

St. Timothy Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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 - And more!



St. Timothy Lutheran Church 45th Anniversary Church Picnic Sunday, September 16th

It was over 45 years ago that St. Timothy was birthed as a new mission church. Property was purchased by the Texas District for the new Church and congregation on FM 149 at Schroeder Road now called FM 249. A special Ground-breaking service took place on Sunday, February 18, 1973. St. Timothy Lutheran Church was officially chartered as a congregation on Sunday, September 16, 1973.

The name of the congregation was chosen by the prospective members of the Church which at that time was called "THE FM 149 LUTHERAN CHURCH." A list of 33 names were submitted and ballots were taken, the name "ST. TIMOTHY" was selected as the name of the new mission in northwest Harris County. (Pastor Simcak is shown above at the groundbreaking ceremony. The first church on HWY. 149 shown left.)



God has blessed St. Timothy richly over the past 45 years and we want to celebrate His faithfulness.

Please join us for our 45th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, September 16th at both 8:00 and 10:45 AM services. Both worship celebrations will be followed by a BBQ meal and all the fixin's.

Fake News: That's NOT in the Bible A new sermon series begins September 9th

Fake News has become a "political hot potato" that evokes different emotions depending on our relationship our political point of view.

However, this series is NOT about politics but about our relationship with God and His Word. The most dangerous Fake News are the lies and wrong ideas about God that people think that are NOT in God's Word. This series focuses on the Good News of the Gospel. It is life changing with eternal benefits that every person needs to know.



Welcome to the St. Timothy family!

We are excited to welcome Patrick, Sarah, Owen and Oliver Blake to the St. Timothy family and install Patrick as our new Director of Media and A/V.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be at St. Timothy **Sunday, September 9th from 8 AM - 1:30 PM** to take donations in the Life Center.
Every donation can save 3 lives!

MidWEEK Pit Stop

Re-charge every Wednesday September 12 thru November 15

Here is what you can expect:

- 5:45-6:30 PM:** Meal in the Life Center (free will offering)
- 6:15-6:45 PM:** Joyful Noise (PreK-1st grade) rehearsal in Rm 203
Chimes Choir (2nd-5th grade) rehearsal in Rm 202
- 6:45 PM:**
- Adult Bible Class "Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World" (class info below)
 - Jr. High Confirmation Class in Jr. High Youth Room
 - Sr. High Bible Study in Sr. High Youth Room
 - Zone 45 - 4th and 5th grade youth group - activities and lessons
 - Activities for children 1st to 3rd grade
 - Childcare for Children through Kindergarten
- 7:00 - 8:00 PM:** • Voices In Bronze (Adult Handbell Choir) in Rm 202
- 8:00 - 9:00 PM:** • St. Timothy Choir (Adult SATB Choir) rehearsals in Rm 201
- 9:00 - 9:30 PM:** • Gospel Lights (Men's TTBB Choir) in Rm 201

Pit Stop Adult Bible Class - Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World

In a world of chaos, how should we respond? This study covers specific attitudes and actions of hope and confidence that we, as followers of Christ, are called to live out. Come to be encouraged, even if events around you prompt feelings of fear and confusion. Led by Pastor Steve and Gloria Ruppel in 102/103.

Pit Stop is a place for kids too!

Zone 45

Calling all 4th and 5th graders: Zone 45 is starting up soon and after the crazy fun summer we have had, it's about time! For the first half-hour we'll rock climb, play rumble ball, or one of Ms. Caroline's Crazy Food Challenges (ever tried eating a banana through panty hose?!). Then we'll dive into discussions on the Bible, faith, and figure out how God wants to be part of our every day life. You can eat dinner with your family in the Life Center from 5:45-6:30 PM, and then meet us in the Children's Ministry Building from 6:45-8:00 PM. Look for us every Wednesday, beginning September 12, at 6:45 PM in the Children's Ministry Big Room – and bring your friends!

1st-3rd Grade

1st – 3rd graders will have a time to ... PLAY! After a long day at school, what do kids need?? They need time to run and play with friends! Supervised care will be provided for kids 1st-3rd grade. They will meet in the Children's Ministry Building from 6:45-8:00 PM every Wednesday September 13 - November 16.

Childcare will also be available for children Kindergarten and younger during Pit Stop Adult Bible studies. Caregivers will be in the Children's Ministry building from 6:45-8:00 PM to love and play with our youngest children.





Help earn extra money for Bright Beginner's Pre-School with your **Kroger Rewards Plus Card**

Kroger grocery stores allow you to link your Kroger Plus card to Bright Beginner's Pre-School to help fundraise for anything the school needs.

If you already have a Kroger Plus card, you must re-register your Plus Card each year to keep receiving points for Bright Beginners Pre-School.

Link your card at www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com

If you have an existing account, click on "Sign In", otherwise click on "Register".

If you are a new online customer:

- You will need to enter your email address, create a password, enter your zip code, click on favorite store, and agree to the terms and conditions.
- Once you are done entering your information you will get a message asking you to check your email inbox and click the link within the body of the email that was sent to activate your Kroger account.

Already have a Kroger.com account?

- Enter your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on "edit" in the "Community Rewards" section.
- Enter your organization's number or name and then click on "Search".
- Select your organization and click "Save".
- To verify that you enrolled correctly, you will see your organizations name on the right side of your account settings page.
- Once your are linked, you can start earning rewards immediately toward the organization you are supporting. (Note: the message saying that you are supporting an organization through the Kroger Community Rewards program will start printing on your receipt about 10 business days after you linked your card.)

St. Timothy's new
NPO number is
83805

Defend the Orphan 5K Walk/Run 2018

Saturday, Nov. 3, Rob Fleming Park in The Woodlands

Join our St. Timothy family to raise funds and awareness to support the Coreluv mission in Haiti. All are welcome – young to old, walkers to competitive racers.

Each registrant will receive a swag bag including a limited sport-tech shirt, finisher medal, and more! Whether you are running, walking, or volunteering for the Defend the Orphan Run, we provide great race day entertainment for the whole family: Music, Vendor booths, Awards ceremony, Massive Kids Zone including playground, bounce houses, face painting and more!

Don't miss out on all of the great things we have planned for you. If you have any questions, please contact events@coreluv.org or call 832-857-0588.



Go to run.coreluv.org for more information and to register.

Coming Sunday, September 23rd: Faith in Action Food Drive

We are once again blessed by the privilege of sharing our bounty with churches in LINC. LINC helps supply churches and their surrounding communities with food distribution as a way to share Christ and His goodness with those who are in need. Bring your non-perishable food items and paper goods to St. Timothy. On **September 23, the Faith In Action team will stay in our parking lot until 2:00 PM** to give everyone plenty of time to shop after worship, and look for the trailer and people with red shirts who will help unload your donations. If you prefer, you can leave a monetary donation and the team will shop for you. We will have another Faith In Action food drive for Thanksgiving beginning in November.

**FAITH
IN ACTION**



Sundays @ 9:30 AM

Sunday School is a journey into the incredible TRUE story of God's love for US! Kids ages 2 years – 5th grade will experience the same story for four weeks; We will play, create, sing, and learn in the Children's Ministry Building from 9:30 - 10:30 AM.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

3rd grade is a big year for your children; they love school and are excited to show off their great knowledge. As they become increasingly proficient in reading and intrigued with their faith, we believe this is a wonderful time to present them with a "grown-up" Bible. Parents of third graders are invited to join us on **September 23rd at 9:30am in the Sunday School Building** where they will present their children with their own Hands On Bible. The Hands On Bible promises 102 Bible experiences. "This Bible will excite, ignite, and invite you to experience the Bible as you read it. Science experiments, crafts, journals, snack – you'll *do* the Bible, which means you'll *learn* the Bible and *remember* the Bible." Get ready to dive right in as you explore their new Bibles and all of the awesome features – there will be games & prizes!



Note: This is a special milestone for parents and their 3rd grader so we are inviting siblings 2 years and older to enjoy our Sunday School classes. The nursery is also available for children under two. Let us know if you can attend this event so we can plan for the correct number of Bibles. **RSVP to Caroline@STLHouston.org.**

TRICK OR TREAT FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 28 from 4-6pm



St. Timothy's Private Music Lessons for adults and kids!

If you are looking for piano, organ, voice, guitar or beginning violin lessons, or know someone who is, take a look at the St. Timothy Music Academy! Lessons are offered Monday-Thursday afternoons by a group of excellent instructors! Times and forms are available on the church website under the Music Lessons tab. Fill them out and turn them in to the church office, Craig Harmann or send them back to him via e-mail. Lessons begin the week of September 1st. If you have any questions, talk to Craig Harmann or e-mail him.

Music Ministry Bible Study - Starting September 4th in room 104 from 7-8 PM, Craig Harmann will be teaching a study about worship. We'll tackle some challenging questions relating to worship, why we do it, why we do what we do, how music and all of the components fit together. This class will meet weekly until the end of November. Come and join!

"Improve Your Singing" Class - Do you feel like when you try to sing, it's not a beautiful sound that comes out? Would you like to improve that sound? On September 20th, 27th and October 4th, Craig Harmann will be leading a 3 session class as to how to improve your singing voice. You'll learn tips, tricks and exercises to help strengthen and beautify your voice! You'll laugh, you'll be challenged, but most importantly, you'll be encouraged!

Adult Music Ministry during Pit Stop resumes September 12



Joyful Noise & Praising Chimers

Children's Choirs are for grades K-5th and will start rehearsals on September 12th from 6:15-6:45 in room 203.

Voices in Bronze (Hand Bell Choir)

Regular rehearsals will begin on September 12th from 7-8 PM and be every Wednesday evening in Rm 202.

St. Timothy Choir

Regular rehearsals will begin September 12th and be every Wednesday evening from 8-9 PM in Rm 201.

Gospel Lights

Rehearsals at 9-9:30 PM in Rm 201 starting on September 5th.



IF YOU ARE A LEADER AT WORK, IN YOUR HOME, OR IN YOUR CHURCH, THINGS CAN BECOME DIFFICULT AND DISCOURAGING. MANY LEADERS FEEL DISCONNECTED AND LONELY AND MANY STRUGGLE WITH DEPRESSION AND BURN OUT. BREATHE LIFE MINISTRIES WAS CREATED TO..

give a safe place for Christian leaders and their spouses to open up about life, ministry, and faith with people who will help them talk to and see Jesus in the middle of their fears, their struggles, their pain, and their dreams. Led by Steve and Jamie Wiechman, Breathe Life currently offers 1) personally focused times of listening and prayer for individuals and couples, 2) half-day guided prayer sessions, and 3) three and a half-day personal retreats for couples. **Learn about Breathe Life Ministries during a special presentation on Sunday, September 2nd at 9:30am in the Life Center.**

New Sunday Bible Classes at 9:30 AM: September 9 – October 28

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. Gloria serves on staff at St. Timothy as Director of Mission and Ministry. She oversees adult Bible classes, local and overseas missions, and adult ministries at St. Timothy. She finds great joy in getting to know people and introducing them to the caring atmosphere and service we have at St. Timothy.



1st and 2nd Thessalonians

Paul's wrote these two letters to the believers in Thessalonica to encourage them in their walk of faith, help them face challenges in their world, instruct them in Godly living, and prepare for Christ's second coming. God's Word applies as much in today's world as it did then, and this section of God's Word will strengthen you in your understanding of how God is calling us to live as His chosen people. Led by Pastors Steve and Brad in Room 201.



The Circle Maker

Mark Batterson, in his book *The Circle Maker*, delves into the idea that "drawing circles around our dreams" can become "a mechanism whereby God accomplishes great things in us." We will examine prayer and how we can focus our prayer life, drawing prayer circles around dreams, family and the promises of God, trusting in His Word and character to accomplish His greater purpose. Led by Jeff Barckholtz in 202. Jeff and his wife Katie are diligent in teaching their 2 young children the truth of God's Word. Jeff was blessed to have been raised in a home where Jesus was lifted up in word and lifestyle, and he continues to share the Good News with his high school students and anyone else he meets.



Who Were the Prophets?

The word translated prophet from Hebrew means 'who speaks for God'. Over the nearly 4,000 years from creation until Jesus came God selected many individuals to "speak for Him". Who were these men and women and how and why did God select them? Come and hear their story and see how their lives and the lives of those around them were impacted by their acceptance of God's call. Led by John Rohan in 101. John has been a trusted teacher of God's truth for many years, bringing insight into scripture that strengthens a Biblical perspective. He includes information about recent discoveries that support events recorded in scripture. He and his wife are devoted to helping others discover the joy of following Jesus.



Where Do I Fit in God's Plans?

You are not an accident but have a purpose. God has a plan for you and you have been specifically designed with gifts and talents that God is expecting you to utilize - not alone but as part of a team. As a part of the "body of Christ," you have a spot on the team and are needed for Kingdom work. Led by Jeff Sjursteth in 102/103. Jeff and his wife, Leslie, have long called St Timothy their church home, whether living in Houston or somewhere else in the world on overseas work assignments. Jeff is a Biblical scholar, delving deeply into God's Word and things that matter for eternity. His thoughtful analysis will encourage you in your life as a disciple of Christ.



Women Only Class - Walking by Faith

Do you walk by faith or by sight? This video study is taught by Jennifer Rothschild who has been blind since age 15. She contrasts the evidences of walking by faith and walking by sight, teaching how to release control to God, persevere through hardships, and fully receive God's gifts when we are guided by the truth rather than our feelings. Discussion led by Janis Heider and Shelly Meyer in 202. Janis and Shelly, friends for many years, will co-lead the follow up conversation to the video. Shelly is very familiar with learning how to walk in the darkness as she, too, has the same eye disease as the author.



Youth Ministry

Junior High Glow in the Dark Games
Saturday, September 22nd

GLOWPARTY

Capture the Flag & Hide 'n Seek
7:30 - 9:30 PM

Confirmation Parents & students

September 5th at 7pm
in RM 103 for all
6th - 8th grade Jr.

High students and parents. We will be explaining what your student can expect and what is expected of them as they navigate the confirmation process. Confirmation a great opportunity for Jr. High students to grow in their relationship with Jesus and to grow in their friendships with the other Jr. High school students in our ministry!

Confirmation Classes begin Sept. 12th at 6:45pm in the Sr. High Youth Room.



3rd Annual St. Timothy Pumpkin Patch Youth Fundraiser

St. Timothy youth will operate a pumpkin patch from **October 13-28th**

Monday-Friday: 3-7pm

Saturdays: 11am-7pm | limited basis on Sundays

There will be opportunities for pictures, popcorn, cotton candy, hotdogs, hay-rides and **PUMPKINS!**



SR. HIGH STUDENTS

GO TO SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH



FUEL is our Sr. High Gathering each Sunday from 6-8 PM in the youth room. Join us for food, fun and Bible study as we grow our relationship with each other as well as our relationship with God.

For more info on Student Ministry events email Dan@STLHouston.org

FUEL Kick-Off

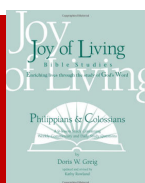
SUNDAY, SEPT. 23rd

Senior High FUEL

Fall Kick-off: Cook-out and Color War 5-8 PM



Women's Ministry



Monday Women's Bible Study at 12:30pm

resumes Monday, September 17 in Rm. 101 with "Philippians & Colossians - Joy of Living Bible Studies". Books are available on Amazon.com or by contacting Chris Bregenzer at c.bregenzer@sbcglobal.net for more info.



Tuesday Women's Bible study at 9:30am

studying "Share Jesus Without Fear" by William Fay and Ralph Hodge. Come for fellowship time from 9:15-9:30am before the study begins! All women are invited! Meets in Room 101, led by Elsie Endsley. NOTE: This class will not meet September 4 and September 18, 2018.

Our Women's Book of the Month Club is open to any woman who enjoys reading and discussing the books. Our next meeting is at **7:00 PM, Thursday, September 27th** in the Adult Ed Building foyer. This month's book selection is **A Fall Of Marigolds** by Susan Meissner.

Women's Fall Retreat:

Where women find shelter in God

October 12-14, 2018 (Fri-Sun)

Christian Renewal Center
 in Dickinson, TX

Register on our website:

www.STLHouston.org/Womens-Ministry

Register by September 14 = Cost is \$185;
(Must be paid in full by September 13 to receive the early rate.)

Register from September 14 - October 8 = \$200

Partial payments available upon request.

Roommate requests and scholarships available.

Special services available: Special dietary or room needs, carpool ride to camp.

If you are willing to help on a retreat team, please contact Gloria! Questions or more info: email Gloria@STLHouston.org



MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Bible Study:

Saturdays at 7:00 AM in the office conference room, a team of men lead a Bible Study for the men of St. Timothy.



Men's Ministry is meeting at Willie's on **September 11 at 6:45 PM** to plan events, visit, and enjoy food and beverage together. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Willie's Icehouse on HWY 249 and Cypresswood. If you are interested in joining this group, or have any questions, just stop on by or contact Mike Steele at 713-252-0475.



September Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st

Helen Brown
Ruth & Max Hengst*
Don Longwell

2nd

Jodi Dildy
Arian Dulevitz
Danika Goebel
Craig Harmann
Gary Kolkhorst
Darlene Menk
Trey Steinmann
John Thompson

3rd

Charles Bregenzer
Monica & Jason Richardson*
Ken Schramm

4th

Rossemary Keller
Megan Pedersen
Ron and Karla Smith*

5th

Stephanie Hansen
Janis & Lonnie McLead*

6th

Austin Reed

7th

Tryston Minsquero

8th

Cliff Broeder
Derek King
Zachary Pattison

9th

Scott Adoor
Cindy Baden
Keith Casey
Rudy Esparza

10th

Kaitlyn Davis

11th

Elizabeth Leitko
Elly Nisayas-Kieschnick
Carol Oncken
Karen Womack

12th

Nancy Payne
Sophia Lovelace

13th

Anthony Arnold
Jeff Barkholtz
Trish Guess

14th

Mark Brooks
Shirley Kincel

15th

Doug Neal
Jeff Volk

16th

Johanna Sumner

17th

Von & Kathy Floyd*
Deanna Washburn

18th

Riley Higginbotham
Mickey Martin
Laura Mellencamp
Galen Miller
Jonathan Murray

19th

Sofia Medrano
Esther Robinson

20th

Mildred & Marvin Bamsch*
Ricky Fullen

21st

Craig and Stephanie Dhonau*
Dave Krolow
Monica Richardson
Chris Weyer

22nd

Dave & Cindy Baden*
Merry Lynn Guy
David Phillips
Jeff Schuett
Hanna Williams

23rd

Kelly & Steve Burk*
Avery Keown

24th

Cannon Pelton
Michelle Weyer

25th

Lisa Aschenbeck
Billy Garrett

26th

Travis and Cassie Albers*
Bryn Fleischhauer
Mike Schensted
Kallista Wells

27th

Teri & Mark Laine*
Wendy McManners

28th

Dean Beccue
Elizabeth Doss
Paul Rhoades
Jason Wysong

29th

Jimmy Eubanks
Dylan King
Patsy Lamb
Bruce and Mickey Martin*
Janice & Wallace Jahns*
Sarah Spurgeon
Tommy Terpstra

30th

Deborah Albert
Isabella Kleb
Steve Robinson



Happy Anniversary

* Denotes Anniversaries

THE CHURCH CHALLENGE CUP

awarded at the

3rd Annual Wayner Gloyer Memorial Golf Tournament



TOMAGWA
HealthCare Ministries

Gleannloch Pines Golf Club

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Churches to compete for a beautiful trophy. Winners will display trophy for one year. The competition will be a four ball/person scramble.



Service of Prayer and Healing

Thursday, September 13th, at 7pm in the Sanctuary

We believe in the ministry of prayer and believe that there is power in prayer together. Please join us.



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Spreading the Word of Jesus in every language

Paula Cline, one of our members, has a college friend who has left his job to join Wycliffe Bible Translators. His role is to provide technical support for the creation of websites in the different languages through workshops.

He is hoping to meet his required monthly financial and prayer sponsorship goals. If you are interested in looking at his website for information and possible support, go to www.wycliffe.org/partner/25A187.

Financial Report

	July			Year-To-Date		
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
Church	\$127,343	\$125,797	\$1,546	\$893,044	\$848,918	\$44,126
Bright Beginners	<u>\$82,835</u>	<u>\$80,809</u>	<u>\$2,026</u>	<u>\$648,885</u>	<u>\$621,522</u>	<u>\$27,363</u>
Total	\$210,178	\$206,606	\$3,572	\$1,541,929	\$1,470,440	\$71,489



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