

Thirst Quencher

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The Resurrection of Jesus Christ
- Upcoming Events
- Bible Classes
- Music Ministry
- Women's Events
- Men's Events
- Birthdays/
Anniversaries
- And more!



JESUS DEFEATS DEATH AND ASSURES US EVERLASTING LIFE IN HIM

Death is the consequence of sin. Adam was told this as far back as Genesis 2—eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and “you will surely die” (Gen. 2:16–17). God is life, so turning from Him is fatal. Sin both earns death (Rom. 6:23) and births death (James 1:15). Death is what sin chooses, what sin receives, and what sin deserves.

DEAD TO SIN
ALIVE TO GOD
ROMANS 6:3-11

This accounts for why we have such a strange perception of death. Death is, when we think about it, one of the most normal things about life in this world, as sure as our birth. Yet we can't reconcile ourselves to this reality. Death never really feels natural. It feels *wrong*. So we put huge effort into living as though death is not going to happen.

Our unease with death indicates we know perhaps more than we realize. Death (like sin) does not belong here. It's something we weren't meant to experience. But sin leads to death, and so the existence of death proves the reality of sin.

As we grasp the significance of death, we can start to see the significance of resurrection. Raising Jesus from the dead was not an arbitrary stunt by God the Father. It wasn't just a mega-miracle to prove He's still there and still bigger—though that is true. No, the resurrection has meaning. The resurrection is the outworking and proof of our salvation because death is the outworking and proof of our sin. Jesus' new life shows us the cycle of sin and death has finally been broken. There is new life to be had. Sin has been conquered.

It is therefore the resurrection of Jesus—and *can* only be the resurrection of Jesus—that assures us of salvation. Only the resurrection proves that our sins have been fully dealt with, that death is no longer our destination but a gateway to perfect, endless life.

By dying and rising for us, the Son has closed the deal. In raising Him from the dead, the Father has signed for it.

Help for Hancock Elementary

Our mission is to Follow Jesus and Make a Difference. We get the chance to make a difference right around the corner from our church! Hancock Elementary School is our Cy-Fair “adopted” school. On April 28th, they will be holding a Spring Extravaganza. With our sponsorship, we can help make a difference in the lives of their students and families. Through volunteering to run games, grill hot dogs, and various other ways we can be the hands and feet of Jesus. Look for sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area or contact Brad@STLHouston.org or Caroline@STLHouston.org with any questions or for more information. Let's wear our Follow Jesus shirts and Make a Difference!



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New Message Series - Be Real

Join us after Easter for our new message series, Be Real! We live in a world where "fake news" has become all too familiar in our culture. Many people put up fake fronts; as Facebook and our online profiles show us as the perfect, friend, husband, wife, father, or mother. In reality, we all have flaws and struggles, but we have been redeemed by Jesus Christ. We invite you to join us as we look at how we can *Be Real* as we follow Jesus.

POBLO Intl - April 8th Special Bible class

POBLO International (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) is a Christian organization working to transform the way missions are approached in the United States by responding to the changing demographics that have brought the mission field to our own front yard. They serve immigrants and refugees. They train and educate churches on how to engage in cross-cultural outreach. They share the Gospel message. They love people.



Mission: to meet the physical, social, and spiritual needs of Muslims and other immigrants and refugees in the US by sharing the love of Jesus in practical and culturally relevant ways.

Vision: to empower churches in the US to engage in cross-cultural outreach so that Muslims and other immigrants and refugees have the opportunity to hear the Gospel message.

Julie Aftab joins us on April 8 to share her testimony and for Q&A during the Bible class hour (9:30am) held in the Life Center.

Learn more at www.poblo.org



PIT STOP resumes April 4th

See details on page 4

Prayer and Healing Service

April 12th at 7:00 PM

Come experience the power of prayer.

RFC Senior Bible Study - Rewired for Christ (RFC) will meet Wednesday, April 18th, at 10 AM in Room 101.

Annual St. Timothy Golf Tournament - May 12th

The Men's Ministry is sponsoring the semi-annual St. Timothy Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 12th at Cypress Lakes Country Club. Shotgun tee time is 1:15pm. There will be longest drive and closest to the pin contests. A sign-up sheet will be made available soon or you can email Doug Neal at Doug@NealFinancial.com. Your reservation is not confirmed until paid in advance. **This event is for men and women.**



Faith In Action Food Drive

for LINC - Sunday, April 22

Lutheran Intercity Network Coalition offers a food pantry for those in the community. This provides an avenue for the LINC churches to make a difference in the lives of those who live close by. Your contribution of non-perishable food items is deeply needed and appreciated. On Sunday, April 22, the Faith In Action "red shirt" team will have its trailer in our parking lot, and they will gladly unload your donations. If you would prefer to give cash, they will shop for you, and you can be assured that they are bargain hunters. The team will be at St Timothy until 2:30pm before they deliver our gifts to the LINC office.



9:30am Sunday Bible Studies: April 15 - May 27



Discovery

If you have been worshipping at St. Timothy and are interested in making this your church home, you are invited to take part in this class which explores the values and beliefs of St. Timothy, as well as shares how you can partner with us using your specific gifts and interests to tell the good news of Jesus with others in our community. At the conclusion of the class, you can decide if you wish to become a member. *Led by Gloria Ruppel in Room 104*



Gods at War

There are gods at war within each of us that battle for the throne of our hearts, and much is at stake. This is why idolatry is the most discussed problem in the entire Bible. Behind every sin struggle we have is a false god that wants to win the war in our lives. Don't believe the myth that gods are only statues that people long ago worshiped. Pleasure, romance, sex, money, and power are just a few of the gods that vie for our allegiance in today's society. This video and discussion class by Kyle Idleman explores these gods. When the Lord God takes His rightful place on the throne of our hearts, we will have victory. *Led by Pastor Steve and Pastor Brad in 201*



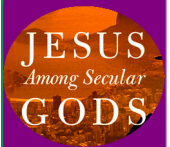
Questions

How did we get my Bible? Is my Bible an accurate copy of the original writings? Who (or what) determined the books in my Bible? What do the Dead Sea Scrolls mean to my Bible? Could the Flood have happened as my Bible describes? Are dinosaurs mentioned in my Bible? These are good questions, and they deserve some answers. Join us for a fast-paced study and discussion about these questions and more, as we search God's Word and review some facts of science to obtain answers. This class is open to all adults – no special Bible knowledge required. *Led by Noel Atzmler in 101*



Christ in You, the Hope of Glory

Hope – who needs it? Hope is an overlooked virtue that works in tandem with faith and love. Without hope, it is hard to envision a future. Come to grow in your understanding of the important role hope plays in our spiritual journey. *Led by Carol Olejnik in 202*



Jesus Among the Secular gods

We need to be prepared to defend our Christianity with facts when challenged by secular friends and family. The lessons follow the pattern laid out in 1 Peter 3:15 about being ready to answer with gentleness. *Led by John Rohan in 102/103*



Parental Guidance Required

Of all the assignments God will give you during your time on earth, none may be more sacred than the task of raising your children. This video and discussion by Andy Stanley is designed to give you the counsel you need to help prepare your children for the future. It is a practical resource that will encourage you to look at the relationships in your children's lives and ask the important questions. *Led by Mark and Blanca Oncken in 203*

FREE NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOPS

Maintain Your Castle: Expert tips on Home Maintenance

This informational workshop will bring a better understanding of how you can maintain the components and systems of your home that provide a safe and comfortable living environment.

Topics: Know and recognize maintenance issues and preventing serious and costly repairs, health and safety issues, Water infiltration - control and prevention.

Led by St. Timothy member, Phil Cordes, professional home inspector and owner of Core Home Inspectors

Workshop held: Saturday, April 7, at 9:00am in the Adult Ed building room 102/103.

Invite friends & neighbors! Register for workshops at www.STLHouston.org/workshops

Upcoming May Workshop listed on page 6.





Sunday School in the Children's Ministry Building at 9:30 AM

In the month of April, we will be doing a 4-week study in Sunday School. All children, ages 2 years – 5th grade, will experience the same story in their own classes each week. We will play, create, sing, and learn about our incredible God every week in the Children's Ministry Building from 9:30-10:30am. Hope to see you there!

Does the idea of doing a service project as a family excite you or terrify you? Have you wanted to volunteer somewhere but don't even know where to begin? We want this Family Service Day to be an inspiration for your whole family to be engaged as the hands and feet of Jesus. Hopefully this will be the first of many opportunities God places before you to serve Him by serving others. Families with 1st Graders are invited to join us in the Life Center on **April 22nd** for lunch after the 10:45 worship. After lunch, we will build planter boxes and will deliver them to Bethesda residents.



SUMMER SPORTS CAMP June 18-22



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! WWW.STLHOUSTON.ORG/2018-SUMMER-SPORTS-CAMP

Mark your calendars for some **MEGA** fun at this year's morning Sports Camp from **9am-12pm** featuring **SOCCER, BASKETBALL, CHEERLEADING AND GROSS MOTOR SKILLS. DODGEBALL CAMP** will be in the afternoons from **1-4pm**. We will learn all about Team Spirit and how Jesus is rooting for YOU! **Ages 4-12 yrs old.** Email Caroline for more info at Caroline@STLHouston.org



Pit Stop Wednesdays: returns April 4

Join us for **home-cooked dinner served at 5:45-6:45pm** in the Life Center and then stay for:
6:45-7:45pm - Activities for kids of all ages

6:45-7:45pm : Adult Bible study - "A Contrarian's Guide to Knowing God"

The Christian life—even one centered on grace—can still feel like a long list of dos and don'ts. But what if there's more (and less) to our faith than we typically believe? In this video and discussion series based on his book by the same title, pastor Larry Osborne tackles popular assumptions about Christian living that create stress and failure rather than growth and joy. *Discussion led by Pastor Steve and Gloria Ruppel*

Music/Choir rehearsals during Pit Stop, see Music Ministry (listed on next page).

MEN'S MINISTRY



On the second Tuesday of each month at 6:45 PM, a group of men gather at Willie's Icehouse on 249 at Cypresswood to plan events, visit, and enjoy food and beverage together. If you are interested in joining this group, just stop by or contact Mike Steele with any questions. **Meet this month on April 10th.**

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study (7:00-8:00 AM) - This group of men meets each Saturday to clarify what we as Lutheran Christians believe, and to challenge each other in serving our Lord. The study is on Revelation. We meet in the Church office conference room.

Men's (over 30) Basketball Game - Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Life Center

UPCOMING EVENT:

May 12 - Golf at High Meadow Ranch Country Club
1:15 PM shotgun start
email Doug@NealFinancial.com for registration



If you would like to be included in an email with updates from Men's Ministry on their planned events, please contact Mike Steele at mes@reagan.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US
FOR OUR MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES
TO PRAISE GOD IN 2018!

St. Timothy Choir This group is a mixed choir of women and men. **Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 8:00-9:00pm.** Open to anyone high school age and older. They sing in the 8:00am services. Please consider at short term commitment through our concert on May 20th.

Festival Choir At Christmas and Easter, the Festival Choir sings in the seasonal worship services. This is a great option for a short-term choir commitment!

Gospel Lights Men's Choir Four part harmony of men's voices, singing primarily southern Gospel songs. **Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings 6:45-7:45pm.** Open to anyone high school age and up. Sings in the 8:00am services.

Voices in Bronze This group plays three octaves of hand bells and chimes. **Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings 6:45-7:45pm.** Open to anyone high school age and older. Plays in the 8:00am services.

Praise Team Our Praise Team leads worship at our 10:45AM service in the Sanctuary. Membership is by audition. Contact Nate Henze for details.



St. Timothy Music Academy

If you are interested in private piano, voice, organ, violin, trumpet, or guitar lessons, we offer lessons Mondays-Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm. There is limited availability and more information is available on our website.

For more information on Music Ministry, go to: www.STLHouston.org/music-ministry
or contact Craig Harmann at Craig@STLHouston.org

St. Timothy's Coed Softball team will start playing again on Monday nights beginning April 2nd at Collins Park (Cypresswood and Stuebner Airline). If you are 18 and up and would be interested in playing or have any questions, please contact Dan Parker (Dan@STLHouston.org) or Laura Shivok (Laura@STLHouston.org). Come join our team and have lots of fun!



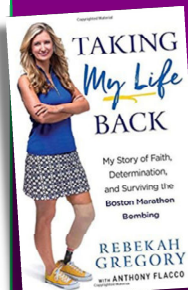
Women's Ministry

Women's Bibles Studies:

Mondays at 9:30 AM in RM 104
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Tuesdays at 9:30 AM in RM 101
Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in RM 102/103

Save the date!

The 2018 Women's Retreat
will be **October 12-14**
in **Dickinson, Texas**



The Women's Book Club is open to any woman who enjoys reading and discussing the books. We hold meetings every fourth Thursday of the month, at 7:00 PM, in the Adult Ed building foyer area. Our next meeting is **April 26th** to discuss this month's book: **Taking My Life Back: My Story of Faith, determination, and surviving the Boston Marathon** by Rebekah Gregory. May's book selection is: **News of the World** by Paulette Giles and will meet May 24th. There is no need to RSVP - just show up!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Student events in April

Jr. High Games Night – April 7th at 5:00–7pm in the Youth Room
Sr. High Knockerball Game – Sunday, April 22nd at FUEL (6–8PM)

Jr. High Mission Trip

This year, junior high students will serve locally for LINC Houston from July 29-August 2. We will serve at several Houston area churches helping congregations with clean up, campus improvements, local ministries, and missions.

Full \$100 payment for Jr. High Mission Trip is due by May 1st.



Group WorkCamp

Sr. High Mission Trip

Registration is now open for the 2018 Sr. High Mission Trip to Troy, Missouri and will be serving in the community repairing homes for the elderly, handy-capped and less fortunate. The dates for work camp are July 16-20.

First \$150 payment is due by April 15th for the Sr. High Mission Trip.
Final opportunity to sign-up for the Sr. High Mission Trip is May 13th!

Upcoming Jr. High Events:

May: **CONFIRMATION / BOWLING**
July 29-Aug 2: **LINC Mission Trip**
July 7: **Bowling**
August 15: **Astros Game**

Upcoming Sr. High Events:

May 19: **Paintball**
June 17: **Ice Cream Extravaganza**
July 16-20: **Sr. High mission trip**
August 31: **Astros Game**



Sr. High FUEL will meets Sundays at 6:00pm!

FUEL is our Sr. High Gathering each Sunday. Join us for food, fun and Bible study as we grow our relationship with each other as well as our relationship with God. We also use this time on occasion to get off campus and do some fun events like bowling, mini-golf, and other activities. Hope you come and bring a friend!



RightNow Media

Is the Christian "Netflix" and has over 14,000 discipleship videos for kids, youth and adults. Members and friends get a FREE SUBSCRIPTION! For more information email Gloria@STLHouston.org.



If you missed the opportunity to be in our last new pictorial directory, or if your family has changed since, Life Touch will be here **Sat. June 16th from 12-7pm. Sign-ups to be included in the next reprint are coming soon!**

May Neighborhood Workshop

Embracing a "Whole Food - Plant Based" diet – benefits and costs. Get your questions answered through the experience of a 20 year vegan.

Most commonly asked are:

Where do you get your protein from?
What do you eat for breakfast?
If you do not eat animal muscle, dairy, oil, etc., what do you eat?
Aren't carbs bad for you and make you fat?

Come join a lively presentation and discussion on the real facts...
Presented by Paul Miller, 20 year vegan.

WHY GO VEGAN?

Free workshop. Register at www.STLHouston.org/workshops
Held Saturday, May 5 at 9am in adult education building on first floor

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st

Tom Foster
Ruth Hengst
Jan Schramm
Mike and Kate Skipski*
Trish Wunderlich

2nd

Libby Arnold
Brittany Drews
Donna Drews

3rd

Susie Hyatt

4th

Michael Bachmann

5th

Judy Box
Justin Krolow
Crystal and Gregg Phillips*

6th

Shayne Doering
Jenna Larson

7th

Sandy McFadyen
Larry and Patricia Wunderlich*

8th

Kathy Fullen
Sally Miller
Clint Noack
John Stafford

9th

Charles Briney
Nancy Hartman
Janice Jahns

10th

Michel Koester
Chloe Rohan
Shane Stout

11th

Bruce Aschenbeck
Ronald Dogotch
Ray Godwin
Nathan Henze
Matt Horn
Robert Murray
Lauren Pope
Shawn Prapta
Raelyn Solice
Mary Ann West

12th

Renea and Richard Ferriss*
Hank Van Zanten



13th

Phyllis Rucker

14th

Ella Harmann
April Miller
April Palm
Sandra Steele
Tom Swisher
Christine Winoske

15th

Larry Bathe
Scott Hanel
Arthur and Wilma Sukman*

16th

Ella Knight
David McManners
Paige Schneck

18th

Elmer Dickerson
Zach Jackson
Wendy and David McManners*
Sam Pelton

19th

Merry and John Dinnigan*
August Endsley
Kelly Endsley
Emma Volk
Everett Volk

20th

Kim and Walter Huwyler*
Sharon Laqua
Brad Szymiczek
Bessera Wieder
Mike Williams

21st

Caroline and Lee Gray*
Larry Wunderlich

22nd

Evan Iselt

23rd

Jay Anderson
Sue Carr
Lori and Matt Davis*
Walter Huwyler
Lorre and Randy Knebel*
Aaron Meyer

24th

Lynne Barry
Kim Odinga

25th

Richard Ferriss
Bonnie Terpstra

26th

Elena Bankhead
Kathryn Edwards
Jim Reinhardt

27th

Bobbie Henze
Ray Rhoades
Josh Scott

28th

Gertie Chennault
Denise Lovelace
Zander Morris

29th

Diane Stewart

30th

Matthew Ellington
Savannah Lovelace
Linda Murray

Happy Anniversary



Care Net's Walk for Life - A Family-Friendly Event!

WALK with us on April 7th! Join us at Metropolitan Baptist Church at 8:15 am as we take a few laps around Matzke Park before we return to the Met for more activities and prizes. **Register** as a walker and get your own fundraising page to share with friends and family so that they can join you in supporting Care Net Pregnancy Center.

SUPPORT Care Net by sponsoring a staff member or fellow volunteer if you are unable to walk yourself.

SHARE the excitement about the Walk for Life and Care Net. If you're walking, invite a friend to join you! Spread the word to your family, friends, Bible study buddies, etc. More brochures are available in the Care Staff office to give away

Drawing for PD Hours: 2 lucky Care Staff volunteers who participate in the Walk will be drawn to win 2 Professional Development hours!

Last year we raised over \$40,000 to serve the women, babies, and families that come to Care Net. Will you join forces with us to push that number even higher this year?

We will gather in the circle drive of The MET's worship center at Jones and Mills Road. There will be light refreshments--coffee, juice, donuts, and fruit--to enjoy after registration and while you fellowship with new and old friends. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. We will begin the Walk for Life promptly at 9 a.m. and walk over as a group to the adjacent Matzke Park to go two times around the walking trail, then return to The MET to announce winners and hear fundraising totals.

Before and after the Walk, there are activities for the kids--face painting, balloon dart throw (there's \$\$ in some of those balloons!), and bean bag toss with candy prizes.

Financial Report

	January			February		
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
Church	\$99,545	\$117,751	(\$18,206)	\$231,633	\$238,989	(\$7,356)
Bright Beginners	\$95,823	\$78,749	\$17,074	\$188,981	\$171,113	\$17,868
Total	\$195,368	\$196,500	(\$1,132)	\$420,614	\$410,102	\$10,512



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