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News From the Rector

WOW! Look At The Growth Groups!

I stand in awe of what our Lord is doing in this place through all of you. If you haven't yet noticed, let me remind you that we have begun our first semester of Growth Groups with well over 275 people registered and hopefully attending (this figure includes our older teens who are in their own Growth Groups). This figure also includes 20 people who are not members of St. Timothy's. There is much excitement being displayed by the groups and their leaders as they experience spiritual growth, learning, and true Christian fellowship with one another. What a proud moment in the life of our parish. We have been preparing for this for well over a year, and it's good to see the fruit of the labor of so many good people.

Vestry and Officers for 2011

I also want to remind you, or inform those who do not know, that I have appointed Tommy Lamb to be Senior Warden this year, and that the vestry has elected Martin Bayang to be the Jr. Warden, Bob Benning to be the Treasurer, and Anne Sundquist to be the Secretary. We have also re-elected Steve Crawford to be the Chancellor. What a great group of Officers!

Lent is Just Around the Corner

Lent begins this year on March 9 (Ash Wednesday, Services at 7:30AM, 12:00Noon and 7:00PM) and ends with Easter Sunday on April 24. Lent is a time of special devotion to our Lord as we walk with Him on His journey to Jerusalem, through His Passion, and to the Cross. Many Christians offer this season as a time of fasting and prayer.

So allow me to offer some helpful hints as to what Fasting is all about. Fasting is really defined as abstaining from something for spiritual purposes, which usually happens to be food. The *primary purpose* of fasting is to focus on God and to center our attention on Him. In doing so, we glorify God (Zechariah 7:5). Fasting is not for personal glory or any other selfish motives (Matthew 6:16-18).

What are the different types of fasting?

- *absolute fast*: no food or water for a period of time (Exodus 34:28; Esther 4:16)
- *normal fast*: only water, but no food or other drink (Nehemiah 1:4)
- *partial fast*: usually only water, juices, and sometimes fruit (Daniel 1:12)
- *Lent fast*: giving up something specific for the duration of Lent
- *other things to fast from*: people, media, telephone, certain activities/habits, etc.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST...cont.

Over the last four months, I have been writing about the Holy Eucharist and have finished the first half of the Eucharist known as 'The Liturgy of the Word' and am part way through the second half of the Service known as 'The Holy Communion'.

We move now to the second part of the Eucharistic action - The Prayer of (Fr. Stan cont. on pg.2)

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Our Mission Is: We Will Know, Love, Serve, and Obey Christ and Will Make Him Known to Others!

Our Core Values:

Growing and Discipling the Family of God

Reflecting the Love of God Through Hospitality, Friendship and Fellowship

Encountering the Living God Through Traditional and Contemporary Worship

Raising and Nurturing Children through the Grace of God

Sharing God's Love By Reaching Out to the Needy, Broken, and Oppressed.



BIRTHDAYS

03/01 Anna Marchese	03/16 Bill Heeter
03/02 Gary Bradley	03/17 Ty McMahan
03/03 Kyle Drew	03/18 Michelle Crawford
David Flower	03/19 Aaron Stanley
03/05 Donna Bivens	03/20 Martha Ann Matkin
Caroline Hill	03/21 Hannah Legler
03/06 Clayton Johnson	03/22 Elizabeth Austin
03/07 Rachel Boyd	Jackie Kriger
03/08 Barbara Jeffries	03/24 Beryl Wambaya
03/09 Eric Spiess	03/25 Rachel Kotlan
03/10 Hayden Legler	03/26 Joanne Bradley
03/11 Wanda Cowand	Sharon Firestone
Larry Gilmartin	Erin Flavin
03/12 Emily Koehler	03/28 Krystal Boggs
Roberta Zeller	Linda Flavin
03/13 Martin Bayang	Lisa Wanner
Bonnie Hartwell	03/29 Darren Segers
Alan Rendl	Bill Swan
03/14 Ethan Muskiet	03/30 Anthea Kotlan
Linden Settles	Valerie Shepherd
03/15 Jane Scholwinski	03/31 Lew Corson
Brett Tynes	

Happy Birthday!

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Thanksgiving and Blessing. Of course, as you have been told before, the Greek word for thanksgiving is 'Eucharist.' This great prayer begins with the ancient Jewish prayers, what we call the Sursum Corda - Latin for "Lift up your hearts". It is our invitation to stand and to, once again, bring ourselves into the presence of God and all his saints and angels, and the whole company of heaven. Where do we lift them? "We lift them to the Lord." This is followed by the celebrant's request for permission to pray in your name. "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." And you give your assent: "It is right to do so." Our Lord probably used these prayers at the first Eucharist.

Then we continue with the most ancient of all hymns, what we call the Sanctus, i.e. Latin for 'Holy': " H o l y, H o l y, Holy..."

We then come to the Prayer of Consecration. As we keep Christ's command to "do this in remembrance of me", He makes Himself present in the bread and wine, in which we are also present. Human time is set aside. We participate in His death and resurrection. As we pray this prayer we are re-living the mighty acts of God. This is a re-calling, the act of calling back into time the eternal sacrifice of Calvary and the eternal joy of Easter.

Since the Middle Ages, it has been the custom of some priests to hold up the bread and the chalice immediately after Our Lord's words of blessing, which are called the Words of Institution or The Dominical Words. When this is done, the purpose is to give worshippers an opportunity for special devotion to Christ in the elements of Holy Communion. Do you remember what is happening here? The priest blesses

these elements, and in so doing he invokes the Holy Spirit to come down upon these elements of bread and wine, so as to transform them into the Body and Blood of Christ. "Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him." It is the transforming power of the Holy Spirit which brings about this change. Our part in all of this, remember, is found in the Offering of our lives to God. God's part, and only God's part - because we cannot do this on our own - is the consecration and the transformation of our lives into what God wants us to be. It is God who does the consecrating, and it is God who does the transforming. God the Holy Spirit transforms the bread and the wine into the Real Presence of His Own Body and Blood. The bread and the wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Christ's Body is really present, and really given, and really received.

St. Ignatius, who was the first Bishop of Antioch in the latter part of the 1st century, complained that the Docetic heretics should abstain from the Eucharist because they do not believe that it is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ. It was this same Ignatius who was eventually thrown into the lions pit in Rome for his faith. His last words were, "Let me be given to the wild beasts, for through them I can attain unto God. I am God's wheat and I am ground by the teeth of wild beasts - that I may be found pure bread of Christ." Ignatius insisted on the reality of both the Divinity and the Humanity of Christ, whose life is continued in the Eucharist.

In the latter part of the 2nd century, Justin Martyr was (Fr. Stan cont. on pg.3)

St. Timothy's Music Notes

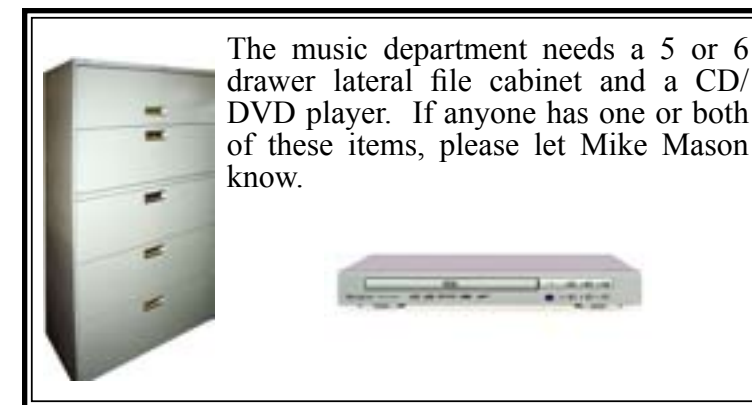
Joyful Noise

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous song and sing praises." – Psalm 98:4

Joyful Noise is the band which leads the contemporary music for the 11 o'clock service on Sunday mornings. If you have any interest in joining, we will accept any instrumentalists and are always looking for more voices. We practice on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:15 at the church. If you are interested in joining, please contact Nicholas Gerber at the church.

Joyful Noise March Calendar

- Thursday, March 3 – Joyful Noise Practice
- Thursday, March 10 – Joyful Noise Growth Meeting & Practice
- Thursday, March 17 – Joyful Noise Practice
- Thursday, March 24 – Joyful Noise Practice



The music department needs a 5 or 6 drawer lateral file cabinet and a CD/DVD player. If anyone has one or both of these items, please let Mike Mason know.



New Website

I hope you have had a chance to check out the new website. If you haven't looked at it yet or had time to explore it I encourage you to do so. One of the new areas is the Study Resources page. It has links to an online Morning Prayer service, online Book of Common Prayer and a tremendous biblical resource You Version. If you do nothing else, please make sure you go to this site. It is loaded with great things. There are several Bible translations you can read from, search engines (also available directly from our page) and several Bible Reading Plans, including the Prof. Horner plan that Fr. Stan has written and talked about. They also offer phone apps so that you can access all the translations and plans with you on your phone or iPad. Some of the translations are available to download on your portable device so you can use them when off-line.

There is more coming, including registration and payment opportunities (see article on online giving) and pictures. So check back often.

Please note: If you have an iPhone or iPad some of the items are unavailable to you due to the lack of Flash availability for these devices. (Using both, I feel your pain). Unfortunately there is no fix for these problems. Most of the site is accessible including the online giving.

Online Giving

Online giving is now available for pledges, capital campaign payments and donations to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. The site accepts Visa and Master Card credit and debit cards as well as the Discover card. You can set up any of these three accounts for automatic payments as well. As events occur, we also plan on setting up the ability for you to register and pay for these events online. This will include things like Vacation Bible School, Soul in the City, retreats, concerts, even things like Advent wreaths. We hope that you find this to be a helpful and convenient resource. If you need any help on how to use the online giving please ask Tracy.

Service Schedule for Lent and Easter

- March 9 – Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Distribution of ashes – 7:30am, 12 noon, 7:00pm
- March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 - Holy Eucharist - 7:30am, 8:45am, 11:00am
- March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13 – Holy Eucharist - 6:00pm, Stations of the Cross – 7:45pm
- April 17 – Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist at 7:30am and Combined Service at 10:00am
- April 20 – Rosary – 5pm, Tenebrae following 6:00pm Holy Eucharist
- April 21 – Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar – 7:00pm, All-night vigil
- April 22 – Mass of the Pre-Sanctified and Adoration – 12 noon, Stations of the Cross – 7:00pm
- April 23 – Easter Vigil and Baptisms – 7:00pm
- April 24 – Easter Sunday – 7:30am, 8:45am, 11:00am

On the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30PM we offer the Rosary for those who are interested.



This month's date
Wednesday, March 16

New Sermon Series for Lent

(March 13-April 10)
"JESUS -- The Way, The Truth, The Life"

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

March 9
7:30am, 12 noon,
7:00pm

Incense Sundays

- 11:00 am service - the second Sunday of the month
Mar. 13
Apr. 10
- 8:45 am service - the third Sunday of the month
Mar. 20
Apr. 17



Vintage Flock

Members of the Vintage Flock took a bus trip to Rosenberg to the Railroad Museum Feb. 15th. Everyone had a really good time. Due to so many groups requesting buses, and with the cost of gasoline, our number of trips has been limited. When the opportunity for a trip comes up, be sure and go if you can.

Meetings in March will be on the 8th and 22nd. Bring a dish and join in the fun. We begin with social time from 11:30 to 12:00, lunch, business meeting and games. We look forward to seeing you.

Give hugs, make phone calls, send cards for those in need and most of all prayers for our entire congregation.

God's blessings,
Sue





Women's and Men's Ministries

Ladies Night Out

Ladies' Night Out will be on Tuesday, March 8th at 6pm at the church. Come out for pancakes and enjoy the entertainment and fellowship!

Daughters of Honor

The Daughters of Honor of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross will meet March 19, Saturday, at 9a.m. in the Chapel for Holy Eucharist followed by a meeting and program. The program will cover Chapters 3 and 4, on Rachel and Leah, the two wives of Jacob. This is from the book, *Her Name is Woman, Book Two*, by Gien Karszen, available at the meeting. Visitors are always welcome.

Women Who Read

First Monday of the month
10:30 at the Tomball Retirement Center Library.
See Ruth Gray for more information

Mar. - *Cutting for Stone*
Abraham Verghese

April - *Spoken from the Heart*
Laura Bush

May - *People of the Book: A Novel*
Geraldine Brooks



Ladies One-Day Lenten Retreat

All the ladies of St Timothy's are invited to join us for "Redeeming Love" a one-day women's Lenten retreat to be held locally on Saturday April 2nd beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m. The retreat will be held at HopePointe Anglican Church in The Woodlands. Cost is just \$20 and includes all teaching materials, a continental breakfast and lunch. Join us for a journey through the book of Ruth featuring stops for worship, prayer, laughter, tears, fellowship and study along the way. Don't miss this opportunity to nurture your spirit and invite a friend to share the time during this Lenten season. Sign up Sunday on your connection card and put a check in the offering plate to reserve your spot.



611 - Men's Ministry

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 1Timothy 6:11

This month, the men's 611 group will be meeting every Sunday evening from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. We will be watching the NOOMA video series and discussing important issues in the lives of men. Men's 611 is open to any man in the church over the age of 18.

Also, Men's 611 will be serving the congregation at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Variety Show on Tuesday, March 8. We will be helping to set up, cook, and clean up afterwards.

If you have any questions or would like to join, please contact Nicholas Gerber or Martin Bayang.

611 March Calendar

Sunday, March 6 - NOOMA "Kickball" - Do I really trust God?

Tuesday, March 8 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Variety Show

Sunday, March 13 - NOOMA "Bullhorn" - How do I love others?

Sunday, March 20 - NOOMA "Lump" - How does God feel about me?

Sunday, March 27 - NOOMA "Rich" - Do I have enough?

Daylight Savings Time Begins

at 2am, Sunday, March 13

Set your clock **AHEAD** 1 hour Saturday night so you won't be late for church!

Don't forget to....



(Fr. Stan continued)

beheaded for the simple fact that he was a Christian. It was he who said, "We have been taught that the food, over which thanks has been given, is the Flesh and Blood of the Incarnate Jesus."

In the 4th century, St. Athanasius, to whom is attributed the Athanasian Creed in the back of the Book of Common Prayer, says that through the Eucharistic Prayer, the bread becomes the Body and the cup becomes the Blood of our Lord . . . and that the Word descends upon the bread and the cup and His Body come to be.

And again in the 4th century, St. Ambrose, who was the Bishop of Milan, and whose influence led to the conversion of St. Augustine, says that by the means of the mystery of the holy prayer the bread and wine are transformed so as to be flesh and blood.

It is through this testimony, and the testimony of so many others through the centuries, and it is through our faith and through our believing that we have come to know for ourselves that this is the Body and the Blood of Christ which is being given to us. Because of this Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, anytime I am around the Sacrament or pass in front of the Sacrament, or at the Altar in the presence of the Sacrament, I genuflect as a sign of great reverence.

To be continued...

Fr. Stan

Eventfully Speaking

Save The Dates!!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show

Tuesday, March 8

6:00 PM / Parish Hall

Dinner

\$3.00 / Adult

\$2.00 / Children

Cooked by our own Parish Guys!!



Talent Show Sign Up
through March 6
on the Connection Card
One Act Per Person



Lots of Volunteers Needed
Cooks, Prep, Set Up, Clean Up,
Games, Bayou Bar, Snack Bar,
Servers, Auction Workers
Watch the Connection Cards

St. Timothy's Annual Fish Fry and Silent Auction

Sunday, May 1, 2011

Following Combined Service

Watch the Sunday bulletins or see the April newsletter for more information



Auction Items Needed
Donations of \$\$, Gifts, Vacation
Homes, Services, Etc.

Contact Caye Lankford
281-320-2920



Evangelism

A few weeks ago Fr. Stan gave a sermon where he talked about us being the salt of the earth. That sermon pricked on my science ‘geekness’ and I have continued to think about this. Fr. Stan noted the historic significance of salt and its value to the culture of Jesus’ time. I found myself thinking about the biological (no surprise there) aspects of salt.

Salt is made up of two elements essential to human life – sodium and chlorine, and yet as individual elements each of these is dangerous and potentially deadly. As Fr. Stan mentioned, 60% of salt is composed of chlorine gas. Chlorine gas is highly reactive and poisonous. When breathed in it combines with water in the lungs to form hydrochloric acid which can cause death. Sodium is highly flammable when it comes into contact with water. It is so flammable that it must be stored in a gas or a liquid like kerosene so it won’t be exposed to the water vapor in the air. In fact, it is so highly reactive that it does not exist in nature as a pure element; it is always in a compound, most commonly sodium chloride - table salt. And yet despite their dangers, each of these substances is necessary for our bodies to function correctly. They are important in fluid balance and the proper functioning of our nervous systems. These processes are so important to our survival that we have specialized taste receptors solely for detecting salt. What incredible beings we are, created by God! His grand plan allows for these two dangerous substances that

our bodies to require to be bound to together in a safe and abundant rock.

As salt is important to the survival of our bodies, so are we, called by Jesus, to be salt to the earth. As Christians we are essential for the life and health of the world. Just as sodium helps transmits electrical impulses in the body, so are we to transmit (share) the Gospel to those around us. God, through Jesus, has taken fallen, sinful, ‘poisonous’ beings and combined us with His undeserved Grace through the love and sacrifice of Jesus and created those tasked with continuing Christ’s work on earth. As Christians we are changed beings, not the same as we were before we gave our lives to Christ. Jesus warns of losing our saltiness. If we step away from God, reject His Grace, we once again become those reactive, poisonous compounds that work against the life that is offered in Christ.

We are called to be the salt of the earth, to share the Gospel message of eternal and abundant life in Jesus, to preserve and enhance the ‘flavor’ of the world, as salt does for food. So – go forth and be salty!

Peace,
Tracy
P.S. Thanks for the help this month Fr. Stan!

Evangelism Notes...

- N Please fill out your *Connection Card* every week. It is up to us to set the example for our guests and for each other.
- N Please remember to wear your nametags on Sunday mornings.

If you bring friends to church please make sure they pick up a guest folder and the free book at the Guest Center in the narthex after the service. Also please make sure they receive, fill out and turn in a Connection Card.

AMiA Winter Conference

As many of you know several of us had the pleasure of attending the AMiA Winter Conference in Greensboro, NC a few weeks ago. As always it was an inspirational and uplifting few days spent with over 1,000 of our Anglican brothers and sisters. You may not know that next year’s conference is going to take place at the George R. Brown Convention Center right here in Houston! I hope that many of you will be able to attend at least a part of the conference. We will have more information on what St. Timothy’s can do to help later in the year as the details are being worked out. Watch for more information in future newsletters.



Jesus Ministered by Angels – James Tissot, 1886 - 94



SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2011!

This year’s Vacation Bible School will be held **June 13th – 17th**, so be sure to mark the dates in your family calendar! We will be looking for lots of volunteers to make this year’s event better than ever.

Be on the look-out for more information in the next few weeks as we announce this year’s theme!

STAC YOUTH CONFIRMATION RETREAT – PART 2

Our second Confirmation retreat will be on Saturday, March 26th from 9am – 4pm. A lunch and snacks will be provided, please be sure to bring your Bible, journal and workbook to the session.

Remember, we have also scheduled our service project with Generation One and help at one of their worksites on Saturday, April 9th – this will be an all day event. We will discuss the details in depth at the March 26th meeting.

STAY - 7th - 12th Grade St. Timothy’s Anglican Youth

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| Wed. March 2: 7/8 Growth Group & 9/10 Growth Group meet at the church from 6:30 – 8:15pm | Sun. March 20: STAY Encounter 5 – 7pm at the church (David & Bathsheba) |
| Sun. March 6: STAY Bowling Night from 5 – 7pm at Tomball Bowling | Mon. March 21: JR/SR Growth Group at the DePue’s from 6:30 – 8:30pm |
| Mon. March 7: JR/SR Growth Group at the DePue’s from 6:30 – 8:30pm | Wed. March 23: 7/8 Growth Group & 9/10 Growth Group meet at the church from 6:30 – 7:45pm (Stations of the Cross from 7:45 – 8:15pm) |
| Tues. March 8: Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Variety Show 6pm | Sat. March 26: Youth Confirmation Retreat at the church from 9am – 4pm |
| Wed. March 9: Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm – no programs | Sun. March 27: STAY Encounter 5 – 7pm at the church (Jonah) |
| Sun. March 13: STAY “Taking it to the Streets” 5 – 7pm at the church | Mon. March 28: JR/SR Growth Group at the DePue’s from 6:30 – 8:30pm |
| Mon. March 14 – Wed. March 16: STAY Lenten Retreat at Pedernales Falls State Park | Wed. March 30: 7/8 Growth Group & 9/10 Growth Group meet at the church from 6:30 – 7:45pm (Stations of the Cross from 7:45 – 8:15pm) |
| Wed. March 16: STAY Discussion 6:30 – 7:45 (Stations from 7:45 – 8:15pm) | |

St. Patrick - Patron Saint of Ireland

It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents, either toward the end of the fourth century or the beginning of the fifth. Although his father was a Christian deacon, there is no evidence that Patrick was particularly religious. At the age of sixteen, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family’s estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years as a slave in captivity. During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian.

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, God’s voice spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland. To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo to the Irish coast.

On his return to his family in Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation—an angel in a dream told him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than fifteen years. After his ordination as a priest, he was

sent to Ireland with a dual mission: to minister to the few Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish.

Familiar with the Irish language and culture, Patrick chose to incorporate traditional ritual into his lessons of Christianity instead of attempting to eradicate native Irish beliefs. For instance, he used bonfires to celebrate Easter since the Irish were used to honoring their gods with fire. He superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that veneration of the symbol would seem more natural to the Irish, and used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity. There is also the legend that he drove the snake from Ireland, although scientists are now certain that there never were snakes on the island; some scholars have argued that the snakes were symbolic of Druids.

St. Patrick’s Day, March 17th is believed to be the date of Patrick’s death, although there is some doubt, most recent evidence points to 493 AD as the year.

Source: *Biography.com*

Christian Formation



“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”
Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

A few years ago when I met with the women’s study group for the first time, I was so reluctant. I didn’t know if I could ever find the sense of belonging and spiritual family that I had heard others talk about. But they welcomed me into their lives with arms wide open, and I soon became part of the family. This group has become a circle of life, love, and learning. I’ve learned a lot from them over the years and over the next month or so, I want to share a few observations I have made.

- 1. Laughter is the fuel of life.** I can’t tell you how many times I was going through a hard time with my family, or work, and I came to my group with tanks empty. There were times when I was tired, sad, and they just made me laugh. From simple jokes to the ironies of life, I just love how we can take what we do seriously, but not take ourselves so seriously. There were so many times I drove home saying “I needed that!”
- 2. Pain is universal. It’s just not always visible.** When I’ve seen my group share their pain (as in hurts, struggles, temptations, etc.), it makes me want to share on a whole other level. We have had cancer, parent health problems, marital issues, teenager chaos, emotional brokenness, job transitions, children leaving home, surgeries, heart scares, financial fears, etc. And when we go below the water level of our hearts, there has been gold there for me. Why? Because it makes me feel I’m not alone.
- 3. I am a beginner when it comes to listening.** I am realizing anew how much I talk—many times out of insecurity—wanting to fill the space with words. My group has helped me see this and is showing me how I can learn and grow as I simply listen more. The best part about this reminder is that I can hear more of what God is saying through them.

As we continue meeting with our Growth Groups this semester, I hope you will take the time to reflect on how the Group experience is making a difference in your life.

KID’S KORNER

Sunday Mornings at 10:15 -

- Children’s Sunday School for PreK – 6th grade will meet in the Youth Wing.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 –

- Children’s FaithWeaver Friends for Kdg – 4th grade will meet in the 1st & 2nd grade classroom.
- Club 56 for 5th – 6th grade will meet in the 3rd & 4th grade classroom.

CAN YOU HELP THE EASTER BUNNY?

The Easter Bunny has a whole bunch of eggs this year (about 5,000!), and needs lots of help filling them with pre-wrapped, small candy or toys.

Eggs will be available Sunday, March 13th for pick-up and will need to be returned by April 3rd. Stuffed eggs can be returned to the large Easter Egg boxes in the receptionist’s foyer.

If you would like to help volunteer for the Easter Egg hunt, please contact the Church Office at 281-255-4111 or email Michele at Michele.Gavin@StTimothysAnglican.org.



Mission & Outreach

T.E.A.M.

We wish you a Happy Saint Patrick’s Day!

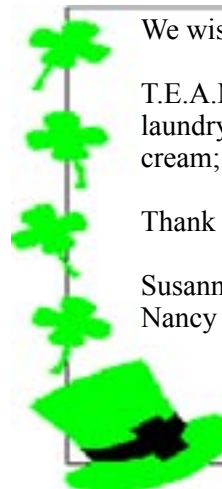
T.E.A.M. would appreciate the following items in March: laundry soap; shampoo; bath soap; toothpaste; shaving cream; and, razors.

Thank you for your donations.

Susanne Arnold, Mary Ellen Harrington, Ernie Midgley, Nancy and Tim Caudill



Don’t forget to bring non-perishable food items on Sunday, March 6th and Sunday, April 3rd for the Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries



Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry has held two training classes, with six Stephen Ministers currently in training. Each 2½ hour class involves prayer, and some lecture along with a lot of group discussion, role-play and problem solving. As I watch each class, I’m amazed and humbled with what God has done and is doing! The Stephen Minister participants are enthusiastic, involved and energetic. The talent, skills and spiritual gifts that each of them are displaying as they participate at such a high level in group discussions is inspiring. We have wonderful people in the class; they have said repeatedly that they are called by God to this ministry. One member of the class, who has been a Stephen Minister previously, and has

had earlier training, remarked about how deep is this Stephen Ministry training material. I completely agree; from the time last summer that we attended Stephen Leader training at Dallas, up until this moment, I’ve been impressed with the quality of the Stephen Ministry training. It’s simply the best that I’ve ever seen in a Christian ministry. Our group of six Stephen Ministers, along with us Stephen Leaders, are learning and practicing Christian care giving skills that will increase our ability to build positive, helping relationships with everyone in our circles of influence! Our training will continue into mid-May. As a Church, you can be proud of the committed people who are training for this pastoral ministry! Blessings to all.

Help Needed for Grace Care Center Cypress

Dear Volunteer Friends,

I have an urgent need for volunteers at our Skilled Nursing Facility, Grace Care Center of Cypress, located at 9602 Huffmeister across from CyFalls High School, between 290 and Hwy 6.

Of course, I do not want to take anyone away from volunteering at another facility but if you have any extra time would you please consider volunteering at Grace Cypress. I need help throughout the week, throughout the day so I can work with your schedule.

I am the Community Liaison but until we hire an Activity Director and an Activity Asst. I will be doing both positions and I truly need help!

Please reply to this e-mail or call me on my cell at 832-515-3862.

Volunteers MAKE a Difference!

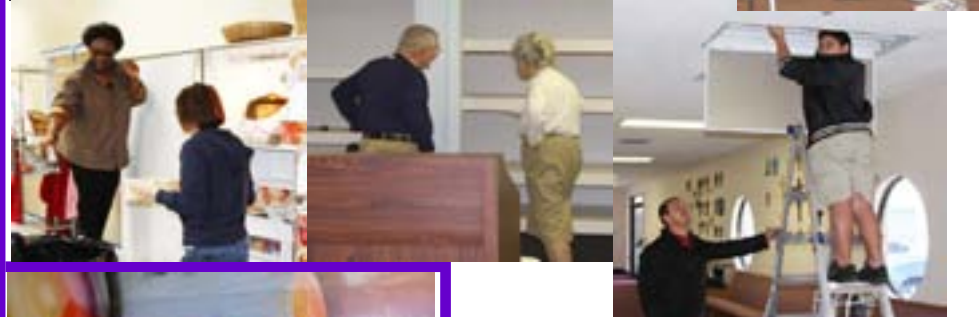
Thanks,
Donna Martin
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ANNUAL MEETING



THANKS EVERYONE FOR YOUR SERVICE!



STAK Bowling Trip



Sweetheart Dinner & Dance