

# 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 Schedule

**November 10, 17, & 24**  
Sundays

Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection

**November 21**  
Thursday, 11:00am

Bright Beginner Thanksgiving Feast

**November 27**  
Wednesday, 7:00pm

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

**November 28 & 29**  
Thursday and Friday

*Bright Beginners Pre-School and Church Offices  
closed for Thanksgiving holiday*

**December 1**  
Sunday, 8:00 and 10:45am

First Sunday of Advent  
LINC Toy Drive begins (through December 15)

**December 2**  
Monday, 5:30 pm

Advent by Candlelight

**December 4, 11, 18**  
Wednesdays, 11:30am  
6:15pm  
7:00pm

Mid-Day Advent Worship (meals at 12:15pm)  
Family Worship (6:15-6:45)  
Traditional Advent Worship (meals at 5:30pm)

For 2019 Advent schedule, visit [www.STLHouston.org/advent-and-christmas-schedule](http://www.STLHouston.org/advent-and-christmas-schedule)

## NOVEMBER IS DEFEND THE ORPHAN MONTH 5K Walk/Run 2019 - Saturday, Nov. 23

Rob Fleming Park in The Woodlands

Join our St. Timothy walkers and runners for the 5th Annual 5K and 10K to continue to provide the 6 basic needs for orphans around the world and to raise funds and awareness for the Coreluv mission in Haiti.

The race is chip-timed. 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!

Flyers are available at the Welcome Desk.

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



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*Thank You*



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

## BUILDING EXPANSION PLAN

"Town Hall" meetings will be next Sunday November 10 at 9:30 AM and November 13 at 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary to share more information and answer questions about the building plans. Submit questions, and see the plans and presentation ahead of time at [www.STLHouston.org/2020cc](http://www.STLHouston.org/2020cc)

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship**  
**Wednesday, November 27th at 7 PM**  
*Give Thanks and Praise to the Lord our God*

**Daylight Savings Time**  
**ends Sunday, November 3**  
**Set your clock back 1 hour.**

November will have a special focus on strengthening our church community and getting people connected together. Each Sunday service is designed to help us grow in our relationship with Jesus and develop stronger relationships with others. Join us for the following opportunities:

 **LIFE GROUPS**  
 connect + grow + serve

If you are interested in connecting with a small group and build relationships, contact Elizabeth Leitko in the church office  
 281-469-2457 ext. 245 or email [Elizabeth@STLHouston.org](mailto:Elizabeth@STLHouston.org)

**MISSIONS FAIR** - On Sunday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, we will showcase the missions that St. Timothy supports. You will have an opportunity to learn more about ways you can get involved and share the good news about Jesus with our community and world. Please visit the Mission Tables set up in the Life Center from 9-10:30 AM and again after the 10:45 service.



## Saturday, November 9th

Youth sponsored FUN event and Fundraiser

**Chili Cook-Off** **4-6pm**

Awards for Best Chili, Hottest Chili, and Most Unique Chili

*Outside  
with live  
music by*



Enter Chili Cook-Off email Dan Parker  
[Dan@STLHouston.org](mailto:Dan@STLHouston.org)

**Bingo Night** **6-8pm**  
*in the Life Center*

Purchase your ticket for \$5 on Sunday at the table in the Gathering Area which includes chili, hotdog, chips and a drink.



*Texans Tailgate Party*

**Sunday, November 17th**

*Watch the Houston Texans battle the Baltimore Ravens and enjoy food with friends—After church  
Wear your Texans gear!*

- Hot Dogs and Lemonade will be provided
- Turkey Legs and Sausage on a stick will be sold for \$2
- Please bring your lawn chairs and your favorite football snack to share
- Several TVs will be set up under tents

RSVP at [www.STLHouston.org/RSVP](http://www.STLHouston.org/RSVP)



## Thanksgiving Food Drive: November 10, 17, and 24

St. Timothy has a tradition of collecting canned and dried goods for food pantries at Thanksgiving. This year we will collect on the three Sundays before Thanksgiving, November 10, 17, and 24 to be taken to Trinity Klein Lutheran Church. Trinity Klein continues to be a major source of food distribution in our community to families and individuals who are struggling to pay medical bills, have disabilities, underemployed or unemployed, are Veterans and elderly living on a fixed income.



## All aboard for Christmas!

### All aboard for Fun!

Saturday, December 7th

Train Rides, Hot Cocoa,  
Crafts and Fun!  
Invite friends and neighbors!

## New Adult Bible Classes: November 3 - December 22

### Its Not Supposed To be This Way (8 weeks)

What went wrong? Why did God let this happen? Reality often ends up so very far from the life we long for, doesn't it? We often deal with daily disappointments and life-altering loss. By walking through valleys we will discover that in God we can find unexpected strength as we wrestle between our faith and feelings. This Bible study offers a safe place to share your disappointments, fresh biblical insight to get you through painful situations, and life-giving perspectives for living in between Eden and eternity.

Led by Heather Harmann in RM 104



### Ephesians (8 weeks)

In studying the book of Ephesians, we will take a step out into eternity and see how God's plan was developed before time as we know it and ultimately implemented. We will explore how this plan and the Gospel story affects believers' everyday lives. God the Father planned throughout history for Jesus to create a multi-ethnic community of followers. Comprised of Jews and non-Jews, these followers form the family God promised to Abraham. They live in unity as one body in their families, neighborhoods, and churches because of God's grace. Led by Jeff Sjurseth Pastor Steve in RM 201

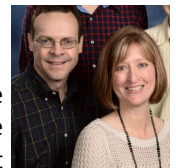


### Two Holiday themed Bible Classes

Led by David and Lead Smith in RM 102/103

#### Crazy Like Us (4 weeks)

Being generous in today's society is not the "norm". Everybody thinks he is. Few people really are. Being generous is not natural, it's not common, and it's not intuitive. In fact, it's a little crazy.



#### The Case For Christmas (4 weeks)

Even when he was an atheist, Lee Strobel enjoyed the Christmas season – the gift-giving, holiday parties, and being with friends and family. But after his wife became a Christian, Lee started to investigate the real meaning behind all those nativity scenes outside of churches. In this four-week study, Lee reveals what he discovered as he sought to separate the holiday from the holy day, the facts from the fantasy, and the truth from the tradition. In each session you will explore: What the Bible actually says about Jesus' birth and how you can know it is accurate Whether the Christmas story actually happened or developed from the myths of the day. The Bible's claim that Jesus was born of a virgin and why it is important to your faith. How Jesus—and only Jesus—fulfilled hundreds of Biblical prophecies about the Messiah. The Case for Christmas invites you to look beyond the familiar traditions of the season, challenge you to examine the evidence for yourself, and consider why Christmas really matters.

**Women's Tuesday 9:30 AM Bible Study** ~ Local author of "Sacred Holidays" Becky Kiser, will be a guest speaker on Tuesday, November 5th. Beginning November 19 the weekly Bible study will focus on this book as it encourages women to find the "sacred" in every holiday, religious and secular. This is a book for all ages to invite God into these special days, to keep our focus on Him, and to encourage those in our lives to live with this mindset. Becky will also bring some books for sale. Class meets weekly in RM 101 at 9:30 AM. Led by Elsie Endsley.





## Young Adult Meet Up at Top Golf (Post College)

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 – 9pm

1030 Memorial Brook Blvd, Houston, 77084

Come out to Top Golf for FREE and get together with other St. Timothy young adults! Food and drinks are on your own. Come for a short time or the whole time. We look forward to hanging out!

## STUDENT MINISTRY



FLIP N' FUN TRAMPOLINE PARK — 5379 W. Richey Rd., Houston, TX 77066

Sr. High Students meet there Sunday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6-8 PM

Jr. High students meet there Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1-3 PM

BRING \$10

**TAMALES SALES: November 17<sup>th</sup>—December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Delivery date December 15<sup>th</sup> ... \$12 per dozen**



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

## Concordia Lutheran High School presents "The Cages We Build"

a One Act Play, by Emily Hageman, on November 1<sup>ST</sup> and 2<sup>ND</sup> at 7:00 PM



Are we products of our circumstances or can our response to life define us? Dean's dad isn't around, his mom is deeply broken, and everyone at school either hates Dean or fears him. That's just who Dean is. Then he meets Lucy and learns that life is more than what other people think of you or do to you. This short play reminds us that no matter what life hands us, no matter what kinds of walls we put up, no matter the cages we build, we can overcome. We can tear them down. We hold the key.

Tickets are available at [www.clhs-tx.org](http://www.clhs-tx.org) or at the door. This play is appropriate for all ages, but not intended for younger audiences. The show runs about 35 mins without an intermission and will be followed by a light reception.



**CONCORDIA**  
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

## Concordia Lutheran High School Admissions Open House

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. 700 E. Main Tomball, 77375

Families can RSVP online at [www.CLHS-tx.org/apps/form/OpenHouse](http://www.CLHS-tx.org/apps/form/OpenHouse)

## Free Presentation on Wills, Trusts and Car/Home Insurance

Wednesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> with attorney Butch Bradt and Betsy Grubbs in RM 101 at 6:45 PM.

## SENIOR MINISTRY — JOY Group "Just Older Youth"

**JOY Senior Adult Bible Study ~ Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in RM 101**

JOY is a LIFE group especially for those 65 years and older that meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month in RM 101 of the Adult Ministry Building from 10-11:30 AM. JOY supports a number of ministries here at St. Timothy and in the community. Led by Elizabeth Leitko. We will discuss December's Christmas offering and lunch.

## Christmas Decorating

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8am-1pm



*Your help is much appreciated! Contact Debra Candanedo if you would like to help, 832-928-4083 (or just show up!)*

## Desserts Needed!

for Bright Beginners' Thanksgiving

Feast on November 21<sup>st</sup> at

11:30am in the Life Center.

Email Kim Jurischk at

[Kim@stlhouston.org](mailto:Kim@stlhouston.org) or call

281-469-2913 for more information.



**Bright Beginners' Book Fair November 11-15th**

## Arts & Crafts

Make plans to join us for our **Art Ministry November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 to 3:00**. Whether you are an artist, dabble in crafts or a quilter – everyone is invited to join our group for fellowship and fun! You may either bring something of your own creations to work on or join us in learning about something new. Instructions

for use of alcohol inks, card making techniques, painting and this month quilt squares made with fabric paint and gelli plates (provided). These squares are suitable to make into pincushions, small works of art or just to use in your own quilt artwork.

**\$10 donations** to St. Timothy Missions. Bring a sack lunch. **Meet in RM 102/103**. For more information or questions, contact [karenblake.art@gmail.com](mailto:karenblake.art@gmail.com) Text or call: 936 – 520 -1055

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

Trinity Klein Food pantry feeds 700+ people every week and with the holidays coming up they are expecting a 50% increase for November and December. The pantry is open 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

**We're going to New York!** On Sunday, November 17, eight singers from St. Timothy will participate in the "Christmas Evergreen" concert at Carnegie Hall under the direction of Joseph Martin. There will be about 250 participants in this event in total. This is a huge honor! Participants include **Carol Baker, Dan Frederking, Margo Frederking, Craig Harmann, Valerie Hill, Kathy Horst, Patti Schatte and Cathy Spangler**. Please lift them up in prayer as they prepare the music for this event, and as they travel to New York in November.

Our **Festival Choir rehearsals** will be Wednesdays from 7-7:30pm. Our annual **Christmas Cantata will be December 15<sup>th</sup> and will premiere the new work by David Von Kampen, titled "O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is"**. St. Timothy is part of a consortium of 15 high school, college and church choirs that will be premiering this work. David has taken hymn texts by Paul Gerhardt, a pastor and hymn writer who lived in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and written new music to go with them. We would love to have as many voices join us as possible, so please let Craig Harmann know so that music and rehearsal recordings can be prepared for you.



### 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)



# What to expect this December...

*Poinsettia Sales will begin December 1st*

## ADVENT WORSHIP ~ Wednesdays, December 4—18th

11:30 AM Traditional Advent Worship

6:15 PM Advent Family Worship (New for 2019!)

7:00 PM Traditional Advent Worship

**CANTATA PRESENTATION ~ Sunday, December 15th at 8 & 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary**  
Regular Contemporary Worship at 10:45 AM in the Life Center

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

Tuesday, December 24th at 10 AM, 3 & 5 PM

## CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Wednesday, December 25th at 10 AM

## NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 31st at 6 PM

**Annual Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held December 8th, immediately following the 10:45 service.**

We will vote for our 2020 Board of Directors and approve the 2020 budget. Lunch will be served.

Packets with a complete agenda and all information will be available by December 1st.

## Tree of Remembrance Service

The Tree of Remembrance Service will be **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in the Sanctuary**. 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. Ornaments are for sale for \$15/each in the Gathering Area.

### 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 December 1st** and wrapped toys are due **by December 15th**. Thank you for your donations!



### *Student Christmas Parties*

#### *Jr. High Party*

*Saturday, Dec. 14 4:30-7 PM*

#### *Sr. High Party*

*Sunday, Dec. 15 5:30-8 PM*

### Advent by Candlelight ~ Monday, December 2nd at 5:30 PM

Join the women of St. Timothy for the ninth annual Advent by Candlelight! This event is an opportunity for women to come together before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to celebrate and focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Advent by Candlelight provides a wonderful atmosphere for ladies to enjoy an appetizer hour, worship and dinner by candlelight.

Registration and tickets available in the Gathering Area after the service or at [STLHouston.org/2019-advent-by-candlelight](http://STLHouston.org/2019-advent-by-candlelight)

Have Questions? Email [AdventByCandlelight@STLHouston.org](mailto:AdventByCandlelight@STLHouston.org)



# November Birthdays & Anniversaries

## 1st

Jeff and Jessica Jackson\*  
Daniel Waggoner

## 2nd

Alyssa Barry  
Christiaan Borst  
Lee and Tania Haidle\*

## 3rd

Leigh McAuliffe  
Mike and Wendy Williams\*

## 4th

Jeff Kroemer  
Jennifer Teeters

## 5th

Kyla Fleischhauer  
Katie Gravesmill  
Ashley Rose



## 6th

Joey Callanan  
Kendall Denbigh  
John and Cyndie Green\*  
Crystal McFarlane  
Jim Riche

## 7th

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

## 8th

Bethany Birch-Phares  
Kathleen Burgess  
Buddy and Pat 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\*  
Dan and Kathryn Parker\*

## 11th

Audrey Scarbrough

## 12th

Russel Blue

## 13th

Bryson Bankhead  
Evelyn Bankhead  
Paula Bench  
Jason Gilley  
Mike and Teresa 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  
Doug and Diane Stewart\*

## 18th

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

## 19th

Kristie Marino  
Andie Requenez

## 20th

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

## 21st

Peyton Denney  
Emily Harmann  
Myron Menk  
Lisa Laake

## 22nd

Mildred Bamsch  
Fred Gallard  
Wendy Musgrove  
Judy Newhouse  
Christy Steinmann

## 23rd

Danny Herbrich  
Jonathan and Julia Merka\*

## 24th

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

## 25th

Donald Larson  
Louis and Carrie Godwin\*

## 27th

Ryan Luu

## 28th

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

## 29th

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

## 30th

Kim Barto  
Chris 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 is November 3rd after church.*



Nolan and Lee Ann Norman



Matt and Mandy Baker with McKinley and Maisy



Robert and Crystal O'Brien with Alyssa and Isabella Richards



Jennifer Mae with (not pictured) Gage Guerra, Jayden and Violet Villarreal



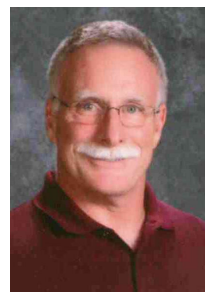
Debbie Campbell



Kurt and Reba Bullinger with Kaden and Dillion Mycol



Zabrina Gertman with Olivia and Malachi Garnett



Andy Hasselbring

## 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	\$123,467	\$133,425	(\$9,958)	\$1,143,690	\$1,175,487	\$31,797
Bright Beginners	\$95,299	\$93,507	(\$1,792)	\$846,950	\$810,011	\$36,939
Total	\$218,766	\$226,932	(\$8,166)	\$1,990,640	\$1,985,498	\$5,142



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