

From the Rector: Dancing to the Music of God

When Saul (who would become the Apostle Paul) was knocked down and temporarily blinded by a vision of the resurrected Christ, he heard the voice of the Savior say “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” [Acts 26:14]. For the longest time I didn’t have any idea what a “goad” is but I wasn’t about to make myself look foolish by asking. When I went to Seminary I did some research and discovered that “goad” comes from the Greek word kentro which means

“a sharp thing” (like a claw, spur, or nail) or a “sharp” person; an Authority. In this passage the word “goad” has both meanings; it is a double entendre. Saul’s resistance to the authority of Jesus

hurts him as surely as kicking a sharp rock would hurt (give it up Saul; you can’t win).

I have some practical experience in this area. I am loathe to admit it, but I’ve actually kicked a goad or two now and again. And “Yes”, it does smart. I’ve found myself in situations I didn’t like, headed in directions I didn’t want to go, having to do things I didn’t want to do. In such instances I’ve been quick to remind The Creator of the universe that I like to decide things for myself, not be dragged hither and yon like a puppet on strings (there I go again kicking goads). But I have discovered many times (as a Methodist friend likes to point out) “God wins.”

I can kick (resist) God all I want, but it is to no avail, and the pain of its worse than stubbing my toe. It’s a lot easier and much less painful (usually) to give up and let The Almighty have his/her way. Though recognizing my will

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As of March 31 2014



	Balance	Goal
Pipe Organ	\$317,750	\$475,000
Reserve Fund*	\$ 64,953	\$100,000

Three Year Campaign Comes to a Close

Congratulations and a big “Thank you” to the congregation—As of May 2014, the Gifts to Glorify the Lord (GTGTL) campaign to raise funds for a new organ and Sanctuary improvements as well as a church reserve fund reached the end of its original 3 year donation period. Over \$320,000 for the organ and building improvement fund and \$70,000 for the reserve fund has been raised! This is a fantastic accomplishment in these tight economic times.

Our original goal was \$475,000 to replace the pipe organ, based on bids gathered at the beginning of the campaign. In January, after holding the bid price steady for three years, the replacement cost rose to \$515,000. The Vestry and Diocese challenged us to raise 80-90% of the cost to replace the pipe organ prior to signing a contract, thus, the funds raised are currently well below the needed sum.

This situation has presented the GTGTL committee an opportunity to reevaluate the current approach and look at additional options. We are happy to report that we have been informed by a number of reputable pipe organ companies that our distinguished 1870 Tracker organ could be restored to be fully functional, read-

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Fr. Brad with retiring preschool teacher Jamie Hurd

Preschool Teacher Jamie Hurd Retires

In May, Jamie Hurd (“Miss Jamie”) retired after teaching for 36 years at St. Timothy’s Pre-school. The beloved teacher joined the preschool staff in 1978 after moving to the Herndon area from Chicago, IL. There are children in the current classes whose parents were taught by Miss Jamie!

At an end of the year picnic, Fr. Brad presented Mrs. Hurd with a gift on behalf of the Preschool Board of Directors. He spoke about Jamie’s devotion to children and her effect on their lives. Church families who had children in Jamie’s classes are invited to send notes or letters that will be included in a memory book. For more information, contact preschool director Helen Guest at sttimothysschool@aol.com. +

Thank You: Chapoteau Goal Reached!

For four weeks from April - May, the Service Ministry and Haiti Mission team conducted an Agape offering campaign to raise funds for St. Mathieu’s Episcopal School in Chapoteau, Haiti. The goal was to raise \$20,000 - and thanks to your generosity, we exceeded that goal. 128 donations totaling \$22,405 were given!

The team will meet on June 2 to discuss disbursement of the building funds in accordance with priorities identified by Pere Milor and the school administrator, Jacob Renaud, and the teachers. Progress is already being made, though: boxed meals for the students at the school have already arrived, with more meals scheduled to arrive this month (June) that will feed the children through the end of the school year. A small team consisting of Fr. Brad, his son Ethan, and Scott Zetlan, is attending the school graduation in Cange on July 5. And plans are underway to conduct teacher training for the St. Mathieu’s teachers during the summer months after graduation.

Your generous donations will also continue to support our 25 students, who would not otherwise go to school, along with our college student Wilpha Pierre, who is completing his first year of University. We are receiving regular reports from Wilpha, who is very dedicated to getting his degree in Accounting.

If you planned to make a donation to Chapoteau but have not yet had the opportunity to do so, donations will of course be accepted year round and will allow us to meet more of the needs of the children in Chapoteau. Make your check payable to St. Timothy’s and write either “Haiti School” or “Haiti Building” fund on the memo line.

The Mission Team sends out quarterly email newsletters to keep donors apprised of progress in Chapoteau. If you would like to be added to the newsletter list, [please sign up here](#). +

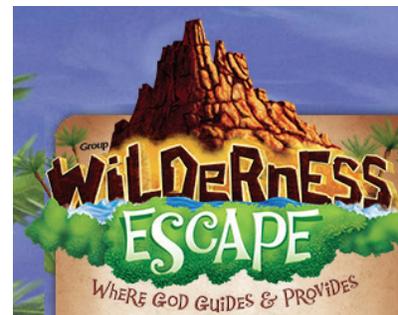
Sign Up Now for Vacation Bible School

This year’s VBS theme is “Wilderness Escape, Where God Guides and Provides”. VBS will be July 14 -18 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for children age 3 and potty trained through grade 4. Youth in grades 5-12 and adults are encouraged to volunteer.

We will offer the popular stories in the Godly Play room, Games outside, snacks, and art projects along with run songs and a chance to learn about and explore God’s acts in a nurturing environment. We also need volunteers to make this great week happen!

[Sign up online here!](#)

Questions? contact Christine Hoyle christineh@saint-timothys.org. +



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distinctly from the will of God is another subject I obviously have yet to master.

I believe it's true that God wants what's best for us but I would really appreciate a "Head's up" and sometimes a good dose of anesthesia as well. Life sometimes feels like major surgery without medication to dull the pain. So, are we willing to accept God's will? Or shall we continue to resist our Creator by insisting on having things our way? Even when having things our way leads to destruction?

I'm tired of kicking goads and suffering the bumps and bruises. I have figured out (pain does tend to get my attention) that giving my life to God is so much better than having everything my way, even when the journey is rough and there are no short-cuts. If my Methodist friend is correct when he proclaims that God wins then God will make everything come our right. And there is great comfort in knowing that. +

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ily maintainable, and, if desired, enhanced with additional pipes, at a cost that would allow us to complete the project—including Sanctuary and Narthex improvements—in line with the funds in hand. We are now in the process of soliciting proposals for renovation and are also pursuing new pipe organ configurations that would be less costly. We look to bring the campaign to a successful completion and continue the wonderful music tradition at St. Timothy's.

Please note that pledgers with envelopes will continue receiving printed envelopes in the mail until the end of 2014 to continue donating if they wish. Further contributions to the organ and reserve funds will assist the church with any unforeseen costs. +

Q: What is Pentecost, and why do we wear red for it?

A. Pentecost is sometimes known as the birthday of the Church, although it was a Jewish holiday long before that. Pentecost is the Greek name for the Jewish holiday of Shavuot (the Feast of Weeks), which occurs seven weeks (fifty days - hence the use of "pente" in the name) after Passover to celebrates the giving of the law (Torah) to Moses and the people at Mt. Sinai after their Exodus from Egypt.

The book of Acts tells the story of Jesus' disciples, who were gathered in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost, after Jesus' resurrection and Ascension (Ascension Sunday is celebrated the week before Pentecost, roughly 40 days after Easter). On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, making them into Apostles to spread the word of Jesus throughout the earth. The giving of the Holy Spirit symbolically parallels the giving of the Law at Sinai.

In the description in Acts, the Spirit is described as a sound "as of a rushing mighty wind" and then "cloven tongues, like as of fire" rest upon the disciples. Then, the apostles are able to speak to the multitude of people gathered in Jerusalem for the festival, with each understanding their words in their own native language.

On Pentecost, the priests (and often the people) will wear red in celebration, recalling the tongues of fire and the love of the Holy Spirit.

Submit your questions to the Question Box on the wall in the narthex below the pictures of the bishops.



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Submission deadline for the next issue: Friday, June 27, 2014

Questions, articles, or ideas, and comments for The Word are always welcome. Send materials via email to wordeditor@saint-timothys.org and put "The Word" in the subject line. Photos are also welcome; please identify key people in photos. Articles or letters may be edited.

Welcome, New Registered Members

We welcome the following people who have been officially recorded as members during the past month:

Adolfo Joseph Munillo Serrano
Angelina Fernanda Munillo Serrano
Karla Patricia Membreo Serrano
Morgan Elizabeth Guthrie
Stuart Austin Campbell Drake

We have *many* active congregants who have been attending and donating to St. Timothy's for many years who are not registered members. Our goal is to aid the transfer of all congregants interested in being registered members of St. Timothy's. Non-registered members can participate in all aspects of church worship except serving on the Vestry and participating in elections. However, the more registered members St. Timothy's has recorded the more delegates we can send to the conventions (thus giving us a stronger vote in Diocese matters). To transfer your membership to St. Tim's, or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Nikki O'Malley (nikki.omalley@gmail.com) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf

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Service Times

Sundays
8:00 a.m.
Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 & 11 a.m.
Eucharist, Rite II
Godly Play, ages 3-8
SPARK+, 3-6th grades
Nursery Care

9:45 am
Journey to Adulthood
Rite 13, 7-12th grades

4:00 pm
Misa en Espanol

Wednesday
12:15 P.M.
Eucharist and
Healing Service

Saturday
7:00 P.M.
Oracion y Alabanza