



*St. Timothy's Episcopal Church*

*The WORD*

*Our 138th Year*

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## *Our Episcopal Church's Future*

The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion have received a lot of press in recent months. There is talk of schism. To date 7 of 110 Dioceses of the Episcopal Church are considering other options or have asked for "Alternative Primatial oversight" (meaning they no longer recognize the authority of our Presiding Bishop). However, there is no such provision at this time, and there is disagreement within the Dioceses in question. So, what will happen, and when it will happen, has yet to be determined.

In our most recent General Convention the Episcopal Church decided to take no action that would further strain the bonds of the Anglican Communion. We did, however, elect the first ever female Presiding Bishop, the first female Primate in the Anglican Communion. This has raised the question of women's Ordination in parts of the Communion that do not acknowledge Ordained ministry for women. There are a lot of meetings and discussions going on all over the world right now.

There are fewer than two dozen congregations out of 198 in the Diocese of Virginia that are considering some other path. Only two clergy so far have renounced their vows in favor of allying with other parts of the Anglican Communion. No property suits have yet been filed, and I pray it will not come to that. We have much more important things to do with the financial resources entrusted to us.

My greatest concern is that the Church's voice in a war-torn and broken world has been compromised. Those who look for reason to denounce the Church, Christianity, or organized religion, find ample excuse in our internal conflicts. All our talk of love and forgiveness has no credibility if we cannot love and forgive one another in the Church.

At the heart of all this is the question of Biblical interpretation – how we understand the Word of God, and who is welcome at the Lord's Table. It is important to remember that the Sacraments of the Church are reliable sources of grace. None of us is worthy of

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## *A New Perspective on "Let the Little Children Come To Me"*

On my first day at St. Timothy's, I was sitting cross-legged in a circle of Vacation Bible School students. We were in music class and had just sung about Jesus' saying, "Let the little children come to me." The music teacher asked, "Why do you think Jesus says that?" A second grader responded without hesitation, "It's his *job*. It's what he came to do. It's not like he was busy."

The unsentimental, matter-of-factness of this answer surprised and delighted the adults in the room. Of course Jesus was busy. He had crowds pressing in on him all the time. The disciples certainly saw how busy Jesus was. That's why they "spoke sternly" to the people bringing babies to Jesus and tried to push them away.

The disciples were busy themselves. Shortly before this encounter with the children, they'd been arguing over who was the greatest among them. They'd been trying to stop people from casting out demons in Jesus' name.

Like the disciples, it's easy sometimes for us in the Church to get caught up in the world's message that the busier we are, the greater we are. If we act on that message, we miss the point of Jesus' ministry: to care for "the least of these" as God's own children. Instead, we busy ourselves trying to define Jesus' job as we think it should be done. We try to figure out who is right or wrong, who needs to be stopped and encouraged with certain agendas, who deserves our time and resources and who doesn't. We even try to figure out if, with all our flaws, we are worthy of Christ's love. This busyness is exhausting.

That's why I found the second-grader's perspective on Jesus so refreshing. She knew that Jesus was never too busy to lose sight of what he came to do: to love and to care for "the least of these" as God's own children. How would it be if we responded honestly from our own needs and trusted Jesus to do his job? We could let go of worrying about the job we think we should be doing in Jesus' Name and let him do the job

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the Sacraments; we are all sinners. Our reception of them makes us worthy. We are transformed by them. Therefore, no group of people should be categorically denied access. The church welcomes us as we are, and calls upon us to examine our lives, our attitudes and behaviors; come to grips with how we fall short, pray for God's grace, and submit "ourselves, our souls and bodies" [Rite I, prayer II Holy Eucharist] to God so we may be made new, like Christ.

I think we have lost sight of God's transforming grace.

I pray for the Church, for my own faith and understanding. And I trust that "All things work for the good for those who believe" [St. Paul]. God's people will ultimately be better and more faithful for this time of trial.

*Jr. Brad*

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he comes to do still: to gather all of the least of these, including us, to himself and to transform us with his love.

I'm looking forward to encountering Christ in this community and letting him call me out of my own busyness into new, life-giving ministry. I've already been inspired by seeing people set aside their busyness to give their time to teach Vacation Bible School, to prepare for a youth mission trip to Dungannon, to light a candle and say a prayer in memory of a loved one, and to prepare for our weekly meal at the Lord's table. I hope that we can rest together in the knowledge that we and all our neighbors are God's beloved children and let Jesus do his job through us in sharing that love with the world.

—Leslie

## Search For Next VA Bishop

Please continue to pray for the search for the next Bishop of our Diocese. Though Bishop Peter James Lee plans to continue as our Bishop until 2010, The Diocese of Virginia will elect a Bishop Co-adjutor to work with Bishop Lee, and succeed him when he retires. The election will be in January 2007.

## 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.

## Plan For Welcome Home Sunday

All of the Church's ministries, programs, services, and missions depend on volunteers. At St. Timothy's this includes Service (ministry advocates, agape organizers, mission leaders and participants), Worship (altar guild, flower guild, choirs, additional instrumentalists, acolytes, vergers, lectors, lay Eucharistic ministers, ushers, hospitality coordinators and food providers, wedding assistants), Education (Sunday school supervisors, Sunday school teachers, Children's Chapel leaders, vacation Bible school leaders and helpers, adult education leaders, parish retreat planners), Evangelism (greeters, newcomer welcome hosts, program and service communicators, website host, inviters), Pastoral Care (crisis response coordinators, Stephen Ministry leaders and ministers, meal makers, transporters, funeral reception hosts, phone callers, card senders, intercessors, shawl makers), Stewardship (educators, coordinators, speakers and article writers), and more. What gifts do you have? What knowledge, experience, or training have you been given to share with other people?

We welcome volunteers at any time, for any of our ministries. Ministry coordinators are listed in our publications. We will have displays and information about all of our ministries in our parish hall during and after all three of our Sunday services on September 10th, "Welcome Home Sunday." Refreshments will also be available. Please visit the displays, invite family and friends to come to Church with you, talk to representatives of the ministries, learn about the many possibilities we have to serve the world for Jesus Christ – no pressure; just information and opportunity! Discover the miracle of St. Timothy's.

## Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training

The Diocese of Virginia offers four hours of training in Child Sexual Abuse Prevention. All clergy and Church staff must participate and be certified. And now all adults who work with or chaperone youth must also. I recommend it to all adults. The more of us who are familiar with the problems and know how to take precautions, the safer all young people will be.

St. Timothy's is hosting a CSAP seminar on Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. There is no cost but participants must pre-register on the Diocesan website ([www.thediocese.net](http://www.thediocese.net)).

*Jr. Brad*



If you know someone who would be comforted by receiving one of our handmade creations, please see Jackie Clattenburg, Janet Dopsovic, Donna McGrath, Jean Shepherd, Florita Tilden or fill out a form located in Henry Hall.

## Offering Our Time, Talent & Treasure

The term “co-creators” is often used to describe our relationship with God, The Creator. We have been given gifts and resources to assist God in creating new life (babies!), art and music, drama and literature, places and procedures for healing, products and services to help human beings, other creatures, the environment, etc. We are God’s partners. God has given us time, talent, and treasure to share.

God has invited us to join our Savior Jesus Christ in his mission to heal and restore God’s world. Jesus said, “In truth I tell you, he who has faith in me will do what I am doing; and he will do greater things still” [John 14:12]. When we join God by offering our time, talent, and treasure, wonderful things happen, miracles occur. Working with God, there is no limit to the good that can be accomplished.

## Reston Interfaith – Opportunities Abound

Greetings, I am pleased to tell you that recently I was elected to serve on the Board of Directors for Reston Interfaith (RI) as a representative of St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church. I am very excited by this opportunity and glad to see that St. Timothy’s is once again part of RI’s governing board. For those of you who don’t know, Reston Interfaith is a nonprofit organization serving Northern Virginia that promotes self-sufficiency through support and advocacy for those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality childcare, and other services. Founded in 1970 by area religious organizations to encourage the development of affordable housing for families and individuals in the area, the agency has since broadened its program scope and service area to address the most pressing social needs of our neighbors in Northern Virginia.

With a formalized relationship between St. Tim’s and Reston Interfaith, we can work together to serve better individuals in need in our community. I hope to be an effective liaison between these two organizations, providing members of St. Tim’s information about Reston Interfaith’s many volunteer and giving opportunities, and helping Reston Interfaith realize their vision through faith in action.

As a congregation, we already do so much for Reston Interfaith, from supporting the Help the Homeless Walkathon to the Angel Tree gifts during Christmas to the backpack drive. We will continue to do these things and much more! This is a win-win-win partnership.... Reston Interfaith receives the benefit of St. Tim’s generous heart, spirit and treasure....St. Tim’s receives the recognition of being a strong supporter of RI...and the people in the community benefit from our shared mission of serving those in need.

If you are interested in learning more about Reston Interfaith or have ideas about how to better involve St. Timothy’s, please feel free to contact me at 703-435-7216 or [jillnorcross@comcast.net](mailto:jillnorcross@comcast.net).

In peace, Jill Norcross

## Back To School- Backpack & School Supply Donations

With summer in full swing, it is hard to believe that children will be back in school next month. While doing your own back-to-school shopping over the next few weeks, don’t forget the children in need in our community. Once again, St. Timothy’s is collecting empty backpacks for Reston Interfaith and school supplies for the Herndon Free Clinic. Last year we donated 50 backpacks and many full bags of supplies. Let see if we can reach that goal again this year! Drop off your backpacks and school supplies (all types of supplies welcome) in the narthex from now until **Sunday, August 13.**

## 2007 Lakota Team Meeting

If you are interested in joining and/or supporting St. Timothy’s Lakota Team on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in 2007, please join us at our first planning meeting: Sunday, August 27th, 1-2PM in the kitchen. We’ll be “cooking up” plans for our travels. No commitment is required at this time.

## Christian Education Corner

In July, our Vacation Bible School served 26 children with Adventures of the Treasure Seekers. For five days, the children learned promises from God (“God Loves You,” God Treasures You,” etc.), played games, and learned about ways they can be treasures to others by giving of themselves. A special thank you to all of our volunteers and teachers: Amy Ratliff, Jaya George, Carl Coyner, Alex Brock, Sandy Coyner, Melissa Randolph, Bridget Patterson, Margaret Frost and the Rev. Leslie Chadwick (who was kind enough to jump in and help out on her very first day here!).

In the middle of the Vacation Bible School week, we had a very special extra event – the premier of Larry-Boy and the Bad Apple on the big screen in Henry Hall. Families enjoyed popcorn, punch, coloring and a fun new VeggieTales movie. This was a great event not just for St. Timothy’s families, but also brought out newcomers to visit our church and learn about our Christian Education programs.

On July 29, the Youth Group left for Dungannon on their annual mission trip. This year a record-breaking number of participants headed off on the trip, including several “returning youth” (i.e. previous Youth Group members now in college).

In the midst of all of this excitement, we still managed to get a brand new Sunday School curriculum picked out and ready for the fall. Be sure to register your children for Sunday School as soon as possible. Registration forms are currently available in the Narthex. Please put them in the Christian Education mailbox when they are finished, so we can get a good count of the ages we will have and make sure we provide the best possible Sunday School experience for all of our kids. And another special thanks goes out to Amy Ratliff and Betsy Knoizen, as well as Mary Jo Detweiler (at the Center for the Ministry of Teacher at Virginia Theological Seminary) for their help in choosing and preparing the new curriculum.

Marybeth Henry, Chair, Christian Education Ministry



## From the Music Director

### *Fall Choir Schedule Offers Something For Everyone*

Sing to the Lord a NEW SONG! It is time once again to announce the beginning of a new year of singing and ringing to the glory of God! We have many opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to become involved in our Music Ministry. As always, I want to encourage everyone to come and check us out! Our choirs meet weekly for rehearsals and sing and ring regularly for Sunday services and other special occasions. Previous musical experience is never required and becoming a member of one of our ensembles is a fantastic way to become acquainted with the basics of music.

So, without further ado, here is our schedule for the 2006-2007 season of music at St. Timothy's:

**TUESDAY:** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **YOUTH CHOIR** Ages 8+

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. **ST. CECILIA CHOIR** Intergenerational - no minimum age requirement

**WEDNESDAY:** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **HANDBELL CHOIR** Ages 13+

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. **HANDBELL CHOIR** Ages 14+

**THURSDAY:** 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. **ST. AMBROSE CHOIR** Ages 14+

**Youth Choir:** is for youths ages 8 and older. We use the training methods developed by the Royal School of Church Music which teaches choristers the basics of music reading, theory, and correct vocal production. It is a valuable way for youth to become actively involved in the life of the Church and learn about the vital ministry and gift of music.

**St. Cecilia Choir:** provides choral support in the form of hymns and anthems for the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday. Beginning this year, we will be meeting on Tuesday evenings to rehearse music for the following Sunday. We encourage everyone interested, including parents and their children, to come together and help lead the congregation in making a Joyful Noise!

**Handbell Choirs:** We have such a great interest in ringing handbells at St. Timothy's that we discovered one choir simply was not enough! Therefore, now we have two choirs that will begin meeting on Wednesdays to rehearse and ring as scheduled throughout the year. Traditionally, our first handbell choir is more accessible to those who may be new to ringing or reading music. However, both choirs continually welcome new members as space permits, so I encourage everyone to turn in their registration forms as early as possible!

**St. Ambrose Choir:** is for "adults" ages 14 and older. This choir meets regularly for rehearsals and sings each Sunday for the 11:00 a.m. service, providing musical support through the singing of hymns and anthems.

### *Concert Series*

Last year the Music Ministry began what turned out to be a successful and inspiring concert series featuring musicians from the area, followed by dessert receptions and a time for fellowship.

This year, I am excited to announce we have a number of exceptionally talented artists planning to come and share their gifts with St. Timothy's.

Below is a glance at what will be happening this Fall and Winter. I want to encourage everyone to plan to attend each event as they will be excellent ways to support the important ministry of those God has blessed with the vocation of sharing the gift of music, and to support St. Timothy's which also benefits from the funds raised through ticket sales.

**SEPTEMBER: 16th -17th** Choral Workshop & Hymn Festival - David Cherwien, clinician. Dr. Cherwien is director of Music at Mt. Olive Church in Minneapolis, MN. His work as an organist, director, and composer has led him to become a familiar name in the realm of church music. He will come and lead a workshop for our choirs and those in the community interested in attending, sharing his knowledge of vocal technique as well as introducing new and exciting music. Also, on Sunday the 17th, he will lead a Hymn Festival at St. Timothy's. More information will be available about this opportunity soon!

**OCTOBER: 7th** Once again St. Timothy's will host the local ensemble "The Treble Clefs". An offshoot of the "Herndon Town Square Singers", the Treble Clefs will be with us for an evening of familiar favorites!

**NOVEMBER: 3rd** The "Hermitage Ensemble" of St. Petersburg, Russia will perform a concert of Russian Orthodox and traditional a capella music at St. Timothy's.

**DECEMBER: 9th** The "VOCE" Ensemble will perform their concert, "Christmas in The Americas".

Again, I want to encourage everyone to take part in these fantastic opportunities. As Director of Music, I feel privileged to be able to host such a talented group of performers this year and hope you will all take time to come out and experience them all.

Thank you all for your continued support! —Peter



## Our Tracker Organ Is Well Known

One Friday in late June I had a providential meeting with the two organ curators at the Washington National Cathedral. I had arrived early for an Ordination rehearsal, so I wandered into the great choir area. I was admiring the magnificent carved stone and wood when I noticed two men working on the organ; I introduced myself, "Hello, my name is Brad." They gave their names and we shook hands. Then one of them asked me, "And where is your Church?" I responded "St. Timothy's in Herndon." Their jaws dropped. Then one of them asked, "Do you still have that old Tracker organ?"

Both of these men, I discovered, had worked on our Tracker organ in the 80's, and they quickly offered their expert opinion. From their perspective as musicians and technicians they declared, "It is a very difficult and limited instrument. It doesn't compare well even to similar size organs by other makers. The foot pedals are in an uncharacteristic parallel configuration making those toward the outside very hard to reach. There are no couplers or presets, which means every change in sound (voice) is very complicated. It has a limited number of voices and is not expandable. And it's placement in the Sanctuary (i.e., in a pit so the organist is below floor level with his/her back to the choir) is completely untenable." In summation one said, "It's an interesting historical instrument, but it's an organist's nightmare." The other man nodded in agreement. They both looked apologetic.

I've heard similar comments from several other sources -

guest and interim organists, organists we interviewed in our search for Peter, and even our previous organist. It certainly isn't what I want to hear, but I understand it is the truth. Moreover, we are finding that the cost of maintaining and repairing the Tracker is growing, dramatically.

An organ committee was created about a year ago to study this dilemma. The committee members have learned a great deal about our instrument, and about organs in general. We have visited other organs, and talked with organ makers. We have explored every option we can see, assessing the pluses and minuses of (1) renovation, (2) replacement with a used instrument, (3) replacement with a new organ - digital, hybrid (electronic and pipe combination), and pipe. We are still studying.

However, the honest truth is thus far all our research points in the same direction. We are going to have to replace our 1870 Tracker organ, and we believe a new pipe organ is the best solution. This is the most expensive course initially, but a new pipe organ would last many decades longer than a new electronic or hybrid, and cost less to maintain than a used instrument. Digital or partially digital instruments are plagued with rapid obsolescence (like computers). A new pipe organ could also be made with a detached console so the organ would fit in "the pit", and the console could be situated to allow our organist to direct the choir.

The Organ Committee expects to present all our findings and make a recommendation to the Vestry by this Fall. Please keep this very important project in your prayers.

*Jr. Brad*

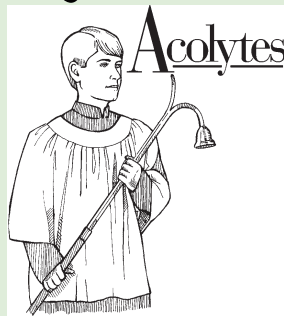
## St. Tim's is looking for Acolytes

If you are in the 2nd thru 12th grade and would like to help out with our Sunday Worship, we need you!

We will have Acolyte Training on Saturday, September 23 @ 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

This class is for all Acolytes, old and new.

Please contact Chris and Cheryl Brock at 703-437-3968 and let us know if you would like to become a part of this fun and rewarding Ministry.



St Timothy's continues to sponsor Frances Guzman, for the tenth year! Frances will enter her senior year in High School this fall and hopes to continue her education at University. Your contribution to this important ministry can make her dream come true and help transform the lives of once destitute girls.



Please stop by the Service Ministry display in Henry Hall to learn more about the ministry and Frances. Pick up a "please help me" card for a list of items needed by the mission. Donated items should be brought to Henry Hall and placed in the Our Little Roses basket on the Service Ministry table. We will send all items to Honduras in early September. Financial donations may be placed in the yellow "Agape" envelopes located in Henry Hall, in the Narthex and in pews.

For additional information please contact Carolyn Hamm (carolynhamm@cox.net) or at (703) 435-0438 and visit the Our Little Roses website at <http://www.ourlittleroses.org>.

## Agape Corner

— for July and August

### Our Little Roses Ministries

On Sunday August 13th St Timothy's welcomes Beverley Allison, Executive Director of Our Little Roses Ministries, at the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Please mark your calendars now for an opportunity to hear first hand of this important mission for young girls in Honduras. The Service Ministry will sponsor coffee hour after all services and Ms. Allison will be available during that time to answer questions.

**Note:** Please make out your checks to St. Timothy's and indicate on the MEMO line: "Agape" Be sure to place the check in a yellow AGAPE envelope.

## LEM Schedule/ Lectionary for August 2006

**8/6/06 Proper 13(18);** *II Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35*

8:00 – Tim Coffey, Ralph Tildon, Jane Perry

9:30 – Frank Martin, Chris Brock, John Schmitz, Cheryl Brock, Jane Perry

11:00 – Jim Hendrick, Betsy Knoizen, Bill Odio, Dave Hixon, Michael Cook, Allan Stanley, Jane Perry

**8/13/06 Proper 14(19);** *II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51*

8:00 – Robin Mullet, Rick Howarth, Michael Cook

9:30 – Laura Dendtler, Laura Petrosian, John McGrath, Patricia Mussante, Diane Payne, Jane Perry

11:00 – Duncan Hutcheon, Bob Duchesneau, Jane Perry, Ted Mankin, Rachel Muir, Michael Cook

**8/20/06 Proper 15(20);** *I Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58*

8:00 – Robin Mullet, Ralph Tildon, Jane Perry

9:30 – Gayle Rippe, Kaworu Yanagihara, Jackie Clattenburg, Edna Whittick, Mike Torres, M. Cook

11:00 – Bill Odio, Annemarie Rundlett, Dave Parker, Michael Cook, Allan Stanley, Jane Perry

**8/27/06 Proper 16(21);** *I Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69*

8:00 – Rick Howarth, Tim Coffey

9:30 – John Schmitz, Sean Brady, Laura Dendtler, Jackie Clattenburg

11:00 – Keith Sinclair, Dave Hixon, Jim Hendrick, Jane Perry

## Our Service Project Rocked!!

Scouts from Troop 159 are back from Summer Camp with hearts full of scout spirit and pockets full of merit badges. And, in true scout spirit, we left the camp in better shape than we found it. Our service project involved moving a lot of rocks to make improvements at a pond near the nature center. Thanks to our service, and because we kept a camp site that could pass a white glove test, we were again awarded the revered 'Hounds Tooth' ribbon for excellence in camping.

In spite of a few showers, the week away in the Virginia mountains at Lake Ottari was as great as ever. For Tenderfoot Misha Weber, this was his first trip to Boy Scout camp. His favorite part: "the overnight camp-out." His least favorite part: "there was no least favorite part." Misha says even the food was delicious!

This month, scouts are planning a major biking trip along the C & O Canal. Are you tired of spinning your wheels in "Lack-of-Adventureland?" Join scouting! Contact Scoutmaster Rob Carter at (703) 471-9069 for information.



## Flock Someone Today;

## Help the Youth Group Out Tomorrow!

The flock is back and they are all new, all pink, and all twirling wings! Yes, the pink flamingos are back and you can flock any and every one! The flocking prices for 2006 are:

- 5 Flamingos for \$7 (flocking on Sunday night)
- 12 Flamingos for \$12 (flocking on Sunday night)
- 5 Flamingos for \$9 (flocking on any night but Sunday night)
- 12 Flamingos for \$16 (flocking on any night but Sunday night)
- 36 all new, all pink, all twirling wings flamingos for \$45 (flocking on any night!!)

Once you have decided whom to flock and with how many pink flamingos, please email [flockings@cox.net](mailto:flockings@cox.net) with the details: the person to be flocked (the flockee), their address, the flocker (your name, or any alias you'd prefer to have on the form), your telephone number (in case we have any questions), and the message for the flockee ("Happy Summer," "Get Well Soon," "Just wanted to say hi," "Happy Birthday," "After all of these years it is finally pay back time!" etc.). Make out your check (to "St. Timothy's" and in the memo section put "Youth Group flocking"). Mail it to St. Timothy's, Attn.: Youth Group Flockings, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon, VA 20170-5199. The flock will be placed as close to your requested date as possible and removed approximately one week later. If you prefer to speak to a human, contact Kathleen at 703.689.3744 or [dowellk@cox.net](mailto:dowellk@cox.net). Thanks and happy flocking!

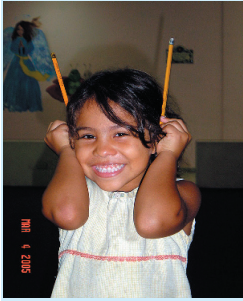




## *The Our Little Roses Story*

In Honduras where the plight of abused and abandoned girls was once ignored, the ministry of Our Little Roses home has become an oasis of hope and opportunity for the girl child at risk. This is important because uneducated girls with no skills have little to no opportunities to escape poverty level circumstances. Poverty produces abusive situations for many pre-adolescent girls who are deprived of an education by being kept home to take care of younger siblings, with no adult supervision or oversight. There is no other institution in Honduras dedicated to building lives, preparing and equipping once homeless girls to enter and supporting them in the middle class society.

The sense of family at Our Little Roses sustains all the girls, who are active in church. At Our Little Roses Homes, every girl is given not only shelter but education and love. Uniforms and school fees are provided, and a staff of teachers helps newly-arrived girls catch up with their peers. With a firm foundation in education and the support of a loving environment these girls will grow into educated young women contributing to society in a positive way and breaking the chain of poverty and oppression.



## *Habitat Mission Trip to Florida*

On July 8th, Mike Colie led St. Timothy's 2006 Habitat Mission Team on a one-week trip to Port Charlotte, FL. Accompanying Mike were his children Janelle and Stephen, Chris Brock, Tim and Ruth Ellen Coffey, Paul Conroy and Jay Lawalt. The team stayed in a brand new facility used to house out-of-town volunteers, which was built by a number of charities serving Charlotte County, including Habitat. The team began work on Monday, July 10th. Upon their arrival at the site, the team found that the slab had been poured, and the outside wall frames had been constructed by a previous team, but they had not been erected. The team worked about seven hours a day for five days straight under the direction of a Habitat construction supervisor and two carpenters. Everyday, one or two volunteers or future Habitat homeowners would stop by to also help with the work. By the end of Friday, the walls were erected and covered with exterior pressboard. All the metal hurricane strapping (which was significant) was in place. The trusses were erected and the roof pressboard was nailed down. Also, all the interior wall framing was constructed and erected. The three-bedroom house is one of seven under construction in the Port Charlotte area and will be completed in the coming months. The team worked very hard and the Habitat supervisor said he had seen teams of 30 people who had not accomplished as much as St. Timothy's team did in one week. The team was well pleased with its accomplishments, and except for a few thumbs getting in the way of hammers, the team returned safely on July 16th.

While in Florida during its off-duty time, the team attended services at St. James the Less Episcopal Church, went to the beach, visited the landing site of Ponce de Leon, went dolphin watching, had a low-country boil at the home of a Habitat board member, rode on go-carts, and went on the Habitat Volunteer Coordinator's boat on the Peace River looking for alligators, but did not see any. The team was also featured in an article in the local Charlotte Herald-Tribune newspaper.

The team thanks all who supported this mission and prayed for its success. They also give thanks to the Lord for this opportunity to serve, and for allowing their safe return. The team wishes to thank publicly Mike Colie for his leadership and hard work, both in Florida and in organizing this trip. Please let any of the team members know if you might be interested in joining St. Timothy's Habitat Team in 2007. We are also looking for suggestions for the 2007 destination, and as usual, donations to get the next team started are always welcomed.





The **WORD**  
for August 2006

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**The deadline for submission of material for the September issue is Thursday, August 17 at 9am.**

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**Editor's Comments:** Baby, it's HOT out there! Let's hope that everyone keeps cool and avoids any strenuous outdoor activities. Father Brad and the Youth group are in Dugannon this week. Pray for their well being and safe return. This edition is a little late because the office computer broke and upset the schedules. All the ministries are getting their plans ready for 'Welcome Home Sunday'. This should be a wonderful time for you to follow Fr. Brad's wish for some of your time and talent.

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