



St. Timothy's Gazette Fall 2012

Our Vision:

St. Timothy's **Vision** is to be a nurturing, biblically-based community growing Christ's Kingdom.

Our Mission:

St. Timothy's **Mission** is to:

Go out into the North Shore community to

Gather all ages into Christian fellowship,
so that we may

Glorify God in worship,

Grow to become more like Jesus Christ, and

Give of our time, talent and treasure to serve others.

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St. Timothy's Anglican Church
Sunday Services at:
Sutherland Church
630 East 19th Street,, North Vancouver

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www.st-timothy.com

Message from the Rev. Ken Bell

Assumed Faith, Identity and the Church

“Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.” 1 Corinthians 7:17

It was not that long ago that we lived in a culture where faith was assumed. What I mean by that is that we assumed people had a faith in God. We all to one degree or another believed in God. The question was not, ‘Do you believe?’, or even really ‘What do you believe?’, if anything question of faith in the market place may have been just ‘Where do you go to church?’ We just assumed the point of faith. It all sounds kind of great, nostalgia usually is, since we tend to forget or edit out the not so great parts. So we look back at the good old days in Canada when everyone believed in God (our God specifically) and everyone went to church.

Well first of all, not everyone believed in God, many or even most at least believed in something to do with God even if they did not really think much about what specifically they believed (back to that later), but not everyone believed. And not everyone went to church, at least not as often as we would like to remember it.

It is also not true that God was necessarily talked about more back in yester year when we assumed everyone believed. Why? Well, why bother since everyone believed what I believed anyway? In reality, when the cultural assumption is that everyone believes in God, there is not much importance placed on discussing things we all agree on. As a result not only was cultural faith assumed as a part of our community identity, but this was also true of our personal faith. ‘I believe in Jesus and Christmas and I celebrate Easter, I know the Lord’s Prayer and I plan to go to heaven when I die, provided that along the way I pray occasionally, go to church sometimes, I am nice to people and I behave as well as can be expected.’ Beyond that, faith was not something most people struggled with,

fought with, or pushed back against. It was not necessary for the average Christian to put much time or effort into really thinking about what exactly they did believe. In general our assumed personal faith made up part of our identity, as it did culturally, but it rarely made up our primary identity, because it did not need to. One of my favourite quotes (in part because it is applicable in so many situations) is “The last creature to discover water was the fish, simply because he had always been immersed in it”. Assumed cultural and personal faith has the same effect I think.

(I assume you all agree with me to this point fully, but want me to get to the point!)

My point, or rather points, are that declined ‘assume faith’ does not mean a decline in faith and that this decline in assumed faith may actually be a very good thing for us and our culture over all, at least in part because assumed faith gives way to faith which is thought about, considered and tested. This sort of faith leads to all sorts of interesting challenges and opportunities both for the individual and for the church. It also leads then to faith becoming a more prominent part of identity for those who have taken this time to move away from assumed faith.

Identity is a complicated and multifaceted thing. We do not have just one identity and it evolves over time based on age, life circumstance, events and relationships. At one time, not that long ago, a major part of our identity was formed out of an idea of nationhood or nationality, ‘I am Canadian, British, American’ or whatever. Alongside that was identity gained from job or vocation, ‘I am an engineer, teacher, factory worker...’ We also have relational identity, ‘I am a mother, father, son, friend...’ political identity, group affiliation identity, ‘I am a Lion, bowler, club member...’ and of course religious identity, ‘I am Catholic, Anglican, Baptist...’ The prominence of particular identities wax and wane both culturally and personally over time. For example national, political and group identities have taken more of a back seat in recent years. Even vocational identity with people changing jobs and careers more than in the past has

lost some of its priority in our understanding of our selves.

One new identity source though has come to the forefront over the past decade or so. That is our identity as 'consumer'. What I consume or choose not to consume, buy or don't buy, is the single most significant player in our understanding of self. 'I buy organic, local, cheap, Apple vs PC, iPhone or Blackberry. I don't go in for any of that!' Everything from what we eat, wear, watch, play, use, read or do has to do with forming our identity as consumer. Even faith and church has become, at least in part, about our identity as consumer.

(I assume you are all still in agreement with me and are following my thought chain but now desperately want me to get to the 'So What!')

So what? What does this have to do with St. Timothy's and the opening article in the newsletter? Simply this, the church today, while having lost ground in terms of assumed cultural faith is in a unique place to speak into people's lives about identity. That it is not all about what you consume or do. There is another source of identity and understanding who you are. That identity comes from God. You are more than the sum of all these other identities; you are a child of God, uniquely made, and created in His image. You are called to be coheirs in the kingdom of God, where, what you do, who you're related to, where you live and what you consume have nothing to do with who you are.

If we want to help form that identity in people and speak to a culture seeking identity and meaning, then we need to do so by challenging the mind, engaging people's hearts and hands, and offering drink to quench their soul. And that is something I think we as a church are uniquely positioned to do. And this is only possible in a culture where assumed faith has thankfully disappeared.

Your Servant in Christ,

ken bell+

Reports from our "G"s

Gather Group *Gather all ages into Christian fellowship*

Gather reports for the Newsletter have usually consisted of what Gather has done and what it hopes to achieve.

Pastoral Care, led temporarily by Audrey, and the Prayer Ministry, led by Florence, have provided spiritual support for us both in our times of need and after Sunday services. Their importance in our helping one another and in our growth as Christians cannot be overstated.

After every Sunday service, refreshments are provided by Hazel's Coffee Hour ladies. This is a time we can relax and talk to one another while enjoying some goodies. From time to time, we also partake in special treats such as baptismal cakes or the birthday cake for Jesus the children have on Christmas Eve.

The Newsletter which is published three times a year by Peter keeps us informed of, amongst other things, church happenings, our place in the Anglican world and occasionally highlights some of our members' stories.

It is always a joy to celebrate the arrival of newborns as well as to see the children grow up over the years. And this year we joyfully celebrate Christina's up-coming wedding with a bridal shower Sept 16, at 2pm at Sonya Bell's home. We hope that all ladies will be able to attend.

We miss Audrey's gift of being able to organize events/dinners for large numbers of people. Anyone who is being led to lead this special ministry of Fellowship would be most welcome. Until then, we invite anyone to share the opportunity to organize and or host fellowship events.

Lastly, a big thank-you to Daphne for the 5 years of dedication to the Gather subcommittee; her recording of events and oversight of the various ministries was a job well done! I have big shoes to try to fill.

Blessings,

~ Wendy Love

Ladies Group Report

It was with sadness that at our final meeting in June before the break up for summer that we said a fond goodbye to Myrna Tesky. Myrna had been Vice President of our Ladies Group since we started at St. Timothy's and was a very loyal and active member. We celebrated by hosting a farewell luncheon for 16 at the Haigh's . It was a mixture of fun and sadness but we wish Myrna all the best as she goes to join her daughter in Toronto.

This fall we start our Ladies Group Program on the second Monday of September – 10th September at 1.30p.m. at Sutherland Church. We are hoping that during our October or November meeting Martha Wright's grand-daughter will be giving us a presentation on her mission with Habitat for Humanity in Guatemala.

We look forward to seeing as many as are able to attend each meeting, as we will be busy preparing and planning for our fall craft fairs which are held in November - all proceeds going to our outreach projects. We are also be planning two games afternoons when members and friends come together to play whist, crib or scrabble. Watch for dates in the weekly bulletins!

Pastoral Care Report

It is a privilege to be able to visit several of our St. Timothy's family who are now in residential care or at home and unable to join in regular church worship. We ask any of our church members to let us know of any member who is sick in hospital, at home or just in need of a visit and particularly if they wish Ken to visit and administer communion

~ Audrey Haigh

Glorify Group *Glorify God in Worship*

Altar Guild

We are most grateful to all Altar Guild members for their willingness to serve in this important ministry. We were saddened to say goodbye to Myrna Teskey, a key member, at the end of July. We were pleased, however, to host a celebration "tea" in her honour at Corinne's home before she left. Unfortunately, Anne Kong has also left the Guild. We say a huge thank you to both Myrna and Anne for their valued contribution to our ministry. We are delighted to welcome Esther Buchanan and Martha Wright as new members and look forward to working with them. We do need more members, however, and ask you to consider joining the Guild. Most current members are of the older generation and some are dealing with health problems. The more members there are, the less frequent the duties involved. Members are usually scheduled for duty once a month. Training is provided for new members and the duty is not an onerous one – you always work with a partner, so that four people are on duty each week – two on Altar and two on credence table. Set up for the following day is usually done on Saturday morning – this takes no more than 30 minutes. After the service, the Altar Guild does the dismantling and storing of the Eucharistic vessels etc. This takes about 20 minutes.

Thank you to all members who donate flowers to help beautify our services. There are several Sundays still available for altar flowers, this year. If you have a loved one or special occasion you would like to honour, please contact Corinne. If you are interested and are able to join the Guild, male or female, please speak to Corinne or Sarah. We hope and look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you in our midst.

Thank you.

The Altar Guild

~ Sarah Lucas

Musical musings !!

When writing a review for the VSO performing Mahler's 2nd, I was intrigued by the fact that Gustav Mahler regarded his nine symphonies as experiments in 'autobiography'. He believed that all aspects of human experience should be expressed in a 'symphony'.

Although born a Jew, Mahler embraced Catholicism as part of his personal lifelong struggle for peace. His 'Resurrection' symphony is part of his own emotional journey both tragic and profound, an inextricable melody of positive and negative responses that reveal the essence of Mahler's musical temperament.

It opens with cellos and double basses playing in unison, creating the foundation for building thematic layers of musical style; waltzes; fanfares; chorale; percussion, a wonderful edifice in sheer magnitude of sound. The first movement - 25 minutes in duration - requires the orchestra to play 'as one' and demands concentration and energy, mixed with competent musical sensitivity in order to achieve the desired effect. The second and third movements - where the string sections in particular need to play 'as one' - pulsates with the necessity for impeccable intonation. In the fourth movement there is a sense of desperation and inner turmoil leading into the finale, a collection of up tempo scherzos which resurrect the symphony to life - and the sound lives on.

Listening to Mahler is not for the fainthearted. His compositions demand an intense level of concentration - and I have often wondered why it is that music evokes such a powerful expression of the inner workings of the human heart.

Music is a gift and we need it - especially in our worship. It creates melodic meaning to our faith and allows our hearts to open up before our Father who is in heaven.

My prayer for us all at St Timothy's as we enter the next musical season together is that we resonate 'as one' - inglorious testimony to God's life giving love for this world.

After all - God demonstrated his love for us in the ultimate 'Resurrection' symphony - Jesus.

~Lois Carter

Why we do what we do!

This summer, +Ken preached on differences in Christian worship, particularly with regard to our worship service by comparison to that at Sutherland. There are many traditions that have arisen in the Anglican Church, and each congregation has their own emphasis. As Anglicans, while we are united in the basic tenets of our faith, some of us prefer some embellishments to our weekly routine. This short overview aims to explain the background of some of the traditions around the altar that can make our worship more meaningful; certainly more colourful!

Altar - from the Latin word "arere" - to burn. The altar is a symbol of the significance of the Last Supper. Our tradition is to add colour, as an Altar Frontal - reflecting the liturgical season. Colours include Purple (or Dark Blue) for Advent and Lent, White or Gold for important feasts such as Christmas, Red for Pentecost - recalling the fire of the Holy Spirit, for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and feasts relating to the Holy Cross, and also for feasts of Martyrs- since they shed their blood for Christ. Black is sometimes used for funerals, but we tend to use White symbolizing life after death and the Resurrection. Green is the most common colour, as it is the colour of nature and of hope.

Candles - we usually burn two candles on the altar during services, traditionally made of beeswax, reminding us that Christ is the light of the world.. Facing the altar from the congregation, the right side of the altar is the Epistle side and the left side is the Gospel side, from the days when the readings were read from those sides of the church. Traditionally, the Gospel candle never burns alone, so we light the Epistle Side first and extinguish the Gospel side first. Candles on the credence table do not have any liturgical significance. In some "high" churches there may be 6 candles on or behind the altar.

Cross – Most Anglican churches display a cross either on or behind the Altar, as a reminder that the cross is central to our faith. During a service, in particular, we tend to acknowledge the cross if we pass from one side of the church to the other, by pausing, facing the altar, and a small bow - showing reverence and respect.

When celebrating a Eucharist service, the altar is set with a fair linen, and the Eucharistic vessels which comprise, from top down –

Burse – coloured to match the Altar frontal – containing the:

Corporal – from the Latin word “corpus” – body, which is the square linen cloth on which are placed all the holy vessels, particularly when they contain blessed elements. This is a throwback to the days when a priest would enter a house, and use the kitchen table as the altar, and even with a clean table cloth, this would present a “clean” area for the sacred vessels.

Chalice Veil – usually the same colour as the Altar frontal, used to cover the chalice when not in use.

Pall – a linen –covered piece of stiff material, used to cover the chalice, and to shape the Chalice veil.

Paten – a circular vessel, resembling a flat dish or plate on which is placed the priest host (wafer) and can be used to distribute the blessed bread or wafers.

Purificator – a folded piece of linen, used to purify or cleanse the chalice (and prevent contact of the paten with the chalice).

Chalice – the sacred cup used at the Eucharist to contain the wine, as Jesus used at the Last Supper. In some churches, the priest processes in at the beginning of the service, with the Eucharistic vessels (detailed above), but at St Timothy’s the Altar Guild set these up.

Credence Table – from the Latin “credere” – to believe (that the food is safe to eat!). At St. Timothy’s we usually present the elements (wine and bread (wafers)) as part of our offertory. The Credence table is the church “side board” placed in the sanctuary, to hold the accessories used at the Eucharist. On The credence Table are:

A **ciborium** or two – a vessel shaped like a chalice, with a lid, containing the small hosts (wafers) for the communion of the people.

Lavabo Bowl and towel – from the Latin – “to wash”. Before preparing the elements for Eucharist, the priest washes his fingers, and dries them with the towel.

Cruets of Wine and Water plus additional wine and wafers – if needed

(We have a tradition that if the water in the cruet is blessed before being used, that any remnants are poured onto soil – a garden, rather than down a sink.)

Additional **purificators** – if more than one chalice is used

Additional **Chalice** – if used.

This is a brief overview of the holy hardware that we use at our services, that has been used traditionally in Anglican services, with slight variations for centuries. It is part of our rich tradition that enhances our weekly services for some of us. There is so much more that can be said about tradition, for example the church vestments, and the reserved sacrament – but for ALL of us, these must never become our focus and interfere with our worship service and our constant call to be obedient to the Word in our daily lives.

~ *Peter Haigh*

Grow Reports

GROW: to become more like Jesus Christ



Grow Team Report: September 2012

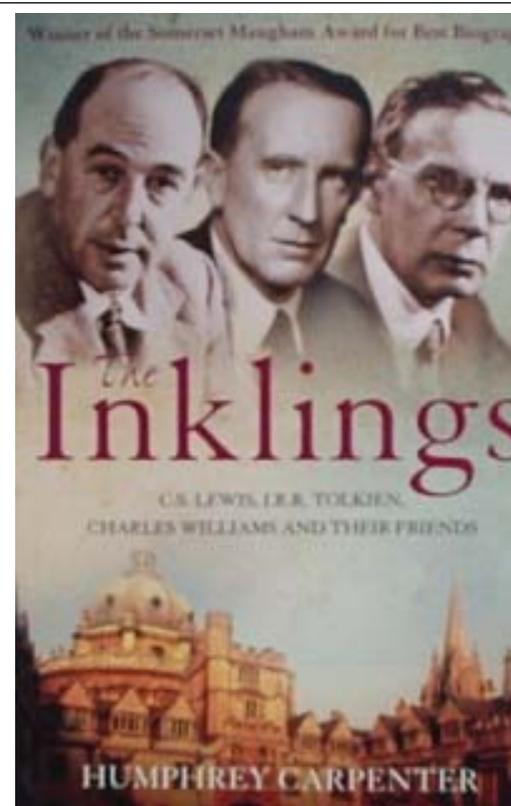
As some of you will know, one of my hobbies is family history and genealogy. I love spending time looking at old census reports, birth, marriage and death records and finding new family members to add to my Family Tree. I love looking at old photographs of unidentified people and trying to figure out who they are, what year the photo was taken and how they might be related. I take great satisfaction in trying to understand more about the person by discovering where they lived and also learning about the times that they lived in. But what I really enjoy is talking with family and hearing their own life stories and the memories that they have of family members. Recently while I was talking with my brothers about my Paternal Grandfather, I was pleased to learn new stories about my Grandpa Wright that I didn't know, but what was most surprising was that I discovered that each of us had quite different perspectives about the same person! My memory of my Grandpa is that he was a very kind and gentle man, but my younger brother, who only knew him through the eyes of a very young child was perhaps a bit frightened of him and of his cane!

Recently while reading Timothy Keller's book, "The Prodigal God" I was interested to read a story that he included from C.S. Lewis' book, "The Four Loves". The book reflected on the relationship he had with his friends in the "Inklings". (The Inklings

was an informal literary discussion group associated with the University of Oxford, England who met between the early 1930's and late 1949. Famous members included C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Charles Williams and others). When Charles Williams died unexpectedly after W.W. II, C.S. Lewis wrote the following meditation on his friend's death,

"In each of my friends there is something that only some other friend can fully bring out. By myself I am not large enough to call the whole man into activity; I want other lights than my own to show all his facets. Now that Charles [Williams] is dead, I shall never again see Ronald's [Tolkien's] reaction to a specifically Charles joke. Far from having more of Ronald, having him "to myself" now that Charles is away, I have less of Ronald...In this, Friendship exhibits a glorious "nearness by resemblance" to heaven itself where the very multitude of the blessed (which no man can number) increases the fruition which

each of us has of God. For every soul, seeing Him in her own way, doubtless communicates that unique vision to all the rest. That, says an old author, is why the Seraphim



in Issiah's vision are crying "Holy, Holy, Holy" to one another (Isaiah 6:3). The more we thus share the Heavenly Bread between us, the more we shall have."

Timothy Keller suggests that Lewis is saying that it took a community to know an individual. How much more would this be true of Jesus Christ? Christians commonly say they want a relationship with Jesus that they want to "get to know Jesus better." You will never be able to do that by yourself. You must be deeply involved in the church, in Christian community, with strong relationships of love and accountability. Only if you are part of a community of believers seeking to resemble, serve, and love Jesus will you ever get to know him and grow into his likeness."

I include this story and reflection to encourage you to take part in the Church Wide Study, "The Prodigals". If you haven't been a part of a "small group" before you will be amazed at how much more you learn about yourself, about others and most importantly about Jesus Christ. The study is only 4 weeks long; there are lots of groups meeting on different days, times and places. Try and find one that might work for you and give it a try. There is no obligation to continue. It can be a "once off" experience. But I think you will enjoy it and learn more about our Lord and Saviour and perhaps the more we share the "heavenly bread, the more we shall have".

*~ Patricia Young
Grow Team Leader*

The Children's Ministry of St. Timothy's

Throughout this past summer, the children have learned two important aspects of being a follower of Christ: Firstly, how God works through ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things. Secondly, they learned how to allow their child-like faith to bless those around them. The latter was achieved through a series of Family services created by Reverend Ken, in which the children were integrated into the service and called on by Rev. Ken to express their

thoughts and feelings about the story in discussion. As teachers, we have witnessed how both aspects have positively affected their growth and development as Christians.

Moreover, this past year, the children have broadened their understanding of Christ's heart for the outcast through their journey in the Gospel of Mark. Here, Mark presents the Bible in a way that is both intriguing and challenging. The children deepened their understanding of each story through the various games, crafts, activities and stories told and lead by our team of teachers

Now as we head into Fall, Kidz Church will be completing the Gospel of Mark by November. With this completion the children will travel into Christmas with, we pray, a greater understanding of the Lord Jesus, their gifts as a part of the body of Christ and God's offering of life to those who believe.

*~ Christina Hodson
Children's Ministry Assistant*

Good Seed Sunday

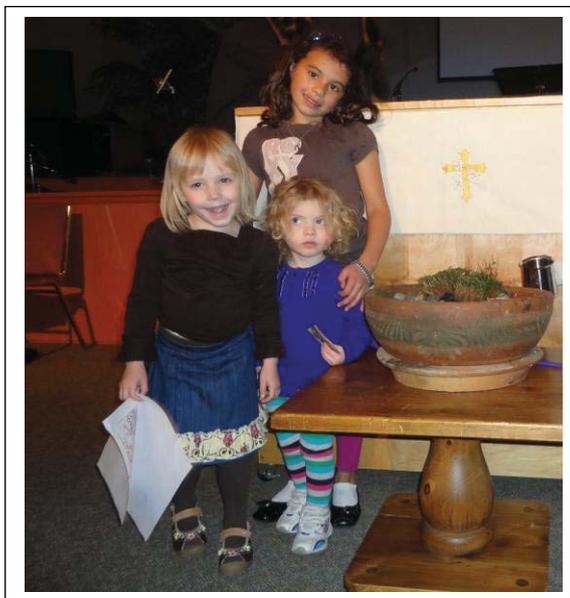
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

*All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.*

On April 22nd St Timothy's joined with many other churches across Canada to celebrate "Good Seed Sunday". This National Celebration organized by A Rocha Canada helped us to engage with the inspirational vision of creation care. A Rocha is an international Christian organization which, inspired by God's love, engages in scientific research, environmental education and community-based conservation projects. At St Timothy's we have financially supported A Rocha for a number of years and two of our members, Ledford Lilley and Monica Craver have both been very active in this organization.

Our “Good Seed “service at St Timothy’s included hymns and songs which all related to the theme of creation and our role in caring for God’s precious Kingdom here on earth. We united in voice and sang familiar hymns like “Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of Creation”, “All Things Bright and Beautiful”, and “How Great Thou Art”. We also enjoyed contemporary songs such as; “I the Lord of Sea and Sky” and “God of Wonders Beyond Our Galaxy”. The choir also sang, “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” as an Anthem.



The children listened to the Revd. Ken Bell tell the story of the Parable of the Sower from the Gospel of Mark and then they watched while he planted some seeds on weeds, rocks and earth. The children and the congregation will enjoy watching how the seeds grow in the weeks to come!

Jonathan Seiki included in his intercessions the following prayer:
For Good Seed Sunday, let us pray:

Lord of host: we give thanks to thee for thy creation: Thou hast made us in thy own image, created us as embodied being not the concept floating in the mid air. Thou hast planted us in the ground according to thy will, entrusted us

to produce good fruit and the seeds for the coming generations. Have mercy on us for we have failed to produce but being satisfied with blooming flowers and leafy greens. Help us crush our self-aggrandisement, but fertilize our being with meekness and humble obedience. Help us die daily to enrich the ground for the sake of others, just as thy son our Lord Jesus Christ who is thy very own presence embodied on earth, made everything anew, and shown thy way on the Cross. Help us realize that we are now in the age of new creation, freed from old Adam’s sin, but new life in Jesus who is the new Adam brought Eden to us. On that day, thy Son revealed himself as a gardener, rested in the tomb on the seventh day. Jesus finished the work on earth, gave the last word with his last breath “it is finished”.

Just as it is written:

The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, and then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

May the good seed scattered on the earth:

Grow tall each day, **Glorify** thee by reflecting thy presence, may the sweet fragrance **Go** out to the nations, **Give** shade to those who are in need, and finally **Gather** harvest for the day to come. **AMEN**

The Jesus Storybook Bible

“Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,

Jesus explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”

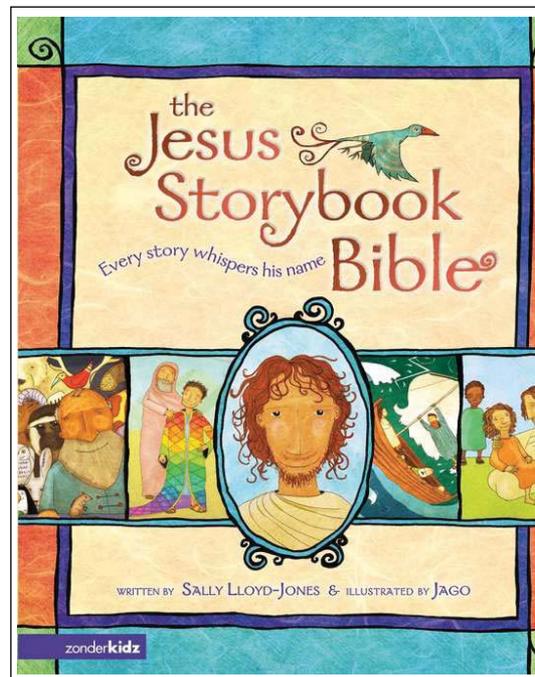
Luke 24:27 (NIV)

Written for children ages four and up, The Jesus Storybook Bible tells the one story underneath all the stories of the Bible and points to the birth of a child, the Rescuer, Jesus. Complete with 44 Bible stories, The Jesus Storybook Bible paints a beautiful portrait of Jesus and invites children to see that he is not only at the center of God’s great story of redemption—he is at the center of their story too. Children and adults alike will be captivated by the beautifully written narrative and the original and unique illustrations by accomplished artist Jago.

Lloyd-Jones’ powerful gift of storytelling draws the reader into the greatest adventure of all time in an exciting page-turner that kids (and adults) find hard to put down. (Quote from Jesus Storybook Bible website)

“I would urge not just families with young children to get this book, but every Christian—from pew warmers, to ministry leaders, seminarians and even theologians! Sally Lloyd-Jones has captured the heart of what it means to find Christ in all the scriptures, and has made clear even to little children that all God’s revelation has been about Jesus from the beginning—a truth not all that commonly recognized even among the very learned.” Timothy Keller – Author and Pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York City.

I discovered this book while searching for a gift for my prayer partner, Alea. I think that this is an absolutely beautiful book as



it encapsulates all the stories from the Bible, connecting them and making very clear of God’s plan for all of us. I think it is best suited for children ages 4-12 years old, but it really suited to all ages. I often read it and use it in my own bible study! It is available at Chapters/Indigo and also on-line through Amazon Canada. It is less than \$20.00.

“Jesus said, ‘I am the Beginning and the Ending”

Revelation 22:13 (paraphrase)

Thanks to Patricia!

Give Report

GIVE: of our time, talent and treasure to serve others

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH

Statement of Operations

For the Eight Months Ended August 31,
2012

	Year to Date 2011	Year to Date 2012	Year to Date Budge t 2012
Donations:			
Parochial	120,288	105,120	119,333
Less: Canonical Support	(12,028)	(10,511)	(11,933)
Extra Parochial & Other	6,082	5,519	0
Less: Outreach	(5,037)	(1,507)	(11,933)
	<u>109,305</u>	<u>98,621</u>	<u>95,467</u>
Expenditures:			
Salaries & Benefits	62,320	63,694	65,333
Training	414	2,035	4,400
Facilities Rental	15,200	15,600	16,000
Admin & Insurance	2,306	1,212	2,667
Church Ministries			
Go	432	106	667
Gather	679	813	1,334
Glorify	1,459	1,618	2,666
Grow	790	621	1,334
Give	0	0	0
Contingency	0	0	734
	<u>83,600</u>	<u>85,699</u>	<u>95,135</u>
Operating Income			
Before:	25,705	12,922	332
Equipment	(40)	(191)	332
Rwanda Scholarship Fund	0	(2,000)	0
Vision Fund	(1,561)	(200)	0
Net Income for the Period	<u>24,104</u>	<u>10,531</u>	<u>Nil</u>

Treasurer's Report

Buoyed by a substantial special gift from one of our parish families, we have more than held our own over the summer with parochial giving, not including that special contribution, slightly higher than last year and almost equal to budget. With expenditures continuing to be below budget, we have now managed to make up a little of the ground lost in the spring.

Year to date giving to August 31st is now about \$15,000 below budget and last year, much of which is offset by savings in budgeted expenditures. The \$10,531 net income shown above does not reflect all of the commitments from extra parochial giving or any provision for corporate outreach, which, if recorded, would eliminate all of that net income. I expect that it will be wise to wait to see how the fall months work out before committing to our outreach decisions.

In the meantime, thank you everyone for your commitment over the summer. I hope everyone had a great holiday.

~ L.G. Lilley
Treasurer

Synopsis of Update from Sharyn Thomson – Fall, 2012

The big news from Sharyn is that **The Buamu New Testament dedication is tentatively planned for November 3rd**! The New Testaments arrived in Burkina Faso at the beginning of June. Praise the Lord! While there is still some uncertainty about the actual date for the dedication, plans are proceeding with different denominations, organizations and individuals for the big roll-out. Please continue to hold her work in your prayers.

~ Peter for Sharyn Thomson

St. Timothy Prayer of Thanks

St. Timothy's gives thanks to God for His many blessings including:

- the guidance and security of the Anglican Network in Canada
- the enthusiastic spiritual leadership of Ken
- the dedication of our Council Members
- the skill of our Sunday School teachers and assistance of Christina
- the devotion and artistry of our Altar Guild
- the singing leadership of our Choir, especially the gifts of Lois
- the humility and reliability of those in Prayer Ministry
- the friendly welcome of our Greeters
- the steadfastness of our Sidespersons
- the skill and patience given to the production of the Service Leaflet
- the judgment and devotion of our Newsletter Editor
- the strength and reliability of our Set-up Crews
- the compassion and friendliness of the Pastoral Care Team
- the sisterly sharing of the Ladies' Group
- the culinary talents of the Coffee Conveners
- the clear enunciation of the Readers
- the opportunities for meaningful Fellowship
- the skill and dedication of our Technicians
- the ongoing opportunities for Outreach in our community and abroad
- the call to bring knowledge of you to others
- the continued welcome and graciousness of Sutherland Church
- the commitment shown by members at pledge time.

(please add any areas that are especially meaningful to you)

Loving God, we thank you for the many blessings you have given to our church and seek your continued guidance. We ask that you make each of us continually mindful that all things come from you and aware that the culture around us seeks to blind us to your majesty and the needs of others and stresses our personal desires and gratification. We humbly ask that you help us as we seek to follow the path shown by Jesus, personally and through our roles at St. Timothy's. Amen

~Florence Wilton

Who are we?

You may recall that in the late spring, we voted to join the ACNA (Anglican Church in North America). In doing so we joined approximately 1000 churches in the USA, over 60 in Canada and several in Cuba. When we originally broke with the Anglican Church of Canada, we hoped for a home among like thinking congregations, set up under the normal hierarchical system that we are familiar with, and holding to the tenets of our Anglican Faith as founded. As the 39th Province of the Anglican Communion, we are recognized by the majority of Anglicans around the world as an authentic Province. It will be interesting to see if we are invited to the next Lambeth Conference, which is held each ten years at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In the meantime, we enjoy the patronage of two Assisting Bishops in Canada, our local bishop, Bishop Trevor Walters who covers the western half of the country, Bishop Charlie Masters who has oversight of eastern Canada and our Moderator, Bishop Donald Harvey. All together we form the Diocese of Canada, (at some point Canada will split into two dioceses). The Primate for the whole of ACNA is Archbishop Robert Duncan, who is based in Pittsburgh.

As a parish we intend maintaining our ties with our sister parish of Kaduah, in Rwanda, and their priest

Rev Callixte. We are also grateful for the support and mutual benefit we derive worshipping at Sutherland Church, in North Vancouver.

We remain grateful to our founding archbishops, Moses Tay, Yong Ping Chung, and Emmanuel Kolini and others for supporting us in the past, but happy that we have found our home, liturgically, with like minded people in our own Continent. Other local churches that we share our new home with include St John's Vancouver, St. John's Richmond, Immanuel Vancouver and St. Matthews, Abbotsford. Hopefully our joint celebrations will strengthen our Anglicanism, and support our efforts to share our faith with fellow Christians of all denominations and non-Christians on the North Shore. After 9 years of working our way through various options we know who we are!

~ Peter Haigh

Our Blind Spot

It is easy to criticize our Christian forebears for their blindness. It is much harder to discover our own. What will posterity see as the chief Christian blind spot of the last quarter of the twentieth century?

I do not know. But I suspect it will have something to do with the economic oppression of the Third World and the readiness with which western Christians tolerate it, and even acquiesce in it. Only slowly is our Christian conscience being aroused to the gross economic inequalities between the countries of the North Atlantic and the southern world of Latin America, Africa and most parts of Asia.

Total egalitarianism may not be a biblical ideal. But must we not roundly declare that luxury and extravagance are indefensible evils, while much of the world is undernourished and underprivileged?

Many more Christians should gain the economic and political qualifications to join in the quest for justice in the world community. And meanwhile, the development of a less affluent lifestyle, in whatever

terms we may define it, is surely an obligation that Scripture lays on us in compassionate solidarity with the poor.

Of course we can resist these things and even use (misuse) the Bible to defend our resistance. The horror of the situation is that our affluent culture has drugged us; we no longer feel the pain of other people's deprivations. Yet the first step toward the recovery of our Christian integrity is to be aware that our culture blinds, deafens and dopes us.

Then we shall begin to cry to God to open our eyes, unstop our ears and stab our dull consciences awake, until we see, hear and feel what through his Word he has been saying to us all the time.

Then we shall take action.

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Florence Wilton

What did you do this Summer?



Patricia, Meredith and Chris enjoying a day at 3rd Beach in Stanley Park, Vancouver.



Paddy and Ray went to Bryce Canyon and high in the Rockies



Patricia & James visiting Bellevue House in Kingston, Ontario. Built in 1840, Sir John A. MacDonald lived here from 1848-49.





Peter and Audrey went to Yellowstone National Park



Ken+, Sonya & family went to Hornby Island and Ken+ went fishing



The Literary corner??

A Persian Kitty, perfumed and fair,
 Strolled through the kitchen door for air.
 When a Tom Cat, lean and lithe and strong,
 And dirty and yellow came along.

He sniffed at the Perfumed Persian Cat,
 As she strutted around with much éclat,
 And, thinking a bit of time to pass,
 He whispered, “Kiddo, you’re some class!”.

“That’s fitting and proper,” was her reply,
 As she arched a whisker over her eye.
 “I’m ribboned, I sleep on a pillow of silk,
 And I daily bathe in certified milk.

But we’re never contented with what we’ve got,
 I try to be happy, but happy I’m not,
 I should be joyful, I should indeed,
 For I’m certainly highly pedigreed.”

“Cheer up!” said the Tom Cat with a smile
 “And trust your new found friend for a while.
 You ought to escape from your back yard fence,
 My dear, what you need is experience.”

New jots of life he then unfurled,
 And he told her tales of the outside world,
 Suggesting at last, with a luring laugh,
 A trip for two down the Primrose Path.

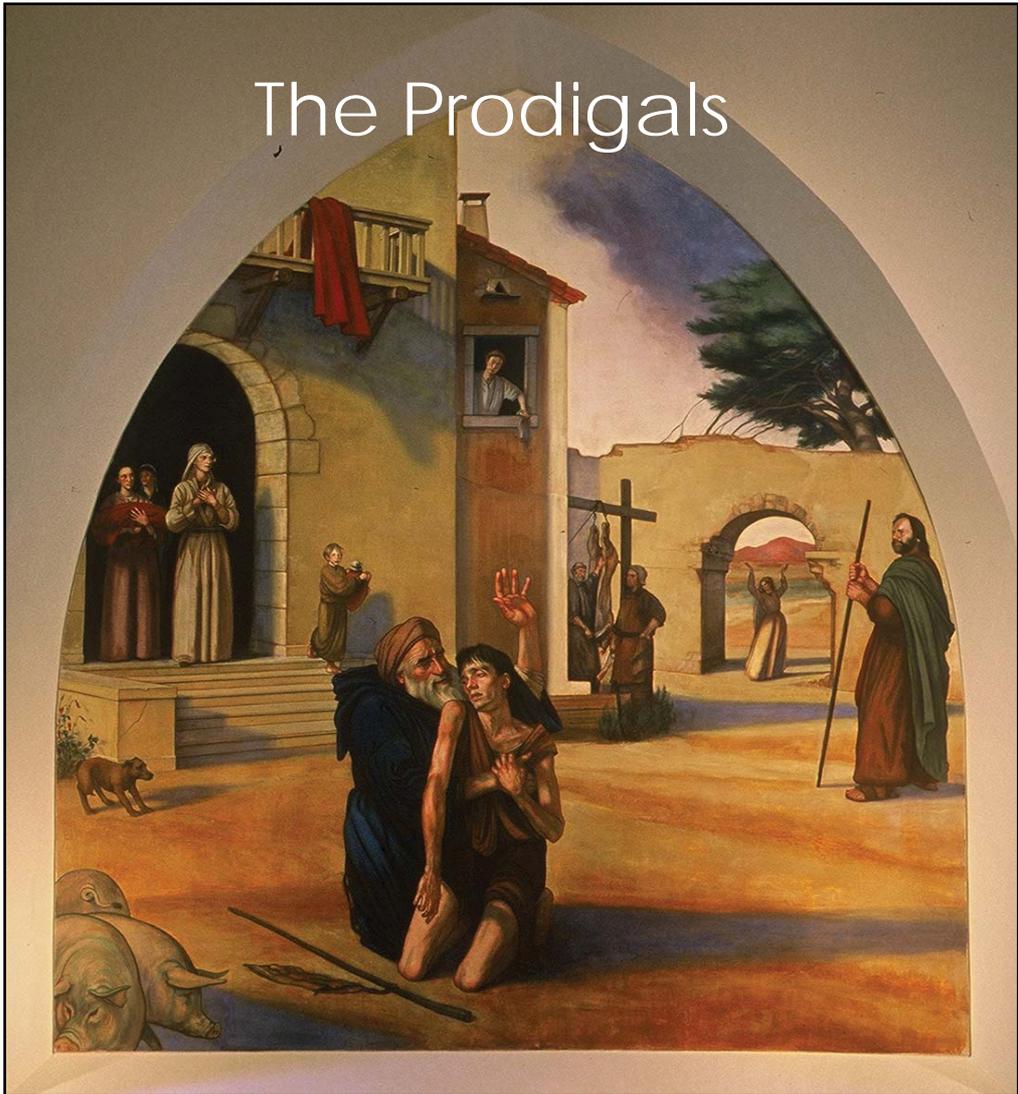
And the morning after the night before,
 The Kitty came home at half past four.
 But the innocent look on her face had went,
 And the smile on her face was of pure content.

And in after years, when the children came
 To the Persian Kitty of Perfumed fame,
 They weren’t Persians – they were black and tan,
 And she told them their Dad was a travelling man.

From the Autobiography of Melvyn Douglas.

~ Thanks to Joan Buss

The Prodigals



Beginning Sunday September 9th

St. Timothy's will do a four week sermon and study series on Jesus' Parable of
The Prodigals.

The Story & the People

Understanding Sinfulness & Lostness

Reaching for Hope & Redemption

Dying & Feasting

“The only way to live is to die”

We want to encourage everyone who is a member or friend of St. Timothy's to participate in this four week church wide study series to kick off the fall.

Please consider signing up for one of our home groups:

Day: Monday mornings
Time 9:30-11:00am
Leader: Ken Bell
Place: Sutherland Church

Day: Tuesday mornings
Time: 9:30-10:45am
Leaders: Florence Wilton & Paddy Donaldson
Place: Norma Johansen's home: 3551 Regent Ave.

Day: Wednesday mornings
Time: 9:30-11:00am
Leader: Rita Seiki
Place: Sutherland Church (Babysitting available)

Day: Wednesday evenings
Time: 8:00-9:30pm
Leaders: Ken & Sonya Bell
Place: Ken & Sonya's home: 3206 Strathaven Lane

Day: Wednesday afternoons
Time: 2:00-3:30pm
Leader: Audrey Haigh
Place: 130 Kensington

Day: Thursday Downtown
Time: Noon -1:00pm
Leader: Grady Buhler
Place: JJ Bean Bute & Alberni

New Arrivals for St Timothy's:

A Grand -daughter Sophia Elena Escobar Haigh to Audrey and Peter Haigh. Born July 28, 2012 in Nova Scotia, to son Christopher and his wife Veronica.

Departures

Douglas Wilson Haigh died 5 March, and his funeral was held at St Timothy's on 9 March 2012. Born in Yorkshire, England died in North Vancouver – he was 93.