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Rector's Annual State of the  
Parish Report for 2023

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Dear Parish Family,

Thirty Years

I am proud to report to you, my dearest parish family, that on May 19, 2024 (Pentecost Sunday), I will celebrate my 30th anniversary of being the Rector of this congregation (Good Shepherd/St. Timothy's). Other than Mary, Nicholas, Hillary, my five grandchildren, and my extended family, I have not loved anyone more dearly. I have married, buried, baptized, counseled, and visited so many of you in your homes and/or in the hospitals and/or assisted living homes over the years, and I have to say, it could not have been done without the help of so many of you. We are truly brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

I would never have guessed that when the Lord called me to ordained ministry back in 1976, I would have found a more wonderful group of people to shepherd and love. True, we have literally had thousands of people come and go through the years. Some have moved away, quite a few have gone to be with the Lord, some came during times of crisis and left when the crisis was over. Whatever the case, I have learned to take one day at a time, and one person at a time. And no, this is not the end. I look forward to more months and years with this amazing church family.

God the Holy Spirit

As always, I am amazed at what God is doing here at St. Timothy's. Even though we maintain our normal schedules of worship, ministry, and programming, I have been a witness to what our Lord is doing to shape our congregation. I look out across our congregation(s) on Sunday mornings, and I see a continuous sea of new faces of all ages. And I wonder with awe at what the Lord is accomplishing in this place. Some of the fruit we are seeing is in response to our diligence with our Equipping the Saints vision and ministry. But mostly, it is God, through many of your own invitations, who is bringing in new people with their own gifts and talents for ministry. What a joy it is to witness God's activity.

Stats

Our average Sunday attendance for the year 2023 was 304 compared to 288 in 2022. Our total active membership here at St. Timothy's is 522. And we are blessed to have more and more people join us, with guests here almost every Sunday. We are still livestreaming and recording (mainly for those who live far distances and for those who are sick or are shut-in). Continued thanksgiving goes to David Flower, Jim Boggs, and Guy Williams, and other volunteers who have helped with this endeavor. If you would like to help with this ministry, please let us know and we will make sure you are trained and placed in the Sunday rotation schedule.

This past year we baptized 11 people; confirmed or received 16 people; married 3 couples; and buried 6 people from our parish family, those being Yvette Patricia Quirk (mother of Jennifer Doremus), Patty Geer (wife of Jim Geer), Allison Hall, Louis Wang, and Robert (Bob) Boyce. May their souls rest in the everlasting arms of God.

Throughout the year I have felt that our worship services not only brought people together

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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

03/02 Elizabeth Salazar	03/14 Cynthia Dennis
03/03 David Flower	Ethan Muskiet
03/04 Angilina Trevino	Linden Settles
03/05 Clinton Amos Nwanguma	03/16 Sue Benson
Ella Benson	Sherri Cowan
03/07 Jonah Gerber	Bill Heeter
03/08 Leocadio Gonzales	03/17 Nita Burrer
Bonnie Kyser	Ada Nwankwo
03/09 Kay Daigle	03/20 Martha Ann Matkin
Tom Donley	Sonji Williams
03/11 Jorge Cavazos	03/21 Ken Bill
Javier Mayor	Lauren Dear
Arianna Nunez	03/22 Kathryn Zacharias
03/12 Phil Geaslen	03/24 Elijah Gerber
Francesca Mba-Jonas	03/25 Caroline Masterson
03/13 Bonnie Hartwell	03/27 Roland Amos Nwanguma
Alan Rendl	03/28 Lisa Wanner
	03/30 Valerie Shepherd



STAFF

Fr. Stan Gerber, Rector  
Canon Aaron Jeffrey Associate Rector  
Fr. Oscar Gallego, Assisting Clergy  
Fr. Larry DiSano, Assisting Clergy  
Fr. Nazir Masih, Assisting Clergy  
Deacon Kathy Boggs  
Deacon Jorge Cavazos  
Deacon John Pegues  
Deacon Jennifer Scherzer  
Bob Brooke, Bob Capps, Lay Pastors  
Meagan Patton Financial Secretary  
Edith Villanueva, Nursery Coordinator  
Caye Lankford, Special Events Coordinator  
Zachary Musick, Music Director  
Valerie Shepherd, Altar Guild  
Lisa Musick, Children's Ministries  
Ana Acosta, Shelia Chandler, Cody Hicks  
Youth Ministry  
Darcy Fennell, Office Administrator  
Tracy Pegues, Evangelism Coordinator  
Charlotte Talley, Parish Cook

VESTRY

Carolyn Boyd (2025)  
Bob Capps (2025)  
Wade Fennel (2026)  
Susie Geaslen (2025)  
Patrick Howard (2027)  
Ted Huckaby (2027)  
Judith Jordan (2027)  
Frankie Masterson (2026)  
Jensy Santos (2027)  
Dianna Stein (2025)  
Greg Thomas (2026)  
Guy Williams (2026)  
Martha Rodabaugh, Treasurer

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to hear God’s word and to celebrate the sacraments, but that a deeper and richer spiritual relationship with God was realized by many. Guests who visit (and stay) are always remarking on how friendly this place is (Yes, really), and I cannot tell you the number of times people have mentioned the Holy Spirit’s presence.

**Cathedral**  
This past November we had the honor of becoming the Cathedral of the Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast. And what a pleasure it is to have our bishop ‘head-quartered’ here at St. Timothy’s. This is not something we sought after, but something that the Lord has laid in our hands, and we receive it with joy.

**Outreach.**  
We do a goodly (and Godly) amount of Outreach through the Rector’s Discretionary Fund by providing aid to *many* individuals both within and outside of this parish. We have also provided aid through the local shelters and clinics. i.e., TEAM and TOMAGWA. This past year support was given to both agencies through our budget, food drives, and other avenues of collection and giving.

We also now have a wonderful newly built Outreach Shed which holds/will hold many supplies for natural disasters when they come, and they will come. We supply items such as buckets filled with cleaning supplies, hygiene kits, diapers, blankets, etc... We have happily partnered with Anglican Relief and Development, along with our own parishioners (and hopefully with other diocesan churches soon) to make this happen.

We also performed various outreach projects through our Daughters of Honor (DOH), such as our Christmas Shoebox Ministry; through our Band of Brothers, such as Tailgate with a Hero; our STAY Youth Group, such as Soul in the City; through Tommy Lamb and ARDF with mission trips to various natural disaster locations, Food Drives for both TEAM and Tomagwa through the leadership of Valerie Shepherd.

In terms of Mission, we have continued to give generously above and beyond the 10% tithe to support: 1) our Diocese and Province; 2) BLIMP Prison Ministries; 3) American Anglican Council; 4) Anglican Relief and Development Fund, 5) our Cuban Ministry (through Fr. Larry helping clergy with support), 6) the wonderful ministries of both Fr. Nazir and Agnes Masih as they practice ministry in their Interfaith Ministry, and the Asian Indo/Pak Women’s Ministry, along with Fr. Nazir’s ministry at The University of Houston; 7) Home Place of Texas; 8) Trinity On the Border Anglican Mission; 9) Vacation Bible School; 10) financial and prayer support to Anglican church plants within the diocese, and several other ministries. We are following the vision the Lord has given to this parish, and we will continue to follow it into the future as the Body of Christ in the Spring/Tomball/Magnolia Community.


As I have mentioned before, another way we look at outreach here in the parish and working with the blessing God has given us, is through opening our building to several groups of people to use for their ministries and programs. Again, this past year we have opened our building to Cypress Creek Music Teachers Association (CCMTA) who have a year-long schedule of events here, from auditions, recitals, seminars, and board meetings involving many families from the area. We have also opened our doors to other outside groups, boards, and councils, including 1) a weekly Tuesday evening meeting of the Civil Air Patrol involving around 80 young persons and some great adult leaders, (2) Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) on Thursday evenings once a month, 3) Happy Tap Dancers on Wednesday afternoons, and to 4) to Homeschoolers Chess Club

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Equipping the Saints Initiative

Wednesday Evening Sessions 6:45-7:45pm.

All are Invited!




Flowers, Bells  
& Easter Baskets




Please bring flowers and bells on Easter Sunday morning to help flower the cross and to ring in the Resurrection. And Baskets for the egg hunt!

Rosary



This month the Rosary will be offered on Wednesday, March 29 at 5:00pm

Lenten, Holy Week & Easter Schedule



Stations of the Cross, Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 – 6:00pm

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 – 6:30pm

Holy Week

Palm Sunday Services, March 24 – 7:30am, 10:00am Combined with La Santa Misa

Holy Wednesday, March 27 - 6:00pm – Holy Communion, 6:45pm – The Farewell Discourse

Maundy Thursday, March 28 – Service – 7:00pm, followed by the All-Night Vigil until 12 noon on Good Friday

Good Friday, March 29– 12 noon – Good Friday Liturgy, 6:00pm – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 30– 7:00pm Holy Easter Vigil with Baptism

Easter Sunday, March 31 – 7:30am, 8:45am, 11:00am with La Santa Misa; Easter Egg Hunt between 8:45 and 11am services

We Need Your Help



Please bring your spring flowers, plants or greenery for the Garden of Repose which will be set up on Thursday, March 28.

Please mark all items with your name and plan to pick them up on Friday March 29 after 12 noon. you may leave the plants in the chapel starting March 23.


Thanks,  
Altar Guild

Daylight Savings Time  
Begins




at 2am, Sunday, March 10

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



Men 18 or older, please join us Saturday, March 16 at 8:00 am, St. Timothy’s Anglican Church Parish Hall, or on Zoom for our monthly Band of Brothers’ meeting.

BoB Fest will be on Friday, March 1 at 5pm. Please bring your favorite meat to grill, sides, and refreshments, and join us at the BBQ Pavilion.



An evening of games and a potluck dinner for adults. All adults are invited to join us for this evening of food, friends, conversation and a little competition.

Our next gathering is on Friday, March 15 at 6:30pm

St. Timothy’s Theater presents:

The Farewell Discourse



Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:45PM in the Parish Hall during Holy Week

Immerse yourself in Jesus’ words to you at the Last Supper



re:generation

We meet on Sundays at 12:30. Food, drinks and childcare are provided. During the six week Ground Work time, all are welcome to come check us out.

Ladies Night Out

This month we will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 7pm at the original Meal’s , 4750 FM2920.

All ladies and their friends are welcome.



Marys and Marthas Women’s Ministry

The Marys and Marthas Women’s Ministry exists for the purpose of bringing women together through special events for fellowship, encouragement, support and spiritual growth. The team gathered monthly to plan events, studies and dinner dates for the ladies of the parish.

The Spring Tea was once again a successful event. The women were pleased to have the time to gather together in friendship and fun. The food was served by our faithful cohorts, the men, who seemed to have a good time too. This is one event that is loved by all who attend.

Our Advent Luncheon was held in December with Anthea Kotlan as our speaker. The theme was “Coming Home for Christmas.” Anthea led us through a reflection of Psalm 80. Our lunch was served by our men of the parish who always do such a wonderful job. A good time was had by all.

Our Thursday morning Bible studies at 9:30 am have been going strong for many years. Valerie Fennel and Elaine Tummy have been faithful in finding and presenting interesting studies each semester. In 2023, they went through several studies, helping women to understand better the ways and will of God.

We offered a movie night during the summer. We hope to try and offer a few more in the coming summer so the ladies can have a chance to gather. As always, our Ladies Night Out continues to be a fun gathering time on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Valerie Fennel heads this part of the ministry and would love to have you come and dine with them.

Anyone interested in helping us plan these events is welcome to come to the monthly meeting held on the 3rd Tuesday night of each month at 7PM. We give thanks to God for the blessings the women of this parish have been given: the chance to serve, to fellowship, and to worship with one another in a community of the Kingdom!

Deacon Jennifer

Re:generation

A new program was started at St. Timothy’s to help those who are find themselves struggling through life. This program is called Re:generation and was developed by Watermark Community Church in Dallas. Here is a description from their website:

*Re:generation walks participants through the 12 steps of biblical healing in the context of authentic community. There is no quick fix for life’s brokenness. Instead, through consistent, committed discipleship based on God’s Word, countless people have uncovered and found freedom from struggles like substance abuse, codependency, pornography, eating disorders, pride, depression, fear, control, emotional/physical abuse, people-pleasing, anger, obsessive thoughts, and more.*

Jim Boggs, Deacon Kathy Boggs and Susie Geaslen attended a three-day training at Watermark to prepare for bringing this program to St. Timothy’s.

Nine people started the pilot program here at St. Timothy’s in January to become the future leaders. Meetings were held on Wednesday evenings. All nine people completed the training and seven committed to the program that would start in January 2024.

In 2024 meetings will be at 12:30 each Sunday following the 11 am service. Food, drinks, and childcare are provided. The first six weeks will be Ground Work and anyone can join in during that six week period.

Please come and join us to see what it’s all about. Re:generation may just be the place that God is leading you to for the help you need to overcome your struggle in life.

Deacon Kathy

Condolences

To the family and friends of:  
Jane Brough  
Jim Maxey  
Fred Talley



Give rest, O Christ,  
to thy servants with thy  
saints, where sorrow  
and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life  
everlasting.



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every Wednesday morning, 5) The Journey School for Uniquely Gifted and Talented and, 6) to surrounding Subdivision Boards for their annual meetings. We are honored to have a Trail Life Chapter, a Boy Scout Chapter, and an American Heritage Girls Chapter here at St. Timothy’s. And again, we have never charged, but most of the groups offer some kind of regular donations.

Different Groups and Ministries

We have many and various groups that are found in large and small sizes, young and old ages, and are formed with many purposes in mind. Some are formed to serve in worship and others are intentional about developing and making disciples. Our groups include Joyful Noise Contemporary Choir and Instrumentalists; our traditional Canterbury Choir; our Children’s Choir; Men’s Choir; our Greeters and Ushers; our Vergers, Acolytes, Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors; our Altar Guild; our Video and Sound Technicians; our Youth education classes on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings; our Youth Confirmation classes; our Isaiah 6 Group; our STAY Youth Group with its various components and groupings; our Junk in the Trunk events; our new YA (Young Adult/Yahweh Adonai) group reaching out to young adults; our Women’s Ministry with its various groups such as Daughters of Honor, Ladies Night Out, Women’s Retreats, Advent Luncheons, and Ladies Tea; our Men’s Ministry Band of Brothers with its various groups of helping with hurricane relief, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Cookers and Servers, our monthly BobFest at the grill, and our monthly BoB Saturday morning breakfasts and teaching, along with our very successful Diocesan Men’s Retreat in Trinity, Tx this past September; our Prayer Shawl group; our Petals and Prayers flower ministry; our Kitchen Cooking Crew; our ‘GriefShare’ Ministry; our re:generation group of leaders and classmates ---our Paseo Weekend Team --- our 4th Day Reunion Groups; our Wood Glenn and Spring Creek Assisted Living Centers volunteers; our Wise & Otherwise group; our Boy Scout Troop; our Trail Life chapter; and our American Heritage Girls chapter; our several dinner groups (Ladies Nite Out, La Busqueda, WoW); our parish cruises; and so many other ministries that depend on all of you to make them the wonderful ministries they are. Thank you to all who lead and all who participate.

Equipping the Saints Initiative at St. Timothy’s

We, at St. Timothy’s, have for 4 ½ years been engaged in what we call our ‘Equipping the Saints Initiative’. We are following the Biblical model of leadership taken from Ephesians 4, which says, “Christ gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

As a reminder, each ministry here at St. Timothy’s is to establish an Ephesians 4 team of distinctively gifted people fitting into the five Biblical categories of 1) Apostles/Administration, 2) Prophets/Prayer Warriors, Communicators, 3) Evangelists/Recruiters, 4) Pastors/Pastoral Care and Prayer, and 5) Teachers, all who help to oversee the particular ministry. Each team falls into one of the nine parish teams called 1) Campus Image Team; 2) Worship team; 3) Newcomers and Follow-Up Team; 4) Discipleship Team; 5) Outreach and Evangelism Team; 6) Sharing Christ Events Team; 7) Christian Life Ministries Team; 8) Hispanic Ministry Team; & 9) Pastoral Care Ministry Team.

Each of these nine teams have their own Ephesians 4 teams of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers. In this way we have Organizers, Prayer warriors, Recruiters, Pastoral Caregivers and Teachers within every ministry. Not only is this a Biblical Model but this pattern of gifted leadership helps everyone to find a place in ministry.

As an example, our Band of Brothers has a team formed which consists of Tommy Lamb as Apostle, Shane Anderson as Prophet, Phil Geaslen as Pastor, Jon Santos as Evangelist, and Doug McGehee as Teacher. And this team (with the Rector) meet regularly to deal with the ministry.

I pray and hope that each of you find your place within this initiative.

Other Events in the life of the Parish.

This past year (2023) included a number of ways for our larger church family to share food, fun, and fellowship, from our every Sunday donuts and coffee hour --- to our January Epiphany Service of Light, Burning of the Greens and Mexican Potluck --- our February 11th Sweetheart Dinner/Dance --- our February 21st Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Variety Show --- our March 4th Diocesan Biblical Life Weekend --- our March 26th Ladies’ Tea --- our May 7th Confirmation Service and Reception --- our hosting the Women’s Diocesan Retreat on June 2-3 --- our June 12-16 Vacation Bible School --- our hosting Soul in the City on July 9-15 --- our September 30th BBQ Cook-off and Family Fun Day Gathering --- our November 12th Parish Thanksgiving Dinner --- our December 3rd Ladies Advent Luncheon --- our Dec 4th Vestry/Staff Dinner --- and our Dec. 14th Staff Luncheon. And several other opportunities to come together as a family to enjoy Christian fellowship.

Clergy

I thank our clergy team for their continued support and help with the liturgy along with various other pastoral care and

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ministry assignments which tremendously help both me and the parish in untold ways.

I begin with our bishop (The Rt. Rev. Clark WP Lowenfield) who is not only a dear friend, but a great bishop to serve alongside. St. Timothy’s, now being the Cathedral, allows us to spend more time around this great man of God. We are blessed to have him as our bishop.

Fr. Aaron Jeffrey (and Amy) have joined us here at St. Timothy’s on a half time basis with the diocese. We will see him here on a full-time basis because he offices here. It is a joy to have both of them with us, and they have already made a huge impact on the life of the parish.

It goes without say that we are blessed by all our wonderful clergy and Lay Ministers here at St. Timothy’s. Deacon John Pegues, who teaches several Bible Study programs here, and assists at The Liturgy, along with his continued teaching for our Diocesan School for Ministry; Deacon Jennifer Scherzer, who is “semi-retired”, but teaches Bible Study, Youth Confirmation, Sunday School, assists at The Liturgy, and cooks quite often for parish events; Deacon’s Kathy Boggs and Jorge Cavazos, both of whom assist in our Sunday Liturgies. Kathy is involved with her husband, Jim, with Re-Generation and helps with our Wood Glenn congregation, and is still much involved in the oversight of the Vergers/Acolyte Ministry, while Jorge is much involved in our Hispanic Ministry with Fr. Oscar.

The Rev. Larry DiSano officially known as Fr. Lorenzo, helps me with Pastoral Care and with various liturgical responsibilities on Sundays and Wednesdays, including preaching from time to time. He is also much involved with our congregation at Wood Glenn.

The Rev. Oscar Gallego, faithfully serves and leads our growing and active Spanish congregation and is involved in many ministries around the church, including his great work as our Building Manager. What would we ever do without Fr. Oscar.

The Rev. Nazir Masih, who left Pakistan because of persecution against Christians, now ministers to the students at the University of Houston (converting and baptizing many on a regular basis). Fr. Nazir also helps in various ways around the parish and in The Liturgy. He is fully invested in his Interfaith Ministry with dialogues between Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and Christian men and women. We are re-establishing an Urdu congregation to meet here once a month (for the meantime) for The Holy Eucharist in Urdu.

As you are all aware, The Rev. Michael Schwandt and family have moved to Tennessee to be the Rector of a parish in Cordova. We will miss them, and we wish them Godspeed.

**Staff**  
It is with sadness that our licensed Lay Pastor and Catechist Bob Brooke and Diann have stepped away from the ministry at Wood Glen Assisted Living Center on Cypresswood, along with the monthly Communion Service and the monthly Devotion at Spring Creek Assisted Living. They are not only striving to earn a living, but also are moving into a different area of ministry to which they feel called. We are happy that they will still be very much a part of our parish family. Thank you, Bob and Diann, for your several years of faithful ministry at Wood Glenn. May God bless your new ministry. Bob Capps (and Mary) have taken over the Spring Creek responsibilities, while our clergy and Sue Benson have taken the weekly responsibilities at Wood Glenn.

Your staff at St. Timothy’s gives much time and energy because of their faith in God and their passion for the mission and ministry of God’s people. We would not be who we are without them, and all of us owe them a debt of thanks.

Our wonderful staff team consists of:  
**Lisa Musick** (Children’s Education Coordinator, and our two children’s choirs, Canterbury Kids and Heavenly Harmonies, and leads our Children’s Chapel at the 11:00am Service);  
**Tracy Pegues** (Evangelism, Newcomers and Communication);  
**Meagan Patton** (Office Manager and Financial Administrator);  
**Darcy Fennell** (Office Assistant);  
**Zachary Musick** (Organist and Canterbury Choir Director, as well as the leader of our Joyful Noise Contemporary Group);  
**Caye Lankford** (Special Events);  
**Edith Villanueva** (Valdez) (Nursery Administrator);  
**Carol Ray, Dianna Stein and Nancy McCracken** (Friday Office Helpers);  
**Valerie Shepherd** (Altar Guild) --- and her several wonderful members of the Altar Guild Team  
**Charlotte Talley, Bob Capps and George Vick** (Parish Cooks);  
**Marco & Vivian Tuesta** (Sextons).  
**Javier & Janeth** who are always either cleaning or working on various projects at the church.

Band of Brothers

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year was one of transition, discerning individuals to lead in our “Equipping the Saints” model and raising men to use their gifts in fruitful ministry. Please know that our men’s ministry is open to any man eighteen years of age and older, and as a member of St. Timothy’s Anglican Cathedral, you are automatically a member! Programming in 2023 consisted of teaching, fellowship, and outreach. We give thanks for Doug and Natalie McGehee, and their gifts of teaching in our parish. With Doug joining our men’s ministry, he led us through a discussion of faith, based on Romans, helping us to understand the difference between reading the Bible and studying the Bible. Doug’s course culminated in a Diocesan Men’s Retreat at Trinity Pines in September, with his curriculum acting as a cornerstone of our retreat. In addition to Doug, Bishop Clark and Canon Theologian Ray Ortlund were teachers during the retreat. In keeping with our mission, Canon Ray spoke to what it means for men to lead at home, Bishop Clark spoke to men leading in the Church, and Doug spoke to men leading in the World. It was a blessing for all to have sixty brothers from around the diocese attend our first diocesan men’s retreat.

Our fellowship activities continued with Friday night gatherings every month, to grill and chill in the Rodabaugh Pavilion. We hosted the Titus men’s group from HopePointe for a crawfish boil in May and hosted the Fourth Annual BBQ Cookoff in conjunction with our Family Fun Day in October. The Brothers served our ladies in the parish at their annual Advent Luncheon as well as other ministries and projects in the parish and diocese, including the ever-present and vigilant safety team!

Brothers continued to assist in disaster response in 2023. With the proposal to build an Outreach Building by the Long-Range Planning Committee, and the subsequent Vestry approval, funds were allocated and matched by the Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF) to complete construction. Thank you to Frank Boyd, project engineer, Fr. Oscar Gallego, construction manager, and members Wade Fennel, Roger Koehler, Daniel Valdez, and other parishioners for contributing to the building’s completion. Fr. Jake Stum, Executive Director, ARDF, visited St. Timothy’s and participated in the building’s blessing on Sunday, November 12th. Headed by brother George Vick, Parish Disaster Response Coordinator for St. Timothy’s, and assisted by Sonji Williams, Parish Disaster Response Administrator, plans were developed to collect disaster relief supplies and stock the Outreach Building. We give thanks for their continued service to survivors of natural disasters, and the generosity of so many at St. Timothy’s Anglican Cathedral.

I am humbled and inspired by the faith of our men and their desire to continue our mission of *Equipping, empowering, and impacting our daily life, our church, and our community in the name of Christ!*

Respectfully submitted,  
Tommy Lamb, Apostle  
Band of Brothers Men’s Ministry

Special Events

- Epiphany / Burning of the Greens / Mexican Potluck Dinner
- Sweetheart Dinner / Dinner and Dance
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show
- Family Food and Fun Day
- Rally Sunday
- Annual Thanksgiving / One in Christ Celebration

Special Events also provides dinner for the quarterly Leader Meetings, Coffee Hour, sets up cruises and assists other ministries with receptions and special events such as WOW Dinners on the 4th Tuesday of the Month and WISE AND OTHERWISE 3rd Friday Potluck and Games Night.

Caye Lankford



HEY KIDS!

DON'T FORGET YOUR EASTER BASKETS FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT ON EASTER MORNING AT 10:15AM. ALSO REMEMBER TO BRING FLOWERS TO FLOWER THE CROSS.





**Daughters of Honor**

In continuing to serve Christ through our Rule of life (one of them being study), we continued and completed our study of The *Red Sea Rules*, written by Robert Morgan. Additionally, we began a bible study by the same author, *The Jordan River Rules*. We have been more than blessed exploring the different divine strategies for dealing with life’s circumstances – God’s sovereignty, mercy and love is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

The Daughters had the honor of preparing a reception for our confirmands and are continually blessed for their zeal in the Lord. We also provided continental breakfasts for the Synod meeting and Women’s Retreat held at our parish. We also were honored to have participated with Soul in the City by providing a dinner. It was amazing to see what God is doing in the lives of these children through their service, discipleship and fellowship.

In keeping with our mission of discipling women, we held discernment classes for the Daughters of Honor as they explored who we are, our Rule of Life and their purpose in God’s Kingdom. We were blessed to have four lovely ladies that journeyed through the discernment process and made the decision to take vows to our Lord. We are so grateful for the gifts they bring to His Kingdom and look very forward to the plans God has for each one of them. We sent delegates and representatives to our Provincial Assembly. Lovely reports were brought back and shared about the wonderful work God is doing.

With you, we grieved and celebrated the lives of those we loved who now rest in the arms of our Lord: Bob Boyce, Allison Hall, and Patsy Geer. We were honored as always to provide receptions for the families and friends of those loved ones. In keeping with our honor to serve our Lord, we are forever grateful to our team of faithful servants that aid in showing love and compassion for the bereaved families by organizing and providing such lovely receptions.

Daughters of Honor are privileged to be able to partner and participate in multiple ministries of God, such as Christmas Child, (shoebox ministry facilitated by Samaritan’s Purse); Compassion Child (sponsorship of a child on a monthly basis); Military Ministry (Care Package drive in coordination with the Harris County Public Library); Celebration of Life (luncheon and entertainment for our neighboring Assisted Living neighbors), Date Night for our parents (childcare with games, crafts, snacks and movie fun) and the continued development of our St. Timothy’s library. There are many other ministries and/or service projects that our Daughters are dedicated to and participate in that are too numerous to list, such as participating in Sunday Services for Woodglen, GriefShare, and providing quarterly birthday baked goods to Woodglen... We are grateful beyond measure that God provides these opportunities for us in order to grow us and provide our purpose in Him. We are so humbled and grateful to Alan Rendl for his talents in woodworking – he graciously gave us his talent by creating a Liturgy Stand for the Chapel altar in memory of Bob Boyce.

The Daughters of the Holy Cross is an Order for Women who have vowed to live out the Order’s Rule of Life which consists of: Prayer, Service, Study and Evangelism. We invite all women of the parish who are interested in finding out more about the Daughters to attend our monthly meetings.

The Daughters are thankful for the love and support of Fr. Stan and the exceptional clergy team St. Timothy’s.

In Christ Alone,  
Susie Geaslen

American Heritage Girls
Troop 2317 had a fantastic 2023. We had what has become an annual family campout to South Texas at the Rolling W Ranch joining with Trail Life troop 2317. Throughout the year the girls have participated in several service projects including helping with Kids Meals, Family Fun Day, Trunk or Treat and helping with Families Feeding Families.
AHG has worked on several badges including Our Flag, camping, fire safety, archery, etiquette, emergency preparedness and puppetry. We also enjoyed a trip to the trampoline park, dutch oven cooking over a campfire, and several other group activities. At the end of the summer we had the award ceremony where several girls earned badges. We also have welcomed two new families to AHG.

The troop meets on Thursday nights at St. Timothys from 7pm-8:30pm, in the youth building.

Faith| Service| Fun,  
Penelope Kenney

(Fr. Stan continued)  
We also have many and various ministry leaders who volunteer and help in untold ways. The Lord has blessed St. Timothy’s with these wonderful, wonderful volunteers.

Martha Rodabaugh (our Treasurer) has spent untold hours in managing the finances of St. Timothy’s and has been invaluable to the office staff as she has served with diligence and devotion. What a blessing you are.

And our Chancellor, Solape Delano, was again elected by the Vestry to continue as our legal counsel when needed. Thankfully, with her hands very full, we have not had to call on her very much thus far.

***Vestry***  
Further, I am very grateful for the hard work of our Vestry. We have had some very fruitful meetings, and those who serve on the Vestry give a goodly amount of their time to the church. Our vestry deals with much of the financial business and other issues of the parish. Our vestry this past year consisted of Fr. Stan Gerber (Rector), Tom Donley (Sr. Warden), Daniel Valdez (Junior Warden), Dianna Stein (Secretary), Susan LaCoste Williamson, Dele Oduola, Carolyn Boyd, Bob Capps, Susie Geaslen, Guy Williams, Greg Thomas, Frankie Masterson, and Wade Fennel.

Our outgoing Vestry Members – Tom Donley, Daniel Valdez, Susan LaCoste and Dele Oduola, have completed their term. Our deepest gratitude goes to each of you for your leadership, your care, and your time of service. Our out-going members will be honored with a plaque and a ‘Thank you’ at the informal Annual Parish Meeting (February 28, 2024) at 6:45pm. Our newly elected Vestry Members are Jensey Santos, Patrick Howard, Judith Jordan, and Ted Huckaby.

Our newly appointed Senior Warden for 2024 is Dianna Stein. Our newly elected Junior (People’s) Warden is Wade Fennel. Our newly elected Secretary is Patrick Howard, and our re-elected Treasurer is again (thank you, Lord) Martha Rodabaugh. Solape Delano was re-elected to be available for Chancellor work, when needed.

I encourage our parishioners to spend time reading and studying the other reports contained herein; they tell the story of various ministries and programs in the life of this parish. The people involved in these ministries do much of the heavy lifting at St. Timothy’s. I am thankful for all of them in countless ways. Your work is the backbone of our common effort to be disciples of Christ. Thank you!

It goes without saying that I owe so much to my dear wife, Mary, who cares and supports me in ways unimaginable. The Lord brought us together eight years before we were married, and the Lord joined us in Holy Matrimony in June of 1979, and in all those years she has willingly supported, cared for and uplifted me in ministry, and sacrificed many, many hours of her time with me. For that I am deeply indebted.

Allow me to end by saying this: It is still an immense pleasure and a great honor to serve as your Rector and I thank you for your trust and your support. In whatever time there is left I will do everything possible to ensure that St. Timothy’s is the same God-loving, Bible-centered, sacramentally based, welcoming community it has always been. It is one in which I feel blessed to be part.

Fr. Stan+
<i><b>Prayer for St. Timothy’s</b></i>
<i>Most loving God, whose wisdom has guided St. Timothy’s Anglican Church since its beginning, stir up your Spirit in our midst and lead us forward in the work we are called to do. Enable this congregation to continue in service to you and in ministry within and beyond our walls. Cleanse us of petty rivalries, sensitivities, vanities, discourtesies – everything which distracts us, thus freeing us to rejoice in the good performed by others. Grant that we may be united in a common purpose and share in a single spirit... your Spirit, Lord. Bless our work together that we may faithfully envision what you are calling us to be and to do, and bless our efforts to be faithful to your calling. Grant that your attractive goodness may be seen in all our faces, your warm accents of love heard in all our words, and in our lives may we show something of you to all the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.</i>

Nursery
I have had a great year in the nursery as the new Coordinator. We have a crew of 4 babysitters who consistently work with us. We have been so blessed by our nursery staff that is always available for our needs. We were able to host our first Diocesan Synod as the new Cathedral. <b>We are in need of volunteer with more babies to come and share our wonderful nursery with.</b>
Nursery operates Sunday mornings from 8:30-12:30, and Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm. Please email me at yurikoh1216@icloud.com to schedule your next event.
Edith Villanueva

St Timothy's Anglican Church  
2023 Annual Financial Report

	Jan - Dec 23	Budget	Variance
Support and Revenue			
Support and Revenue	1,119,780.23	1,030,678.56	89,101.67
Expense			
ACNA Support	110,051.80	102,767.86	7,283.94
Mission	13,148.59	18,364.99	-5,216.40
Office and Administration	74,690.55	75,400.00	-709.45
Outreach	29,975.00	29,350.00	625.00
Parish Programs	37,965.81	31,650.00	6,315.81
Property and Grounds	123,420.06	135,800.00	-12,379.94
Personnel Expenses	636,474.28	622,163.00	14,311.28
Worship and Liturgy	37,380.80	36,250.00	1,130.80
Total Expense	1,063,106.89	1,051,745.85	11,361.04
Support and Revenue Less Expenditures	56,673.34	-21,067.29	77,740.63
Net Restricted Donations \$167,896.19			
less restricted expenses \$235,190.45	(64,573.87)		
Other information			
Cash balance as of December 31,2023	882,525.23		
Endowment balance as of December 31, 2023	1,489,700.49		
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,372,225.72		

STAY - St. Timothy’s Anglican Youth

Hello to everyone! 2023 was truly a wonderful year for STAY. Our God is truly faithful and continues to be so involved in the lives of everyone surrounding the young men and women of our parish.

We want to begin by showing our appreciation to Fr. Michael because it was under his leadership that we completed the DWGC Youth Winter Retreat, STAC Valentine’s Dinner Dance, and Soul in the City all while continuing the Wednesday Night teachings through July 2023. The Bishop, Fr. Stan and the Vestry were in agreement that the STAY Leadership would remain with the existing and future Youth Group.

In August we put together a calendar to keep parents and STAY informed of events from August through February. We are currently in the process of completing the calendar for March through the end of 2024. The events planned for the Fall calendar were planned to have a good balance between fellowship and teachings. In September, we participated in our Annual Family Fun Day and were responsible for the games and entertainment of the little ones in attendance. Once Fall came around we gathered for some STAY Fun Days that included a visit to The Color Factory, Pumpkin Carvings with HopePointe Youth Group and Praise and Worship Night at Grace Anglican. We also had our Annual Friendsgiving Potluck, Breakfast with Santa + Lock in and ended the year with our Annual Christmas Party.

Both students and leaders participated jointly by sharing what Jesus means to them through music, presentations, scripture and Q&A format. We ended the year making sure that our students become confident in their knowledge and love for Christ and want to bring that into 2024.

We feel very blessed that even though there were challenges in 2023 God continued to lead us. We look forward to another wonderful year with STAY and truly appreciate the love and support that we continue to receive from our St. Timothy’s family.

STAY Honored Leaders,  
6 Shelia Chandler, Ana Acosta, Cody Hicks

Sheepdogs Safety Team

The safety team was established to create and maintain a protected environment for our parish, to provide an atmosphere where all who enter may openly, eagerly and enthusiastically share the GOOD NEWS of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Most of the time, you won’t know who they are; but be assured that the mission of the volunteers is to keep you safe.

Building on the successes of previous years, the Sheepdogs continued growing and improving. Some notable accomplishments in 2023 were:

- Dispatch Center – With the acquisition of the campus-wide camera surveillance system in 2022, and construction of the dedicated safety office, the Sheepdogs took the next step and added volunteers to staff the dispatch center. When staffed, the dispatcher can view the entire campus and communicate possible emergencies by radio, which greatly reduces the response time for the team. In addition, the dispatcher can communicate with first responders, freeing up other team members to concentrate their efforts on the scene of the incident.
- Upgraded Radio System – In late 2023, the safety teams acquired a new radio system with Bluetooth enhanced functionality. Equipped with a dedicated wireless headset, these radios produce clearer audio and are easier to use, enabling an improved response to emergencies. The radios are scheduled to be fully deployed in February 2024
- Safety Training – In 2023, twenty-five Sheepdogs completed a 10-hour safety training course focusing on handling civil disturbances that may arise on campus.
- Consulting – The safety team has become recognized as the standard within our diocese. Because of this, the team has consulted with other parishes to assist them in starting a team at their home church.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- As always, the safety team needs volunteers for teams, special events and dispatch. Whether you want to serve full time, or maybe just an hour or two each month, each contribution is needed and wanted. For more information, contact me (Patrick Howard), George Vick, Guy Williams or any other member of the team.
- Trust the team to handle emergencies. The Sheepdogs have planned responses to various types of emergencies that may occur. Engaging the team with any civil, medical or environmental threats will enable quicker response times and more efficient handling of the incident.
- Mostly, please pray for wisdom, guidance, courage and safety for those who are dedicated to watch over you.

Thank you for your support!

In Christ’s Service,  
Patrick G Howard

Adult Education

In 2023 we offered a variety of in-depth Bible studies with our classes on Sunday mornings open to all as we worked our way through the book of Acts and into Romans; for those from the 8:45 service while adding a class for those from the 11 o’clock service studying Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers, and we have offered at least one class every day of the week except Friday, that included courses for women, men, and those for mixed groups. On Fridays we offer Wise and Otherwise as an opportunity for fellowship, fun and games. Our goal continues to seek to be of one mind through common study together.

When our adult education classes are combined with our Equipping the Saints Program on Wednesday evenings, our Isaiah 6 program on Saturday mornings and our School for Ministry Programs on Saturdays we give adult leaders opportunities to explore options to deepen their response to the call of Christ on their lives. These courses have already inspired new adult classes and new opportunities for service to the broader congregation and have opened the opportunities to those exploring the call to the diaconate and beyond. With the addition of Father Aaron to the staff, we expect 2024 to bring new excitement and learning opportunities for everyone who feels called to a deeper level of study and desire to join the leadership team in any capacity. We look forward to continuing our shared life as disciples together as we seek to “put on Christ” through the continued layers of our basic foundational studies in the year to come.

Deacon John Pegues



Evangelism

I thank God that I was blessed to be able to serve St. Timothy’s as Evangelism and Communications Coordinator for another year.

Our livestream services continue every Sunday, one alternating between the 8:45 am traditional service and the 11:00am contemporary service, and the other for our Spanish service attendants at 1:15 pm. The week’s service schedule can be found on our webpage or Facebook page every week.

Our friends at Home Place of Texas continue to bless us with their spirit of volunteerism. These great folks continue to prepare our bulletins. They also come in and help keep our church looking good by washing windows and straightening up the pews. Their warmth, friendliness and love is always a blessing to us.

We once again offered Advent Wreaths for sale on the first Sunday of Advent. Sales were down quite a bit this year and we are planning on offering a smaller number in 2024. Thank you to all my new and veteran team members who do a fantastic job of assembling the kits every year!

On-line payments for pledges, donations and events continue through our website and the Easytithe app. We have a Special Gifts Fund on the drop-down menu. This is a “catch-all” category for things like remembrances, flowers, and tuition. If you use this fund, it is critical that you type in what the payment is for so that Meagan can assign it to the right place. Also, for events like VBS, Advent Luncheon, Anglican School of Ministry, please check the bottom of the webpage. There are often buttons there for registration and payments. We are also using QR codes on posters and other sites to make it easier to reach registration pages. All you have to do is aim your phone’s camera at the code and press it and it will take you directly to the page.

Our Welcome Station in the Narthex continues with a welcome team to greet our guests. Sonji Williams and the Welcome Center team continue to do the important job of greeting our weekly visitors. We would love (and need) to have volunteers to help us in this ministry at both the 8:45 am and 11:00 am service. You will need to serve no more than once or twice a month. Please contact Sonji Williams if you are interested. If you meet someone new during the service and they haven’t had a chance to receive information about St. Timothy’s, please consider walking them over to the Welcome Center and introducing them on your way out. I thank all of you for your openness and friendliness in welcoming all our guests.

St. Timothy’s was approached by Sheri Peddy of Loving Houston about partnering with Kleb Intermediate School. After discussions and prayer, we decided to join with Kleb. Because of the busy end of the year, the decision was made to begin the partnership in early 2024.

My thanks, love and heart go out to all who volunteer to help here at St. Timothy’s. Special thanks to our “front line” of ushers, greeters, and Welcome Center volunteers. As always, your help and information are invaluable to me.

Peace,  
Tracy Pegues

Trail Life

2023 was a great year for Troop 2317. Trail Life USA continues to see steady growth year over year as Christian families search for a faith based outdoor and adventure program.

We continue our weekly devotional, working our way through 1 and 2 Timothy.

Along with our weekly Thursday night meetings we attended the area wide Trail Junction, Summer Camp Beacon, went on overnight hiking and canoe trips, played airsoft and participated in an overnight campout at the Museum of the American GI in College Station. We participated in numerous outreach and service projects including serving at the Family Fun Day, making lunches at Kids Meals, visited with residents at a memory care center and participated in Wreaths Across America.

We would like to thank St Timothys for your continued support and extend an open invitation to attend one of our weekly meetings and see what Trail Life USA is all about.

Walk Worthy,  
Joe Kenney

Hispanic Ministries

Dear Family,

Another year for the books in the life of our Hispanic congregation. We started this year with the same desire to worship and glorify our God in all things we do whether in word or deed. The attendance was still somewhat consistent with an average of 35 parishioners. We had several celebrations including baptisms, weddings, first communions and of course quinceañeras. We also had a few funerals for family members of our church. Our highlight of the year was the wedding of Ariana, our former office assistant and daughter of our Deacon, Jorge Cavazos to Angel, one of our sound techs. They are two of our youngest members, the wedding was celebrated by our Rector, Fr Stan.

It is amazing how God works amid his people, how He is bringing us closer as a family. We see more friendships built and more relationships form around us. Working together for the good of all. It has been great to see how there’s always a response when the need arises. As some of you may know, in our Hispanic congregation we have many talented, hard workers from painters to yard workers, to builders and many other skilled laborers who have had the opportunity to help many of our church members. We continue to enjoy our combined services during our major feast celebrations and the programs and activities throughout the year, including retreats, cruises, festivals, etc. This has gone to show how a church should function, just as was done in the second chapter of Acts. One great thing we have all done well is to show our love for one another. Because at the end, isn’t that what Christianity is all about?

So, as we continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God and his Son, Jesus Christ, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to everyone, especially those who are of the household of faith.

We want to thank each of you for your love and prayers, especially to our wonderful Rector, Fr Stan, for his unconditional love and support.

Blessings,  
Fr Oscar+

Junior Warden/Maintenance

Dear Family,

A short note to give you some information on the status of our beautiful church building. This year we started some new projects, one of them being our ARDF building (Anglican Relief Development Fund). It will benefit families in the event of a natural disaster. Praying that won’t happen but we’ll be ready. It will serve as a storage for items used during a disaster. Another project was to move the BBQ pit area closer to the Rodabaugh Pavilion that is now fully functional with electricity, water, and large fans for use in the summertime.

In front of our church building, we were able to remove two old trees that were dead due to the freeze and were replaced by extra parking spaces. We replaced those trees by planting beautiful Magnolia trees in the very front. They were planted in honor and memory of our dear June Powell. We also planted new bushes that will hopefully grow beautifully in the front flowerbeds. During Christmas time front trees were illuminated and Christmas lights installed.

We had a few changes inside the building, we divided the former June Powell room into two offices. One will serve as Canon Aaron’s office and the other will serve as the special events coordinator’s office for Caye Lankford. The library was updated and a new coffee maker with more options was added.

New thermostats with wi-fi capability were installed, bright lights were installed in the back and around the building. The parking lights were also updated to brighter LED lights, just to mention a few of the improvements.

General maintenance throughout the building is done on a regular basis including maintenance to the AC units, electrical and plumbing systems, paint touch ups, etc.

As always, we continue to welcome your ideas and please let us know if there are any items that need attention.

We want to thank each of you for your support and commitment to make this place beautiful and worthy of worship.

Daniel Valdez  
Junior Warden

Fr Oscar Gallego+  
Building Manager

Over the past year, it has been a profound privilege to forge personal connections within the international community and among the students at the University of Houston. Through the dedicated efforts of the Anglican Peace Campus Ministry, we have witnessed God’s presence in various areas across Houston. These interactions have been instrumental in guiding lives and serving others in the spirit of Christ. As a result, we have established a foundation of trust for the services provided by the University of Houston, not only among students but also within Jewish, Muslim, and Hindu communities.

The ministry at the University of Houston continues to thrive, a testament to the grace of God, which is evident throughout this report. This includes numerous impactful discussions held during community dialogue gatherings, one-on-one meetings, and weekly Bible study sessions with students. The start of 2024 has been immensely blessed, with a number of international students coming to faith. In recent weeks, twelve international students have embraced the Gospel and accepted Jesus Christ into their hearts, becoming citizens of heaven. I humbly request that you keep these new believers and our ongoing ministry in your prayers.

I am deeply thankful for the opportunity to grow in faith alongside you, focusing on the ministry’s priorities: nurturing student engagement, fostering practices of prayer and spiritual discipline, honoring the voices of all generations, pursuing unity within diversity, and proclaiming the Gospel. I eagerly anticipate continuing to serve both the community and international students with renewed vigor and commitment.

As we look to the future, I am filled with hope and anticipation for the ways in which the Holy Spirit will continue to move within our midst. May we remain steadfast in our mission to be a beacon of God’s love and truth, drawing more souls to the knowledge and love of Christ. I pray that our collective efforts will bear abundant fruit, and that our ministry will be a source of light and solace to all who seek refuge and purpose. Let us uphold each other in prayer, that we may be empowered to fulfill our calling with grace and perseverance.

In Christ’s service,  
Fr. Nazir  
Diocesan Evangelist

Light of Peace Women Ministry

Throughout history, countless women, moved by their faith with the message of gospel, have helped women across the globe. While many accounts hail from the New Testament, the legacy of female evangelists continues to inspire. Theirs is a story of tireless service, fostering joy and community among women, especially those facing hardship.

Today, this legacy unfolds anew in Pakistan, where I, too, stand as a woman empowered by faith. Witnessing the plight of many women denied educational opportunities and basic skills due to societal norms and illiteracy sparked a calling within me – to share the joy found in knowledge and the solace of God’s word.

Moved by this calling, I utilize technology and personal interactions to spread the light of knowledge. Through “Zoom” meetings and physical gatherings, I offer women the tools they need to unlock their potential. Sewing centers nurture vocational skills, while literacy programs empower them to see the world around them. Witnessing last year’s graduates, now confidently supporting their families, and radiating vibrant joy, is a testament to the transformative power of knowledge.

This journey, however, is not undertaken alone. Every prayer you offer becomes hope and opportunity we create. With your continued support, I remain steadfast in my mission – to make known the love of God, equip women with essential skills, and create the spark of joy within their hearts. Together, we continue to write a new chapter in the enduring legacy of female evangelists, transforming lives in Pakistan, one thread at a time.

The impact of our work is like a wave on a calm lake, raising independence families and communities. As we celebrate the legacy of those who came before us, let us continue to pave the way for a future where every woman, regardless of circumstance, has the opportunity to thrive, radiate joy, and share the light of knowledge with the world.

God bless,  
Agnes Masih



To follow up our study of who God is...we spent the Spring of 2023 in His word, learning the Books of the Bible by adding songs, motions, and brief overviews to our rotation cycle. The minor prophets were a struggle to remember, but most of us got the order right by the end of the semester. Of course, I’ve slept since then so I still get hung up in those pesky prophets. Penelope Santos can still sing the whole song though! All of us now have a better understanding of God’s word, how it evolved over time, and most importantly how it guides us.

VBS took us on a journey to Babylon to join Daniel and the exiles. St. Timothy’s came through again to bring it all to life from donations, volunteers, kitchen helpers, youth tribe leaders and the wonderful adults who led games, crafts, tribe time, celebration and drama. VBS is an intensive immersing week that really focuses the kids on God and the lessons we learn from the Bible. It’s also a fantastic way to show how we can all work together toward a single goal. The youth leaders have one of the most important and difficult jobs as they take a group of eight or more children of different ages and backgrounds and form them into a family. It’s amazing to watch the spiritual growth of everyone involved.

Before we started classes in the Fall, the Education team and some of our helpers took a good look at our 5-year rotation plan and revamped it by moving some studies, deleting a few topics and adding new ones. Remember that our goal is to highlight important people and events in the Bible to build a spiritual foundation for our children to expand upon as they grow in their faith. Year One is all about Moses and the rewards of being obedient to God and the consequences when you do not listen to Him. We started with the birth of Moses contrasting the roles of his mother and sister. Then we moved on to the story of the burning bush and God sending Moses back to confront Pharoah. We left out the next part of the story-the plagues , the parting of the Red Sea, the miracles in the desert, and the 10 commandments-as they will be part of the coming VBS. We did join the Israelites in the desert at the bottom of Mount Sinai when they made the golden calf (there’s those consequences again). The walls in the Education Hall show our progress as we journey with God’s people learning life-long lessons along the way. Thanks to the team who leads the way on Sundays: Deacon Jennifer, Valerie Fennel, Susie Geaslen and Jon Santos and on Wednesdays: Tyann Rosa, Kelsey Fennell, and Christopher Patton with occasional guest teachers. If you’d like to join us to lead a one-day lesson or to help out more often, contact me. All our teachers and volunteers are required to take the Living in Safety class online and have a background check as the safety of our children is crucial, but these are easily done and the rewards of watching our future grow is incalculable.

The Nursery and Toddler ministry is now led by Edith Valdez who has a great group of devoted helpers that watch over our little ones during services and special events. These ladies have also fulfilled tour Diocesan safety requirements and are loving care givers planting little seeds of faith to start these little ones on their journey with God.

Confirmation classes with Deacon Jennifer and Doug McGehee began in the Fall for youth who are in 7th grade and older. They meet on the third Sunday of each month from 1:00-4:00. This is a diverse group that is learning about the Anglican Catechism hoping to discern where they are in their spiritual walk and where they hope to go.

St. Timothy’s children’s ministry is all about spiritual growth. We want our children to be grounded in biblical truth so that they have a strong faith foundation to carry forth into the world. If we don’t teach our children about God and the true word, the world will teach them differently.

In Christ’s Service,  
Lisa Musick and the Children’s Team

Children and Youth Choirs

In the Spring, both our young choirs had an opportunity to sing. Canterbury Kids has made it a tradition to sing for Palm Sunday services, while Heavenly Harmonies sings during Eastertide. As their service project, Heavenly Harmonies once again traveled to Wood Glen Court to sing in the service of our satellite congregation. This tradition blesses both the youth and the residents. Back at St. Timothy’s, the Canterbury Kids’ service project included replacing frayed or missing ribbons in all of our hymnals. Both choirs combined to sing together for Mother’s Day-another favorite annual tradition.

After summer break, we went back to our former schedule with Canterbury Kids meeting on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:50 pm and Heavenly Harmonies settling into the Sunday slot of 10:15-10:50 every week. This schedule gives us more time to concentrate on developing our singing voices and spiritual growth. It also makes it possible to sing in church more often- a win-win situation for all! We added Bonnie Hartwell to the team as rehearsal accompanist for the Heavenly Harmonies in the Fall which releases Zach to work with the Joyful Noise praise team. What a blessed year full of song, service and growth.

Singing in Christ,  
Bonnie Hartwell, Lisa and Zach Musick



Music Director – Canterbury Choir and Joyful Noise

2023 was a year of big changes for the music ministries of St. Timothy’s, as God continued to guide us in new and exciting ways down paths that were, nevertheless, old and familiar. The Canterbury Choir continued to lead worship in the 8:45am service with traditional hymns and anthems each week, rehearsing at 7:00pm each Thursday, while Joyful Noise led the 11:00am service with contemporary praise & worship music, rehearsing at 6:00pm each Thursday. On the surface, not much of this is different from what has come before (with the exception of the Joyful Noise rehearsals, which only started up again last August), but behind the scenes, God was moving in powerful ways that I believe have elevated both programs, and continue to bear fruit even into the present year.

On January 1st, the Canterbury Choir saw a change in leadership, as I assumed the full-time duties of organist/choir director from my predecessor Mike Mason, who retired at the end of 2022. The transition was about as smooth as could be hoped for (having already served as an assistant for seven years helped!); with God’s assistance I was able to settle in quickly, and was already feeling comfortable in my new role by February. I’d like to thank the members of the choir for being so welcoming and putting up with my shenanigans, because this is not a responsibility I take lightly! Following God’s lead, several new concepts found their way into our sound this year, including the use of hand-chimes in chant, switching our regular psalm singing into full Anglican chant to match the 2019 BCP in the fall (thank you Don Ishler for putting those together!), and an increased integration of solos and small ensembles throughout the year (not just in the summer!). These shone especially during our Christmas program, which was one of the most varied and exciting in recent memory—and came together in a matter of weeks! In an effort to encourage the natural Spirit of creativity alive here in St. Timothy’s, I also composed several pieces for the choir last year, including my arrangement of “Were You There?” which we sang on Maundy Thursday. Overall, an increasingly spiritual focus within the group has led to more meaningful, heartfelt performances that are also bearing fruit in other ways: while we bade farewell to one of our longest serving interns this fall (Victoria, who still returns from school when on break), we gained four more last year, all from word-of-mouth (which I never asked for—God has simply provided what we needed). People are excited to be in the group, and the excitement is infectious. We are all one big family with God at the center, and I am so looking forward to seeing what is next for the Canterbury Choir as we enter into our new life as a cathedral choir—whatever that means.

But the real story this year was Joyful Noise! After fifteen years of faithful service, Nick Gerber stepped down as worship leader on August 13th, with Fr. Stan asking me—who hadn’t even picked up a guitar in over a decade—to take his place. This isn’t the place to tell the full story, but God was at work here, too, gradually re-opening the world of contemporary Christian music to me through various events in the first part of the year (including the parish retreat and Maundy Thursday, which featured contemporary music for the first time), and inspiring me to volunteer with the group during the summer. And it wasn’t just me God was moving—Kelsey Fennell became our new drummer at the end of June after only a month or two of lessons, and when it came time, her sister Darcy graciously agreed to serve alongside me as Assistant Worship Leader, aiding me with everything from selecting music each week to managing the band to helping me learn songs I don’t know (of which there are still many!). And space would fail me to mention the assistance I’ve received from Tracy, Emile, and all the rest of the veterans who have welcomed me in with open arms. Truly, we would not be Joyful Noise if it were not for each and every one of you, and I am humbled to have been blessed with the privilege of serving and praising our God with this group. Oh, and we were also blessed with enough resources last year to afford a new drum set in December, which we had desperately needed for some time! God has truly been good to us, and I believe that goodness flows through our music to touch the lives of all who hear it; the evidence is all around.

So if I had to sum up my feelings about the music programs last year in a word, it would be ‘gratitude,’ but words really fall short. It was a year of crazy changes to be sure, some expected and some not, but looking back on them reveals God’s hand guiding both myself and everyone whom I serve with every step of the way, and I am just awed by what He has been able to accomplish and still continues to accomplish through us (of all people). I can only imagine what He has in store for us next.

From your servant and brother in Christ,  
Zachary Musick  
Music Director

TEAM – Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministry

This past year has seen an increase in the need for TEAM's ministry and services. We had 476 family visits, with 1,875 individuals and 68 new families being helped. As of now St. Timothy's has five regular volunteers at TEAM serving the Frontline, Ministry Assistance, Food Pantry or Resale Shop. Our congregation sponsored two badly needed food drives and made many individual donations. If you want to know more about the Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministry or our upcoming Fund Raiser, I will be happy to take you on a tour or answer questions.

Shalom,  
Carolyn Boyd

Outreach Ministry for Disaster Relief

The Outreach Ministry for Disaster Relief at St Timothy’s has been busy. We have had blessings pouring down on this ministry and we couldn’t be more excited with the path that our Lord is leading us down. He is lighting the way for the ministry and giving us support from our parish. We have met with other disaster relief groups in Houston and surrounding areas to share ideas and support each other. Our goal is to be the best outreach ministry in the country. A tall goal for sure, but with God in our driver’s seat, why not!

St Timothy has built a beautiful outreach building and acquired a tool trailer that will house our bucket supplies and other items to be distributed to those affected by disaster. Thank you to Father Oscar and Frank Boyd for the plans and supervising the building of this wonderful facility. The dedication of this building took place on November 3, 2023 during the SYNOD meeting hosted by St Timothy’s. It was raining that day, but when it came time to dedicate the building the sun came out!

God calls us to help others in need and we are on our way to meeting that call. “How can I help?” you ask; many have volunteered where needed along with our Boy Scouts, Trail Life and other youth groups. These groups will help in filling the flood buckets, and not only support our outreach program but gain service hours and /or earn badges as well. Others have provided the items needed to fill the buckets or in most cases, made a monetary donation to St Timothy’s - Mission Outreach fund. Thank you, Dr. Geer, for generously donating the dental care kits. We are concentrating on flood/hurricane disasters and hygiene kits in the beginning with the hope of expanding later to tornado disasters. Additional items that we have stored are diapers, toys, bibles and children’s books and blankets/quilts. Thank you, Darcy, for being there when we need you.

Hurricane season is not that far away and with the amount of rain we received recently, flooding will follow. Here is how you can help Mission Outreach achieve our goals:  
1) Spin the Wheel – Like the Giving Tree during Advent, we have a wheel that you spin and, based on where the wheel lands, the number on the wheel coordinates with what items to bring. Stop by the Kiosk every Sunday during Lent and bring your items.  
2) Sponsor a Disaster Bucket - If you want to make a family project out of this, it will cost approximately \$47.00 to fill the bucket with the items needed. The hygiene kits are approximately \$20.00. This can be a fun way to be the hands and feet of Jesus and help others together as a family unit. A list of items needed is available at the Kiosk.  
3) Donate – A monetary donation of any amount is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Make your checks out to St. Timothy’s – and write Mission Outreach in the memo on the check.

Be the hands and feet of our Lord by assisting us in helping those affected by a disaster. Take it from someone who knows all too well. They need us!

Look for the Mission Outreach table on Sundays and come and spin the wheel. Your participation will be greatly appreciated and is the key to the Mission Outreach success. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this mission.

George Vick, Parish Coordinator  
Sonji Williams, Parish Administrator

Chera- Assisted Living and Memory Care Ministry

The Chera ministry continues to be an essential ministry to seniors who are living in Assisted Living Homes and Memory Care Facilities in the Spring community. Many of those we minister to are not able to attend church, so we bring Jesus Christ to them. The Church Service that we use is the Communion under Special Circumstances, found on page 396 of the 1979 Prayer Book.

The verse that best describes this ministry is James 1:27, “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” God continues to bless this ministry with volunteers who have been called to assist the residents, provide music, cards and preach the word of God.

This past year has been a year of transition for this ministry. In December, with God’s leading we turned the Wood Glen ministry over to Fr. Larry DiSano, Deacon Jennifer Scherzer and Deacon Kathy Boggs. We are thankful for Sue Benson assisting with the transition. There was also a change of leadership at Spring Creek Village. Bob and Mary Capps are now leading the services and the devotional. Lucy Tischler is providing Birthday cards for the residents.

We believe this is all in God’s plan for the Chera ministry. As Fr. Larry prayed two years ago in one of our ministry meetings, “God, let this ministry go on forever.” It will with God’s help.

God is unfolding a new ministry for us. We look expectantly to see what He wants us to do to honor Him and serve Him,  
Lay Pastor Bob Brooke & Diann Brooke



Vergers, Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes

Part of my duties as Deacon is to head up the ministry of Vergers, Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes. I know that we have many new members that may not be familiar with these ministries. These are lay people that you see in the Sanctuary that are not the Priests and Deacons. Currently Alex Musick is the main Verger at the 8:45 am service and Mike Daigle is the main Verger at the 11 am service. We now have others that serve as Vergers at these services. These servers wear a black robe with red trim and carry a virge (a wooden rod with a cross on the end of it).

Here is a description of these lay positions:

- **Verger** – The Verger is responsible for organizing his or her assigned service and making sure that the Junior Verger, acolytes, Lectors and LEMs are there and ready to go each Sunday. The Junior Verger leads the processions and assists the Verger making sure everyone performs their assigned duty during the service.
- **Lectors** - These are adults who read the first lesson at each service. Depending on the service a Lector would read once a month or once every other month. **We need more Lectors at the 7:30 am service but would welcome anyone interested that attend other services.**
- **Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM)** – These are adults whose duties include reading Psalms, lessons, and prayers, ringing the bells and administering the chalice during communion. They also carry torches and/or the cross during processions. **We also need more adults to become LEMs at all our services.**
- **Acolytes** – These are children, teens and even adults who have a variety of duties. Some of these duties include carrying the torches and the cross during processions. Some of the more senior teens as well as adults become Junior Vergers and are responsible for leading processions and helping the younger acolytes. I would like to encourage more adults to join this program also if they so feel called.

If any adult is interested in becoming a Lector or LEM (Lay Eucharistic Minister) or an adult acolyte, please contact Fr. Stan or me. Once you are trained and are on the schedule, you would usually serve once a month or every other month. This can vary depending on which service you attend and your desire to serve.

If anyone from the age of 8 years and up would like to be an acolyte, please see me, Mike Daigle, or Alex Musick. We have formal acolyte training one or two times a year. One of the Vergers will do individual training when needed. We also have two positions for eager 7 years old’s that cannot wait to be an acolyte. One is the Boat Boy or Girl. This acolyte carries the incense boat next to the Thurifer on incense Sundays. We also have another position for our eager 7-year-olds called Acolyte in Training. In this position they will learn to carry a Torch by processing with a small cross. They will vest and only process in and process out.

In addition to our own acolytes, we sometimes have other churches in our Anglican community bring their acolytes to St. Timothy’s for training. Our next training session will be some time in the spring for Vergers and acolytes. If you are interested, please contact me, Mike Daigle, or Alex Musick. As I said above adults are welcome to become acolytes also. We already have some that serve in that capacity.

Respectfully,  
Deacon Kathy Boggs

Altar Guild

Altar Guild is a group of parishioners who serve God and our church by caring for Sacred Vessels, wine, hosts and linens. We prepare the church for worship for all services: Sundays, Wednesdays, Advent, Lent, weddings, Baptisms, confirmations and funerals and memorials services.

Altar Guild is open to all. No experience necessary, we do on-the-job training within the teams.

- For 2023:
- 3 Weddings
  - 1 Civil wedding
  - 5 Quincenarias
  - 11 Baptisms
  - 2 Funerals/ Memorial Services

Valerie Shepherd

