a string quartet and bass. Can't wait!!

Did you get to hear our Church School children sing "Holy, Holy, Holy" on September 27th? They sounded WONDERFUL. We will have the children sing from the choir loft once a month for their special hymn. Appropriately, they will next sing "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God". This coming Christmas Eve, in addition to the much-loved and anticipated Christmas Pageant, some of the children will sing a special song from the choir loft at the beginning of the Communion.

Have you ever had the need to feel welcomed and cherished? JOIN THE CHOIR!! We have even saved a reserved seat for you!! We especially need all of you!



Remember we can't spell "CHORUS" without "U"!!

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as your music director and organist.

John Herrmann

NOVEMBER SERVERS' SCHEDULE

	November 1 (White)	November 8 (Green)	November 15 (Green)	November 22 (White)	November 29 (Purple)
ALTAR GUILD	Midge Silberman Mary McDaniel Everlyn Boro Shawna Hastings	Darlene Sholtis Bonnie Searcy Danielette Coleman	Marie Stewart Princess Cheetham-Smart Jennifer Wainaina Carol Rippetoe	Pemie Bliss Scotty Martin Sandy Wheat Princess Byass	Pemie Bliss Scotty Martin Sandy Wheat Princess Byass
ACOLYTES	Boatboy: Sean Manuel Thurifer: Meredith Elsea C: Michael Lewis 1st Server: Danielle Lewis 2nd Server: Fei Persing Banner: William Johnston C: Aly Persing Torch: Christopher Stewart Torch: Taylor Wamser	C: William Johnston 1st Server: Meredith Elsea 2nd Server: Danielle Lewis C: Michael Lewis Torch: James Bodiford Torch: Parker Johnston	C: Elijah Williford 1st Server: Taylor Wamser 2nd Server: Izayah Lamont C: Roma Boren Torch: Danielle Lewis Torch: Michael Lewis	C: Millie Soler 1st Server: Sam James 2nd Server: Matthew Bain C: Taylor Lord Torch: Brody Culton Torch: C. hristopher Bain	C: Michael Lewis 1st Server: Fei Persing 2nd Server: Aly Persing C: Danielle Lewis Torch: Elijah Williford Torch: Izayah Lamont
9:00 LAY READERS	L/C: Mike Spencer P/C: Al Clement	L/C: Al Clement P/C: Bob Elsea	L/C: Al Clement P/C: Mike Spencer	L/C: Bob Elsea P/C: Mike Spencer	L/C: Mike Spencer P/C: Bob Elsea
11:00 LAY READERS	L/C: Meghan Lord P/C: Kevin Bodiford	L/C: Jon Castro P/C: Connie Wilson	L/C: Connie Wilson P/C: Meghan Lord	L/C: Kevin Bodiford P/C: Jon Castro	L/C: Bob Elsea P/C: Mike Spencer
LECTORS	Kathryn Carroll	Bill Marley	Vivian Finklestein	Marlee Bourey	George Bang
9:00 USHERS	Pete Gattis Ed Watson	Derek Doolittle Doug Jurney	Arthur Cheetham-Smart Martin Whitley	Freddie Martin	Freddie Martin
11:00 USHERS	Rob Stone John Poole Rick Smothers Bob Elsea	Kevin Bodiford Mike Lewis John Royall	Duncan Culton Steve Sholtis Jim Caldwell	Bill Marley Dave Elsea Van Vreeland	Bill Marley Dave Elsea Van Vreeland
9:00 GREETERS			Jane James		Scotty Martin Penny Bliss
11:00 GREETERS	Carol Rippetoe	Anne Wamser			
CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS	Lesson 9 Jemie Jonah	Lesson 10 Elizabeth McKeathern Al Clement Jan Heard Marlee Bourey	Lesson 11 Jemie Jonah Al Clement Joanna Smothers	Lesson 12 Elizabeth McKeathern Dunford Okolt	Lesson 13

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Saints' Day ¹ 9:00 HC 11:00 HC Church School 5:00-6:30 Stewardship Celebration	All Souls' Day ² 12:00 Holy Communion Requiem Mass	³ 9:00 Staff Meeting	⁴ 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Holy Communion and Healing Service 6:30 Bible Study	⁵	⁶	⁷
⁸ 24th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Morning Prayer and Sermon 11:00 Morning Prayer and Sermon Church School	⁹ 7:00 DOK	¹⁰ 9:00 Staff Meeting	¹¹ Veterans' Day 10:30 Holy Communion 6:30 Bible Study	¹²	¹³	¹⁴
¹⁵ 25th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 HC 11:00 HC	¹⁶	¹⁷	¹⁸ 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Holy Communion 6:30 Bible Study	¹⁹ 3:30 Pastoral Care Committee 6:30 Vestry Meets	²⁰ Diocesan Convention	²¹ Diocesan Convention
²² Christ the King 9:00 HC 10:00 Question & Answer with Church School 11:00 HC Blessing of Choir	²³	²⁴ 9:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service	²⁵ Parish Office Closed 10:30 Holy Communion	²⁶ Thanksgiving Day Parish Office Closed 9:00 Holy Communion	²⁷ Parish Office Closed	²⁸
²⁹ 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 HC 11:00 HC Church School	³⁰ Saint Andrew 12:00 Holy Communion	¹	² 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Holy Communion and Healing Service 6:30 Bible Study	³	⁴	⁵

CHURCH SCHOOL

Upcoming Special Events:

#GIVINGTUESDAY Service Project: The Church School will be hosting a clothing drive supporting *A Note in the Pocket* whose mission is to clothe children with dignity and love here in Wake County. Beginning Sunday, November 8th through Sunday, November 29th please bring in only **new or gently used** winter clothing, specifically long pants, long-sleeved shirts and/or new socks and new underwear. On November 29th we will sort the clothing for the ministry and will deliver the donation on Tuesday, December 1st, #GivingTuesday. Financial support is also accepted and will be provided to the Ministry in the form of a check to use toward their mission. *

\$361.50 Provides a year's worth of clothing to a child in need (includes a winter coat, hat & gloves)

\$165.50 Provides warm weather clothing and shoes to a child in need

\$33.75 Provides 5 tops to a child in need

\$14.00 Provides a pair of shoes to a child in need

* Checks should be made payable to Saint Timothy's Church School, with "a note in the packet" on the memo line.

Sunday, November 15th: This will mark the beginning of our Christmas Eve Pageant rehearsals. Please plan to visit the choir loft following the 11:00 a.m. service on November 15th and 29th and every Sunday in December to rehearse for the Church School Christmas Pageant and communion hymn that we will perform during the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

Sunday, November 22nd Church School Question Box and Forum: Does your child ask you spiritual questions or questions concerning the Bible that you just don't know how to answer? Well, they do in Church School! Our volunteer teachers are just like you and can be stumped by the curious questions our children ask, which is why we have created the Church School Question Box. Put your, or your child's question(s), down on paper and deposit them in the Church School Question Box or e-mail them to Christianed@sttimothys.org. Then be sure to join us on Sunday, November 22nd, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor for the Church School Forum where Fr. James will lead us with spiritual guidance and answers. Hopefully this will better equip us, as Parents and Church School volunteers, for the next time one of those moments arises.

Sunday, November 29th: Church School sings 'Advent Tells Us Christ is Near' during the 11:00 a.m. service



Thanks to everyone who came out for the Sunday Picnic & Kickball Game in October. The game ended with a tie and there were smiles and high fives all around. It was a great way to spend a beautiful fall day! Join us next time, even if it is just to cheer on the teams!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cathy Clement	11/01
Beth Lewis	11/01
Carolyn Lewis	11/01
Taylor Payne	11/01
Michael Lewis	11/02
Danielle Lewis	11/02
Marianne Mansaray	11/02
Robert Gibson	11/05
Edris Hemphill	11/06
Ginny Killinger	11/08
Amy Lewis	11/09
James Mathis	11/10
David Irvin	11/11
Emma Jebson	11/11
Jeremy Richardson	11/14
Bobby Ellstrom	11/15
Jay Vasbinder	11/15
David Boardman	11/18
Christy Anen	11/20
Marsha Hendrickson Slack	11/20
Chisom Anen	11/21
Dana Sullivan	11/21

Jaden Jonah	11/22
Michael Hurst	11/25
Tom Jones	11/26
Frank Louder	11/26
Chelsea Payne	11/26
Iana Slack	11/26
Peppy Hayes	11/28



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. & Mrs. David Bond	11/01
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hurst	11/02
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Merchant	11/04
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Doolittle	11/06
Col. & Mrs. Larry Joseph	11/09
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Crowley	11/17
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Bourey	11/20
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Jones	11/22
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Louder	11/23
Mr. & Mrs. Freddie Martin	11/26

The Bible Study has reassembled and will continue each Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the Parlor. The study will examine The Book of Jonah.

Nursery Care is provided for both Sunday morning services and between the services. (9:00 am until 12:30 pm) Our Nursery accepts children ages 3 months to 3 years of age. Kyllie Nicholas is our Nursery care attendant and loves taking care of children. Kyllie offers child care during the week, she can be reached at 919-264-1973.

Pastoral Care

When we have a special service at Saint Timothy's, such as a requiem mass, there are many visitors unfamiliar with our services and facilities. Having a friendly face in the narthex to welcome and assist, as we do on Sunday mornings, would be a positive addition.

The Pastoral Care Committee has decided to provide a greeter for these services as often as possible. Please contact Joanna Smothers at 919-881-9428 if you are interested in being contacted periodically to serve in this fashion.



Prayer Requests

- Browning Altizer
- Annette Bandy
- George Bang
- Doris Brock
- Robert Brown
- Tom Casey
- Kathleen Collins
- Jack Diamond
- Mark Dwyer
- Charles Hensley
- Sara Jenkins

- Garland Johnston
- Sara Jenkins
- Merryanne Kagan
- Leslie Kincheloe
- Martha Lewis
- Tillie Marshall
- Carolina Mitchell
- Terri Northcutt
- Shelby Norwood
- Boaz Odhiambo
- Mary Ostman
- Boo Parker
- Rorin Platt
- Father Presler
- Rachel Rutledge
- Herbert Scott
- Gaye Setliff
- Gary Shelton
- Barratt Sturtevant
- Jennifer Wainaina
- Roger Watson



October brought the first successful Youth Group event of the 2015-16 year in the form of the Fall Festival. Both Sunday Schoolers and Youth Group members enjoyed welcoming fall and celebrating the saints together through fellowship and doughnuts on strings!

The Youth Group meetings for November will continue right after the 11:00 service, where we encourage all children from 6th to 12th grade to attend. This month's meetings are November 1st and 15th.

Looking ahead to November, the Youth Group will be hosting The Angel Tree project again this year. The Angel Tree project is a way to provide presents to children who are less fortunate in our community by collecting their names and wish lists and having parishioners purchase gifts for them. Look for The Angel Tree at coffee hour in late November to pick up a name of a child. Bring the gifts back to the parlor once you've purchased them. You may bring the gifts wrapped or, for a suggested donation of \$10, you may leave the presents unwrapped and the Youth Group will wrap them for you. We hope you consider helping with our annual project to bring some Christmas joy to those who need it most this time of year!

For questions, please call Olivia James at 919-604-3767.

STEWARDSHIP TALK FROM OUR JUNIOR WARDEN GIVEN ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

For those of you who do not know me I am Ed Watson, Junior Warden, on the Saint Timothy's Church Vestry. I would like to take a few minutes to talk about Planning, Hope and Promise. As I stand before you, I realize I may be preaching to choir, as the saying goes. I appreciate your patience and listening.

First under Planning: We at Saint Timothy's are a faithful and special parish family. It is the responsibility of the Vestry and Clergy to plan a responsible budget just as you plan a budget with your family. I personally am very excited about the plan for the future of Saint Timothy's Church that you will hear more about from Cathy Elsea, our Senior Warden.

Next under Hope: It is my hope that we will continue our commitment to the programs, staff and clergy at Saint Timothy's. As I see our children each Sunday, it is my hope for them to have a future at Saint Timothy's that is vibrant and nurturing for them to grow in their faith.

As for Promise, we know a promise is a commitment we make. We learn throughout life that it is important to not break a promise. The planning and hope for our parish depends heavily on the pledge that we make which is our promise to support Saint Timothy's. Another important aspect of our promise is that we pay what we pledge in a timely manner so that funds are available as needed. I am sure most of you would recognize the hardship in your family if you did not receive your monthly income as expected. It would make it hard to know whether to buy groceries or pay the light bill. The very same fact holds true at our Saint Timothy's home. When the Vestry and Clergy make plans, and promises are not fulfilled, meaning pledges are not paid in a timely manner, we have the same difficulty that you have if your family did not receive its monthly income.

In January and February of 2015, due to severe winter weather, many people were not able to attend services at Saint Timothy's, sometimes resulting in shortcomings when it came time to pay monthly bills. If there are circumstances where members cannot meet their pledge, all they need to do is to contact Debbie Nicholas, Parish Administrator, and make the necessary adjustments. Again, this is necessary for the Vestry and Clergy's planning.

What we give to God and His church is about so much more than money. It is about commitment, it is about having hope and a vision for the future of St. Timothy's and it is about sharing our gifts, including your special talents and resources. You are loved no matter what you put in the plate. My hope is that because you are a child of God and are so overwhelmed by His love and His vision for Saint Timothy's that you cannot help but give.

We have a crown jewel in Saint Timothy's and we have what we have because it was given to us by the grace of God. Stewardship is about the good management of these talents and resources.

In summary, I hope you will celebrate with me as you hear of our plan for the future of Saint Timothy's and that you will keep hope alive for all members of our parish family and that you will make and keep your promise to support the programs, staff and clergy of Saint Timothy's Church.

Ed Watson