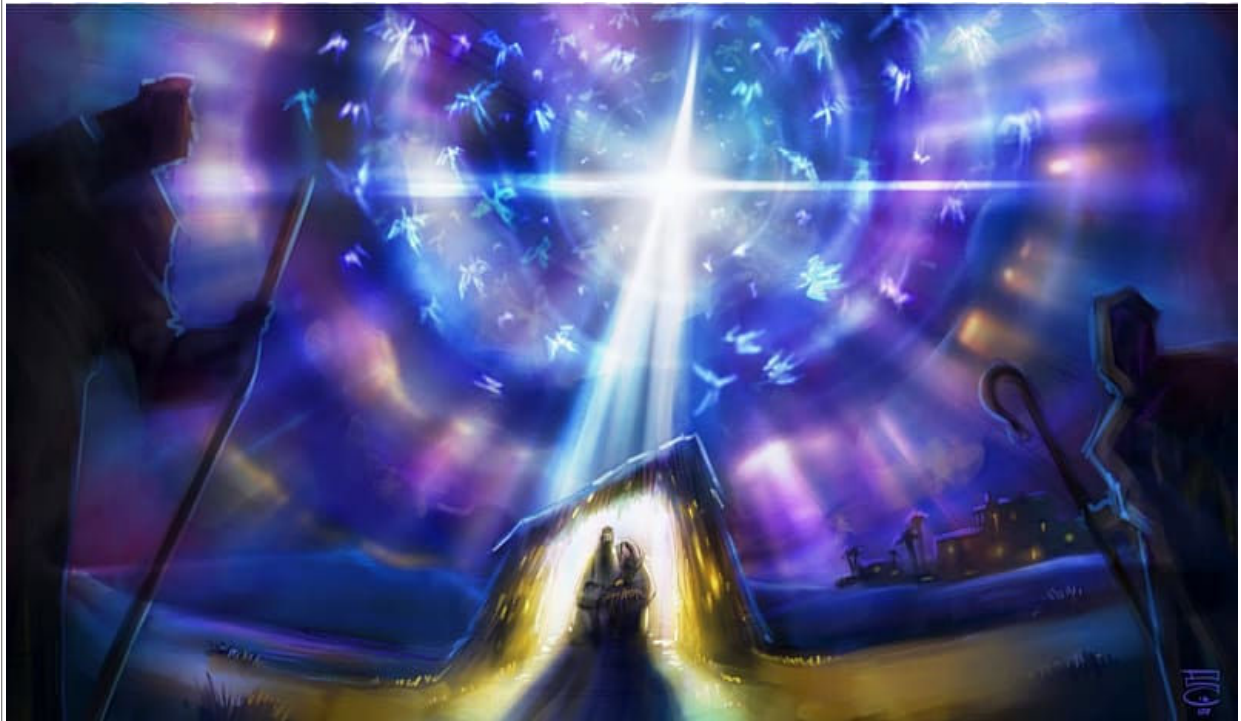




St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Houston, Texas



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

December 24, 2019 10 AM

Steve Henze, Brad Jurischk, Pastors

Order of Worship

Sounds of Celebration

Craig Harmann, organ

Welcome

Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Invocation and Litany

Hymn Medley

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
"Angels We Have Heard On High"
"Angels From The Realms Of Glory"

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Hymns

Voices In Bronze ~ "Ding, Dong Merrily On High"
"What Child Is This"

Children's Christmas Message

Caroline Gray

Hymn

"What Child Is This"

The Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-20

We Bring Our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering

St. Timothy Choir ~ "Away In A Manger (Go To Sleep)"
"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

The Message

"The Gift"
Pastor Steve Henze

Candle Lighting

"Silent Night"

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

"Joy To The World"



FOR YOUR SAFETY: The ushers will bring the light to the end of each row. We kindly ask that participants be careful with their candle. Please do not tilt the lit candle.

For parents with children, we offer glowsticks instead of candles for safety. They are in the Activity Bags.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Dec. 25 **10:00 AM** **Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion**

Thursday, Dec. 26 *Church Offices Closed*

Sunday, Dec. 29 **8:00 AM** Worship Services in the Sanctuary
 9:30 AM Special Adult Bible study in the Sanctuary
 10:45 AM Worship Services in the Life Center

Tuesday, Dec. 31 **6:00 PM** **New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion**
 Child care is available in the nursery

Wednesday, January 1st  *Church Offices and Bright Beginners Closed*



Worship Opportunities

Come and worship with us on Sundays!

Sundays at 8:00 AM This service is traditional in style with hymns led with the organ and piano in the Sanctuary. It is beautifully enhanced with our choir, bells and Gospel Lights men's ensemble.

Sundays at 10:45 AM This service is contemporary in style. Led by our talented Praise Team with the latest contemporary worship songs in the Life Center.

The primary focus of our services at St. Timothy is always Jesus Christ.

We believe that as followers of Jesus, we are His hands and feet to share His love to others.

**HIGHER, Deeper,
WIDER**

New message and Bible study series begins
 January 5th exploring "Higher, Deeper, Wider".
[Read more on page 4.](#)

Nursery Care Available

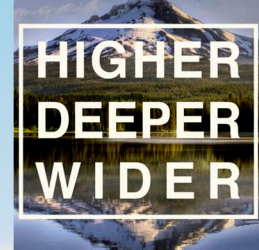
- Our nursery is located off the Gathering Area by the Welcome Desk and is staffed with trained caregivers for children from birth thru 3 years old.
- Please sign the binder, check out a pager, and provide any information that will help us care for your precious little ones.
- Children's Ministry information on page 5.



You are invited to join us January 5
as we begin this new series.

HIGHER, Deeper, WIDER

Message Series and Bible Study



The mission of St. Timothy is to Follow Jesus and Make a Difference. Following Jesus changes our perspective. It changes our relationships. And it changes our actions. The love of Christ compels us to live differently. **Ephesians 3:17-18 says, "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."** We believe that as we follow Jesus, He takes our vision **Higher** as we focus on Him in our worship and prayer. He takes us **Deeper** in our relationship with Him and others as we dig into the Word of God and build relationships that are rooted in Christ. Jesus takes us **Wider** as He sends us into our community and world to share His love with others. Join us in January as we look at how we live this out individually, at church, and in our community.



New Sunday Adult Bible Classes begin January 5th at 9:30 AM

Higher, Deeper, Wider Bible Study Led by Pastors Steve and Brad in RM 201 (see above)

Uninvited (Women's Only)

In this six-session video Bible study women explore the roots of rejection; the lies we believe as a result; and the truth about who God is, who we are, and what it looks like to live loved. The enemy wants us to feel rejected... left out, lonely, and less than. When we allow him to speak lies through our rejection, he pickpockets our purpose, cripples our courage, dismantles our dreams and blinds us to the beauty of Christ's powerful love. Led by Leslie Sjurseth in RM 104



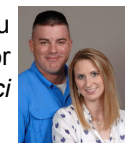
Elijah

Elijah was called by God to speak truth to a culture that had wandered far from God. His challenges included unfaithful leaders, severe drought, and an apathetic people ignorant of the Lord. We study Elijah to learn how we can face similar challenges with courage and humility, leaning on our faithful God for strength and guidance. Led by Gloria Ruppel in RM 203



5 Love Languages

Author Gary Chapman helps you identify your personal love language. He also helps you understand the love language of your spouse. Then he provides practical suggestions for enriching your marriage by practicing the other love languages. Led by Sean and Staci McMahon in RM 101



Children's Ministry



Children's Sunday School

Exciting things happen on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 AM for children age 2 through 5th grade. Caring teachers incorporate worship, hands-on activities, and Bible study into a fun and positive experience for children.

Nursery

Our nursery is located next to our Gathering Area by the Welcome Desk and is staffed with trained caregivers for children from birth thru 3 years. Please sign the binder, check out a pager, and provide any information that will help us care for your precious little ones.



If you've had a baby in 2019, you and your family are invited to a lunch in your honor! Join us for the **Blessing Shower on Sunday, Jan. 19th at 12-1 PM** in the Big Room. Please RSVP to Caroline@STLHouston.org



Do you have a child in Kindergarten? Then you are invited to a Milestone Ministry Event: **The Great Family Devotion Challenge!** It's a great way to begin the new year – digging into God's Word – as a family. **Sunday, Jan. 26th at 9:30 AM in the Children's Ministry Building**, we'll eat breakfast and get devoted! Please RSVP to Caroline@STLHouston.org

For more information on Children's Ministry events contact Caroline Gray at Caroline@STLHouston.org

Special Adult Bible Study

ONE-TIME SPECIAL ADULT BIBLE CLASS NEXT SUNDAY at 9:30 AM

"Don't Waste Your Life"

Joby Martin, of The Church of Eleven22 out of Jacksonville, FL., shares in this Right Now Media session about the "Parable of the Talents" and how we overcome being busy with the comfortable so as to avoid the faithful to make a difference for Jesus and His Kingdom. Led by Pastor Brad and Elizabeth Leitko in the Sanctuary.



Current Sunday and weekday Bible studies are at www.STLHouston.org/adult-bible-classes

Poinsettia Dedications

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:

*Marty and Pat Zanotti
Wayne & Sheryl Huebner*

*Dave and Karen McRoberts
Robert and Janet Rucker
Don and Janis Heider*

*Glyn and Rosemary Willborg
Johnny and Karen Blake*

Given by:

*Johnny and Karen Blake
Don and Janis Heider
Kathy Horn
Gary and Kathy Kolkhorst
Gary Naylor*

In Honor of:

*The Birth of Christ
Dorothy and James Dunsmore
Yosh Horn
Our Children and Grandchildren
Our Church Leaders and Staff*

Given by:

*Patsy Lamb
Ross and Kathy Friedrichs
Susan Kaiser
Patrick and Christa Matthews
Patti Schatte
Tevan and Maria Kleb
Tim Jenkins and Johanna Gravesmill
Dan and Helen Daniel
James Rohan
Gary and Elaine Schmeling
Elsie Endsley
Georgia Sisler Phillips
Jim and Jean Holton
Bruce and Renee Abrams
Pastor Steve and Rosalyn Henze
Cathy Spangler
Dorothy Hugo
Don and Janis Heider
Gary and Kathy Kolkhorst
Kathy Horn
Larry and Sue Bathe
Kenny and Margaret Bounds*

In Loving Memory of:

*Kent Lamb
Rev. R.G. Friedrichs, Eddie Symmank
Ron Kaiser
Sylvia Matthews
Andy Schatte, Mabel Schatte, Margie Alvarado
Mike Kelley, Tevan Kleb Sr.
Rev. Keith Gravesmill, Mrs. Ginger Jenkins
Corey Daniel
Chloe Amanda Rohan, Amanda Michelle Rohan
Max Moeller, Lyle Schmeling
John Jr. and John III Endsley
Leroy R. Hoffman
Loved ones
Rev. R.G. Friedrichs, Bruce R. Abrams, Claire Abrams
Rev. R.G. Friedrichs, Nelson Henze
Rex, Sophie, and Tommy Ballard
Peter Hugo
Adela and Arthur Heider
Harold Kolkhorst
Russel Van Norman
Charles Bathe, Rita Woodward
Kenny Bounds*

Mid-Week Pit Stop

PIT STOP returns Wednesday, January 8th!

****Please note the new schedule ****



- 5:30-6:30 PM: Dinner in the Life Center (free will offering)
6:00-6:30 PM: Joyful Noise (Preschool - 5th grade) meets in RM 201
6:15-7:30 PM: Jr. High Confirmation in Sr. High youth room, Sr. High Bible study in RM 104
- ZONE 45** ZONE 45 - 4th & 5th grade youth group meets in Children's Ministry Building
Activities for children in 1st—3rd grade in the Children's Ministry Building
Childcare for children through Kindergarten in the Children's Ministry Building
- 6:30-7:30 PM: Adult Bible Study
6:45-7:45 PM: St. Timothy Choir rehearsal in RM 201
7:45-8:10 PM: "Gospel Lights" Men's ensemble rehearsal in RM 201

Senior Ministry

JUST OLDER YOUTH (JOY)

St. Timothy offers monthly opportunities for our more 'mature' members to worship, learn, fellowship and continue to grow in their faith together.



- **JOY Bible Study group** meets on the 3rd Wednesday every month at 10 AM in the Adult Education Building in RM 101. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 15 at 10 AM.
- **Handicapped friendly bus trips** take seniors to a variety of locations through out the year. Call Elizabeth Leitko in the church office for more info or to get involved. 281-469-2457.

Week Day Bible Studies

Women's Study Monday at 12:30 PM:

This study group is comprised of women from several different congregations including St. Timothy. It will resume January 13. For more info email Chris Bregenzer at c.bregenzer@sbcglobal.net. Meets In Room 101.

Women's Study Tuesdays at 9:30 AM:

This class will resume study on January 7. Led by Elsie Endsley in Room 101.

Tuesday Study at 7 PM:

On January 7th, men and women will resume the Tuesday night class. Led by John Rohan in the Church Office Conference Room.

Men's Study Saturdays at 7 AM:

Men start the weekend with early morning Bible study and discussion. Meets in the Church Office Conference Room.

Music Ministry

Joyful Noise Children's Choir

Children in Pre-K (4 yrs.)–5th grade are invited to join in Joyful Noise. Joyful Noise will be learning all kinds of upbeat, fun songs, and having lots of FUN! Come for Pit Stop dinner at 5:30 PM and join us at 6 PM in RM 201 beginning Wednesday, January 8th!



Adults can also make a joyful noise to the Lord. Please consider joining the St. Timothy Choir (rehearses Wednesdays at 6:45-7:45 PM) or Bells (rehearses Tuesdays at 7 PM) ages High School and up.

ST. TIMOTHY MUSIC LESSONS



If you are looking for private music lessons - violin, piano, trumpet, and beginning guitar - look no further! St. Timothy offers music lessons Monday - Thursday by a group of great instructors! Times and forms are available on the church website under the Music Lessons tab. Contact Craig Harmann for more information.

For more information on Music Ministry events contact Craig Harmann at Craig@STLHouston.org

Student Ministry

All students are invited to worship the Lord, dig into the Word, and join us for lots of fun!

Jr. High Movie Night - FREE

Movie and Ice Cream Night
Saturday, Jan. 11 at 5-7:30pm



Sr. High Bowling - \$10

FUEL Meets at Bowlero
Sunday, Jan. 12 at 4 PM

2020 Student Mission Trips

JR. HIGH MISSION TRIP
Houston Food Bank
Local area clean-up

SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP:
Hutchinson, Kansas
July 10-18

JOIN US IN 2020



Annual Youth Garage Sale Saturday, Feb. 29

The Garage Sale will be from 8am-3pm in the Life Center. Donations will be accepted beginning in January. Proceeds benefit 2020 Youth Mission Trips.



Sr. High **FUEL** is our Sr. High Gathering each Sunday from 6-8pm. 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 information on Student Ministry events contact Dan Parker at Dan@STLHouston.org

Missions Ministry

ST. TIMOTHY IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OVERSEAS MISSION TRIPS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL AND PROVIDE NEEDED CARE

Graceworks Alaska: 2020 date coming soon www.graceworksak.com

Spread Jesus' love to communities working directly with non-churched children, youth and adults in local parks -- feeding meals to the hungry, backyard Bible school, sports, games and crafts. Email Bruce and Mickey Martin for more info, martbruj@gmail.com.



Coreluv: July 20-26, 2020 www.coreluv.org

To Defend the Orphan is the cry of Coreluv who began its work in Haiti, and has expanded to a second site in Haiti and India. St. Timothy partners with them financially and by sending teams several times a year. You can be part of the solution of 153,000,000 orphans world-wide by getting involved: Become an "orphan care partner" and support with a regular monthly donation which will help supply the 6 basic daily needs of these children -- contact Nancy Hartman at NHartman2003@yahoo.com.



Living Water International: July 5-11 or Sept 26-Oct 3, 2020 www.water.cc

This Houston-based organization digs water wells, provides health and hygiene info, and shares the love of Jesus worldwide. St. Timothy is sending two teams this year to El Salvador and Guatemala completely sponsoring the water well projects. Contact Bob Sawicki at BSawicki@sbcglobal.net to learn more.



Vision For Africa: May 25-June 5, 2020 www.salem4u.com/missions

More than 20 LCMS congregations are striving to build strategic partnerships for the sake of the Gospel by sponsoring health and vision clinics that draw large crowds to various sites in Kenya, sometimes 1,000 people a day; each client receives both the Gospel message as well as treatment for eyes or body. Special mosquito nets are provided and installed in Kenyan homes for malaria prevention. Vision for Africa sends Vision, Medical and Malaria teams to Kenya, and St. Timothy members are invited to participate. If you are interested, contact Chris Bregenzer at c.bregenzer@sbcglobal.net.



Local Volunteer and Outreach Opportunities

St. Timothy Ongoing Ministries include:

- Hancock Elementary - library, mentor, Bus Buddy
- Care Net Pregnancy Center - office help, client contact, and donations of baby supplies
- LINC Houston - toy drives, fundraising events, Food Pantry
- TOMAGWA - Medical, dental, clerical, professional support
- Life Center for the Homeless - donations of pantry items, paper goods, cleaning products, Bibles

Contact the Church Office at 281.469.2457 for information on any of our Mission Ministry areas

Announcements

Can't make it to Sunday morning service? St. Timothy worship services are **streamed LIVE** on our Facebook account. Find us at www.facebook.com/sttimothyclms



Thrivent Financial WORKSHOP

**Wed., February 19th
Give Now, Give Later,
Give and Receive**



This workshop will look at three instances where you can give, and go through examples of how that giving can be a mutually beneficial decision. See how to share the wealth in a meaningful way. Discover how to be a good steward of the gifts you've been given. Learn how to make giving an act that benefits you and the people and causes you care about.

Service of Prayer and Healing

Thursday, January 9 at 7 PM Sanctuary

Every second Thursday of the month, come worship and praise God with an extended time for prayer with others over your deepest concerns in life. We all have needs requiring prayer in our lives and if you have a health request, upcoming surgery, family need, concern for our nation or world, please join us. We are seeing God answer prayer in mighty and miraculous ways!



rightnow MEDIA



RightNow Media is an online customizable resource for churches to equip, train and inspire people to live out their faith. Their site has over 20,000 videos for kids, youth, and adults. It's the "Netflix" of online Bible Studies for every age. A Log-In is required, to access yours, contact Laura Shivok at Laura@STLHouston.org.

Preschool and Infant Care



Bright Beginners Preschool and Infant Care

Our Bright Beginners Preschool & Infant Care offers full and part day preschool for children age six weeks through five years old.

We offer center-based learning including math, science, music, writing, reading, dramatic play and sensory experiences.

Mornings: 9 AM - 12 PM Part-day: 9 AM - 3 PM Full-day: 6:30 AM - 6:15 PM

STLHouston.org/Bright-Beginners or call us at 281-469-2913

Women's Ministry

The Women's Book Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2 PM in the Adult Education Building RM 104. Upcoming club meetings and book selections:

January 15th: The Languages Of Sycamores by Lisa Wingate

February 19th: The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers by Hollingsworth



To get the 2020 book club list, email Pat Neal at pneal36313@comcast.net



JOIN US FOR DINNER

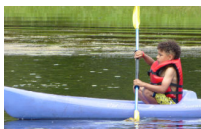
Come to **Pit Stop** every Wednesday during the school year for dinner (beginning at 5:30 PM) in the Life Center and stay for Bible study, kids activities, and childcare. See page 7 for more information.

Women's Bible Studies - see page 7

2020 Camp Lone Star

Summer Camp for kids ages 8-18 in LaGrange, TX - June 7-12, 2020

Join us for a week of outdoor adventures at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Texas's Camp Lone Star in LaGrange, TX. St. Timothy will take a group of kids, age 8 to 18, as a "pioneer" group to experience God's creation while making new friends, experiencing the great outdoors, hiking, archery, swimming, Bible studies and so much more! The cost for camp is \$350 for St. Timothy members with a \$100 deposit required to hold your spot. If you would like more information or would like to reserve a spot for your child, speak to Laura Shivok (Laura@stlhouston.org) or Caroline Gray (Caroline@stlhouston.org.)



Men's Ministry

- ♦ Bible Study every Saturday morning at 7 AM in Church Office Conference Room
- ♦ Gathering at Willie's Icehouse every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:45 PM
- ♦ Men's Ministry Events throughout the year
- ♦ Men's (over 30) basketball game in Life Center every Thursday at 7:30 PM



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, visit STLHouston.org or ask about our next Discovery class!
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 on Sundays where you may bring your child instead of the nursery.

Children's Church Sunday 8:00am Service: Children 2 ½ yrs old - 1 grade participate in learning just for them and return after the Message.

Children's Church Sunday 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 

Those Who Serve

Today, December 24, 2019

	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
Elders/Deacons	Butch Bradt	Dave McRoberts / Bob Sawicki	Mike Benton / Ted Fisher / Bob Hartman
Ushers	Steve Rasmussen / Ken Schramm / Rick Friedrichs / Hilton Wieder / Jan Schramm / Larry Wunderlich / Zander Morris / Carl Caldwell	Clint Noack / Gary Kolkhorst / Keith Casey / Robert Walker / Bob Sawicki / Roger Gautt / Clay Currin / Larry Olejnik / Cheyanne Hildebrandt / Gary Naylor / Marshall Preslar / Dave Baden / Tim Schneck / Chad Scott / Steve Ilfen / Marcos Candanedo	Randy Knebel / Ted Fisher / Rick Gravesmill / Sonya LaVay / Rob Gravesmill / Larry Bathe / John Perry / Myron Menk / David Smith / Marty Zanotti / Doug Stewart / Herb Newhouse / John Pemberton / Ron Dogotch / Dave McRoberts
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