
ST. TIMOTHY'S MESSENGER

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Athens

November 2010



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

**Annual Meeting/
Vestry Election**

Our annual meeting will be held following the service on Sunday, December 5. We will hear reports about the ministries at St. Timothy's and we will elect 3 people to serve on our vestry to replace those who are cycling off this year: Ben Johnston, Regina Montgomery and Delma Rogers. Please plan to come and celebrate our ministries and activities and let your voice be heard through your vote.

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

It's that time of year that my friend refers to as "Hallowthankmas." As I write this on October 23, it's a week before Halloween---the kickoff event of this so-called "season". The Halloween clearance sales have already begun to make room for the Christmas merchandise and, yes, nestled in-between the costumes and decorated trees are small displays of Thanksgiving cards. But, other than greeting cards and lots of food advertising urging us to begin preparations for the great feast, we haven't yet commercialized Thanksgiving and that in itself is something for which to be thankful.

I choose to think that the reason for this is that deep down inside we realize that Thanksgiving isn't just the 4th Thursday in November, and it isn't an occasion dreamed up by the Pilgrims or by Abraham Lincoln---it's a lifelong celebration---or it should be.

As Christians we have a responsibility to live our lives thankfully. In Bishop Parsley's sermon on the one leper who returned to give thanks to Jesus, he spoke of a friend of his who said that if we aren't saying "WOW" at least 6 times a day, we aren't paying attention. God gives us so much for which we should be thankful and hopefully we do stop and offer thanks multiple times each day. And many of God's gifts aren't tangible items: love, friendship, kindness, compassion, listening, freedom, hope, joy etc., etc., etc.

Because it is such an integral part of our Christianity to be thankful, I urge us all to focus on giving thanks this month. Try spending a complete worship service thanking Jesus instead of asking him for anything: "Thank you for the music, for the freedom to hear God's word read in public, for the people who trust us to pray for them, for the beauty of this church, for the people gathered here, for the privilege of gathering to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus...." When we go to the polls on Nov. 2 go with thankful hearts that we live where we can voice our opinions and beliefs and respect those of others. Wherever we find ourselves, we can find reasons to give thanks....let's try honing our skills this month so that we can be better thanksgivers every month!

In Christ, Fr. Dave+

Ministry

Barbara Brown Taylor, an Episcopal priest with a gift of communication, has expressed the concept of ministry beautifully. She says that people tend to dodge commitment to ministry because their calendars are already filled to overflowing with activities and they simply don't see how they can fit in one more thing. However, Taylor points out, the focus should be on realizing that ministry doesn't have to be "one more thing" on our calendar. Ministry is an attitude. We need to take what we are already doing and reassess WHY we are doing it and FOR WHOM we are doing it. Once we take our everyday activities and begin doing them for God and His creation then they become our ministries.

This is the month that we are asking you to make a commitment of your time, talent, and treasure to the work of God at St. Timothy's. Included on your pledge card is an opportunity for you to indicate ministries in which you would like to participate. You may want to try out a completely new ministry that has been on your mind OR, as mentioned above, you may want to reevaluate why you are doing what you are already doing and come to the realization that we are God's representatives in his world and therefore all that we do should be done as ministry for him.

“For All The Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest”

All Saints Day, which falls on November 1 of each year, will be celebrated in two ways at St. Timothy's:

- **Thursday, Nov. 4** at 6:00: Our *Thursdays at St. Timothy's* service will be a Service of Light instead of our normal service of Bible study and Holy Eucharist. This service, consisting of prayers and Taize music, will also include the opportunity to light candles for our loved ones who have died. This is a very personal and spiritual way to remember those who have gone before us and to celebrate their lives.
- On **Sunday, November 7**, our worship service will be centered around the liturgy for All Saints Day which, when it does not fall on a Sunday, is celebrated on the first Sunday in November.

Plan to participate in these two very diverse ways to remember our loved ones.

Something New This Year

Serving on a vestry is a serious and sometimes mysterious task and one into which no one should enter lightly or unadvisedly! For this reason, all who would like to know more about serving on the vestry, and all who feel called to allow your name to be put into nomination, will be required to attend a one-hour orientation meeting the day before our annual meeting. It will be held on Saturday, December 4 from 9:00-10:00 and will include light breakfast foods and opportunity for

questions and discussion.

This idea was suggested at the diocesan workshop for wardens and vestry members last spring. Hopefully, this meeting will clarify for you what a vestry is and what it is not and will help you decide if this is a ministry for you.

Because the previous weekend falls within the Thanksgiving holiday, Dec. 4 is the only good day left for this meeting. However, if you are considering running for a vestry position, but cannot attend this meeting, please call Fr. Dave and arrange to meet with him at another time to receive this information.

The Episcopal Church Welcomes YOU!

Sunday, October 10 was a day of celebration for many reasons here at St. Timothy's. Bishop Parsley was with us for an inspiring teaching time prior to the service, a joyful worship service, and good fellowship following the service. Many thanks to all who worked even more diligently than usual to make the day a joyful time for all.

We welcome our 5 newest members who were confirmed or received by Bishop Parsley:

- Jorge Aunon, received
- Charlie Dye, confirmed
- Tarri Mason, confirmed
- Francis and Michael Stevenson, confirmed

Defend, O Lord,

your servants with your heavenly grace ...

An Advent Prayer from the Daughters of the King.

Advent begins on November 28 this year, so even though we are just celebrating Halloween and are looking forward to Thanksgiving, we also have the beginning of the season of Advent in this month.

Heavenly Father, during Advent may we remember the greatest gift ever given: Your only son, Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with joy day by day as we think of our Savior putting aside His heavenly glory and coming among us. As a newborn, only a stable roof sheltered Him and ordinary, impoverished parents cared for Him. Your angels couldn't contain themselves, but broke into the quiet night-watch of a group of humble shepherds. The heavenly messengers proclaimed the glorious news of the Savior who would pay the price for our sins, the sign of Your goodwill to all men, and Your desire for peace on earth. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, grow our understanding and wonder of His birth. By Christmas Day, may our hearts overflow with rejoicing and thanksgiving. Let our gratitude overflow to each person we meet by demonstrating the peace and goodwill in our hearts---not just at this joyful season, but all the year round. Thank you for sending Your only son to earth for a specific purpose---to provide eternal life to all who accept Him.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2010

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

We are in desperate need of additional LEMs and Acolytes!

	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
LEM	Glenda Richardson	Ben Johnston	Regina Montgomery	Glenda Richardson
Crucifer	Lane Bates	Sydney Johnston	Nathan Montgomery	Lane Bates
Server	Blake Bates	Sullivan Johnston	Olivia Montgomery	Blake Bates
Lector 1	Delbert Davis	Julie Colwell	Jim Miner	Ron Gatlin
Lector 2	Kathryn Hall	William Pepper	Sandra Turner	Ellen Miner
Intercessor	Delbert Davis	Julie Colwell	Jim Miner	Ron Gatlin
Altar Guild	Jean Anderson	Joanie Flanagan	Delma Rogers	Mary Lane Bates
Ushers	Lewis Rogers Peter Acha	Alan Flack Pembroke Rees	Ralph Freehauf Jim Miner	Dick Hall Bunny Oppman
Hospitality	Bobbie Patton Mary Lane Blake	Beth Magie Judy Wilson	Bunny Oppman Sandy Oppman	Ralph Freehauf Carlene Freehauf
Vestry of the Day	Ben Johnston	Regina Montgomery	Delma Rogers	Carlene Freehauf
Sunday School Teacher	Regina Montgomery	Regina Montgomery	Vicki Johnston	Vicki Johnston

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

WE PRAY FOR

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

FINANCIAL NEWS

Status of the September 2010 Operations Budget

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

Item	Actual for the Month of September 2010	Amount Budgeted for September 2010
Total Income	\$ 8,048.00	\$ 11,323.93
Total Expense	\$ 12,040.24	\$ 14,150.92
Net Income	\$ -3992.24	\$ -2826.99

November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 All Saints Day +	2 ★ Sarah Dye	3 4:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Grp	4 6:00 p.m. Service of Light ★ Terry Martin	5 ★ Glenda Richardson	6
7 All Saints Sunday + 10:15 Holy Eucharist	8	9	10 4:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Grp 6:30 p.m. Men's Group Applebee's	11 11:30 a.m. Chicks Clark's Restaurant 6:00 p.m. Thursday's @ St. Timothys	12	13 Choir Fundraiser
14 10:15 Holy Eucharist 12:30 DOK Meeting ★ Sullivan Johnston	15	16 ★ Miranda Hickman	17 4:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Grp	18 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting & Family Fun Night	19	20 ★ Laura Moyers
21 10:15 Holy Eucharist	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24 4:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Grp	25 Thanksgiving No Service	26 ★ Regina Montgomery	27
28 10:15 Holy Eucharist ◆ Bill & Glenda Richardson	29	30				◆ Anniversary ★ Birthday

Confirmation Information

(or what you may have missed in confirmation class)

Did you know that the Episcopal Church is active in Washington politics? The Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN), consisting of some 20,000 Episcopalians, work together to inform our lawmakers about the positions of the Episcopal Church on matters of international peace and justice, human rights, immigration, welfare, poverty, violence etc. The Office of Government Relations meets with government leaders, media and both religious and secular coalitions to further the Church's social policies which are established at our triennial conventions where we pass resolutions urging action in a variety of areas such as increasing aid to war-torn areas of Africa, urging disarmament of nuclear weapons, providing aid to Haiti, and working with those affected by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The EPPN defines its work as an extension of our Baptismal Covenant as we strive for justice and peace among all people. You may go online at www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn to learn more about the EPPN, including how to become a part of it.

(Information provided by *The Episcopal Handbook*)

Stewardship

Sunday, November 7 is the day designated as Stewardship Sunday---meaning that it is the day we are asking that you return your pledge card and information, if you haven't already done so. In an article concerning stewardship in difficult times, a couple of points in particular stood out:

- "Now is the time to focus on mission, ministry, and living out the gospel more than ever."
- "It is important to discern how this [economic] crisis can open up a path of conversion and healing..."

There is much truth in both of these remarks. First, in stressful times, we are often more open to realizing how our past priorities might need to be changed. When money is flowing freely throughout our society, instead of becoming more generous in our giving of our resources, we tend to spend more on extravagant living because we feel more in control of our lives. However, when we are forced to budget more carefully, when we find ourselves turning to God more frequently for solutions, protection, and guidance, we tend to see everything in a clearer light---including how we allocate our money.

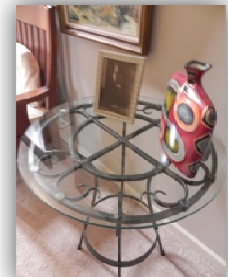
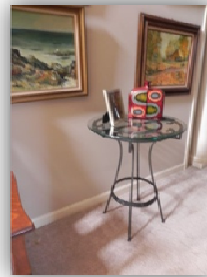
Secondly, have you noticed how conversations with our friends and neighbors tend to go in one of two directions? We are either bemoaning the country's financial situation or we are saying, in essence, "God is in control---this is an opportunity to get our priorities straight and begin anew." I hope that, as Christians, we

can be the light at the end of the tunnel for our friends--this is truly a great time to witness to those who are losing hope.

If you haven't yet turned in your pledge to God's work through St. Timothy's, please approach your decision prayerfully and return your card either in the collection plate or through the mail.

Advent Adventures

"Advent Adventures" will be held Saturday November 13 at Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church at 207 East Washington Street in downtown Athens beginning at 9:00 AM. A fund raiser to benefit the church's organ repairs, the event will feature music, blacksmithing, frozen entrees and baked goods prepared by Saint Timothy's talented cooks and crafts for holidays and more. For more information, contact the church office at 256-232-3541.



Bill Richardson has crafted a priceless patio table which will be a top prize in a raffle, with a second prize of some donated golf clubs which have been blessed by an expert.

The Reasons For Our Church Seasons

The church seasons follow the life of Jesus Christ, beginning with the preparation for his birth in *Advent*, the birth of the Christ Child at *Christmas*, the journey of discipleship in *Epiphany* as the Wise Men follow the star to Bethlehem, the preparation for remembrance of Jesus' passion and death during *Lent* and *Holy Week*, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead at *Easter*, and his ascension into Heaven. After his ascension, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at *Pentecost* and build our relationship with the risen Christ during this season. This is also a good time to review what we are both individually, and as a church, doing to fulfill Christ's' Great Commission to go into all the world and preach His Gospel (Good News) of salvation. We are back to Advent and while we begin preparing again for the coming Nativity celebration, we remember that we also look forward to another coming Advent of Christ, His Second Coming to judge the world. Let us use this season of Advent, as Christians before us have done throughout history, to prepare our hearts and lives for Him. "Even so, come Lord Jesus." (Revelation 22:20)

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 **November 22, 2010**

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To:

Around the Diocese of Alabama

The Diocese of Alabama Commission on Spirituality is sponsoring two events that may be of interest to you.

- **Taste and See---November 20---9:00-2:30** at the Church of the Ascension, 1912 Canyon Road, Birmingham. Participants will be introduced to a variety of spiritual tools including: Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina, Writing As Prayer, Introduction to Soulcollage, and Dreamwork as a Spiritual Discipline. The cost of \$25 includes lunch. For further information see the postings on our bulletin board or contact Sarah Sartain at ssartain@dioala.org.
- **Advent Quiet Day---"Come Light of Light"---December 4---9:45-2:30** at the Church of the Epiphany, 1338 Montevallo Road, Leeds, AL. This will be a time for quiet reflection, journaling, chanting, and Holy Eucharist led by Mary Bea, author and retreat leader for individuals, faith and monastic communities, and businesses throughout the southeast. The fee of \$15 includes lunch. Register by November 27. For further information, see our bulletin board or go to the diocesan website (www.dioala.org)