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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 are beginning the wind up into all the fall activities here at our Church and our School. As I write this letter our parochial school has just had its first full day of school and the excitement and anticipation is all over the faces of the children. They are so happy to be back in the classrooms where they get reacquainted with their friends, learn more about their new teachers, and are seemingly happy to be back in our excellent school. I have never seen so many children truly want to be in school after the summer. There is something about the warm, intimate, caring place that is Saint Timothy's School. I think it's the combination of an academic program, presented in such a loving and supportive Christian way that just makes it attractive. The Lord is truly at work in our School and that is pleasing.

We also have our Church School (the classes that meet on Sunday, and not Monday through Friday) that is preparing to begin a new school year. We can read all about getting children and young adults registered for the Church School in the article in this issue of *The Tidings*. The Church School is directed by our Director of Christian Education and Parish Life, Sarah Culton. She will say that there is always a need for more Church School teachers. We have eighteen but we need more. Teaching in our Church School is one way to serve the Lord that will reap immediate rewards and also benefits we will not even see because they are benefitting children and young persons' souls.

If you are looking for a way to live out your faith (putting your faith in to practice) in very helpful and beneficial ways, then please consider spending some of your time teaching some of our Church School classes. We have a wonderful group of young people of all ages here at Saint Timothy's and it is encouraging to work with them. They will benefit because they will know more about Our Lord and you will benefit because you will have a hand in another's spiritual development.

How do we measure the effects of our teaching, worship and fellowship on young persons' lives? I know Saint Michael's Conference has a deep and long-lasting effect on the spiritual life of our high school and college students, but how do I come to that conclusion with any confidence? There's no way to have systematic collections of data when it comes to how a young person is growing spiritually and truthfully, I don't really want to apply scientific evaluation to such a personal, spiritual aspect of our young persons' lives. There is no way to tell

if they're growing spiritually by attending the Conference except by anecdotal reports. I supposed there is some empirical data in the fact that they go back to the Conference year after year. If it were not something they wanted to do, believe me, they would not do it. The enthusiasm, the interest and the excitement they express before, during and after the Conference, has to suffice for evidence that it is a very good thing for them to be doing. Please read the article that has written about this year's Saint Michael's Conference and see if the Conference provides an excellent opportunity for the spiritual growth of our young people

It is the topic of "growth" for both the Church and the School that we're trying to address in beginning the creation of a master plan for our property. We are engaging Ratio Architects, Incorporated, a Raleigh firm, to design and create a master plan for our property. A master plan is a measured, planned, well thought through, architectural plan that incorporates the details of the vision we have as a Church and a School for the buildings and property God has given us. Think about what our Church and our School ought to look like and what they ought to be capable of doing five, ten, fifteen or even twenty years down the road. This master plan will have taken all the thoughts, wishes and hopes of the people whom we serve and laid them out in a way that will help ensure we can do the things we want to do for the next decade or decade and a half.

In order to have an effective master plan the architects will need our help. We will be given the opportunity to have the architects visit our Vestry and collect their thoughts and their vision for what the Church should be over the next number of years. Between now and September seventeenth let our Vestry members know your thoughts on how Saint Timothy's Church ought to be improved. Do we need a larger, more functional and more handsome parish hall? Do we need larger and more up-to-date bathrooms? Is there adequate meeting space for our groups? Can we produce the meals, parties, classes, and storage space that will adequately meet our needs? What do we have that we should not have, and what don't we have that we should have? These are the questions we should be asking ourselves, letting the Vestry know what we think, and passing these thoughts on to the architects. Think big and, as they say, "Think outside the box!"

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We will have the opportunity too to have a hand in the creation of the master plan at a "Visioning Workshop" on Wednesday, September 30th at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. There will be people from the Church, School and surrounding community there to have a say in what will be good for our buildings, our property and for the neighborhood. Please put that on your calendar.

In this next season of the year, as we return from our vacations and wind up another school year in the Church and in the School, let's pray that God will continue to bless us in ways that we cannot even imagine. Thank Him for all the opportunities we have and thank Him, above all, for the grace we have through His Son to forgive us, heal us and bless us.

Yours faithfully, in Christ,



The Reverend Jay C. James
Rector

Saint Michael's Conference 2015

This year, I went to Saint Michael's Conference and gained valuable experience. First of all, the classes were very educational and in fact, fun. My first class was Forum, a requirement for all first-year conferees. I enjoyed the class because it taught us our beliefs and explanations of them. Another great experience I had was Discussion Groups. Discussion Groups were about various religious topics. They were very interactive because one talked and discussed the topic with his entire group. Discussion groups allowed me to meet other people and express my opinions.

Every evening, there was a special event planned. These events included dancing and a talent show. This allowed the participants to make lots of new friends and have a great time. Another thing I enjoyed about my experience at Saint Michael's Conference was the chapel services. I enjoyed the fact that we had two services a day. We had morning Solemn Mass and then Evensong each afternoon, where we sang our praises. Every day was a different service which added variety and different lessons. During Evensong, we also had a member of staff teach us lessons. These lessons gave us advice on our religious life and our school/home life. We also played sports every afternoon. Some of the sports were volleyball, soccer and football. Other than sports, one could also socialize in the lounge.

I recommend Saint Michael's Conference for anyone who is thinking about going. I had a great time, while learning new things and strengthening my spiritual life.

Isaac Kagone Gichuru

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School registration has started! Be sure to complete a form for your child(ren) on or before the Church School Kickoff on September 13th. Our curriculum is here, we've made plans for the fall... all we are missing are the children.

3 Ways to Register!

1. Online at www.StTimothysChurch.org
2. Find a form on the Church Office bulletin board or the Parish Hall Bulletin Board, fill out and drop the completed form in the Christian Ed Inbox next to the office door.
3. Visit us at one of the registration tables set up in the Narthex after the 9am service and in the Parish Hall during coffee hour after the 11 am service.

We look forward to seeing all of you and your children again this year! I can't wait to see how we engage the Holy Spirit together again this year to encourage and teach our children about Jesus and His Love.

Upcoming Special Events

Sundays, September 6 and 13th: Church School Registration Tables will be set up in the Narthex and during Coffee Hour. You may also use register online!

Sunday, September 13th: **First Day of Church School** and Cookout hosted by the Men's Fellowship.

Sunday, September 20th: Visit the choir loft to rehearse this month's hymn with John Herrmann.

Sunday, September 27th: Church School sings 'Holy, Holy, Holy' during the 11am service

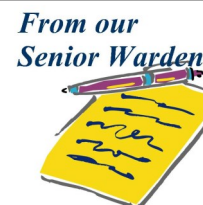
SEPTEMBER SERVERS' SCHEDULE

	September 6 (Green)	September 13 (Red)	September 20 (Green)	September 27 (White)
ALTAR GUILD	Midge Silberman Mary McDaniel Everlyn Boro Shawna Hastings	Darlene Sholtis Bonnie Searey Danielette Coleman	Marie Stewart Princess Cheetham-Smart Jennifer Wainaina Carol Rippetoe	Pennie Bliss Scotty Martin Sandy Wheat
ACOLYTES	C: Brody Culton 1st Server: Christopher Stewart 2nd Server: Taylor Wamser C: Sean Manuel Torch: Jake Bodiford Torch: Izayah Lamont	Boat Boy: Thurifer: Meredith Elsea C: William Johnston 1st Server: Vaughn Vreeland 2nd Server: Danielle Lewis Banner Bearer: Aly Persing C: Fei Persing Torch: Michael Lewis Torch: Parker Johnston	C: Sean Manuel 1st Server: Christopher Stewart 2nd Server: Izayah Lamont C: Brody Culton Torch: Taylor Wamser Torch: Christopher Stewart	Boat Boy: Jake Bodiford Thurifer: Vaughn Vreeland C: Parker Johnston 1st Server: Meredith Elsea 2nd Server: Christopher Bain Banner Bearer: William Johnston C: Aly Persing Torch: Matthew Bain Torch: Fei Persing
9:00 LAY READERS	L/C: Al Clement P/C: Bob Elsea	L/C: Bob Elsea P/C: Mike Spencer	L/C: Al Clement P/C: Mike Spencer	L/C: Mike Spencer P/C: Al Clement
11:00 LAY READERS	NT/C: Kevin Bodiford P/C: Meghan Lord	NT/C: Jon Castro P/C: Connie Wilson	NT/C: Mark McKeown P/C: Kevin Bodiford	NT/C: Meghan Lord P/C: Connie Wilson
LECTORS	Betsy James	Bill Marley	Vivian Finklestein	Meghan Lord
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 Royal	Duncan Culton Steve Sholtis Jim Caldwell	Bill Marley Dave Elsea Van Vreeland
9:00 GREETER				
11:00 GREETER				

September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Holy Communion and Healing Service	3	4	5
6 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion	7 Parish Office Closed Labor Day	8	9 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Holy Communion 5:30 Stewardship Committee 6:30 Bible Study	10	11	12 3:00 Michael and Vivian Agu Marriage Blessing
13 Holy Cross Day 9:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Church School 11:00 New DOK Candidates Presentation & Dedication Choir Back Men's Fellowship Cook Out	14	15	16 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Holy Communion 6:30 Bible Study	17 3:30 Pastoral Care 6:30 Vestry Meets	18	19
20 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Church School	21 Saint Matthew Apostle and Evangelist 12:00 Holy Communion	22	23 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Holy Communion 6:30 Bible Study Autumn Begins 	24	25	26
27 Saint Michael And All Angels 9:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Church School	28	29	30 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Holy Communion 6:00 Visioning Workshop 6:30 Bible Study			



So it is September and that means school is back in session and all the fall activities are starting. As we start this fall season at St. Timothy's, I would like to challenge everyone to find an organization or program where they can use their talents. We have so many options for people to be involved and find their niche in the parish. I am going to highlight just a few.

Our weekly coffee hour is something we all look forward to as a way of meeting visitors and having a wonderful fellowship with our members. I know I look forward to talking with everyone who attends coffee hour and it is great way to make new friends. However, in order for our coffee hour to be successful, we need to volunteer and take our turn at hosting. Sandy Wheat is gracious enough to set a web-site for us to access and often has a signup sheet during coffee hours. Please look at your calendar and see when there is a time you can co-host a coffee hour. We no longer do a rotation, so everyone just needs to volunteer. Hats off to Sandy for coordinating our coffee hours!

Years before I became a choir member, David and I coordinated the Christian Education Program. The time spent with three year olds to twelfth graders weekly was a great way to study to word of the Lord and deliver it to the children. If you have not had the chance in your lifetime to teach or assist with a Christian Education program, you are truly missing out. Since many youth sports activities require us to be away from church a week or two a month, volunteering two times a month I am sure would be appreciated. As Sarah Culton recruits for teacher and volunteers, please prayerfully consider the call to serve.

So you may now be asking, what I am going to try new this fall to further her faith and be more involved with the parish? Well, I have signed up to begin the discernment process for the Daughters' of the King. I am honored that we have an order at St. Timothy's and am excited to start the discernment process. Please come and join me!

In closing, welcome back to many of you that is away during the summer. I trust we are well rested, recharged, and ready to kick off the fall activities at St. Timothy's.

*God bless,
Cathy Elsea*

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT



It has been my great privilege to have been serving St. Timothy's as organist these past five years. I have always loved the richness of the lit*rgy and the music which enhances it. I have come to know and love the people in the parish as well.

Altho*gh I am trained as a professional m*sician and hold BM and MM degrees in organ performance and literat*re from the Eastman School of M*sic, for most of my career 40 year I have held positions as Choir director/Organist for parishes in NY, CT, CA and for the past 20 years, here in NC.

In addition to my work in the ch*rch, I manage a large piano studio in Cary with nearly 60 private piano students. We keep each other busy each year with lessons, recitals and n*mero*s competitions each year. I also serve as organist for a local university here in Raleigh.

With Dr. Warren's depart*re, I know I have a to*gh act to follow with her fine directing. It is my hope, along with the choir members and vestry, to increase our choir's numbers and to also increase how often the children's choir will sing this year. The time commitment for the Adult choir is minimal; Sunday morning's only. Yes, the ability to read music helps, but we are a welcoming and kind group!

Have yo* noticed? It's been rather diffic*lt to read most of this article! It's beca*se most of it has been missing "U".

One can't spell "church" without "U". One cannot spell "liturgy" without "U", just as we won't have a good chorus without "U". **We need U with Us!!!**

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

John Herrmann

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lessie Truelove	09/03	Angela Stewart	09/16
Randall Whichard	09/03	Seve Soler	09/17
Jackson Basden	09/04	Martin Whitley	09/17
Max Hollingsworth	09/06	Katherine Johnson	09/20
Stephen Stager	09/06	Robert Barnhardt	09/21
Parker Johnson	09/08	Chisom Okoye	09/21
Jennifer Rich	09/10	Jon Castro	09/24
Michael Merchant	09/14	Jesse James	09/24
Nicole Ackman	09/15	Mike Duckett	09/26
Alex Boro	09/15	Betsy James	09/26
Evans Flaughar	09/15	Septimus George Jr.	09/27
Deanna Lord	09/15	Christine Stager	09/27
Sheila Luk	09/15	Tyler Whichard	09/27
Michael Agu	09/16	Jacqueline Okoth	09/28
Sam Logan	09/16	Eric Bryant	09/29
Roger Luk	09/16	Ceewin Louder	09/29

Carol Irvin	09/30
Gabriel Kyerematen	09/30
Alice Seale	09/30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Benson	09/06
Mr. & Mrs. Mark McKeown	09/08
Mr. & Mrs. Charles McCray	09/12
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Duckett	09/22
Mr. & Mrs. Jesse James	09/29



Browning Altizer
Annette Bandy
Doris Brock
Robert Brown
Tom Casey
Kathleen Collins
Jennifer Davis
Peggy Diamond
Isabelle Graham
Charles Hensley
Sara Jenkins
Martha Lewis

Tillie Marshall
Shelby Norwood
Boaz Odhiambo
Dunford Okoth
Boo Parker
Rorin Platt
Father Presler
Herbert Scott
Barratt Sturtevant
Patricia Troyer
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.



NURSERY 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.



PARKING SOLUTIONS

On most Saturdays this coming school year our School buildings will house The Raleigh Chinese Language School from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. As parishioners, we will be mainly affected by this the increased number of cars needing parking spaces while the R.C.L.S. is in session. A tremendous amount of cooperation and patience will be required by all of us if we have work or business to conduct in or around the Church on Saturday mornings. I suggest that we need to park near the Church on a Saturday morning, and we discover parking spaces are full, that we take advantage of the large number of parking spaces behind the Landmark Office building. If we park behind the Landmark Office building, it is an easy walk through the hedge to the Church. It is a privilege to welcome The Raleigh Chinese Language School to our campus. We are providing a service and outreach to the R.C.L.S. and they are providing a great benefit to our parochial School.



A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO ANNETTE BANDY!

Annette has generously seen fit to replace the carpeting on the staircase leading from the narthex to the choir loft. This project involved removing all the worn carpeting and padding, sanding the stairs back to the hardwood, staining the hardwood and replacing a carpeted runner from the narthex to the loft. The result has been a handsome staircase that beautifies our church and a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for Annette's care of Saint Timothy's. We now have a church restored and maintained in "the holiness of beauty".



THE BIBLE STUDY is back on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. Please join us then.
We're going to host a Potluck Supper so we're asking everyone to come and bring a covered dish. that first night. Don't forget your Bibles and please bring a friend.



The Daughters of The King will resume their chapter meetings on September 14 at 7:00 pm in the parlor. On September 13, which is Holy Cross Sunday, new candidates, for membership, will be presented to Father James during the 11:00 service. These new DOK candidates will begin their three month Discernment and Study period at this time. After completion of this time they will be installed as members in early January.
FHS,
Ann Jones



Our first meeting will be on September 20, and we welcome all youth from grades 6-12 and their parents to join us for our first meeting. In our meeting we will go over what youth group members can look forward to over the next year, as well as take suggestions from parents and members.

For the 2015-2016 school year, youth group will meet during coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of every month. We look forward to growing together in faith and fellowship this year and bringing together more events in which the youth of the parish can participate, as well as serve the church as a whole.

If you have any questions, please contact Olivia James at 919-604-3767