



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

The WORD

Our 136th Year

for May 2004

Herndon, Virginia



Pass It On Without Reservation —Fr. Brad

What would you do if you found a cure for all diseases? Or discovered a way to end war, poverty, bigotry, and abuse? Would you keep it to yourself? Certainly not. Such news would be too good to keep to oneself.

Ah, but that is what most of us do with the “Good News” of God’s love in Jesus Christ. We keep it to ourselves. The Savior of the world offers us complete forgiveness of all our failures, of all our sins – whatever they are. The resurrected one promises us life that does not end with death, but continues after death, with God, forever. Thanks be to God! Shouldn’t everyone be told? Just imagine what a difference it would make if everyone knew and embraced this Good News!

The disciples thought this was too good to keep to themselves. They thought everyone in the whole world should know about it, know about God’s love in Jesus Christ. So they told everyone who would listen. By word and example they offered their living witness, their testament of faith. And the Good News spread.

However, many Christians today are afraid to offend people who have other beliefs. We are not confident about the finer points of Scripture and theology. We have been taught and believe that faith is a personal matter. And we forget just how good the Good News is, how much the world needs to hear and know that every person is loved by God, forgiven by God; that God through Jesus has secured a place, a home with God, eternally.

Okay, sharing our beliefs with other people can be awkward, especially if we think we have to convince them that we are right and they are wrong. But suppose we understood sharing our faith to be more like giving someone a gift, with no strings attached. “Here is what I believe” - pure and simple, that’s all there is to it. We don’t have to debate chapters and verses of the Bible. We don’t have to refute other ideas. We can even admit that there are things about our faith that we don’t know. Isn’t the love of God worth the risk? Isn’t forgiveness and everlasting life worth sharing?

Jesus lived, died, and rose again, for the whole world. Thank God somebody told me!



God Only Expects Our Best —Rev. Kedron

“Honey, you’re absolutely right.” A friend recently told me that these four words are the secret to his happy marriage of over 48 years. And he used it on me with a grin. I admit I like hearing that I am right; that what I am concerned with, and that what I have poured energy into is worthy in someone else’s sight. A teacher long ago told me that I was too concerned with getting it right. She said, “Kedron you want so much to get it right that you miss the joy in the activity”. I understood that. She used a word I connect with: joy. I love to have fun, to enjoy someone or a location or an activity. So my goal to do things correctly had to be altered. What if I could do an activity to the best of my ability? What if instead of getting an “A”, getting a job promotion, or scoring a goal in the soccer game, I tried to do my best and enjoyed doing the work?

A transformation has occurred. If I, if you, look at a challenge as though it’s full of potential and not as though it’s another chance to fail we are much more likely to do our best. If the “A” isn’t as important as the learning that one receives in getting there, then life becomes more full. So where am I going with this?

The summer is coming. (If we were in Georgia then it would already be here, but of course the azaleas would also already be dead and the pollen count would be close to the highest in the nation, but the peaches would be gettin’ ready to pop and that’s good....ok I miss GA a little.) The time when the days are long and the nights are filled with voices from outside and maybe we get a little time off from the daily grind is on its way.

I wonder if the summer isn’t the best time in the year to ask ourselves what makes my life full? What do I enjoy doing? What energizes me beyond belief? What activity do I enjoy simply for the task and not the end goal? Am I working to get something right or to do my best?

As we live in this time after Easter, the stories we have been hearing are about Jesus’ encounters with the disciples after he has risen. He dies then comes back to assure the disciples that it is God whom they worked with and loved. In these stories we see God assure US that we are loved and that we can carry on. How do we

Keeping Spiritually Fit

Adult Education Planning Meeting
May 13th 7:00 pm Room B1

Are you interested in Adult Education at St. Tim's?

Do you have ideas of classes you'd like to see?

Do you want to teach a class?

Please join us for this meeting
 to plan and discuss adult education for the fall.

Questions? Call or e-mail Rev. Kedron.



We Wish a Blessed Birthday to All These This Month

5/01	Toni Tildon	5/16	Randy Karn
	Jacqueline Kammer	5/17	Samuel Farrar
5/02	Annemarie Rundlett		Ildiko Hall
	Wray Sinclair	5/18	Rick Smith
5/03	Bill Bate		Jeffrey Baker
	Thom Hanes		Wendy Farrar
	Elizabeth Leeth		Paul Berno
5/04	Sunny Schoch		Lily Shin
	Kedron Jarvis	5/19	Ed Oppenheimer
	Merrite Johnson		Mark Scherger
	Abigail Murphy	5/20	Kathleen Froemming
5/05	Janet Eke		Jeffrey Dera
5/06	Steven Hajdasz	5/21	Vicki Elsbernd
5/07	Robin Mullet		Kevin Stuart
	Aisha Wolo	5/22	Guillaume Eek
5/08	Sheila Kearney	5/23	Ed Borosky
	Andrew Mellick		Reed Elsbernd
5/09	Jean Page		Amanda Venerable
	Susan Hellman	5/25	Hull McLean III
5/10	Scott Cramer		Barbara Bruno
	Maddie Rouse		Beth Vierra
5/11	Sharon Marica		Jason Law
	Jeanne Rick	5/26	Madeline Brunson
	Tim Stapleton	5/27	Linda Stuart
	Jamie Riedl		Petra Smith
5/13	John Moone		Nicole Bruno
	Emilia Mbonu	5/28	Van Dai Lam
	Victoria Stapleton		Michael Dowd
	John Perkinson III	5/29	Beth Lumnitzer
5/14	Dianna Farrar		Kerrie Wilson
	Yvonne Law		Adam Ashforth
5/15	Grayson Hanes III	5/30	Bobbie Keys
	Nathan Rohrbaugh		Chris Brock
	Marie Gardiner		

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carry on? Psalm 100 says, "Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song."

We carry on with joy and gladness. What brings you joy? What makes you smile? What makes your heart flutter? I pray you enjoy these things this coming summer and if you don't know what they are, spend some time looking for them. Or call me; I'll go on joy-finding scavenger hunt with you and we'll give God the glory. Blessings,

Senior Seminarian Graduates

—Fr. Brad

It has been an honor and pleasure to work with Will Scott throughout his senior year in seminary. Will's final Sunday with us is May 9th. He graduates from Virginia Theological Seminary on May 20th. And he will be Ordained in the Washington National Cathedral on June 26th at 9:30 am (we are all invited!). We will have a reception for Will at 12:15 pm on Sunday, May 9th.

You Need a Room Reservation

—Fr. Brad

Please remember that all groups meeting in our church facilities must make arrangements in advance with our Parish Administrator, Bob McConahy. Call 703-437-3790 extension 10, Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, or e-mail Bob at office@saint-timothys.org. This is the only way we can prevent space conflicts with outside groups as well as other church groups, even though your group is small. As a preliminary step to check space availability, you may look at the calendar on the church's web site, or the printed one beside the mail slots in the hallway outside the office. Rooms for church functions or meetings are reserved by submitting the STF-21 form, "St. Timothy's Event Scheduling Form". You will receive a confirming copy indicating that the space has been scheduled. The blank forms are located in the bottom section of the mail slot cabinet in the hallway.

THE MISSION OF ST. TIMOTHY'S

As people of God

adopted 03/09/02

we joyfully worship God,
 spread the WORD of God's love,
 treasure all people, and
 serve others everywhere
 in the name of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, with God's help, we will:

open our doors,
 enhance our worship,
 and increase our involvement
 through all of our ministries.

Pre-School Corner

—Allyson Showalter

April was a short month for the pre-school children, who were out of school for parent-teacher conference days April 1-2 and for spring break April 5-9. But they returned to have fun learning about circuses, mother earth and how to conserve and recycle, and preparing for the Mother's Day Teas that will be held the first week of May. Exactly what the children are planning remains a secret for their mothers to discover this week.

The pre-school's fund-raising committee has come up with a lot of exciting new ideas, including having St. Timothy's Pre-School night at local restaurants, where the restaurant donates a percentage of the night's earnings to St. Timothy's Pre-School. Hopefully you enjoyed dinner at Fuddruckers on April 27. The next St. Timothy's Pre-School day is on May 25 at Chick-fil-A in Reston (across from Target on Sunset Hills Road). In addition to good food and the indoor playground that the kids love, Chick-fil-A will have special activities and the Chick-fil-A cow will be there.

After a hiatus for the construction of the church's addition, the pre-school summer camps for 4 and 5 year olds are returning this summer. Hooray! Three two-week sessions are planned, and registrations are being accepted now. Please contact the pre-school office at 703-437-4767.

Congratulations to Raffle Winners!

St. Timothy's Lakota Team congratulates the following winners of the March 28 drawing for the quilted wall hangings made by Robin Her Many Horses, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation:

Eagle Quilt: **Jesse Van Evera**

Blue Quilt: **Thomas Watkins**

Brown Quilt: **Peter Kuznick**

Thank you to all of the generous members of St. Timothy's as well as our family and friends that contributed to making this raffle a success.

We were able to donate the proceeds of \$704 dollars to the Lakota Team Fund to support their mission trip to South Dakota this week.

Planned Giving Program

Please call Bob or Regina in the office to be contacted with more information about possibly becoming part of the organizing group that will be establishing a Planned Giving Program at St. Timothy's.

Youth Group News

—Shirley Ratliff

Let me introduce you to our new Youth Group Program Coordinator. Lisa Donahue is new to St. Timothy's. She and her husband Mark have been residents of Herndon since 2000. Prior to moving to Northern Virginia, they lived in New Orleans, LA and Charleston, SC. Lisa is a Ph.D. candidate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology at George Mason University, and she holds a M.S. in Applied Psychology from Clemson University. According to Lisa, one of the highlights of her graduate school training has been the opportunity to instruct and mentor undergraduate students. So, she looks forward to applying those skills to her work with the youth group. Lisa is an active volunteer in her neighborhood community of Bluemont. Currently, she is the coordinator of the Neighborhood Watch and editor of the community newsletter. Her past service-related activities have also included working with low-income youth and mentally disabled adults. Lisa will

be taking over from the current Program Coordinator, Shirley Ratliff, in July. When asked what she is most looking forward to in her new position as Program Coordinator, Lisa said, "Working with this great bunch of kids. I honestly think that I stand to learn just as much about myself and my faith as they do. I am really excited about the journey we will make together."



Welcome, Lisa! It's great to have you on board!

Three Bishops Visit

—Fr. Brad

Do you know that St. Timothy's will be visited by three Bishops this year? On Sunday, June 27th, our Diocesan Bishop, Peter J. Lee, will preach and celebrate at our 11:00 am service. On Sunday, August 8th, Bishop Soto (Lily Soto-Harmon's father) will preach at our 11:00 am service. And on All Saints' Sunday, November 7th, Bishop Ted Eastman (retired Bishop of Maryland) will Confirm and Receive those who would like to participate in these Sacraments. Confirmation classes for adults and young adults will be offered in the fall.



In July, Rev. Kedron will be joined by twelve others (non-clergy) from around the globe on a mission trip to Fiji. They will be participating in a project called **Global Village** supported by **Habitat for Humanity International**. While building a home in Fiji, they will travel, live, work, pray, share and eat together with the locals.

The needs to support her amazing mission have not yet been fully met. With \$1300 in donations already, we still have **\$1600** left to raise. Even though we can't go with her, there is still opportunity for others to share in this ministry. Look for the team photos and more information in the narthex.

Consider donating \$100 to sponsor Kedron for one of her 16 days.

Please send donations to the church with "Habitat Fund" in the for line.
THANK YOU!!!!!!



Friendship Day is the first Friday in May. It's important to choose your friends wisely. There are Proverbs in the Bible about friends.

Use the code to fill in the blanks and read Proverbs 22:11.

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Stations of the Resurrection



In Lent Christians often remember the Stations of the Cross where Jesus journeys from Jerusalem to Calvary's hill where he is crucified. In the season of Easter we find another set of stations: Christ's appearances after his resurrection. Come discuss these appearances and the effect God has on God's people. We will also consider: Where does God appear in the world today?

Sunday nights in May:

May 2nd :Christ, the Gardner, Appears to Mary Magdalene

Read: John 20:11-18

May 9th : The Road to Emmaus

Read: Luke 24:13-35

May 16th: Jesus Cooks Breakfast

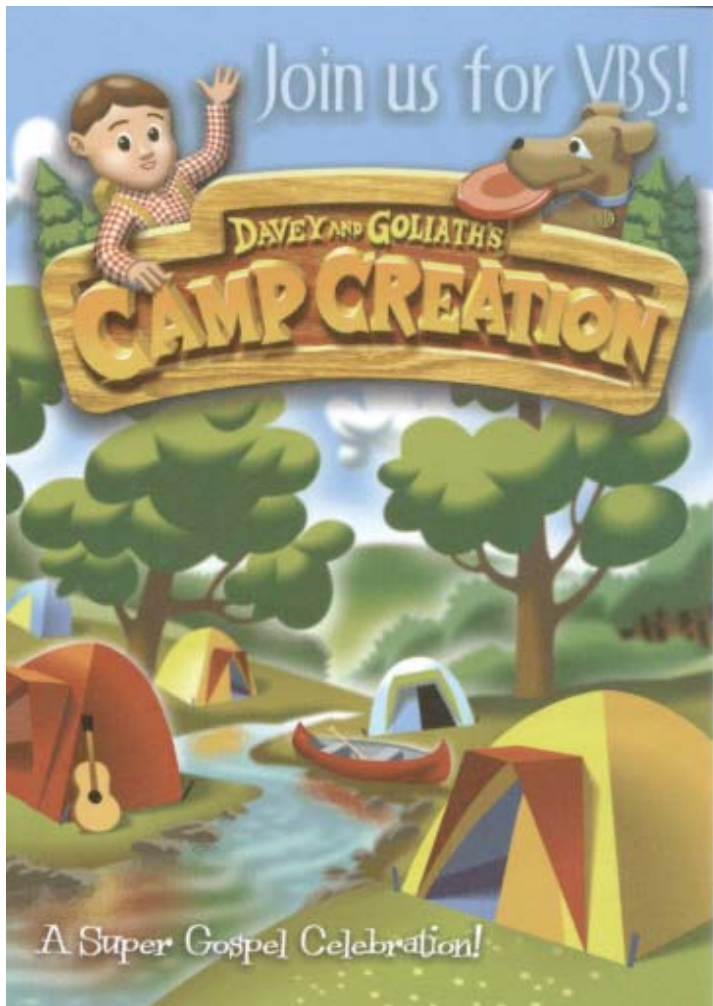
Read: John 21: 1-14

May 23rd: Does Thomas Really Doubt?

Read: John 20: 19-31

5:00-6:30 pm Room B2

No need to sign up; show up for one or all classes



SAVE August 9 - 13 For Vacation Bible School

The theme this year will be
Davey & Goliath's Camp Creation.

At Camp Creation, kids celebrate the gospel by learning from Jesus how to care for everything in God's world. Through activities in Cabin Crafts, Discovery Outpost, Snack Shack, Goliath's Games — even Davey's Drama — kids of all ages learn faith lessons that will guide them on a lifetime of adventures!

Ages 2 1/2 (potty trained) through rising 6th Graders are welcome.

Registration is \$10 per child of a teacher or project coordinator (selected from parish members); \$15 per child for parishioners; and \$20 per child for non-parishioners. Registration forms will be available starting Sunday, June 6th in the Vacation Bible School mailslot in the hallway outside the office and at a table in Henry Hall. Return your form in an envelope with your check as soon as possible and mail it to the office or put it in the parish administrator's mail slot in the hallway or in the office.

Also, **we need volunteers!** Camp Creation can't happen without YOU, so consider volunteering to help out — we will need teachers and on-site volunteers, but we will also need parents who are members of St. Timothy's who can bring a snack, cut out art supplies and much more. Volunteer applications for church members will be included with the registration forms, or call Marybeth Henry at 703-742-6694 or e-mail Rev. Kedron at kjarvis@saint-timothys.org.

Registration Begins June 6

Maple Tree Campground Bargain

The office has a \$100 voucher for this campground which is available for \$50 or the best offer above that by May 17. Your total contribution for the voucher will be deposited in the Youth Group Fund. You must preview this truly unique place by going to their full-featured web site at www.thetreehousecamp.com. It's clear to us now why the Youth Group chooses this for one of their few off-sites during the year.

The Flamingos Have Returned

Last year, this fundraiser for the Youth Group was a wonderful success.

You can order flocks of flamingos to be placed in a friend's front yard for a week. Surprise someone for a birthday or other special occasion by ordering a flock. Place your order at least one week in advance by visiting the flamingo box in Henry Hall. Order forms are there, as well as a collection box. Flocks cost \$5 for 5 flamingos or \$10 for a dozen. Flamingos are placed in your friend's yard on a Sunday night and are collected the following Friday. This is a fun way to support the youth of our church. —Kathy Kammer 703-862-6731 or skykam2@hotmail.com

Good Stewardship of Your Food Dollars

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Look For Our Table in Henry Hall

Workforce Support Group

Wednesdays immediately following the 12:15pm healing service there is a regular get-together of those who are unemployed or are re-entering the workforce. They attend the service in preparation for their time together. Anyone is welcome to join in. The group meets in Room B1 downstairs; that's the room next to the Pre-School office, in the new wing.



The **WORD** for May 2004

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St. Timothy's Word is published monthly and mailed to members and friends during the last week of each month. It also appears on the church website under "Announcements" on the day it is ready for mailing.

The deadline for submission of material for the **June** issue is **Thursday, May 20 at 7am.**

Questions or ideas for *The Word* are always welcome as are your comments! Please put articles, typed or legibly written, in the "Newsletter" slot in the church hallway mailbox preferably accompanied by a disk. You may also send material as an attachment to an e-mail message to: office@saint-timothys.org. Photos will be used only if everyone in the photo is identified. Articles or letters may be edited for brevity or appropriateness.

See the church website for the monthly calendar through the end of the year.

Weekly Bulletins appear on the website no later than Friday for the coming Sunday.

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Answer to Kids Puzzle on page 4: He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend.

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Regular Services

- 8:00 am Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:30 am Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite II (nursery care available)
- 11:00 am Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite II (nursery care available)
- 9:15 and 10:45am Sunday - Sunday School
- 12:15pm Wednesday - Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

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