



St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
Houston, Texas

# BREAKING THROUGH

with

*joy*



Second Sunday in Advent

December 9, 2018

Steve Henze, Brad Jurischk, Pastors



## Order of Worship

~ 8:00 A.M. ~

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #379

**Invocation and Litany**

"Joy To The World" #387

**A Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Old Testament ~ **Genesis 12:1-7**

New Testament ~ **James 1:2-4**

Gospel ~ **Luke 1:39-45**

**Apostles' Creed**

**Mission Moment**

**We Bring our Tithes and Offerings**

Special Music ~ Voices In Bronze

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem" #361

**Children's Church**

**The Message**

"Breaking Through With Joy"

Pastor Steve Henze

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

"Angels From The Realms Of Glory" #368

~ 10:45 A.M. ~

**Call to Worship**

"This Is Amazing Grace"

**Welcome**

"Gloria"

**Holy Baptism of**

*Finley Kaden Montgomery*

**Apostles' Creed**

"Here Is Our King"

"Adore Him"

**A Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Old Testament ~ **Genesis 12:1-7**

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**Mission Moment**

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"Light Of The World"

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**The Blessing and Closing Song**

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by:

*Alex and Ann Dulevitz in celebration of their grandchildren, Katie, Aidan and Sara's, birthdays!*  
*Dave and Karen McRoberts in celebration of Erin Denbigh's birthday!*

**Welcome**

**Welcome** in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray this service will be a joyful and uplifting celebration of faith for you as you are strengthened through His Holy Word and Sacraments.



**Our Guests:** Welcome! We are so glad you have come! Please register your visit with us on a Welcome card. To learn more about St. Timothy, go to our website at [STLHouston.org](http://STLHouston.org).  
*You are always welcome here!*

**Nursery:** Nursery Care is available directly across from the Sanctuary for infants and toddlers up to 3 yrs old any time before or during the services. There is a special time of play and learning for children 2½ through Pre-K in Kid's Spot or Children's Ministry Building during our church services where you may bring your child instead of the nursery.

**Children's Church 8:00am Service:**

**Children 2 ½ yrs old - 1 grade** participate in learning just for them during the Message, and return after the Message.

**Children's Church 10:45am Service:**

**Children 2½ - 4 yrs old** are invited to Room 7 in the Children's Ministry Building anytime during the service. Please sign them in and pick them up at the end of the service. Children of parents who wish to keep them at the beginning of the service are dismissed for Children's Church before the Pastor's Message.



**Children in Pre-K - 1st grade** attend Children's Church in the Children's Ministry "Big Room" during the 10:45am service and will return after the Message.

 Public WIFI Password: **Jesuslovesme**

Hearing devices are available at the Welcome Desk every Sunday.



**Today we celebrate the Holy Baptism of:**

*Finley Kaden Montgomery*

Finley Kaden is the daughter of Larry Wayne and Kari Leigh Montgomery.  
Finley was born on June 7, 2018.  
Her sponsors are Carmen and Kristi Serafin.

*One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*  
Ephesians 4:5-6

**Christmas Concert**



**GET YOUR FREE TICKETS AT THE WELCOME DESK TODAY**

Start your Christmas with a high energy, rockin' good time at "A Not So Silent Night" Christmas Concert this Saturday, Dec. 15th at 7:30pm in the Life Center. Free admission.

*Invite friends!*

**Prayer Prompt**

Heavenly Father, The Advent season is a time of preparation. As we celebrate Jesus coming to be our Savior at Christmas, we also wait eagerly for Jesus to come again. Help us to put aside all distractions, hurts, fears, and renew us in the hope and joy we have in Jesus. In Jesus' name. Amen

**Announcements**

**Today is the LAST DAY TO ORDER YOUR TAMALES**

**Annual Voter's Assembly** - After the late service **today**, we will hold our Annual Voters' Assembly to elect 2019 Board of Directors and vote on the 2019 proposed budget. A soup and sandwich lunch will be served. **Please join us.** Information packets are available from Ushers and at the Welcome Desk.



**The Tree of Remembrance Service** is today at 2pm

**Men's Ministry meets at Willie's Icehouse this Tuesday at 6:45pm (249/Cypresswood)**



*Christmas Cantata Worship Services  
Next Sunday, December 16th  
"A Ceremony of Candles"*

**Service of Prayer and Healing this Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7pm**



The Senior's Bible study group, Rewired For Christ, Christmas Luncheon is **this Thursday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM.** Plan to be treated to an Italian lunch served by the St. Timothy staff in the Life Center. The menu is lasagna, chicken alfredo, sides and desserts. Suggested donation is \$8 per meal. **Please RSVP by tomorrow, Mon., Dec. 10** to the church office at 281-469-2457, and invite a friend! Upon arrival, please pull under the porte cochere in the front entrance of church to be treated to valet parking by Pastors Steve and Brad, Dan Parker, and Patrick Blake.



**Toys For Joy Drive** Sharing toys with children at Christmas opens up opportunities to tell them about our GREATEST GIFT FROM GOD - JESUS. The tree is ready with gift tags in the Gathering Area  
**Toys due next Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**

## Children's Ministry

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



Sundays in December will be filled with Christmas! We will learn about the Christmas account from the perspective of the Wise Men. If you are 2 years old up through a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, we will be working on some pretty spectacular projects! December 9, 16 and 23 beginning at 9:30am, look for us in the Children's Ministry building.

For more information on Children's Ministry events contact Caroline Gray at [Caroline@STLHouston.org](mailto:Caroline@STLHouston.org)

## Advent and Christmas Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 12	11:30 AM 7:00 PM	Pre-School program Advent Service, meal served at 12:15 PM Pre-School program Advent Service, meal served at 6:00 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 19	11:30 AM 7:00 PM	Mid-day Advent Service, meal served at 12:15 PM Evening Advent Service, meal served at 6:00 PM
Monday, Dec. 24	4:00 & 6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services in the Life Center
Tuesday, Dec. 25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

## New Sermon Series

Many Christians today go through life praying a little, attending church on occasion and hoping for the best. They are religious – maybe even spiritual – but are not really living life God's way and with His power. Why? **It all starts with their view of God because what we believe about God is the most important thing about us.**

There is an underlying fear that is pervasive in our culture, and in many of us as well. We need a clear view of God. When you bring clarity to misperceptions about God and begin to truly know and follow Jesus, every aspect of life will change. **A church unified on the very character of God is a powerful force.** It awakens slumbering Christians, attracts unbelievers, and creates a new sense of spiritual momentum in the church.



**Join us January 6, as we begin the new year with this powerful 8 week church wide experience.**

God will bring a fresh sense of purpose in our faith, relationships, decision-making, and even our worldview. We will "go deeper" into

His Word as one church together to focus on God's character, and rediscover together His grace, love, and power in our lives.

**The Real God Workbooks** are available for purchase on Sunday mornings and through the church office. \$7.00/each, donate \$10 and the remaining will help bless someone else with their workbook.



## Adult Bible Studies

Through Dec. 16th

### SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM

#### The Holidays are Here!

Thanksgiving and Christmas give us the chance to evaluate our level of gratitude for all God's gifts, as well as understand the true meaning of the greatest gift found in Jesus as our Savior. Using the video teaching of Andy Stanley and Pete Briscoe, this class will provide guidance in a consumer-driven society for the person who desires more out of the holiday season. *Discussion led by Pastor Steve and Pastor Brad in 201.*

#### Esther: The Unseen Hand of God

This study will explore the only book of the Bible that does not mention God by name but shows His power and His hand at work in the world. God is in control even when we can't see it. God can even use those who do not believe in Him for His greater purpose. *Led by Heather Harmann in 203.*

#### How to Read and Understand the Old Testament

Have you ever wanted to read the Old Testament, but were intimidated by the unpronounceable names, confusing story line, and laws about mildew and leprosy? This class will provide a safe place for questions as we lay out an understandable overview of the people, places, and how God was working to prepare the world for a Savior. *Led by Gloria Ruppel in 101.*

#### Genesis: History or Metaphor?

Does it really matter if the book of Genesis (especially the first nine chapters) is an historical account? These chapters describe the creation of the universe, the formation of our planet, the first people, the entrance of sin and its consequences, and the destruction of the Flood. A person who is not familiar with the Biblical record might say these chapters should be understood as a metaphor or a symbolic guide to God's interest and care. If you are interested in seeing why these early chapters of Genesis really do matter, and how the Biblical account can be understood as history, then this class is for you! Come and join us as we study Genesis 1-9 and discuss the information in the light of 21<sup>st</sup> century science. Bring your Bible and an honest desire to understand these important chapters. *Led by Noel Atzmler in 102/103.*

#### Grace-Based Parenting

Too often well meaning parents create rigid rules and checklists for "holy" behavior intended to make children more spiritual. Grace-based parenting, on the other hand, mirrors God's love and forgiveness and displaces fear as a motivator. It's not only about loving your children as God does, but also helps you decide which behaviors really need curbing, deciding which rules need to be written in pencil rather than blood, and making grace, not fear, the driving force in your family. Study guides which are very helpful to expand class discussion are available for purchase for \$10. *Led by Alison Scott in 202.*

For all current Bible studies go to [www.STLHouston.org/adult-Bible-classes](http://www.STLHouston.org/adult-Bible-classes)

Special one-time Bible classes held on Sunday, December 23rd and 30th at 9:30am in the Life Center.

## Student Ministry

**Jr. High Confirmation class:**  
Wednesdays 6:30-7pm  
in youth room.

**Jr. High Christmas Party**  
Saturday Dec. 15 at 4:30-7 pm

**Youth TAMALE Sales**

Today is the last day to order!


Delivery: Dec. 16

**Sr. High Bible study:**  
Sundays 6-8 PM  
Wednesday study is on  
break until January 2019.

**Sr. High Christmas Party**  
Sunday, Dec. 16 at 5:30-8pm

For more information on Youth Ministry events contact Dan Parker at [Dan@STLHouston.org](mailto:Dan@STLHouston.org)

## Weekly Calendar of Events

<b>Today, Dec. 9</b> <i>Last day to order tamales</i>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	Worship Services Sunday School / Adult Sunday Bible classes Voters' Assembly Meeting Tree of Remembrance Service Dottie Kant's Memorial Service Manantiales de Vida Worship Service Sr. High <b>FUEL</b>
<b>Mon, Dec. 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	Mom's Bible Study in RM 104 with Sonia Branscome Women's Bible Study in RM 101 Cub Scouts Meeting in RM 201 Boy Scouts Meeting in Adult Ed building
<b>Tues, Dec. 11</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>6:45 PM</b>	Prayer Team Meeting in the Sanctuary Quilters For Christ in the Annex Men's Ministry meets at Willie's Icehouse
<b>Wed, Dec. 12</b>  	<b>11:30 AM</b> <b>12:15 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>6:30-7:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>8:00-9:00 PM</b> <b>8:30 PM</b>	Advent Worship Advent Lunch in the Life Center Advent Dinner in the Life Center Jr. High Confirmation class Advent Worship Festival Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary Manantiales de Vida Adult Bible Study
<b>Thurs, Dec. 13</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>7:00-8:00 PM</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	Seniors' Rewired For Christ Christmas Lunch in the Life Center Service of Prayer and Healing Voices In Bronze rehearsal in RM 202 Men's pick-up basketball in the Life Center
<b>Fri, Dec. 14</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Manantiales de Vida Youth Worship
<b>Sat, Dec. 15</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>4:30 - 7:00 PM</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	Men's Bible Study in the Church office conference room Cantata Rehearsal Jr. High Christmas Party "A Not So Silent Night" Christmas Concert in the Life Center
<b>Sun, Dec. 16</b> <i>Tamale delivery / Toys due</i>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>5:30 - 8:00 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	Cantata Worship Services Sunday School / Adult Sunday Bible classes Sr. High Christmas Party Manantiales de Vida Worship Service

**Save the Date for these Upcoming Events:**

**December 19** - Advent Worship / Advent meal

**December 24** - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services in the Life Center

**December 25** - Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

## Contact Us

To reach any of the staff members, please call the church office at 281-469-2457  
 Email addresses are available on our website at [www.STLHouston.org/staff](http://www.STLHouston.org/staff)

Our Mission: *Follow Jesus. Make a Difference.*

## Those Who Serve

### Today, December 9, 2018

	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jamie Hirsch	Grace Wood
<b>Elders/Deacons</b>	Duane Meyer / Aubrey Hartman / John Ullrich / Rob Ellington	
<b>Reader</b>	Travis Albers	Jason / Shawna Honeycutt
<b>Prayer Partner</b>	Dianne Kingsley	Kathy Horst
<b>Ushers</b>	Neil Bamsch / Richard Drews / David Nahirny / Gerard Ker / Glenn Laqua / Don Haga / Wayne Huebner	Butch Bradt / John Ullrich / Marshall Wickman / Don Sanderson / Steve Bachmeier / Patrick Matthews / Marcos Candanedo
<b>Greeters</b>	Desk: Bev Londergan Lobby: Richard and Irene Drews	Desk: Paulette Snowden Lobby: Tim Schneck / Josh Scott
<b>Tech Team</b>	Marcelle Martin / Roger Gautt	Patrick Blake

### Next Sunday, December 16, 2018

	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	Russel Blue / Dwayne Landry / Cameron Spurgeon / Kevin Arnold / Chris McFarlane	
<b>Elders/Deacons</b>	Russel Blue / Dwayne Landry / Cameron Spurgeon / Kevin Arnold / Chris McFarlane	
<b>Reader</b>		
<b>Prayer Partner</b>	Nancy Hartman	Kathy Kolkhorst
<b>Ushers</b>	Ross Friedrichs / Roger Rucker / Fred Gallard / Robert Rucker / Stan Fritsche / Bruce Martin	Clint Noack / Gary Kolkhorst / Keith Casey / Robert Walker / Bob Sawicki / Roger Gautt / Clay Currin / Cheyanne Hildebrandt
<b>Greeters</b>	Desk: TBD Lobby: TBD	Desk: Brenda McKeehan Lobby: Scott and Betsy Barton
<b>Tech Team</b>	Clint Noack / Clay Currin	Patrick Blake



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