



# The Monthly Newsletter for Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church

## February 2016

Dear Members and Friends of Saint Timothy's,

This article is written as I return from the trip to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. My time there was so full that it will take me weeks to really assimilate all that I saw and all the experiences I had in the short five days I was there. The purpose of the trip was really "fact-finding". Tim Tinnesz, our Headmaster, and I were made aware of a program associated with The Episcopal Church, that establishes "partnerships" between Episcopal Schools and Episcopal Churches with other Episcopal Schools and Churches in areas around the world. Many of the partnerships are established between first world and third world countries. We went to Haiti to visit a Church and School by our same name, Saint Timothee, in Boucan-Carré, in the mountains of Haiti about an hour and a half north of Port-au-Prince. Five days of stark contrasts might begin to describe my experience there. I could list in detail the contrasts, but I won't. The only contrast that affected both you and me simultaneously was the weather. Here, our Senior Warden wisely decided to cancel services on Sunday the 24th due to three kinds of frozen precipitation while I was worshipping in a Church with no doors or windows in temperatures in the 90's and humidity that we usually experience in July! In general the land, the vegetation, the housing, the day-to-day life, the economy, the political situation, all combined to make a much more powerful impression on me than I thought. I knew the differences in our countries would strike me and the contrast struck me harder than I thought. The pictures and videos that Tim and I collected will bear proof of differences of our lives and those in Haiti.

It is life in The Episcopal Church there, that strikes me as smoothing over the differences and blending the contrasts between our lives and the people of Boucan-Carré. The obvious unifying factors are the worship and work of Saint Timothee's, Boucan-Carré and Saint Timothy's, Raleigh. Prayer Book worship and order bring us together in praising The Lord. The style is definitely

different, but the centrality of the Scriptures, the Eucharist and the importance of Baptism come through loudly and clearly. The work of teaching children is done here in Raleigh with so many conveniences that would not be recognized in Boucan-Carré. What binds us together, though, is the importance of the work and the dedication of the people in accomplishing the work of educating the children. We can only imagine attempting to teach in a school building measuring fifty by one hundred feet. The two attached cement classrooms measuring about ten by fifteen feet. Still the desire to teach and the willingness of the students to have the School and learning be part of their lives draws us together.

They can learn and grow from us and we can learn and grow from them. We can share some of the advantages we have in making their worshipping and learning situation better. We assume our classrooms will be well-equipped with all the latest material and electronic equipment. The students in Boucan-Carré have one chalkboard and worn, wooded benches. That's it. If we reach out to them and extend our willingness to help in just a simple way of helping to give them decent desks, we can make a big difference. We may even help realize the vision of the priest who ministers to this parish church and school by, over the long term, buying land, building a school building and a place for a priest to live. The possibilities are as open as we want to make them. Again, they can truly benefit from knowing us. The opposite is true too. We can see and learn from them how lives are given hope through the worship of the Church. For example, after worshipping with the people of St. Timothee's I can say that I have witnessed an offertory in the liturgy that expresses the whole giving of one's life and substance in thanksgiving to The Lord. The music, the hearty singing, the offering of baskets of vegetables and fruits with great ceremony make the offering so expressive and meaningful. The "giving to The Lord" is one of the most powerful parts of their liturgy. Helping to Baptize twenty-five souls

on The Feast of Saint Timothy, most of whom were young adults and babies and seeing the hundreds of worshipers who waited a year for the Baptism lets us see the hope and trust people still have in a faithful life with Jesus. We learn that even under the starkest of conditions, the Holy Ghost still calls, still strengthens and enlivens peoples' souls. That's what we can see and learn from the good people of Saint Timothee's.

If we enter a partnership with Saint Timothee's in Boucan-Carré, Haiti, I like the aspect of being a partner with Christians who are part of the same Church and Communion. It is an outward sign that we are bound together, no matter what our differences and living situations, by the same Holy Ghost that binds all the Church together. It is the same Holy Ghost that makes us all one in Christ. We will be doing what Saint Paul declares in his *Letter to the Romans*. Paul explains that when he goes to Jerusalem to minister to the Christians, he will take relief with him that has been given to him by the Christians in Macedonia and Achaia. He will bring some portion of "relief". We will be ministering to our brethren, not only with some material relief, but most importantly in prayer. I will certainly keep the Church informed as we possibly move forward with the School to "partner" with the Saint Timothee's we know in Boucan-Carré, Haiti.

Lent is upon us. Ash Wednesday this year falls on February 10th and begins the solemn season of prayer and preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Our prayers increase, our attention to the condition of our spiritual lives becomes our focus, and we find some spiritual reading and study. We try to provide some learning opportunity in Lent. This Lenten season we will read C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters*. Father Carreker will lead us through our reading by a series of presentations on *The Screwtape Letters* at each of our Wednesday evening Soup Suppers. Please take advantage of this educational opportunity to learn about the way devils operate in the way of temptation. This is accomplished with C.S. Lewis's indepth insight into how humans, in their fallen condition, are tempted and contains no small amount of his sharp wit.

Please see the calendar in this issue of *The Tidings* for the extra devotional services we offer in Lent and let's pray for one another and strengthen one another as we walk through Lent together.

Yours faithfully, in Christ,

Jay C. James +



**Greetings from the choir loft!**  
**by John Herrmann**

As I mentioned in the January "Tidings", and being just 2 weeks after Christmas as I write this mini article, I want to do a review of our Christmas liturgies and give an overview of what lies ahead, musically.

KUDOS to the choirs!! The adult choir, as in years past, sang for two Christmas Eve services. They were MARVELOUS!! From the beginning "Christmas Day", by Gustave Holst, their rendition of Willcock's "Carols for Choirs", "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Darke and "Infant Holy", a Polish carol (W. Zlobie Lezy) sung, of course, in English in a setting by Richard Proulx, former music director of Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago and their singing of the Healey Willan Missa Brevis in E (based on the hymn, "Of the Father's Love Begotten, which we sang at Communion on the First Sunday after Christmas), they out-did themselves!! With the GREAT addition of the children's choir at the 5:30 Christmas Eve service singing "Light One Candle" by Natalie

Sleeth and the Christmas string quartet plus trumpet, I hope you all found it to be a truly MERRY and JOYFUL Christmas. I was very proud of all who participated.

Moving forward, this will be one of those years I refer to as a: "We Three Kings; Have mercy; Alleluia! Year"!! We will be preparing for Lent, Passion and Easter the week of January 10 as Ash Wednesday (February 10); therefore Easter (March 27) will be EARLY this year! The choir will be preparing the Heinrich Schutz "Passion" as well as a Haydn "Missa Brevis" to be sung at Easter. This year we will do the "Hallelujah Chorus" and another Handel "Hallelujah anthem". The Children will also be singing again for the 11:00 a.m. Easter service. So, there's lots to do!!

As always, I remind you that you're most welcome to join us in the choir. We meet at 9:00 a.m. Sundays in the parish hall to rehearse with the piano before going to the choir loft to run service music for the day. Just please let me know beforehand so I may prepare a choir folder for you. Thanks!



CHURCH SCHOOL  
NEWS

**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>** – The children will visit the Choir Loft to practice the Easter hymn and the monthly hymn.

**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** – Teacher’s Meeting in the Parish Hall

**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** – The children will sing *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* during the 11:00 a.m. service following Communion.

**New Church School Teachers:** Please help me welcome our two newest Church School Teacher Volunteers! Christa Riddle and Anna Martin, have joined the Church School. Christa will be leading the youngest class, Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Anna will be leading the high school classroom. Thank you so much for answering the calling.

**Bring-a-Friend-to-Church Day in January was a fun success!** We had 10 new friends in our church school, 3 MORE than last year! The younger children enjoyed the church school classes and we played Bible Bingo. The high school class enjoyed their discussion so much they wanted to go BACK into the Parlor following the Communion blessings to finish their conversation! It was wonderful hosting so many new faces and we look forward to seeing more friends again next year!

**Teacher’s Meeting:** Please join the Church School teachers for a meeting in the Parish Hall at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> to distribute the spring teacher’s guides, discuss options for vacation Bible School, and to meet Hannah Squire, our new special needs classroom teacher. If you are interested in becoming a teacher volunteer please join us.

**Church School Question Box is back!** The forum was so interesting last November we had to do it again! Please place your children’s questions in the Church School Question Box, located on the brown cubby in the parish hall hallway. The next forum is scheduled for Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. where we will meet with Fr. James in the Science Lab to discuss the questions provided.

**Easter Tradition:** Our Church School children will sing during the Easter service. If your child(ren) will be here for Easter, please consider having them participate in this new tradition. Our organist, John Herrmann will be rehearsing with the children to get them ready for their performance. This is open to children K-12<sup>th</sup> grade, so let us know if you want to participate. Rehearsals begin February 7<sup>th</sup>!

If you have any questions about Church School, please e-mail me or call me, I am happy to help in any way. [christianed@sttimothys.org](mailto:christianed@sttimothys.org) or 919-634-1940, Sarah Culton.



The **Youth Group** has returned after a brief Christmas hiatus and is looking forward to our Lenten discipline of volunteering at Inter-Faith Food Shuttle in Raleigh where we will be packing book bags full of food for children who may not have access to food while they are away from school. This is a time to focus on our relationships with God, through fellowship and helping others.

This spring we have many new activities planned and are looking forward to a great semester building a foundation for Christian faith. We encourage all 6th-12th graders to join us in February on the **7th and 21st during coffee hour after the 11:00 service.** For more information, please contact Olivia James at 919-604-3767.



**Wednesday evenings during Lent the church school will be hosting *Hands on Worship* for children in grades Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Join us for fun songs and interactive Bible lessons concerning the events of Holy Week. Come at 6:30 p.m. for the Soup Supper and from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. allow your children the chance to enjoy *Hands on Worship*.**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marie Stewart	02/01
Tom Casey	02/02
Anthony Scott Houghton	02/02
Jody Wallace	02/02
Meghan Lord	02/03
Tim Crowley	02/06
Roseth Kyerematen	02/06
Elizabeth Riddick	02/07
Leslie Robbin-Coker, Jr.	02/07
Denise Vreeland	02/07
Joshua Basden	02/10
Izayah Lamont	02/10
Danielette Coleman	02/13
Ray Haygood	02/13
Michael Mathis	02/13
Lauren Okoth	02/13
Aleyah Okoth	02/13
Darcus Whitley	02/13
Marian Klingler	02/14
Everlyn Boro	02/15
Bob Mooneyham	02/15
Rochelle Shelton	02/15
Jennifer Wainaina	02/18
Brian Basden	02/19
Joy Johnson	02/20
Sam James	02/21
Al Clement	02/22
Millie Soler	02/23
Kingsley Ugochukwu, Jr.	02/24
Kim Bain	02/25



Mr. & Mrs. James Haygood 02/18  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lewis 02/28

Please join The Men's Fellowship Group in assisting with *Warmth for Wake* this season. The Men's Fellowship will be delivering firewood on these dates: Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> and Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. The address is **7044 Wildlife Trail in Raleigh**. Contact Duncan Culton for more information. [sdculton@gmail.com](mailto:sdculton@gmail.com)

## Prayer Requests

Browning Altizer  
Frieda Artis  
Gabriel Baldwin  
Annette Bandy  
Gretchen Graves Lewis  
Doris Brock  
Robert Brown  
Tom Casey  
Vicki Cannefax  
Carson Rouse  
Lyle Delano  
Mark Dwyer  
Charles Hensley  
Jane James  
Betty Moore  
Terri Northcutt  
Shelby Norwood  
Rorin Platt  
Father Presler  
Gary Shelton  
Mimi Spears  
Barratt Sturtevant  
Allie Thompson  
Roger Watson  
Alexander Wheat  
Nathan Zook



Nursery Care is provided for both Sunday morning services and between the services. (9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.) 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.

### Church School Special Needs Classroom

Do you know a family with special needs children? Many families avoid church due to feeling uncomfortable during a church service and frustrated by not having a place for their special children. This year God has blessed us with a special needs teacher, Hannah Squires, for our church school program giving us the opportunity to teach that God loves ALL the little children. Please spread the good news!



With Holy Week beginning a little early this year, we are starting the year off quickly with many activities. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the activities for the month of February.

Thank you to the Men's Fellowship Group for hosting our Saint Timothy's Day cook-out and the Bible Study Group for hosting the Chili Cook-off both on January 31<sup>st</sup>. These activities are favorites of many parishioners.

We also have the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 9<sup>th</sup> and Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services on February 10<sup>th</sup>. So as you can see we are going to be jumping into 2016 at Saint Timothy's.

As I mentioned in the January Tidings, The Lenten Soup Supper series has always been a favorite program of mine. It is nice to come together for fellowship, wonderful soups, and Adult Christian Education. We are hoping to have a great turnout this year for the series. Please plan ahead so that you and your family can attend.

This month I would like to give a special thanks to Sarah Culton. She is a dynamic member of Saint Timothy's staff who has done marvelous work with our website, Christian Education, and stewardship. She is a hard worker who does a majority of her work behind the scenes. We all just reap the rewards of her many talents. The hiring of a special needs teacher to our Sunday Church School staff has been a needed and much appreciated addition. Again Sarah, we appreciate your dedication to Saint Timothy's.

Faithfully,

*Cathy Elsea*, Senior Warden



**COME JOIN THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP FOR PANCAKES AND SAUSAGES TUESDAY EVENING, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Parish Hall.** Let's try to get all the good things we like to eat in front of us one more time, before we begin our Lenten disciplines on Ash Wednesday. You're welcome to bring your families and friends and have as many sausages and pancakes as you can before we put them away until our Easter celebrations.



## Soup Suppers

### Wednesday Evenings in Lent

Wed., February 17, 6:30 Hosted by the Vestry

Wed., February 24, 6:30 Hosted by the DOK

Wed., March 2, 6:30 Hosted by the Altar Guild

Wed., March 9, 6:30 Hosted by the Bible Study

Wed., March 16, 6:30 Hosted by the Men's Fellowship



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**The Daughters of the King will admit 5 new members into the Daughters of the King on February 7 at the 11:00 Service. We will also host the Coffee Hour afterwards to honor the new members.**

**They will NOT be having the Between-The-Services Breakfast on February 14 as previously planned, but have postponed that until after Easter and it will be early April. The DOK will notify you of the exact date as soon as they put it on our schedule.**



# February 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple 12:00 HC	3 9:00 Staff Meeting  10:30 HC and Healing Service  6:30 Bible Study	4	5	6 Annual Vestry Retreat 8:30 a.m until 3:30 p.m.
7 Last Sunday after Epiphany  9:00 HC 11:00 HC and Church School DOK Service of Admission 12:30 Youth Group	8  6:30 DOK Meets	9 Shrove Tuesday  9:00 Staff Meeting  6:30 Pancake Supper	10 Ash Wednesday  7:30 am Holy Communion  10:30 am Holy Communion  7:00 pm Holy Communion	11	12	13
14 1st Sunday in Lent  9:00 HC 11:00 HC and Church School	15 Presidents' Day  Parish Office Closed	16	17 9:00 Staff Meeting  10:30 HC  6:30 Soup Supper hosted by Vestry	18  3:30 Pastoral Care Committee	19	20
21 2nd Sunday in Lent  9:00 HC 11:00 HC and Church School 12:30 Youth Group	22	23	24 Saint Matthias the Apostle 9:00 Staff Meeting  10:30 HC  6:30 Soup Supper hosted by DOK	25  6:30 Vestry Meeting with School Board	26	27
28 3rd Sunday in Lent  9:00 HC 11:00 HC and Church School	29	1	2 9:00 Staff Meeting  10:30 HC and Healing Service  6:30 Soup Supper Hosted by the Altar Guild	3	4	5

# FEBRUARY SERVERS' SCHEDULE



	February 7 (Green)	February 14 (Purple)	February 21 (Purple)	February 28 (Purple)
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Midge Silberman Mary McDaniel Everlyn Boro Shawna Hastings	Darlene Sholtis Bonnie Seary Danielette Coleman	Marie Stewart Princess Cheetham-Smart Jennifer Wainaina Carol Rippetoe	Pennie Bliss Scotty Martin Sandy Wheat Princess Byass
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	C: Sean Manuel <b>1st Server:</b> Roma Boren <b>2nd Server:</b> Brody Culton C: Taylor Wamser <b>Torch:</b> Millie Soler <b>Torch:</b> Jake Bodiford	C: Danielle Lewis <b>1st Server:</b> Michael Lewis <b>2nd Server:</b> Aly Persing C: Izayah Lamont <b>Torch:</b> Christopher Stewart <b>Torch:</b> Fei Persing	C: Eli Williford <b>1st Server:</b> Matthew Bain <b>2nd Server:</b> Christopher Bain C: Parker Johnston <b>Torch:</b> William Johnston <b>Torch:</b> Meredith Elsea	C: Millie Soler <b>1st Server:</b> Eli Williford <b>2nd Server:</b> Michael Lewis C: Danielle Lewis <b>Torch:</b> Izayah Lamont <b>Torch:</b> Christopher Stewart
<b>9:00 LAY READERS</b>	L/C: Tom Donegan P/C: Mike Spencer	L/C: Mike Spencer P/C: Al Clement	L/C: Al Clement P/C: Tom Donegan	L/C: Pennie Bliss P/C: Mike Spencer
<b>11:00 LAY READERS</b>	L/C: Simon Naylor P/C: Kevin Bodiford	L/C: Kathryn Carroll P/C: Margaret Soler	L/C: Meghan Lord P/C: Jon Castro	L/C: Simon Naylor P/C: Meghan Lord
<b>LECTORS</b>	Kathryn Carroll	Alfred Garshong	Marlee Bourey	Betsy James
<b>9:00 USHERS</b>	Pete Gattis Ed Watson	Derek Doolittle Doug Journey	Arthur Cheetham-Smart Martin Whitley	Freddie Martin
<b>11:00 USHERS</b>	Rob Stone John Poole Rick Smothers Robert Elsea	Kevin Bodiford Mike Lewis John Royall Frank Louder	Duncan Culton Steve Sholtis Jim Caldwell	Bill Marley Dave Elsea Van Vreeland
<b>9:00 GREETERS</b>	Doug Journey	Doug Journey	Doug Journey	Doug Journey
<b>11:00 GREETERS</b>	Peppy Hayes	Tom & Ann Jones	Anne Wamser	Patty Hunt



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**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.**

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