
ST. TIMOTHY'S MESSENGER

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Athens

February 2011



ST. TIMOTHY'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

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**Service of
Holy Eucharist
Rite II
Sundays
10:15 a.m.**

**Prayer
for the
Election
of a Bishop**

*Almighty God: Send down upon your Church and the Diocese of Alabama the comfort of your Holy Spirit, that this same spirit may lead us in this time of transition. Guide us as we seek your wisdom, so that we may choose a bishop who will walk in your ways, and so draw our hearts to you, that in all that we do we may glorify your name. We pray this through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

The mission of St. Timothy's Parish is, by the Grace of God, to worship, to proclaim Christ by word and example, to serve others beyond the parish, and to nurture one another within the parish.

A Message From Fr. Dave

Q. Who are the ministers of the Church?

A. The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.

This is an excerpt from our Catechism on page 855 of the *Book of Common Prayer*. Note who is listed first in line as ministers of the Church: the laity. I feel led to comment on this because I am excited about the involvement of many of you in the ministries at St. Timothy's.

We have had a number of new people join us in recent months and they all have immediately involved themselves in ministry! We have 6 new children participating in Sunday school, 3 new children and a new adult serving as Ministers of the Service, 2 new choir members, 2 new families who have signed up for the hospitality rotation and a new Sunday school teacher.

Allan Flack came to a discussion meeting at the beginning of January concerning adult Christian formation and left with a commitment to teach a 10-week course beginning 2 weeks later---you can read more about this class elsewhere in this newsletter. And---about 18 of you also committed to attend this class and bless it with your presence and participation! Supporting programs in the church is a ministry all on its own.

We also have 2 new chalice bearers and a new lector. And, of course, we have a whole host of wonderful people who have been and continue to serve both up front and behind the scenes to glorify God at St. Timothy's.

Remember that we all have gifts and talents that God has given us and he expects us to use them to his glory. Again, quoting from the Catechism, "The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church."

Thank you to all who are taking these words seriously and sharing your lives, gifts, and talents with all of us.

In Christ, Fr. Dave+

Episcopal Trivia

(answers are found at the end of this publication)

1. What does the Greek root word for "Eucharist" mean?
2. What two Anglican priests' evangelism led to a new denomination?
3. Where in the Book of Common Prayer does the priest remind people to make a will?

Adult Christian Formation

Allan Flack is leading/facilitating a 10-week class entitled "Whom Is Our God?" The class meets each Sunday morning from 9:00-10:00 in the back classroom in the parish hall. About 18 people have been engaging in thought-provoking discussions and leaving with much to consider for the following week. If this is something that interests you, it's not too late to join!

Diocesan Convention February 11-12

The Diocese of Alabama will hold its annual convention at St. Luke's in Birmingham on February 11-12. Delegates from St. Timothy's will be Ron Gatlin, Beth Magie, Bobbie Patton, and Regina Montgomery (alternate). These people, along with Father Dave, will be working hard to represent our congregation. This year the convention has been shortened from a 3-day, 2-night event to two days and one night. In addition to several business sessions, elections, and workshops, there will also be a service of Holy Eucharist on Friday and Morning, Noon Day and closing Prayer services on Saturday. Please keep our delegates in your prayers as they endeavor to discern God's will for our diocese.

The Seven Last Words of Christ

St. Timothy's Adult Choir will perform The Seven Last Words of Christ by Theodore Dubois at 6:00 p.m. on April 3, 2011. Make plans now to attend this special Lenten performance. Donations will be accepted and will be set aside for repairs to the organ.

Meet Your Wardens

Each year a senior warden and a junior warden are selected from the vestry to take on additional responsibilities for the church. At the vestry retreat in January, Ron Gatlin was elected Senior Warden and Carlene Freehauf is our new Junior Warden.

Ron was elected to the vestry last year and served as Jr. Warden, and this year will serve as Sr. Warden. He transferred his membership from All Saint's, in Atlanta, to Saint Timothy's in 2008, and has been active in the Episcopal Church since 1995. Since coming to Saint Timothy's, Ron has been active by lecturing, singing in the choir, and most recently as being a Lay Eucharistic Minister. He is also active in the Cursillo movement in the diocese. Ron is currently attending Athens State University, majoring in Management of Technology. Ron has a passion for ministry and looks forward to serving the church as Sr. Warden.

Carlene came to Saint Timothy's in 2001. She has been a member the Daughters of the King for 3 years. She also has been working on the Altar Guild for 7 years. Carlene has experience in renovating a 100 year old farm house in Athens, including plumbing, electrical, painting work all the while raising two children. She is now helping to raise two Grandchildren and comments that "It takes a village..." Carlene has great love for Saint Timothy's and wants to work hard for the parish's success.

Daughter's of the King Meditation

"My heart teaches me, night after night"
We sometimes speak of prayer and meditation interchangeably. Prayer alone, if we are not careful, can become little more than a laundry list of requests to God. Meditation, in contrast, can be described as learning to shut up and listen to God.

But when and how can we get to this silence?
I often hear people complaining that they do not get a good night's rest, that their sleep is frequently interrupted. I sometimes wonder if that is the only time that God can find us in silence. The next time that happens to you, and you find yourself awake in the night, try meditating--for example, just think of someone or something you are thankful for. Words are optional. Hold that feeling of love in your heart. Let your heart connect with the God who is love.

Sweet dreams.

Judy Wilson

Worship Schedule February 2011

If you are scheduled to serve, please plan to arrive by 10:00 a.m. so that the service may begin on time.

	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Chalice Bearer	Delbert Davis	Glenda Richardson	Regina Montgomery	Ron Gatlin
Crucifer	Randi Bishop Michael Bishop	Dylan Faubert	Brody Cox	Nathan Montgomery
Server	Mark Croucher	Marlei Croucher	Lane Bates	Olivia Montgomery
Lector 1	Jim Miner	Ron Gatlin	Ellen Miner	Sandra Turner
Lector 2	Julie Colwell	Allan Flack	William Pepper	Delbert Davis
Intercessor	Jim Miner	Ron Gatlin	Ellen Miner	Sandra Turner
Altar Guild	Mary Lane Bates	Anna Tominack	Kathryn Hall	Bobbie Patton
Ushers	Lewis Rogers Peter Acha Nathan Montgomery	Bucky Patton Bunny Oppman	Mark Croucher John Babb	Dick Hall Delbert Davis
Hospitality	Sandy Oppman Bunny Oppman	Tina Ballance Beth Magie Judy Wilson	Glenda Richardson Bill Richardson	Carlene Freehauf Ralph Freehauf
Vestryperson of the Day	Bob Knoffke	Jorge Aunon	John Babb	Lewis Rogers
Sunday School Teacher	Leila Croucher	Regina Montgomery	Vicki Johnston	Vicki Johnston

Please contact the Vestryperson of the Day if you are unable to serve.

We Pray For

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Catherine & Caroline Mattingly ➤ Sherry Day ➤ Josh Shoemaker ➤ Christa Shoemaker ➤ Grace Morris ➤ Betty Kimball | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Alline Moore ➤ Mary Gray ➤ Charlotte Gatlin ➤ Bob Chaffer & family ➤ Sharon Hawson ➤ Kate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Marjorie Casey ➤ Sandra Davis ➤ Mamie Murphree ➤ Margaret Terry ➤ D.J. Hassell ➤ Michael Hassell |
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Financial News

Status of the 2010 Operations Budget

(Note: does not include contributions or expenses for capital improvements for non budgeted items.)

Item	Actual 2010
Total Income	\$123788.89
Total Expense	\$146.615.63
Net Income	-\$22,826.74

February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 ★ Mary Lane Bates
6 ★ Will Weir 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	7 ★ Bobbie Patton	8 11:30 a.m. Chicks @ Ruby Tuesdays'	9 4:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Grp 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting Mac's Sports Bar	10	11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Diocesan</div>	12 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Convention</div>
13 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	14 ★ Judy Wilson	15 ★ Ruth Moyers	16 4:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Grp	17 6:30 Vestry Meeting	18 ★ Bucky Patton	19
20 ★ Andrew Tominack 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	21 ★ Peggy Strain Deadline for Messenger	22 ★ Bolton Patton ★ Phillip Patton	23 4:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Grp	24	25	26
27 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	28 ★ Brian Eberhart, Jr.					
						◆ Anniversary ★ Birthday

Celebrating Times of Change February 18 - 19

**A workshop exploring the inner and outer journey
through song, prayer, dreams and action**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church – Huntsville
co-sponsored by:
The Church of the Nativity – Huntsville

Diana and Fran McKendree will be facilitating a workshop encouraging participants to identify and deepen their awareness of various aspects of the spiritual journey.

We'll begin on Friday evening with Fran leading us in song and prayer. Diana will then guide us in an exploration of our journeys as a process of continual change and transformation. On Saturday morning and afternoon, Fran will again get us started with song and prayer. Diana will then lead us in a deepening conversation around our awareness and understanding of our dreams, and the dream world, and how we may more fully integrate our inner and outer lives on this journey.

For more information, contact Beth at 256-653-1070.

Why You won't Get Sick Sharing The Common Cup

From The Episcopal Handbook

"In this age of hand sanitizers it may appear a bit unseemly for a whole church full of people to actually drink out of the same chalice.....Actually, sharing a common cup isn't as hazardous as one might suspect. Most Episcopal churches use real wine---and then some: we use fortified wine, such as port. This has a high alcohol content, killing off most every germ.....However, if you still feel uncomfortable drinking the wine this is not essential to receiving Christ at Communion. Episcopalians believe that Christ is equally present in both the consecrated bread and the wine, so receiving one, the other, or both, gets you no more or less of Christ's presence."

From 101 Reasons to be an Episcopalian

"Our church service is called a 'Celebration' and most of the time we do." Linda Strohmier, Diocese of New Jersey.

This Month in the Episcopal Church

February 6: On this day, the Episcopal Church remembers the 26 Christian martyrs who were crucified in Nagasaki in 1597.

February 13: On this day in 1818, the Rev. Absalom Jones, the first African-American ordained priest in the Episcopal Church, died. Jones was born into slavery in Delaware in 1746. While still a slave, he married Mary King, another slave, in 1770. He worked for eight years to buy his wife's freedom so that their children would be free, and seven years later he was able to purchase his own freedom.

Jones became an active member of St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, serving as lay preacher for the black members of the congregation. A gifted orator, Jones increased black membership in the church at such a remarkable rate that white parishioners began trying to segregate the congregation; black parishioners were told by church officials that they would have to sit in the balcony. After a Sunday service in November 1786, when ushers tried to force all black parishioners, including Jones, to the balcony, Jones and his followers left St. George's.

Jones and Richard Allen, who had been a fellow member of St. George's, founded the Free African Society in 1787, a nondenominational mutual aid society designed to assist freed slaves. By 1791, the African Society had evolved into the African Church, which was received into the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania in 1794. The diocese renamed the church St. Thomas' African Episcopal Church, and it became the first black Episcopal parish in the United States. In 1804 Jones became the first ordained priest of African descent in the Episcopal Church. Jones died at his home in Philadelphia in 1818, and first appeared on the Episcopal calendar of saints in the Book of Common Prayer in 1979.

Answers to Trivia Questions

1. Thanksgiving
2. John and Charles Wesley
3. In the rubrics at the end of the service of Thanksgiving for the Birth or Adoption of a Child (page 445)

MESSENGER SCHEDULE

The Messenger is published monthly.

To submit events or articles, you may bring them to the church office or email them to: sainttimothys@pclnet.net.

The deadline for the next issue is
February 21, 2011

CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev'd Dave Basinger, Jr.
Rector

Ruth Moyers
Organist/Choirmaster
Preschool Director

Tarri Mason
Lead Teacher

Bess Havelly
Volunteer

VESTRY

Ron Gatlin
Senior Warden

Carlene Freehauf
Junior Warden

2011
Carlene Freehauf
Sandy Oppman
Penley Rees

2012
Ron Gatlin
Kathryn Hall
Bob Noffke

2013
Jorge Aunon
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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!

To:

An Epiphany Prayer

Father, we thank you for revealing yourself to us in Jesus the Christ, we who once were not your people but whom you chose to adopt as your people. As ancient Israel confessed long ago, we realize that it was not because of our own righteousness, or our own superior wisdom, or strength, or power, or numbers. It was simply because you loved us, and chose to show us that love in Jesus.

As you have accepted us when we did not deserve your love, will you help us to accept those whom we find it hard to love? Forgive us, O Lord, for any attitude that we harbor that on any level sees ourselves as better or more righteous than others. Will you help us to remove the barriers of prejudice and to tear down the walls of bigotry, religious or social? O Lord, help us realize that the walls that we erect for others only form our own prisons!

Will you fill us so full of your love that there is no more room for intolerance. As you have forgiven us much, will you enable us with your strength to forgive others even more? Will you enable us through your abiding Presence among us, communally and individually, to live our lives in a manner worthy of the Name we bear?

May we, through your guidance and our faithful obedience, find new avenues in ways that we have not imagined of holding the Light of your love so that it may be a Light of revelation for all people.

We thank you for your love, praise you for your Gift, ask for your continued Presence with us, and bring these petitions in the name of your Son, who has truly revealed your heart. Amen.