

# St. Timothy Newsletter

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

### •November Events

#### •Children's Ministry

#### •Student Ministry

#### •Advent by Candlelight

#### •Music Ministry

#### •Men's and Women's Events

#### •New Bible Class Schedule

#### •Birthdays/ Anniversaries

### •December Events

#### •And more!



## Thanksgiving and Advent Worship Schedule

**November 11 & 18** Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection  
Sundays

**November 15** Bright Beginner Thanksgiving Feast  
Thursday, 11:00am

**November 21** Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
Wednesday, 7:00pm



**November 22 & 23** Bright Beginners Pre-School and Church  
Thursday and Friday  
Offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday

**November 25** LINC Toy Drive begins (through December 9)  
Sunday Youth Tamale Sales begin (delivered on December 16)

**December 2** First Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, 8:00 and 10:45am

**December 3** Advent by Candlelight  
Monday, 5:30 pm

**December 5, 12, 19** Mid-Day Advent Worship (meals at 12:15pm)  
Wednesdays, 11:30am  
Evening Advent Worship (meals at 6:00pm)  
and 7:00pm

For entire Advent schedule, visit [www.STLHouston.org/advent-and-christmas-schedule](http://www.STLHouston.org/advent-and-christmas-schedule)

## 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, Coreluv provides great race day entertainment for the whole family: Music, Vendor booths, Awards ceremony, Massive Kids Zone including playground, bounce houses, face painting and more!

\$40 per adult / \$25 per kid  
participating in races

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

Go to [run.coreluv.org](http://run.coreluv.org) for more information  
and to register.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



This year's Trick or Treat Festival was our BEST ONE YET! God blessed us with incredible weather and tons of people. It was amazing to see how many Bright Beginners families and families from the community came out to enjoy the games, the candy, and our St. Timothy family. All of the success of our event was due to the fantastic support all of YOU showed. Thank you St. Timothy for showing our community that we truly do Follow Jesus and Make a Difference. ~ Caroline Gray

## Children's Sunday School Offering

Sunday School in the month of November will focus on the Beatitude statements that Jesus made in Matthew 5. Each statement starts with the same word, which we translate as "Blessed." "Happy" is a legitimate translation however, the problem is that in today's world, "happy" can sound trite. "Happy" tends to connote a "feeling," rather than, the state of one's soul. And make no mistake... Jesus was talking about what makes our soul, our life, really happy. The term, "Blessed," can also be misunderstood. "Blessings" in today's English is often thought of as something we are given, rather than, a way to act or the soul's state.



In Sunday School we will be taking a special offering during the month of November that will help us learn to give back – to live a life of blessing others. This offering will get spent on December 5<sup>th</sup> to purchase all the supplies for our church-wide Advent Service Projects. We will discuss every week that our offerings will go to help: children in Bright Beginners know more about Jesus; children in emergency rooms know that Jesus loves them; and appreciating our Bright Beginners and Hancock Elementary school teachers.



## Advent Service Project – Save the Date!

December 5<sup>th</sup> will be a church-wide Advent Service Project during both 11:30am and 7pm worship services. This year we will focus on our immediate community areas of impact:

Bright Beginners (invitations for Christmas Eve worship and teacher appreciation gifts);  
Hancock Elementary School (birthday bags for students and teacher appreciation gifts);  
and local emergency rooms (busy bags for children who need emergency care).

## THE FAMILY HUDDLE

### A Milestone Ministry event for families with 2 and 3 year old children - November 11th

"One, two, three – Hike!" Sometimes life with a 2 or 3-year-old can be as fun and exciting as a good game of football. Sometimes you feel like you've been sacked. Whatever season you're in, it's important to your family to take a "time out" and listen to what God has to say. What kind of faith practices do you want to pass on to your children? Can you start those now? Come to our Milestone Ministry Event for parents with 2 & 3 year-old children and be encouraged and cheered on. From **9:30-9:50 AM** you and your child will pick out a framed Bible verse and blessings. Then your children will spend the last 45 minutes in Sunday School while parents continue our discussion on the value and joys of passing on the faith. To RSVP contact: [Caroline@STLHouston.org](mailto:Caroline@STLHouston.org)

*Give Thanks and Praise to the Lord our God*  
*Thanksgiving Eve Worship ~ Wednesday, November 21st at 7 PM*



## Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection November 11th and 18th

St. Timothy has a tradition of collecting canned and dried goods for food pantries at the Thanksgiving Eve service. This year our tradition will change to collecting on the **two Sundays before Thanksgiving, November 11 and 18** to be taken to Trinity Klein Lutheran Church. Trinity has been a major source of food distribution since Hurricane Harvey, assisting 39,000 people, over 8000 families, with 500,000 lbs. of food. Each week their food pantry is still assisting families who were impacted by the aftermath of the hurricane. They are also seeing families & individuals who are struggling to pay medical bills, have disabilities, are underemployed, unemployed, are Veterans and elderly living on a fixed income. Help our sister congregation in their ministry to our community.

## New Mission Trip Opportunity in Anchorage, Alaska!

June 9-16, 2019 - Info meeting Nov. 18th

St. Timothy has a new opportunity to send mission teams to Alaska! To learn more about this new mission endeavor, you are invited to an **informational meeting on Sunday, November 18, after the late service, in Adult Ed building Rm 101.** If you have Q's beforehand email Gloria Ruppel at [Gloria@STLHouston.org](mailto:Gloria@STLHouston.org). More info can be found at: [www.graceworksak.com](http://www.graceworksak.com)



## Christmas Decorating

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**Saturday, November 24th at 9am-3pm**



**We will be decorating the church campus from 9am-3pm on Saturday, Nov. 24. Your help will be much appreciated! Contact Debra Candanedo if you would like to help, 832-928-4083 (or just show up!)**

## New Bible Classes: Nov. 4 - Dec. 16

**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.** *Pastor Steve and Pastor Brad are dedicated shepherds of the flock at St. Timothy. They work together to preach and teach truth from scripture, leading others to know God's heart for His people.*



### 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.** *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 life of fullness only found in Christ.*



**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.** *Heather and husband, Craig, are in the busy season of life, raising children and working while still focusing on being followers of Jesus Christ. She is currently working on her master's degree in Theology in order to teach and inspire others to live a life that honors God.*



**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.** *Alison and her husband Josh are in the thick of raising children and teaching them to live with integrity and follow Jesus with their whole heart. Both Josh and Alison are elementary teachers who have a heart for living their faith each day with their students and co-workers.*



**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 Atzmiller in 102/103.** *Noel takes the study of the Bible very seriously, even though each one of his classes begin with his famous "top ten bad jokes." Noel has led Bible studies for many years and provides many historical and archeological insights into each lesson.*





## STUDENT MINISTRY



### Jr. High at iRise - Saturday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

We'll meet there at 1pm, we'll bounce around for 1 hour then parents join us and head to Dairy Queen for ice cream around 2pm. Cost - \$10

**Sr. High FUEL meets @ iRise Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** meet there: 5-6:30pm  
Cost - \$12 Head back to church at 6:30 for Ice Cream sundaes in the Youth Room  
pick up your student @ 7:30pm St. Timothy

**SR. HIGH FUEL - SUNDAY, NOV 4TH 6-8PM - PUMPKIN OLYMPICS!!**  
WE'LL BE TAKING OUT OUR FRUSTRATION ON THE LEFT OVER PUMPKINS  
FROM THE PUMPKIN PATCH, WITH SOME PUMPKIN OLYMPIC GAMES!



The Concordia Cheerleading Program is hosting their first Holiday Cheer Market on **Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 9am-4pm.** We are excited about this new shopping event for our community featuring our local vendors.

They currently have over 50 vendors featuring a variety of merchandise. Please come shop and support the cheerleading program and get a head start on your Christmas wish lists.

They look forward to having you at this event. If you have any questions, please email [bartonb@clhs-tx.org](mailto:bartonb@clhs-tx.org).



Concordia Lutheran High School Admissions Open House - Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Families can RSVP online at [www.clhs-tx.org/openhousersvp](http://www.clhs-tx.org/openhousersvp)

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

## SENIOR MINISTRY

### Senior Adult Bible Study - Rewired for Christ

**November 28th at 10 AM in Room 101 \*\*\* NOTE DATE CHANGE**

Rewired for Christ is a LIFE group especially for those 65 years and older. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month in room 101 of the Adult Ministry Building from 10-11:30 AM. November's study will be on Deborah. RFC supports a number of ministries here at St. Timothy and in the community. Led by Gloria Ruppel. We will discuss December's Christmas offering and lunch.



# Advent by CANDLELIGHT

## Join the women of St. Timothy for the eighth annual Advent by Candlelight!

Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm

This event is an opportunity for women to take a moment before the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation and focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Advent by Candlelight provides a wonderful atmosphere for the ladies to enjoy an appetizer hour, worship and music, and dinner by candlelight. Ladies, we encourage you to invite friends, family, and neighbors to this special night!

Two ways to attend: 1.) purchase an individual ticket for open seating  
2.) purchase a table to invite others

**Important dates:** Sundays in November in the gathering area

Sign-ups for Table Hostesses, Servers (men only!), and Kitchen Helpers is available

Registration is available - \$15/ticket

**Special Requests:** We are looking for ladies to decorate tables for "open seating".  
If you are interested, please contact us!

### Event Contacts:

Sarah Spurgeon: [sarah\\_a\\_baden@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah_a_baden@yahoo.com)

Lori Davis: [mattandlori94@att.net](mailto:mattandlori94@att.net) / 281-797-7016



## FREE WORK SHOP

### November Neighborhood Workshop: Personal Safety presented by Deputy Sheriff Eddie Hazel Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am in Adult Ed building

Sheriff Hazel will present specific ways to protect yourself by becoming more aware of what criminals are targeting. Come to be reminded and educated on how to remain safe in your home and when you are out. FREE!!  
Register at [STLHouston.org/workshops](http://STLHouston.org/workshops)

**Refuse**  
To Be A Victim.



### Volunteer Opportunities: Trinity Klein Food Pantry 5201 Spring Cypress Rd., Spring, TX 77379

Trinity Klein Food pantry feeds 1000+ people every week. The pantry is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 AM - 12 PM. The pantry needs volunteers for greeting guests, unloading food, intake, organization of food, restocking shelves, packaging supplies, and helping shoppers. If you are interested in volunteering for the food pantry, please email Jennifer Kiel at [kielj@trinityklein.org](mailto:kielj@trinityklein.org). You may also donate food to this food bank at any time. For more information go to: [www.trinityklein.org/care/food-pantry](http://www.trinityklein.org/care/food-pantry)

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Christmas Cantata

"Ceremony of Candles" on December 16<sup>th</sup> in both services

We are preparing for our Christmas Festival Service, "Ceremony of Candles" in our choir rehearsals, as well as music for Christmas Eve. If you've thought about singing with the choir, please consider joining us for November and December! Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 8-9 PM. We'd love to have your voice joining us in worshipping our newborn King!

CEREMONY OF  
**CANDLES**  
*A Cantata for Advent and Christmas*

### St. Timothy Music Lessons

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 Lessons! Sessions are offered on Monday-Thursday afternoons by a group of excellent instructors! Times and forms are available on the church website under the Music Ministry tab. Fill them out and turn them in to the church office, Craig Harmann or send them back to him via e-mail. Makes a great Christmas gift!



For more information, go to: [www.STLHouston.org/music-ministry](http://www.STLHouston.org/music-ministry) or contact Craig Harmann at [Craig@STLHouston.org](mailto:Craig@STLHouston.org)

"God adopts. The Gospel is about adoption. Salvation's story can't be told apart from adoption. Christianity can't happen without it ... Pharaoh's daughter adopting Moses leads to the Hebrews ending up liberated ... Joseph adopting Jesus sets in motion sinners getting forgiven. Father Almighty offers His Son and adopts human beings for us to have a faith relationship with the Lord God and the hope of resurrection to everlasting life in His heavenly kingdom. No wonder early Christians opened the world's first orphanages."

*Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*

[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



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For Life

## Coming up in December

**Advent Worship** ~ Dec. 5-19th ~ Services held Wednesdays at 11:30am and 7pm

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship** ~ Monday, Dec. 24th at 4 and 6pm in the Life Center

**Christmas Day Worship** ~ Tuesday, Dec. 25th at 10 am

**New Year's Eve Worship** ~ Sunday Dec. 31st at 6 pm

**Annual Voters' Assembly Meeting** will be held **December 9**, immediately following the 10:45 service.

We will vote for our 2019 Board of Directors and approve the 2019 budget. Packets with a complete agenda and all information will be available Sunday, November 25.

### The Tree of Remembrance Service

The Tree of Remembrance service will be on Sunday, **Dec. 9 at 2pm**. These trees are a way of remembering loved ones who have gone to be with our Lord. These trees will decorate our Gathering Area in remembrance of those honored in the past, along with this year's tree.

### LINC Toys for Joy Drive

Sharing toys with children at Christmas opens up opportunities to tell them about our GREATEST GIFT FROM GOD... JESUS, our SAVIOR. **The tree will be ready with gift tags in the Gathering Area on November 25th and wrapped toys are due by December 9th.** Thank you for your donations!



### A NOT SO SILENT NIGHT

LIVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
DECEMBER 15TH, 2018  
7:30 PM

ENJOY A  
ROCKIN'  
CHRISTMAS

ST. TIMOTHY  
LIFE CENTER

### A Not So Silent Night CONCERT

Kick start your Christmas with a high-energy, rockin' good time at "A Not So Silent Night" Christmas concert this **December 15 at 7:30pm** in the St. Timothy Life Center. You'll tap your feet to Christmas songs from top Christian artists including Kutless, for King and Country, MercyMe, Casting Crowns and Chris Tomlin to name a few. You won't want to miss his free special event so bring a friend and make this a part of your Christmas festivities!

Seniors' group  
**Rewired  
For Christ  
Christmas  
LUNCH**

Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at  
11:30am in the Life Center



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

**STUDENT  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

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





# November Birthdays & Anniversaries

## 1st

Jeff and Jessica Jackson\*  
Daniel Waggoner

## 2nd

Alyssa Barry  
Christiaan Borst  
Lee and Tania Haidle\*

## 3rd

Leigh McAuliffe  
Wendy and Mike Williams\*

## 4th

Jeff Kroemer  
Jennifer Teeters

## 5th

Kyla Fleischhauer  
Katie Gravesmill

## 6th

Crystal McFarlane  
Jim Riche

## 7th

Stephanie and James Hansen\*  
Ann Medrano  
Ray and Martha Rhoades\*  
Betty Schuenke  
Sharon Sprague  
Logan Stout

## 8th

Bethany Birch-Phares  
Kathleen Burgess  
Pat and Buddy Durham\*  
Kelly Goebel  
Amber Keown  
Richard Leslie  
Gary Schmeling  
Kevin Thoele

## 9th

Steve Barry  
Chung Doan  
Katrina Drews  
Kevin Gravesmill  
Lanie Neal

## 10th

Bennette Brown  
Mary Currin  
Daniel and Shekara Neal\*

## 11th

Audrey Scarbrough

## 12th

Russel Blue

## 13th

Bryson Bankhead  
Evelyn Bankhead  
Paula Bench  
Jason Gilley  
Teresa and Mike Lawder\*  
Hugh McCrea

## 14th

Amanda Adams  
Kristin Henze  
Lillian Keown  
Korinne Krolow  
Shirley Norvick

## 15th

Crystal Nahirny  
Melissa and David Pattison\*  
Savanah Scott  
Cheryl and Jim Straker\*

## 16th

Lorre Knebel

## 17th

Dorothy and Richard Adams\*  
Carrie Godwin  
Gerry Harvey  
Lauren Kirsch  
Diane and Douglas Stewart\*

## 18th

Neil Bamsch  
Mike Benton  
John Bull  
Sheryl Huebner  
Shannon and Michael Gorney\*  
Frank McKinley

## 19th

Kristie Marino  
Andie Requenez

## 20th

Lee Haidle  
Patsy Henze  
Mandy Heine  
Bruce Martin  
John Moseley  
Angelina Waggoner  
Autumn and Brian Palm\*

## 21st

Peyton Denney  
Emily Harmann  
Myron Menk  
Lisa Laake

## 22nd

Mildred Bamsch  
Fred Gallard  
Wendy Musgrove  
Judy Newhouse  
Christy Steinmann

## 23rd

Danny Herbrich  
Julia and Jonathan Merka\*

## 24th

Larry Horst  
Samuel Henze  
Dianne and Roger Kingsley\*  
Stanley Prapta

## 25th

Donald Larson  
Carrie and Louis Godwin\*

## 27th

Ryan Luu

## 28th

Margaret Bounds  
Bobbie and Nathan Henze\*  
Paul Teeters  
Suzanne Thoele

## 29th

Nathan Keown  
Lisa Moeller  
Jessica O'Connell  
Eunice Snowden  
Jo and Steve Stallings\*  
Rosemary Willborg

## 30th

Kimberly Barto  
Christine Doering  
Mark Oncken  
Jeff Sjurseth



## Welcome To Our New Members

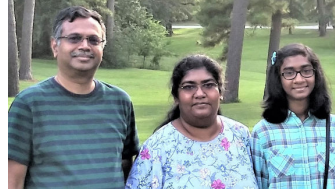
*Our faith family is again blessed with new members! Please be sure to greet and welcome them all. New Member reception Nov. 4th.*



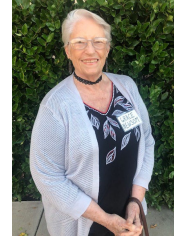
Doris Woody



John Samuel Ravikumar



Ravikumar, Lillian Manuel, and Christina Ravikumar



Grace Newsom



Duane and Joyce Kersten



Patrick and Sarah Blake with Owen and Oliver



Johnny and Karen Blake



### St. Timothy presents: The Star

Date: Friday, November 30

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Where: Outside by BBQ pavilion

Will be serving hotdogs, popcorn and drinks.

Everyone is invited!  
B.Y.O.C. - bring your own chair!

## Financial Report

### September

### Year-To-Date

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
Church	\$123,795	\$133,834	(\$10,039)	\$1,147,553	\$1,106,906	\$40,647
Bright Beginners	\$83,376	\$86,378	(\$3,002)	\$815,492	\$796,983	\$18,509
Total	\$207,171	\$220,212	(\$13,041)	\$1,963,045	\$1,903,889	\$59,156



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