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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 began our Stewardship Campaign on September twentieth with the Vestry members being the first to offer their pledge cards. Our devoted Vestry members are setting the example for the rest of us by taking part of the substance with which God has blessed them and returning it to His Church. With this kind of thank-offering the work of the parish Church that they love can continue. More than that, for each of our Vestry members, the act of self-giving through their pledge will deepen their love and commitment to Jesus Christ. It does truly work that way. We are blessed with all that God gives us and we are actually drawn closer to His Church by outwardly expressing our thankfulness to Him in the form of a pledge. I hope each one of us from the very young to the most senior members of the parish will follow the example of our Vestry and see if not only the mission and ministry of Saint Timothy's is enhanced, but the devotion of each individual soul is strengthen and enhanced as well.

We had a good beginning to the Stewardship Campaign. The opportunity to complete pledge cards, witness the Vestry offering their pledge cards, attend a special coffee hour and witness the launching of our new website were all part of a fine beginning. Sarah Culton, our Director of Christian Education and Parish Life, on the first day of the campaign explained a number of the features on the website. She knows the capabilities of the website because she is responsible for its creation and design. The new website will serve us really well for the Stewardship Campaign in that we will be able to easily and conveniently see all the activities surrounding the Stewardship Campaign and be able to complete our pledge cards on line. For years we have had members ask us for the capability to pay our pledges online. We will be able to do that too, with the website, and even set up an automatic withdrawal from your account to the Church. It works because I tried it myself!

The major canvassing during the Stewardship Campaign will take place through this month of October. The activities presented to us in the course of the campaign will be the possibility of pledging on Sundays with pledge cards available in the bulletins, we'll get to watch a new video of the parish, hear from our Senior and Junior Wardens about the plans for the 2016 budget and celebrate at the end of the campaign with a barbeque dinner on All Saints' Sunday, November 1st from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. If each of us who loves Saint Timothy's, and wants to see it not just continue, but

also continue to provide a bold witness for Jesus Christ, first prays about how God has blessed us and then takes the time to complete a pledge card on Sunday, either by hardcopy or on line, and genuinely makes a sacrificial gift, then Saint Timothy's will flourish and be an even greater witness to the work and witness He wants us to make.

For the past three years we have kept a special Sunday to recognize and celebrate Episcopal Schools and especially our own Saint Timothy's School. This year Episcopal Schools Sunday is Sunday, October 4th and that Sunday begins a week-long national celebration of the history, work and witness that Episcopal schools have made in this country for centuries. We will join in the celebrations by inviting the parents of the children in our school to the 11:00 a.m. service, inviting our Headmaster Tim Tinesz to our pulpit to deliver a homily at both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, enjoying a musical offering from the School Chorus and being able to meet the students and parents of the School at our Coffee Hour hosted by the School Staff. Please come and enjoy the special Episcopal Schools Sunday and give thanks that the children of the greater Raleigh area have the opportunity to receive a great beginning to their academic careers in a place that wholeheartedly teaches and believes the Christian Faith.

Since Episcopal Schools Sunday falls on October 4th, Saint Francis Day, we will return to the Church that afternoon at 4:00 for our annual Blessing of Pets. Please bring every one of your pets of every kind to the Church to receive a blessing. We gather with all of our furry, scaly, hairy, feathery friends and thank the Lord that we can love them and enjoy them. We give thanks for the life and witness of Saint Francis of Assisi and for all of the natural world God created.

The Stewardship Campaign provides an exciting time in the parish and it forces us to imagine what our life will be like at Saint Timothy's over the next year. We are also entering an exciting phase of our life together by embarking on the development of a master architectural plan for our whole property; this includes the Church and the School. You may receive this issue of *The Tidings* just before the Visioning Workshop the architects are hosting on Wednesday, September 30th at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

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If you are able to attend that workshop, and any parishioner may attend, then please do, and bring your ideas for how our property ought to look for the next few decades. If you do not receive this issue before the September 30th date, then please do not hesitate to pass along your thoughts to the Vestry members. They can, in turn, pass your thoughts and ideas on to the architects designing the master plan. The Vestry has already spent an evening with the architects from Ratio, Inc. and discussed, dreamed, and thought about what our property needs to look like and how the property must be changed so we can succeed and flourish over the next number of decades. We want to have parishioners, neighbors,

school parents, school staff and anyone who has an interest in Saint Timothy's Church and School attend. These are exciting times and full of all kinds of possibilities. Please continue to pray, work and give for the good of the Kingdom of God, and especially for our portion of the Kingdom that we love, called Saint Timothy's.

Yours faithfully, in Christ,



The Reverend Jay C. James
Rector

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group had their first introductory meeting in September with parents and looks forward to a year of growing closer to each other with Christ as the foundation for our relationships. The meetings this month are Oct. 4 and 18 after the 11:00 service. The first meeting will consist of games and activities to build a familiarity between members. Youth Group members may bring clothes to change into if they choose.

The second meeting of the month will be to plan the Fall Festival on November 1st, which the Youth Group will host for the younger children of the parish to celebrate All Saints' Day. There will be games, activities and snacks for elementary children to enjoy.

All 6-12th graders are welcome to join the Youth Group meetings. We are looking forward to many more events this year, including volunteering, field trips and fundraisers. For any questions please call Olivia James at 919-604-3767.

Amy Lewis tells us about her experience at the 2015 Saint Michael's Conference

Boarding the plane out of Raleigh to West Hartford, Connecticut to attend Saint Michael's Conference this year was different for me. This year would have been the sixth year I attended the Conference if it were not for God's call for me to go global. The summer of 2014 I had the opportunity to go to Guayaquil, Ecuador on a mission trip to minister to "the least of these", leaving me to miss a year at Saint Michael's Conference. There was a big part of me that was very disappointed, but I could not pass up the opportunity to teach children the love of Jesus.

In a way, I feel like this set me back in the sense that I didn't get to connect to my fellow Michaelites, like everyone else. This put me in the mindset of, "If I miss one year, I can probably get away with missing another year. Out of sight, out of mind, right?" I was wrong. When my mom finally talked me into going again this year, I thought it over and figured it couldn't hurt anything.

When the bus rolled into Conference Center, I was reminded how much I missed it. So many Michaelites, whom I thought would not remember me, welcomed me with open arms. I felt so loved by all of these genuine people.

Between taking classes and learning about C.S. Lewis, dogma, and The Book of Psalms, and being surrounded by Christians who have the same belief system, Saint Michael's is a great place to grow in your faith. All the while we connect with one another on a deep level.

I have made some of the best friendships I have ever had through Saint Michael's Conference. I am thankful for my mom's discernment and provision. She knows what is best for me. I had such an amazing time, and suggest to anyone even thinking about attending Saint Michael's Conference to go for it. I dare you not to like it.
Amy Lewis

OCTOBER SERVERS' SCHEDULE

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
ALTAR GUILD	Midge Silberman Mary McDaniel Everlyn Boro Shawna Hastings	Darlene Sholtis Bonnie Searcy Danielette Coleman	Marie Stewart Princess Cheetham-Smart Jennifer Wainaina Carol Ri[[feteo	Pennie Bliss Scotty Martin Sandy Wheat
ACOLYTES	C: William Johnston 1st Server: Danielle Lewis 2nd Server: Michael Lewis C: Jake Bodiford Torch: Brody Culton Torch: Parker Johnston	C: Millie Soler 1st Server: Taylor Wamser 2nd Server: Izayah Lamont C: Roma Boren Torch: Christopher Stewart Torch: Brody Culton	C: Sean Manuel 1st Server: Aly Persing 2nd Server: Fei Persing C: Jake Bodiford Torch: Taylor Wamser Torch: Christopher Stewart	C: Mille Soler 1st Server: Christopher Bain 2nd Server: Matthew Bain C: Roma Boren Torch: Sean Manuel Torch: Izayah Lamont
9:00 LAY READERS	L/C: Mike Spencer P/C: Al Clement	L/C: Al Clement P/C: Mike Spencer	L/C: Tom Donegan P/C: Bob Elsea	L/C: Bob Elsea P/C: Al Clement
11:00 LAY READERS	L/C: Connie Wilson P/C: Kevin Bodiford	L/C: Meghan Lord P/C: Jon Castro	L/C: Jon Castro P/C: Connie Wilson	L/C: Kevin Bodiford P/C: Meghan Lord
LECTORS	Marlee Bourey	Alfred Garshong	Betsy James	Patricia Michael
9:00 USHERS	Pete Gattis Ed Watson	Derek Doolittle	Arthur Cheetham-Smart Martin Whitley	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
9:00 GREETERS				Scotty Martin Penny Bliss
11:00 GREETERS	Ann Wamser	Mary Watson		
CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS	Margaret Soler Lesson 5 Farah Williams Lesson 5 Al Clement Lesson 5 Jan Heard Lesson 5	Margaret Soler Lesson 6 Liz Bodiford Lesson 6 Dunford Okoth Lesson 6 Marlee Bourey Lesson 6	Jemie Jonah Lesson 7 Joanna Smothers Lesson 7	Farah Williams Lesson 8 Jeanette Lewis Lesson 8 Jan Heard Lesson 8 Marlee Bourey Lesson 8

October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Episcopal Schools Celebration 9:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion and Church School 4:00 Blessing of the Pets	5 7:00 DOK Discernment Class	6	7 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Holy Communion and Healing Service 6:30 Bible Study	8	9	10 10:00 Acolyte Rehearsal 2:00-4:00 Celebration for Bp. and Mrs. Curry Church of the Good Shepherd
11 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion and Church School 1:00-4:00 Kickball	12 Parish Office Closed in observance of Columbus Day	13	14 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Holy Communion 6:30 Bible Study	15	16	17
18 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Breakfast Hosted by DOK 11:00 Holy Communion	19 Saint Luke's Day 12:00 Holy Communion 7:00 DOK Discernment Class	20	21 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Holy Communion 6:30 Bible Study	22	23 Saint James' Day 12:00 Holy Communion	24
25 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion Parish Picture on the Deck	26 7:00 DOK Discernment Class	27	28 Saints Simon and Jude Day 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Holy Communion 6:30 Bible Study	29	30	31 10:00 -Acolyte Rehearsal 11:00-Baptism Rehearsal

FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

As October approaches, we are all back in our fall routines. From my view in the choir loft, I must say it is wonderful to see all the children back in Sunday school. Their entrance into the church holding their teachers hand is a testament to our commitment to their futures. Another church organization that makes sure we celebrate our holy days is our Men's Fellowship Group. Thank you to all those who assisted with the Holy Cross cookout. It was well attended and the food was great!

The Stewardship campaign kicked off on September 20th. This year's theme is "Growing Together in Faith". How appropriate this is as we approach 2016 and examine how we want to grow St. Timothy's. This is

also a time of personal reflection as we complete our pledge cards and prayerfully commit our time, talent, and treasures to this parish. I hope everyone will enjoy the activities the Stewardship Committee has planned and mark your calendars to attend the celebration dinner on All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1st.

In closing, I would like to thank the Pastoral Care Committee for all the behind the scenes service they do for our parishioners who are ill or going through a rough time. I know everyone in the parish has benefited from their services at one or another. This is one of the many organizations that make St. Timothy's so special.

Cathy Elsea



The Daughters of the King will host another Between-The-Services-Breakfast on Sunday, October 18 at 10:00 am in The Parlor. Everyone is invited. The food will be delicious and the fellowship will be wonderful. We'll be looking for you.

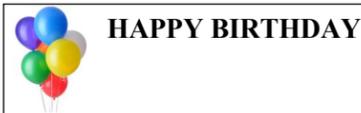


SHARE YOUR SMILE!
We will take our annual congregational photo on the deck, weather permitting, on **October 25 just prior to coffee hour**. This simple, casual photograph illustrates the personality of St. Timothy's. We are diverse, unified, supportive and joyous. Your participation allows the Pastoral Care Committee to share that spirit with parishioners who can't physically be with us on Sundays and with the wider community as well. Thank you!



Upcoming Special Events
Sundays, October 11 – Kickball Game at Optimist Park Field #2, Bring your own Picnic Basket!
Sunday, October 18th – Visit the choir loft to rehearse this month's hymn with John Herrmann.
Sunday, October 25th – Church School sings 'I Sing a Song of the Saints of God' during the 11:00 a.m. service

Come out and join us for a friendly game of kickball on October 11th. This time the game will take place in the City of Raleigh's Optimist Park on Field #2 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Bring along a picnic basket and a blanket and we can all enjoy a lunch together in the park before the game.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carolyn Hale	10/01
Linda Garshong	10/03
Sally Journey	10/03
Joanna Smothers	10/03
Jordan Artis	10/05
Ian Bliss	10/05
Andrew Bliss	10/05
Kitty Kickes	10/05
Prentiss Louder	10/06
Cynthia Williford	10/07
Bonnie Allred	10/08
Mavis Robbin-Coker	10/10
Elizabeth Doolittle	10/11
Duncan Culton	10/13
Donald Perry	10/13
Mary Richardson	10/14
Regan Shelton	10/14
Allyson Feely	10/15
Liz Russell	10/16
Merryanne Kagan	10/17
Lindsay Hoch	10/18
Katherine Hurst	10/18
Nancy Hinton	10/19
Jessica George	10/20
Gibril Koroma	10/20
Simon Naylor	10/20

Kevin Bodiford	10/22
Annabelle Williford	10/22
Samantha Mason	10/23
Lisa McAllister	10/23
Grace Patton	10/23
Vivian Agu	10/25
Ann Jones	10/25
George Hopkins	10/26
Will Taber	10/26
Sandy Wheat	10/26
Eleanor Wentzell	10/27
Sarah Culton	10/28
Scott Doolittle	10/28
Barbara Doolittle	10/28
Joycelyn Fulwood	10/28
Olivia King	10/28
Carolyn Manuel	10/29
Christian Okoth	10/29
Patsy Cochrane	10/30
Allison Flaughter	10/31
Brad Manuel	10/31



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Kyerematen	10/04
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stager	10/05
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Payne	10/06
Dr. & Mrs. Ikechukwu Ifedil	10/11
The Re. & Mrs. Jay James	10/22



Prayer Requests

- Browning Altizer
- Annette Bandy
- Doris Brock
- Robert Brown
- Tom Casey
- Kathleen Collins
- Jack Diamond
- Charles Hensley
- Sara Jenkins
- Garland Johnston
- Sara Jenkins

- Merryanne Kagan
- Martha Lewis
- Tillie Marshall
- Terri Northcutt
- Shelby Norwood
- Boaz Odhiambo
- Mary Ostman
- Boo Parker
- Rorin Platt
- Father Presler
- Rachel Rutledge
- Herbert Scott
- Mimi Spears
- Barratt Sturtevant
- Jennifer Wainaina
- Roger Watson
- Alexander Wheat



We need coffee hour volunteers to help host in the weeks and months ahead!

It's very easy to volunteer. If you are willing to co-host coffee hour, please go to www.tinyurl.com/st-tim-coffee and register. You will need a valid e-mail address to register using this method. A link to this website is also available on our website at <http://sttimothyschurch.org/>. We like to have six volunteers for each Sunday. Sandy Wheat is coordinating coffee hour for the parish. You may also e-mail Sandy at wheatsg@gmail.com or call Sandy at 919-413-3974 if you have difficulty with the link on SignUpGenius. For those new to hosting coffee hour, please see the instructions for hosting coffee hour on the bulletin board in the small kitchen.



NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

As this brief article is being written, I have yet to actually meet with our choir for the first time for the 2015-2016 Choir season.

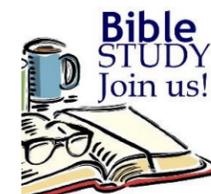
I CAN tell you that it is with great anticipation of good things to come that I look forward to meeting with them.

Over the course of the next few weeks, you will hear anthems composed in England, Russia and Italy, among other countries. Although most will be sung in English, there will be a few motets in Latin as well.

Some new music supplements have been ordered to further enhance music during our liturgies, in particular, there will be a new "tradition" of having the children sing as a choir for the 5:30 Christmas Eve service as well as for the 11AM Easter service as we have done for the past 2 years. Also, our children will now lead their Hymn of the Month from the choir loft instead of from their pews. We will feature their angelic voices on September 27, singing "Holy, Holy Holy". October 4 will be Episcopal Schools Sunday. Once again we will be treated to children's voices by St. Timothy's School Choir.

Don't forget! We still have a seat for "U" in the choir loft!! Won't you please consider joining us and making our liturgies even better?

*John Herrmann
Music Director and Organist*



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 the 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.



TO MIKE LEWIS AND BOB ELSEA for the facelift they have given the doors to the Church and the Parish Hall. The sanding, staining and sealing will not only improve the looks, but preserve the doors. Their time and efforts are greatly appreciated.