



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

The WORD

Our 136th Year

for September 2004

Herndon, Virginia



Let's Answer The Challenge

—Fr. Brad

“Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news” (Mark 16:15). “Repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in the name of Jesus to all nations (Luke 24:47). In all three of the synoptic Gospels the command to share the good news of God’s love in Jesus Christ is very clear. Thus the Outline of Faith (also called “The Catechism”) in *The Book of Common Prayer* directs us to “represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever we may be” (page 855). In The Baptismal Covenant we vow to do this “by word and example” (page 305).

Without question, this is one of the greatest challenges to believers. And we Episcopal Christians are especially uncomfortable with it. In our earnest concern not to offend people of other faiths, or go head-to-head with agnostics and atheists, we have allowed the Christian community to lose ground. While the Church is growing by leaps and bounds in Africa, it is declining in Europe, and barely holding steady in the United States. In Northern Virginia one in three people we know, 33% of the population, has no faith.

Now I for one do not subscribe to the notion that all who fail to embrace faith in Jesus Christ are eternally doomed. I believe, as St. Paul wrote, that Jesus died “once and for all”, that God’s love and forgiveness are readily available to all people. Of course, a lot of people do not know this, and that’s why our Savior urged us to “make disciples of all nations”, “to proclaim the good news”, “proclaim repentance and forgiveness.”

God’s Messiah calls us to be evangelists, literally “announcers of good news.” We are not called to persuade, coerce, convince, convert, or save. We are called to announce, proclaim, bear witness, share the love of God. This we can do. It’s as simple as telling the story we know best, our own story of faith – “I believe there is a God, a God who loves me, who loves all people. I believe this because . . .”

Evangelism also involves inviting people to Church where they can hear and experience (via the Sacraments, via the believing community) the love of God in Jesus

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Come For Life

—Rev. Kedron

It was all there when I got home...all if it. After 16 days in Fiji and 7 on the youth mission trip it was all there. A stack of mail as tall as a 6 year old awaited me. After laundry, much sleep, and a few phone calls to say I was home, I tackled it. I began to make piles. One pile of trash: Why does the Post insist on sending me those huge advertisements every other day? One pile of bills: funny I can’t find a way to get those to stop. One pile of personal letters/ post cards from friends on their own summer jaunts. And the last pile surprised me: Magazines.

I must have had a dozen magazines. The list starts with 1 Ikea catalogue, 2 Ross-Simons catalogues, 1 Glamour magazine (don’t laugh, I have been a devoted reader since I was 17. I even used an article once in a class I was teaching on end of life issues. Plus the fashion tips are really good!), 2 Real Simple magazines (a new addition to my favorites list), a Harry and David catalogue and the Reston Community center fall offerings catalogue. Whew!

Over the course of a month, this stack of magazines would have entered my home at a steady rate. A rate, at least, with which I could keep up. I enjoy these magazines. I don’t really read the ones from stores, though I usually flip through them before I throw them away. Does this mean I spend THIS much time reading magazines? Why? What do they offer?

Well, I like the pretty pictures for sure and I like to read inspiring stories about other people’s lives and I like the tips for living. It’s good to know how to throw a fun dinner party or how to teach kids that learn differently. It’s funny, but we learn those same things from reading the Bible. Huh? Yep! Jesus told us to invite everyone to the banquet and taught us in stories so that everyone would understand. No pretty pictures in the adult versions of the Bible, I’m afraid, but come to church and see the pretty flowers, banners, and hear the amazing music.

As the fall starts, I invite you to put the magazines down (or what ever it is that clutters your life) and come to church. Make time to rediscover the comfort of a

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This Workshop Is a Must

We will host a Sexuality Misconduct Prevention Workshop on Saturday, September 11th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. According to our canons, all adults (church staff and lay volunteers) who work with youth (except Sunday school teachers) must attend and have completion certificates on file. There is no charge. Please call Fr. Brad or Rev. Kedron by e-mail or phone or sign up in Henry Hall to register in advance, because we must order enough materials for everyone. Typically, we must travel to other distant locations to attend one of these. We're funding this one, and since this is the first we have hosted, it is important that we have all our people present.



LEM & Lector Training/Orientation

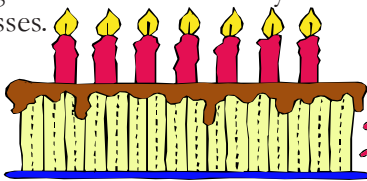
We will have Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) and lector Training on Saturday, September 18th from 10:00 am to noon. If you are interested in either ministry please speak with Father Brad.



The Youth Group's next outreach project is preparing dinner for the Nurturing Parenting Program on **Oct. 12th, 5:00—7:30pm. Set the date aside.**

Fiji Trip Preview

We had to include a couple of Rev. Kedron's Fiji photos in advance of the article scheduled for next month's issue. She landed here from her weeks in Fiji and promptly went on her second mission trip of the summer: to Dungannon Va. In Fiji she actually helped build a house, and fell in love with the kids there, shown to the right in church. Wait till you see her on top of the roof trusses.



Birthdays this Month

We Wish a Blessed Birthday to All These This Month

9/01 Melissa Dickt	Christopher Hrozencik	9/16 Darlene Sira	Kelly Jones
9/02 Dennis Phillips	9/09 James Wallis	Maurice Battisti	Scott Berno
David Mbonu	Jensen Quay	Marc Harlacher	9/24 Amy Barrett
9/03 Patricia Smith	9/10 Elisabeth Eek	9/17 Stephen Warnock	Millie Watts
John Tiller	Michael Saul	9/18 Michelle Duquette	Cecile Rundlett
Robert McLenigan	Emma Leeth	Margaret Perkinson	9/25 Robert Miller
Sophie Boysko	Mason Griffith	David Eke	Helen Guest
Colin Gough	9/11 Joni Ogden	9/20 Wendy Gardiner	Kate Davis
9/04 Kevin Allison	Heather Coleman	Craig Kennedy	Matthew Hrozencik
9/05 Jaroslava Zelinsky	Avery Baker	Hayley Johnson	9/26 Ruth Ellen Coffey
Felicia Brennan	9/12 Catherine Hutcheon	9/21 Elda Swisher	Dave Mbonu
Richard Fehrle	9/13 Alan Leeth	Pat Rhoads	Annabelle Cornwell
9/07 Sharon McKenney	Evan Lehner	Christopher Warnock	9/27 Diane Payne
James Boatright	Ethan Rundlett	9/22 Dorothy Outerbridge	Gayle Rippe
9/08 Manuel Diaz	9/14 Christopher Wilson	9/23 Benjamin Yamagata	Madisen Cook
Rachael Hixon	9/15 Thelma Hubert	Gregory Zelinsky	9/28 J.P. Hammonds
Marybeth Henry	Dianna Traub	Roger Lynch-Akins	
Brian Hrozencik			

Sharing & Inviting *(from page 1 col. 1)*

Christ and the Holy Spirit. It's as easy as saying, "I think St. Timothy's is a pretty special place; why don't you come to Church next Sunday – I can give you a ride or meet you there."

Evangelism is sharing and inviting, that's it. God's Holy Spirit does the rest. It's simple, easy, and actually very rewarding. And shouldn't everyone know how much God loves us all?

Come *(from page 1 col. 2)*

church service. Come to be challenged and come to be nurtured. Come to hear your favorite hymns and come to learn a few new ones. Church gives us tips on how to live; it gives us great interaction with wonderful people; it gives us knowledge that can't be found in even the best magazine. Have a great fall and see you in church! Blessings, *Kedron*

"Entertainment Book" Sale

On September 26, St. Timothy's Pre-School will be selling 2005 *Entertainment Books* as a fundraiser in Henry Hall. The pre-school will receive 50% profit for each book sold. The cost of each book is \$25. *Entertainment Books* offer 2-for-1 savings and other discounts at area restaurants and shops, movies, golf, sporting events, the circus, internet shopping, etc. Using the coupons for a round of golf, 2 or 3 dinners out, or sending flowers easily covers the cost of the book. Additional use puts savings in your pocket. It's a win-win for you and the children in the pre-school. Please stop by the table and browse through a book to see the many savings that can be yours!

St. Tim's International Mission Trip

Sunday, October 3rd at all three of our services Ms. Rebecca Hix, Associate Director of US Church Relations for Habitat for Humanity, will be our guest preacher. She will also co-lead an informational luncheon at 1:00 in Henry Hall—the topic is: **Habitat for Humanity International, A St. Timothy's International Mission Trip.**



Come and hear how traveling to a foreign country, living in a village or town and building a home can change lives: yours and the people's we meet. This luncheon will be to explore the option of going on a trip next summer. There is no commitment; please come and see if this might be an option for you. Please sign up by calling the church office or in Henry Hall.

Questions? Call Rev. Kedron.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for September

Pray each week for the Lutheran, Anglican and Roman Catholic dioceses and synods in Virginia and their bishops.

Please pray for bishop's visits as follows:

Sunday, September 12: Emmanuel, Alexandria; St. Paul's West Point

Sunday, September 19: Abingdon, White Marsh; Santa Maria, Falls Church; St. George's Fredericksburg (in search of a Rector). Pray for the meeting of the House of Bishops, September 23-28.

Sunday, September 26: Grace, Kilmarnock; Kingston, Mathews

Fiscally Speaking...

Our most recent (July) Treasurer's Report shows that our out-go is still exceeding our in-come and the gap is widening. July giving dropped \$4,347 from June Offerings. Fortunately, July expenses were \$4,892 below June.



For the year-to-date as of the end of July our income was \$461,132 and our expenses were \$480,781.

We are entering a season of exciting activities here at St. Timothy's. We can all join together in sharing God's abundant blessings to us, born out of his uncompromising love for us. Please pray with us about returning God's love.

THE MISSION OF ST. TIMOTHY'S

adopted 03/09/02

As people of God
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.

Dungannon, Va Mission Trip 2004

—Grant Johnson

A long-standing tradition for St. Timothy's Youth Group is the annual mission trip to Dungannon, Virginia. Along with members from other Region V churches, St. Timothy's 26 teenagers and adult chaperones live together in three rooms for one week to restore sub-standard housing for people living below the poverty line. This year, they surpassed everything from years before. Undertaking an unprecedented number of housing projects, with an unprecedented number of churches and total people alongside them, St. Timothy's and its youth group took its annual mission trip to a new level.

Approximately 75 people participated in this year's week-long mission trip, including youth and adults from St. Anne's in Reston, St. Thomas's in McLean, Holy Cross in Vienna, in addition to a large delegation of 25 from Wiesenburg Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania. The group stayed in the Phoenix Center, a simple building with no more than a kitchen, common area, bunkrooms and showers. With such a tremendous number of participants this year, more houses and mobile homes than ever were worked on, ranging from a house within walking distance of the Center to one 45 minutes away.

One group was assigned to build a wheelchair ramp off a deck at one house. Nine teenagers and three adults worked for the entire week on the project, one of the few groups to stay at one house all week. The work was divided up, with some people shoveling prodigious amounts of ground to make way for the decking, others measuring and cutting wood, and others constructing the necessary supports for the decking. Who could forget 5 pm on Friday, when the last nail had been hammered in after an eight hour day, and the complicated framework covered up by a beautiful, clean wheelchair ramp?

Many of the groups, who finished their jobs earlier in the week, were assigned other houses with tasks that could be finished in a day or two. It took until late Friday to finish many of the jobs because of heavy rain on Thursday that obliterated most of the workday. A lot of the groups worked on inside tasks on Thursday or used tarps to help ward off the rain.

When the hard labor of the day was done, an afternoon and evening of fun, fellowship, and program always followed. Who can live one day in Dungannon without a trip to the Dollar General or Scotty's Market for some snacks or treats for one's Secret Buddy? The Secret Buddy program is a tradition for this trip. Each person draws a name at random of somebody else at the beginning of the week and leaves him or her candy, notes or any other kind of surprises and/or encouragement throughout the week in a individualized crafted lunch bag mailbox each of which hangs on the wall, one for each participant. During free time when not at the



Dollar General or Scotty's, you could always find a group-wide football or basketball game nearby or constant card games taking place in the center's common room.

Also new this year was the leader of the evening program, our Associate Rector, Kedron Jarvis, who dedicated the week's theme as "Love Thy Neighbor". Starting out with several Biblical passages related to the topic, Kedron led the large group in a discussion each night, after which smaller groups would meet in separate places with an assignment to help convey the message. At the end of the program, everybody would come together and share what was covered in the small groups.

Wednesday afternoon traditionally brings everyone's favorite experience, our one brush with the "Big City" for the week. Two games at the bowling alley in Kingsport, Tennessee were followed by dinner at Pizza Hut (the only night in which the participants did not eat the home-made food prepared at the Phoenix Center) and 15 minutes of power shopping at a Wal-Mart.

Thursday night was marked by a Holy Eucharist service at a nearby building in Dungannon, which used to be the old train depot. Everybody contributed in some way, including acting out the gospel and writing a special *Prayers of the People*. Who could forget the surprise conclusion to the Friday night Talent Show, as water and pancake mix were showered unexpectedly upon group leader Mr. Vierra? That could only be followed up by the revealing of the Secret Buddies, as the week-long process of getting to know one another was completed.

This is a summary of the unprecedented number of projects, which this year's group completed 7/31-8/7:

1. Roof Painting.
2. Fixed Gutter, Jacked up and Repaired Front Porch, Fixed Leaky Chimney and Roof, Replaced Damaged Ceiling and Wall Inside, Painted Wood Walls, Enlarged Back Porch and Installed Railing/Steps.
3. Built Garbage Bin – Phoenix Center.
4. Replaced 2 Bathroom Floors, Installed Two Toilets, Installed Countertop in Kitchen.
5. Copied & Collated 500 Newsletters for DDC.
6. Painted Ceiling, Painted Trailer, Put in Gate.
7. Built Wheelchair Ramp.
8. Sorted Donations at the Local Thrift Store.
9. Rebuilt Porch Roofs and Wheelchair Ramps.
10. Built Porch, Hung Storm Doors, Replaced Kitchen Walls.
11. Cleaned Floors and Grounds at Dungannon Depot.
12. Fixed Ceiling, Replaced Decking/Banisters, added Downspout.
13. Installed ¼ Round Molding
14. Replaced Bathroom Linoleum and ¼ Round.
15. Repaired Storm Door.
16. Installed Hand Rails.
17. Fixed/Covered Window.
18. Installed ¼ Round and added Walkway Overhang.
19. Installed Storm Door.
20. Replaced Mailbox.
21. Extended Front Porch Deck.
22. Repaired Kitchen Sink at Phoenix Center.

Saturday morning required the participants to clean the center painstakingly to prepare it for the next group, take the group-wide picture, and head off to Northern Virginia or Pennsylvania.

The group from Pennsylvania was expected to bypass the customary stop for breakfast in order to make the trip as quickly as possible, but they stopped with three of the other Virginia churches for one last meal together at Cracker Barrel off of Interstate 81. The moment at the restaurant was a very appropriate way to end the week.

It is always the goal of the St. Timothy's Youth Group to ensure that everybody can go on this trip at no cost, and we were fortunate enough to make that happen again this year. During the year, the Youth Group raises money for the trip through brunches, dinners, bake sales, and other fund raisers. In addition this year we made a special appeal to the congregation for the designated Agape offering. Thanks to our parishioners' generous contributions we were able to send more participants than ever before. All of the Dungannon missionaries thank you!



Confirmation Classes

Please use the sign-up sheet
in Henry Hall
this Sunday

Classes Every Sunday
In Room B1

For Adults

Sep 12 – Oct 24

Classes for adults interested in confirming faith, being received, reaffirming vows, or learning more about Christianity, will begin September 12th and continue every Sunday evening through October 24th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Sign-up in Henry Hall please.

We will welcome Bishop Theodore (Ted) Eastman from the Diocese of Maryland (retired) for Confirmations, Receptions, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows on All Saints' Sunday November 7th. Ted Eastman was the Bishop when Brad was a priest of that Diocese, and he was the preacher for Brad's installation here at St. Timothy's.



For Youth

Sep 12 – Oct 17

If you are a mature youth and want to consider making an adult affirmation of faith, sign up for this class. We will talk about what confirmation is, who God is, and what the church does. We will also discuss the sacraments, talk about the Eucharist, play a few games and have LOTS of fun in the process.

We will begin September 12 and conclude October 17, 5:00–7:00pm (snacks provided).

Confirmations will be included in the 11:00am service on November 7 with Bishop Eastman.

Call or e-mail Rev. Kedron to sign up. kedronj@saint-timothys.org

September 12 is "Welcome Back" Sunday or "Ministry Celebration" Sunday or . . .

Whatever you want to call it, come stroll through Henry Hall at some point Sunday morning the 12th and visit the various displays while you enjoy your refreshments. Our many interesting ministries will have descriptive literature and personal explanations of how you could use your talents for the Lord this coming season. You'll be able to sign up for what interests you most, and plan to attend their next meeting to get acquainted. The Lord has equipped you for service, and this will be your opportunity to see who you can help most this year. And come dressed for the picnic.

Summer Fun



Evelyn Showalter, in the glasses, along with other young paleontologists, digs for dinosaur eggs at the preschool's summer camp. Other camp sessions explored *Under the Sea* and *Young Astronauts*.

Please join us for the Parish Picnic to be held in conjunction with Ministry Celebration Sunday on September 12.

Hot dogs and the fixin's will be provided by our Hospitality Ministry. If you wish, please bring your favorite side dish to share. Hope to see everyone there!



Another Winner in Our Church Family

Our sexton, Phyllis Hogan is a mighty proud Grandma. Her granddaughter is a real basketball star in the 12 & Under Girls AAU. She plays with the Fairfax Stars travel team and they recently returned from a very memorable trip. They were representing the Potomac Valley Association one of 105 teams going to nationals in Tennessee. We asked them to bring back some pictures, and since the younger Phyllis was the star of the final game, we asked her to pen her thoughts for our newsletter.

Hello, My name is Phyllis Martin. I want you to know how I feel about winning the National Championship in Kingsport, Tennessee recently. Well I feel wonderful about winning Nationals. Somehow the championship game did not feel like the real thing but the first time that we played Oklahoma we went into two overtimes and we won by 2. That was the game I made the winning layup. So then Oklahoma had to play the Garner Flames (from North Carolina). So Oklahoma beat them so we played Oklahoma one more time. If we would have lost we would have played Oklahoma one more time because we did not lose. So in the championship game I had 13 points, 7 assists and 9 rebounds. I had the most points in the championship game.

#13 Phyllis Martin, Fairfax Stars, #1 in the country!

Congratulations from St. Timothy's, Phyllis!



Traveling to Tennessee with "Little" Phyllis was "our" Phyllis on the left and her uncle Thomas on the right.

To the left showing off the team trophy, Phyllis says, "We love to play basketball!". Their team chant was true that day: "Who's House Is This? The Fairfax Star's House."

Sunday School NEWS

—Rev. Kedron

Parents of school-aged children have received a survey asking them at which service they would prefer having Sunday School classes this coming season. At this point, we do not have enough input from the parish to change our worship times to accommodate one Sunday school hour for both children and adults. What we do know is that we are not filling up two Sunday school hours and that there are not enough volunteers to teach two full Sunday schools. Therefore, we are going to have one Sunday school during either the 9:30 or 11:00 service. We are taking your feedback on which service would best serve the congregation by having you complete and return the survey. If you would like to respond but did not receive one in the mail, please call the office or pick one up in the narthex.

We have not abandoned the idea of having a dedicated Christian Education hour; it is still being considered and we are still looking for your participation in the discussion. Please consider speaking to either Brad or me and look for coming events where we will again have conversation about opening up one hour for Sunday school for all ages. Thank you for your prayerful input.

Vestry Highlights

—Wendy Budd

The monthly meeting of the church Vestry was held on July 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Following are highlights of the meeting:



The Treasurer's Report for June indicated that church expenses continue to exceed income over \$2,000 per month.

Terry Parsons from National Stewardship is available to visit with St. Timothy's in 2005.

A Time, Talent and Treasure survey has been completed and will appear on the St. Timothy's website and in *The Word*.

Anderson Mechanical has installed a new thermostat for the sanctuary which will make the two stages of air conditioning come on at different times to help lower the humidity in the sanctuary on cool, damp days.

The Dungannon trip scheduled for July 31 – August 7 will involve 3 or 4 churches and about 40 - 45 youth.

An "angel's dinner" for newcomers was held on Sunday July 25th. Newcomers' dinners will be now held quarterly. The next one is scheduled for October.

Peter Waggoner, a gifted musician, has been selected as the new music director. He will be organist, choir director and bellmaster. His first Sunday will be August 29th.



The WORD

for September 2004

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 website under "See All Events" beginning the day it is ready for mailing. The deadline for submission of material for the **October** issue is **Wednesday, September 22 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 key people in the photo are identified. Articles or letters may be edited for brevity or appropriateness. See our website for the up-to-the-minute monthly calendar. It's always current and covers several months. Weekly Bulletins appear on the website no later than Friday for the coming Sunday.

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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)
10:45am Sunday - Sunday School
12:15pm Wednesday - Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

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