

# St. Timothy Newsletter

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New Bible Classes
- Upcoming Events
- Music Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Birthdays/  
Anniversaries
- And more!

## 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



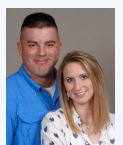
#### Elijah

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



## ONE-TIME SPECIAL ADULT BIBLE CLASS DECEMBER 29TH 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](http://www.STLHouston.org/adult-bible-classes)



## Service of Prayer and Healing

Thursday, January 9th at 7 PM in the Sanctuary

Come, worship and praise God, along with pastor-led teaching, and a time for prayer with others over your deepest concerns in life. We all have various issues requiring prayer in our lives. If you have a health need, upcoming surgery, family struggles, concern for our nation or our world, please join us. How comforting to know that we serve an awesome God and that fellow friends in Christ [Prayer Team/Elders], will pray with you regarding any concern.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is every Sunday at 9:30am

Look for us in the Children's Ministry building!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Caroline@STLHouston.org)



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

## ANNUAL YOUTH GARAGE SALE - Saturday, February 29, 8am-3pm:

If you would like to donate items, bring them to the storage pod located behind the Adult Education building during regular office hours or on Sunday mornings. If possible, please sort items into like bags or boxes such as household items, men's clothing, Christmas decorations, etc. as it will help us in the sorting process. If you would like to schedule a pick-up of larger items please contact Dan Parker in the church office. We are also asking for donations of plastic or paper bags and hangers for use during the garage sale. For more info email Dan at [Dan@STLHouston.org](mailto:Dan@STLHouston.org). **Proceeds go to support our youth's summer mission trips!**





Be a hero.  
Save a life.

**BLOOD DRIVE ON JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!**



## 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](mailto:Laura@stlhouston.org)) or Caroline Gray ([Caroline@stlhouston.org](mailto:Caroline@stlhouston.org).)



## Pit Stop re-ZOOMS Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>! Here is what you can expect:

<b>5:30 - 6:30 PM:</b>	Dinner in the Life Center (free will offering)
<b>6:00 - 6:30 PM:</b>	Joyful Noise K-5th grade Choir Rehearsal
<b>6:15 - 7:30 PM:</b>	Jr. High Confirmation
	High School Bible Study in RM 104
	ZONE 45 - 4th and 5th grade youth group (activities and lessons)
	Activities for children 1st to 3rd grade
	Childcare for children through Kindergarten

**ZONE  
45**

**6:30 - 7:30 PM:** Adult Bible Class: **What on Earth Am I Here For?** (description below)

**6:45 - 7:45 PM:** St. Timothy Choir rehearsals in RM 201

**7:45 - 8:10 PM:** The Gospel Lights - Men's ensemble rehearsal in RM 201

**What On Earth Am I Here For? And here's a clue to the answer:** "It's not about you...You were created by God and for God, and until you understand that, life will never make sense. It is only in God that we discover our origin, our identity, our meaning, our purpose, our significance, and our destiny."  
**Join Pastor Steve and Elizabeth Leitko Wednesday Nights, during Pit Stop Adult Bible Study as we navigate these questions with Rick Warren's video series, What on Earth Am I Here for ?**



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

### Graceworks Alaska: June 7-12, 2020 [www.graceworksak.com](http://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](mailto:martbruj@gmail.com).



### Coreluv: July 20-26, 2020 [www.coreluv.org](http://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](mailto:NHartman2003@yahoo.com).



### Living Water International: July 5-11 or Sept 26-Oct 3, 2020

[www.water.cc](http://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. If you are interested in Living Water mission trips, email Bob Sawicki at [BSawicki@sbcglobal.net](mailto:BSawicki@sbcglobal.net) to learn more.



### Vision For Africa: May 25-June 5, 2020 [www.salem4u.com/missions](http://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](mailto: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

# Lent and Resurrection Sunday

February 26 : Ash Wednesday ~ Worship with Holy Communion at 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM

March 4 - April 1 : Wednesday Lenten services at 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM

April 5 : Palm Sunday Worship at 8:00 and 10:45 AM

April 9 : Maundy Thursday ~ Worship with Holy Communion at 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM

April 10 : Good Friday ~ Service of Darkness at 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM

April 12 : Resurrection Sunday Worship at 8:00 and 10:45 AM



## Weekday Bible Studies

### Women's Study Monday at 12:30 PM:

This study group is comprised of women from several different congregations including St. Timothy. Class resumes January 13. For more info email Chris Bregenzer at [c.bregenzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:c.bregenzer@sbcglobal.net). Meets In Room 101.

### Women's Study Tuesdays at 9:30 AM:

This class will resume study 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.



## PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAISE GOD IN 2020!

**ST. TIMOTHY MUSIC LESSONS** If you are interested in private piano, voice, organ, trumpet, or guitar lessons, we will offer lessons on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 4-6 PM. There is limited availability and more information is available on our website.

### THE CHOIR SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

**Joyful Noise Children's Choir:** Wednesdays at 6-6:30 PM

**Voices in Bronze Adult Hand bell Choir:** Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

**St. Timothy Adult Choir:** Wednesdays from 6:45-7:45 PM

**Gospel Lights Men's Choir:** Wednesdays at 7:45 PM

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)

# Youth Ministry

**Jr. High Movie Night - FREE**  
Movie and Ice Cream Night  
Saturday, January 11 at 5-7:30pm



**Sr. High Bowling - \$10**  
**FUEL** Meets at Bowlero  
Sunday, January 12 at 4 PM

## 2020 Student Mission Trips

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

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



## 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** meets **January 5th!** 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](mailto:Dan@STLHouston.org)

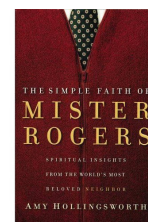
# Women's Ministry

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](mailto:pneal36313@comcast.net)



## JOIN US FOR DINNER JANUARY 8TH

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.

# MEN'S MINISTRY



On the second Tuesday of each month, a group of men gather at Willie's Icehouse on 249 at Cypresswood to plan events, visit, and enjoy food and beverage together. Meet at 6:45 PM at Willie's.

If you are interested in joining this group, just stop on by or contact Mike Steele with any questions.

**Saturday mornings Bible Study at 7 AM** A group of men meets each week to clarify what we as Lutheran Christians believe, and to challenge each other in serving our Lord with a Bible Study for the men of St. Timothy. Meets in the Office Conference Room.

If you would like to be included in an email with updates from Men's Ministry on their planned events, please contact Mike Steele at [mes@reagan.com](mailto:mes@reagan.com).

# January Birthdays & Anniversaries

## 1st

Juliet Albers  
Andy Requenez  
Robert Rucker

## 2nd

Don and Jenna Larson\*  
Mike Lawder  
Alyssa Scoble

## 3rd

Amelia Odinga  
Jaclyn Prapta  
Jim Straker

## 4th

Thomas Miller

## 5th

Bryan Bankhead  
Makayla Finch

## 6th

Johnny and Karen Blake\*  
Donna and Michael Drews\*  
Maegan Keller  
Anne Moeller  
Ann Lee Moseley  
Barbara Perlich  
Cory Weiss

## 8th

Jack Coursey  
Staci McMahon

## 9th

Libby and Kevin Arnold\*  
Judy Kuhlmann  
Steve Languirand

## 10th

Alec Barto  
Brady Dodson  
Bobby and Danny Shelby\*  
Emmeline Spurgeon

## 11th

Judith and Mark Brooks\*  
Ashley Hanel  
Mark Laine  
Kim Marquardt  
Ashley Van Zant

## 12th

Dwayne Dodson

## 13th

Madeleine Albers  
Lisa Fleischhauer  
Christa Matthews

## 14th

Tim Ellington  
Aubrey Hartman  
Ann and Juan Medrano\*  
Chloe Requenez

## 15th

Mark Fleischhauer  
James Johnson  
Laura Kroemer  
Janis McLead

## 16th

Jade Kettelkamp  
Chrisanne McAuliffe  
Helena Rohan

## 17th

Steve Bachmeier  
Carroll Canada  
Gatlin Gold

## 18th

Eric Keown  
Kathy Kolkhorst

## 19th

David Marth  
Lillian Ravikumar  
Sharon Schuett

## 20th

Zabrina Gertman  
J and Mallory Grooms\*  
Allison Palm  
Paul Otterstrom

## 21st

Alice Gray  
Patrick Matthews  
Victoria Sawicki

## 22nd

Mary Ellington

## 23rd

Butch Bradt  
Sandy and David McFayden\*

## 24th

Cathey Bachmann  
Mitchel Barry  
Lauren Beccue  
Brandy and Rob Ellington\*  
Steven Rose

## 25th

Pat and Randy Adoor\*  
Don Haga  
Ron Smith

## 26th

Will Hansen  
Sadie Steinmann  
Sailaja and Ravindra Vinoth\*

## 27th

Dee Rader  
Roger Rucker  
Nancy Vanover  
Tony West

## 28th

Graham Brogan  
Sophia Suh

## 29th

Richard Drews  
Drayton Hatcher  
Debbie Jackson  
Jaxson Lehrmann  
Kari Montgomery  
Karis Schamerhorn  
Wayne Tow  
Andy Wickman

## 30th

Sheri Esparza

## 31st

Mary and Carroll Canada\*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

# Financial Report

	December			Year-To-Date		
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
Church	\$133,112	\$131,656	\$1,456	\$1,386,749	\$1,443,092	(\$56,343)
Bright Beginners	\$89,267	\$96,631	(\$7,364)	\$1,031,837	\$1,001,915	\$29,922
Total	\$222,379	\$228,287	(\$5,908)	\$2,418,586	\$2,445,007	(\$26,421)

Curious about what the offering was last week?

Contact Dave at [Dave@STLHouston.org](mailto:Dave@STLHouston.org) and ask to have your name added to his email distribution list for weekly reports showing actual offerings as well as week-by-week budget information.

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