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# ST. TIMOTHY'S MESSENGER

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St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Athens

October 2010



ST. TIMOTHY'S  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

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

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Bishop Parsley  
visits  
October 10

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*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.*

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## A Message From Fr. Dave

It's true that knowing about Jesus is not the same as knowing Jesus. But knowing how we know what we know about Jesus is the crucial step in establishing a personal relationship with him. The answer to *how* we know *what* we know is this: personal experience.

One of the truths that we know about Jesus is that we can trust him to take care of us and our needs. However, it's only when we step out in faith and allow Jesus to actually DO this that we can say, "I believe" and really mean it.

Our stewardship committee is asking us to consider why we give to God through St. Timothy's. Giving responsibly of our treasure to the church requires that we trust Jesus to take care of us. About 30 years ago, Lynda and I participated in a prayer vigil as a part of the stewardship campaign at our church. It was at that time, in the middle of the night in a small town in South Carolina, that God convinced us of the importance of giving a tithe (10%) of our income to the church. This was a giant step for us---and not just because we would be giving much more to the church than before. It was a giant step for us because it meant that we had to trust Jesus to keep us financially afloat---and he has for 30 years. As we like to say, "He hasn't dropped us on our noses yet!" We have had our share of financial ups and downs---but Jesus has remained faithful to us and we have not lacked for anything that we needed---even if on paper it didn't look like it was going to work out.

I'm writing this because I feel so blessed and so responsible for witnessing to the faithfulness of Jesus. It's all about trusting him---either we do or we don't. We need to give---and not just because St. Timothy's needs our monetary gifts. It does. But when we give responsibly, we will gain much more than the church ever will---our reliance on Jesus will increase more than we can imagine.

It's all about trusting Jesus. Believe me, when we begin to give in a meaningful way, our spiritual lives will grow by leaps and bounds. When we realize that we are able to return to the Lord a portion of what he has given to us---AND still have food on the table, we will KNOW that we can trust Jesus. And we won't know it from reading these or any other words. We will know it because we will be experiencing it---we will be living lives that rely on trusting Jesus to do what he says he will do.

In Christ, Fr. Dave+

## St. Timothy's Ministries

My discretionary fund is a ministry in which we are all involved. You may not be handing a check to someone in need, but, if it weren't for your gifts to this fund there would be no money to dispense. Recently, for example, you have:

- bought gas for a woman who was headed to Florida to escape an abusive husband and for 2 men so they could be with their dying mother
- provided medicine for several people
- kept, or restored, power for families, including a 90-year old woman, by paying on their utility bills

At this writing, the discretionary fund has a balance of \$8 and some change. If you are able to make a contribution, it may be done by either writing a check with "discretionary fund" on the memo line or by making a cash gift on the first Sunday of each month in addition to your pledge contribution. The vestry voted that the "loose plate" offering (i.e. all gifts not designated as pledge payments) on the first Sundays will go to this fund. We have also designated the first Sunday of each month as Food Basket Sunday ---both are important ministries that help those who are less fortunate. Thank you for your part in these ministries. Fr. Dave

## St. Francis Day—October 3 Blessing of Our Animals

On Sunday, October 3 from 2:00-4:00 you are invited to bring your pets---ALL creatures' great and small--- to St. Timothy's for a blessing. We are offering this in a 2 hour timeframe this year so that you will have the freedom to come by any time within those hours. Encourage your family and friends to bring their pets also.

*Bless, keep, and protect, O Lord, your beloved creatures, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## Bishop Parsley's Visit on 10-10-10

Every year we are blessed to host one of our bishops when they make their annual visitation to St. Timothy's. This year, Bishop Parsley will be with us to celebrate and confirm on Sunday, October 10. This will probably be Bishop Parsley's last official visit here because he is planning to retire at the end of 2011. Please plan to be here to worship together, welcome our bishop and to wish him well. Following the service, we will host a reception for him. If you can bring a finger food for this festive occasion, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board.

## Music, Prayer, Scripture, Holy Eucharist, and ... Pizza!

In response to suggestions made at the Summer Suppers, Thursday evening services of Holy Eucharist will begin on October 7 at 6:00 in the church. These services will be different in many ways from the Sunday worship services. They will include:

- Contemporary Christian music
- Bible study (in place of a sermon)--- discussion about the Old Testament and Epistle lessons for the upcoming Sunday
- Prayers according to our needs and concerns
- Holy Eucharist---using home-baked bread and pottery vessels, we will serve each other in the round at the altar
- Opportunity for prayers of healing

Following the service, all who wish may stay for pizza, beverages, and dessert.

These services will be very informal---come as you are! You are encouraged to invite your friends and family as this will hopefully be a user-friendly vehicle to introduce people to the Episcopal church.

NOTE: Because the vestry meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, those nights are being designated as Family Fun Nights beginning with Putt-Putt Golf on October 21. Details to follow.

## Church Staff Update

Joan East has tendered her resignation as our church secretary. We are grateful for her many years of service to St. Timothy's and wish her well in her future endeavors.

## Jean Prater-Welch

A memorial service for Jean Prater-Welch will be held at St. Timothy's on Saturday, October 2 at 10:00. The service will be followed by a reception in the parish hall at which time we will have the opportunity to share our memories of this wonderful child of God. Jean passed from this life to the next on Friday, September 24 while on vacation in Denver, CO. Jorge Aunon expressed the feelings of many of her friends when he wrote, "*I came to know Jean ever so briefly, and during those moments I met a person that was at complete peace about her mortality. I have never known a person like her. I respected her tremendously for her equanimity and peace. I sincerely hope that when my time comes, I am able to face death like she did.*"

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2010

	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
<b>LEM</b>	Regina Montgomery	Ben Johnston	Glenda Richardson	Glenda Richardson	Ben Johnston
<b>Crucifer</b>	Nathan Montgomery	Sydney Johnston	Nathan Montgomery	Lane Bates	Sydney Johnston
<b>Server</b>	Olivia Montgomery	Sullivan Johnston	Olivia Montgomery	Blake Bates	Sullivan Johnston
<b>Lector 1</b>	Julie Colwell	Ron Gatlin	Jim Miner	Delbert Davis	Kathryn Hall
<b>Lector 2</b>	William Pepper	Julie Colwell	Ellen Miner	Kathryn Hall	Sandra Turner
<b>Intercessor</b>	Julie Colwell	Ron Gatlin	Jim Miner	Delbert Davis	Kathryn Hall
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carlene Freehauf	Anna Tominack	Kathryn Hall	Bobbie Patton	Sandy Oppman
<b>Ushers</b>	Lewis Rogers Peter Acha	Bucky Patton Louis Tominack	Ralph Freehauf Bunny Oppman	Dick Hall Delbert Davis	Jim Miner John Flanagan
<b>Hospitality</b>	Penley & Pembroke Rees	Inreach	Kathryn & Dick Hall	Harriett & Bill Davis	Bobbie Patton & Margaret Lane Bates
<b>Vestry of the Day</b>	Sandy Oppman	Penley Rees	Ron Gatlin	Kathryn Hall	Bob Noffke
<b>Sunday School Teacher</b>	Regina Montgomery	Vicki Johnston	Penley Rees	Regina Montgomery	Vicki Johnston

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

## WE PRAY FOR

➤ Carson Williams	➤ Tommy Gatlin	➤ Bob Chaffer & Family
➤ Miguel Rodriguez	➤ Joseph Leahy	➤ Mary Gray
➤ Jane Rogers	➤ Stephanie Monticciolo	➤ Cheryl & Issac Holt
➤ Will Haney	➤ Carol Phillips	➤ Brooklyn Royal
➤ Don Helm	➤ Polly Davies	➤ Becky Murphy
➤ Jessie Dyer	➤ Alison Jones	➤ Beth Magie
➤ Mike	➤ Pembroke Rees	➤ Rose Tominack
➤ Mary	➤ Rebecca McManus	➤ Brenda Hollinsworth
➤ Noah Crowe	➤ Don Moore	➤ Catherine & Caroline Mattingly
➤ John MacLain	➤ Duane Moore	➤ Shirley & Clifford Barker
➤ Jean Thomas	➤ Tammy	➤ Kerry Nelson
➤ Virginia Guzzetta	➤ Jim Glidewell	➤ John Riddle
➤ Charlotte	➤ John Mitchell	➤ Doris Adams
➤ Jere Trent	➤ Caroline Page	
➤ Jean Anderson	➤ Sherry Day	

## FINANCIAL NEWS

Status of the August 2010 Operations Budget

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

Item	Amount Budgeted for August 2010	Actual for the Month of August 2010
Total Income	\$ 9,434.00	\$ 11,359.00
Total Expense	\$ 12,593.54	\$ 13634.77
Net Income	\$ -3,159.54	\$ -2,274.89

# October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist  2:00 Blessing of the Animals	4	5 ★Dennis Martin	6 4:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Grp	7 6:00 p.m. Thursday Night Service  ★David Patton	8	9
10 <b>Bishop Parsley's Visit</b> 10:15 Holy Eucharist	11	12	13 4:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Grp	14 6:00 p.m. Thursday Night Service	15	16
17 10:15 Holy Eucharist  ◆ Chris & Jack Goodman	18	19 6:00 p.m. Chick's Meet at Applebee's  ★Dick Watson	20 4:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Grp  ★Ellen Miner ◆ Carlene & Ralph Freehauf	21 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting Family Fun Night	22	23
24 10:15 Holy Eucharist  ◆ Joanie & John Flanagan	25	26	27 4:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Grp	28 6:00 p.m. Thursday Night Service	29 ★William Wolfe	30 ★John Babb
31 10:15 Holy Eucharist						◆Anniversary ★Birthday

## Lighting Our Paths to Understanding

If you find that the readings from the Old Testament and the Epistle are confusing, especially when they pick up somewhere in the middle of the chapters, help is on the way! Beginning in October, the lectors will read a short introduction prior to these readings which will help set the stage for what we are about to hear.

## Confirmation Information

(or what you may have missed in confirmation class)

Famous Episcopal Entertainers:

**Robin Williams**---who, by the way, authored the often-quoted "Top Ten Reasons to be an Episcopalian."

**Judy Garland**---she was born in Grand Rapids, MN, and baptized at the local Episcopal parish where her father served as a choral director.

**Courtney Cox Arquette**---while starring in *Friends*, she married David Arquette at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco and their first child was baptized at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Birmingham, AL.

**Roseanne Cash**

**Sam Waterston**---an active Episcopalian who has aided the Episcopal Actors' Guild and chaired fundraising activities for the General Theological Seminary in NYC.

**Fred Astaire**---he was confirmed at the Church of the Transfiguration in NYC (which became home to the Episcopal Actors' Guild), attended St. Bartholomew's in NYC and All Saints in Beverly Hills, CA where it is said that he spent long hours in contemplation

**Cecil B. DeMille**---this director of Biblical epics such as *The Ten Commandments*, *The King of Kings*, and *Samson and Delilah* attended St. Stephen's in Hollywood to which he made generous contributions including the loan of the marble tablets from *The Ten Commandments*.

**David Hyde Pierce**---best known for his role on *Frazier*, Pierce spent time on the organ bench at Bethesda Episcopal Church in Sarasota Springs, New York.

## Advent Adventure

Mark your calendar for "Advent Adventure" Saturday, November 13 from 9:00-4:00. The choir is heading up efforts to repair and refurbish the hallowed Saint Timothy's church organ by sponsoring this event. Signed up so far (to tempt you) are the Blacksmiths' group who will set up and demonstrate on site; a beautiful hand-crafted outdoor table (tickets will be sold and a drawing held at 4:00 to determine the fortunate winner); frozen entrees to take home for those holiday dinners, and crafts, including home-made jams and jellies, and other gift items. Call and tell us what craft or item you can donate to help: Bill Richardson---256-233-6189.

## Preschool Halloween Party

Our preschool children are looking forward to the annual Halloween party which will be held on Friday, October 29 from 10:00-11:00. This is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers from our church family to contribute to this event. We can use your gifts and talents in a variety of ways:

- Set-up (prior to 10:00)
- Clean-up (at 11:00)
- Helping with the activities (10:00-11:00)
  - Providing refreshments: cookies, drinks, sandwiches, etc. (or monetary gifts for the purchase of these treats).

If you can help in any way, please email a message to [sainttimothys@pclnet.net](mailto:sainttimothys@pclnet.net) letting us know what you would like to do.

*Thank you from the preschool staff!*

## Bishop Search Process Underway, Nomination/Application Deadline is October 8

The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama has begun its search for a new diocesan bishop. The deadline for nominations and applications is Oct. 8. The eleventh bishop of Alabama will succeed the Right Reverend Henry N. Parsley, Jr., who is retiring as diocesan bishop effective Dec. 31, 2011.

"The eleventh bishop of Alabama will be a visionary who can lead, teach and inspire both lay persons and clergy to grow the church, to find creative ways to meet financial challenges, and to strengthen ties between parishes and the diocese," according to the diocesan profile, which can be viewed at <http://bishopsearch.dioala.org>. Guidelines for submitting nominations are included in the profile.

A broadly representative sixteen-member committee has been charged by the Standing Committee to deliver a slate of nominees by April 25, 2011.

## Opportunity for Christian Witness

In a letter that you will soon be receiving from Bishop Parsley, you will be informed about The Alabama Episcopal Foundation which helps people "witness to their Christian values in the disposition of their estates...through a provision for a gift to the parish or diocese. The foundation provides a basket into which these gifts are gathered, managed, and from which the assets are distributed to the parish or diocesan fund to support ministry and community."

You are encouraged to read the material and prayerfully consider if this is a program in which you would like to participate.

## 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  
**October 25, 2010**

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## CLERGY & STAFF

**The Rev'd Dave Basinger, Jr.**  
Rector

**Ruth Moyers**  
Organist/Choirmaster  
Preschool Director

**Judy Cafiero**  
Pianist

**Tarri Mason**  
Lead Teacher

**Bess Havely**  
Volunteer

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## VESTRY

**Kathryn Hall**  
Senior Warden

**Ron Gatlin**  
Junior Warden

**2010**  
Ben Johnston  
Regina Montgomery  
Delma Rogers

**2011**  
Carlene Freehauf  
Sandy Oppman  
Penley Rees

**2012**  
Ron Gatlin  
Kathryn Hall  
Bob Noffke

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