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**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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## Message from the Rev. Paul Carter

**INTRODUCTION** It has been an enormous privilege for me to be part of the first two years of St Timothy's life and growth. Not only am I full of admiration for all the members of the congregation who have worked so hard to help bring St Timothy's to birth and 'feed the baby', but also I am comforted by the memory of some of the great events recently.

**RECENT EVENTS** Our Seder Supper was fun, innovative and informative. Our Easter Services will long stay with me as a symbol of creativity, appropriate solemnity, joy, health and vitality. The series 'Conversations on Faith' was well attended, stretching and yet a delight. Thanks must go to Patricia Young for conceiving and implementing the series. To see people grappling with both articulating their faith journey and understanding the gospel we have to share was lovely. Our latest sermon series on the Creed has been a challenge and a delight to prepare. I am grateful for the way Ken and Paul Briggs worked hard to make their sermons so worthwhile.

**ACiC** I would like to share some of the things that have been happening with the ACiC. I was able to fly to South Carolina and to attend a Network Leaders' meeting. So much of what we have pioneered as a Network here in Canada, under the guidance of Bishop TJ is now being recognized as the DNA of the wider AMiA. Some policies about this were agreed. The principle of 10/10/10 was further endorsed by Bishop Chuck Murphy. Several people, while recognizing the debt we owe Bishop Chuck for his personal fund raising efforts in the first five years of the Mission, expressed gratitude that so much more of the operating budget is being paid for from the congregational tithes. The AMiA continues to see a new church plant added every three weeks to the Mission. How I long for that to be true in Canada as well. The National resource Centre in Pawleys Island is committed to serving the Networks and to that end has recently added an Office of Clergy deployment, which is a welcome step forward. We certainly need to see more deployable clergy with a Pioneer aptitude here in Canada.

I was able to express some of this thinking at the ACiC AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> May. We ended the year as a Network with a healthy surplus of nearly \$35,000 and with significant money in two new Church Planting Funds. I am grateful for the way as a church and through individual donations from St Timothy's, these Church Planting Funds are being supported. Of course we could do with a great deal more money to help seed new ACiC Churches, but we have made a good start. You may care to make a one time donation to the ACiC yourself for Church Planting.

**GOALS** I believe our Wardens have said all that needs to be said and well, about our St Timothy's Goals for the next few months. I am thrilled that some 20% of our income now goes to support the Mission of the wider church at home and overseas. I am grateful for the formation of the **St Timothy's Vision Fund**. We will not be able to sustain St Timothy's in the Lynn Valley Recreation Centre for more than a couple more years. The 'set up' fatigue and lack of space midweek will not only take its toll physically, but will hamper our growth and fruitfulness. The BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) set by our five Primates is to be **'fruitful'**, which of course has a nurturing, maturity component but equally has to have a numeric growth component as well. We have to see younger people joining our church family or there is no future for St Timothy's. We need to be very cognizant of this as a Council. Our facilities really matter if we are to be 'fruitful'.

**TITHING** While I am grateful for the way you have generously been giving to meet our enhanced 2006/7 budget, may I again remind you of the principle of 10/10/10. The tithe or first fruits is what I believe is biblical, as I have taught each year before our Pledge Sundays, practice myself, teach our children and think every Christian should adopt. I urge you to move quickly towards the principle of the first tenth of your annual income being given to St Timothy's Church. Offerings to other charities that you care about are given on top of that. I know that this way of life is Counter Cultural to our materialistic Western World. However, it is both the path to maturity as a Christian and a means of blessing to others. It is more blessed to give than to receive. Malachi 3:7-10 says: *Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?' 8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.* I encourage you to try the biblical tithe and track the difference in your spiritual life one year from now.

**ARCHBISHOP YONG** Finally, may I remind you that ++Yong will fly to Vancouver with his wife Julia in early September. There will be a wonderful Service of Celebration for the Common Cause of Orthodox Anglicanism on Friday September 8th. He will also install Ken as the Rector of St Timothy's on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to be here for this service and our celebration of new ministry. I am so grateful that even after Retirement from his role as Primate of SE Asia ++Yong continues to serve the ACiC in this way.

**CONCLUSION** It only remains for me to welcome Ken & the family back from their holiday, to thank your Wardens and Council for their ongoing hard work and commitment to the life, health and growth of St Timothy's and to wish you all a wonderful summer.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

**Paul**

Rev. P M Carter  
Senior Priest, St. Timothy's.

### **Message from the Rev. Ken Bell**

As I write this report, I sit here both partially tired and yet very energized. I am tired because of the three weeks of travelling and the time change, but at the same time I am energized by the same vacation. It is funny how vacations are like that; they can take everything out of you but recharge you at the same time.

Serving God is similar I think. At the end of a day of serving the Lord we are tired, but God has also energized us and when a new day rolls around and we begin with some personal time with God, he gets us ready to serve him again. I think the disciples were very tired at the end of each day they spent with Jesus but by the next morning, they were energized and ready to go. And so here I am a little tired from the travel but energized to get back to ministry and service.

And here we are, St. Timothy's, two years old, so much work done, so much ministry, so many services, gatherings, and studies. It has been such an amazing story so far, yet there is so much to be done. We are, I think, a little tired but also, I hope, much energized.

Bishop Chuck is very fond of using the parable found in Mark 4 of the growing seed: *He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."*

Growth by its nature is slow, but it is sure. We are not sure how it happens nor do we cause the seed to grow, but we do work to help provide the conditions. Then sure enough God causes the seed to grow, first the blade, then the shoot,

then the full head.

I like this parable for us. Two years ago the seed was planted by some very faithful farmers. None were sure how, or if, it would grow, but in faith they sowed the seed, a new church, a missionary church from Rwanda, and then they nurtured the seed, by faith, through prayer, obedience and faithfulness. That seed has now sprouted and we see the blade, the stalk, it is not fully mature but it is growing.

We do not know how big the blade will get before the ear begins to form or how long it will take, but we at St. Timothy's are entering into a new phase of life together. We are still just a young and tender shoot, we need to be cared for and to mature, but we are rooted firmly, in healthy and rich soil and are protected from the elements. First the blade, then the shoot... And like the young blade, we do not cause the shoot to grow nor do we know how it happens. That is up to God, but we do have a role to play in creating the proper conditions for growth and maturity.

I believe that God is calling St. Timothy's to a season of deep, faithful and mature prayer. It is prayer which will provide the conditions for further healthy growth; a season of prayer and fasting for our church, our neighbours, and our community. Unless our worship, our ministries, our discipleship, our outreach, our giving is soaked, immersed, baptized in prayer, we do these things in vain. For like the farmer in the parable, we do not cause the blade to grow, but we do have a share in the conditions in which it grows.

God has not revealed to any of us what the full ear is going to look like, and as much as we look back over the past two years, amazed at what has taken place, I believe that it is nothing compared to what lies before us. Just try to imagine what St. Timothy's might look like as we celebrate our ten year anniversary. And then know you are probably not aiming high enough.

We serve a faithful and generous God, who desires nothing more than to shower down his love and his blessings on us. Are we ready to receive them, and to be used by him to further the kingdom of God?

I believe we are.

Your Servant in Christ,

**Ken**

Rev. Ken Bell

Assistant Priest, St. Timothy's

## Wardens' Update - 11 June 2006

We have reached another milestone – **our second anniversary** as St. Timothy's Church. Thanks to your fortitude and perseverance we have beaten many odds to arrive where we are today. While no one of us could have arrived here alone, many like-minded individuals have pulled together, guided strongly by our dedicated leadership. First with Paul and now with Ken as well, we are privileged to be taught new ways of looking at and living out our faith. Some of us have had our challenges, feeling that we are extending beyond our comfortable limits. Such is the nature of growth. Always though, we will remain and have remained faithful to the stated life principles of our Vision – **"To be a nurturing, biblically based community, growing Christ's Kingdom"**, and the theological and liturgical principles of the Book of Common Prayer, rooted as it is in the authority of Scripture.

We are, as we need to be, a questioning congregation; from bitter experience we know that we must proceed with our eyes wide-open, with understanding, and when required, questioning. No longer can we relegate our faith to the "comfortable pew" of Sunday morning. Nor should we be stuck in a safe routine. And we have not been.

So on this Sunday morning, let us pause to reflect briefly on where we have come from and what we have achieved. Thanks, and praise to our Lord, for his obvious support. A celebration is quite in order!

But, as our Senior Priest, Paul, is wont to say, "So what?" Where do we go from here?

In looking to the future, your Church Council is grateful to those activities already established and is wrestling in several areas, in order to work on our Mission goals and to articulate our values.

**(Grow & Go) Support and training for our present congregation.** The weekly prayer and bible meetings that take place are a healthy indication of our wish to grow spiritually, and the recent series "Conversations on Faith" have been particularly helpful in a practical way to evangelize in our daily lives, encouraging neighbours, co-workers and social contacts to join us weekly as we search for truth. These small groups allow us to get to know and appreciate one another better, to grow closer to one another in fellowship and to deepen our faith together. Through these groups, together with the excellent weekly sermons, we are indeed well "nurtured" spiritually.

**(Gather & Give) Support and encouragement to our members in sickness or adversity:** There are several people, both members and others who are

visited frequently, and supported in their several needs. We are fortunate to have within our congregation those who are willing to engage in this “nurturing” ministry on behalf of all of us. Thank you. Everyone’s response to the needs of those who are suffering within our St. Timothy’s family as well as those in other parts of the world hit by natural disasters is a further expression of the nurturing nature of our community.

**(Give) Outward looking to sharing our love and resources with our local community, country and world:** To nurture others by giving of our time, talent and treasure. Our regular budget now includes this important aspect of our mission, to give of our treasure. In addition there are ongoing activities that have enabled us to offer further financial support to selected missions. Thanks particularly to the Ladies Group who give of their time and talent continuously; making items for sale and organizing their many projects to raise funds for outreach. There are those among us who are known within the broader community in which we live for their nurturing of others in that community through the gift of their time and talent.

**(Grow) Considering a permanent home for our community of St. Timothy’s:** This is a long-term project, but one that is critical to our ability to provide the nurture of a “family home”, to grow and to go out into the North Shore Community. This project will entail much prayer and planning to find the right site and to design and construct or modify the right physical structure. It will also entail a lot of money and innovative financing, which will require a great deal of commitment from all of us. We have started the ball rolling by establishing the “St. Timothy’s Vision Fund” with the undesignated “memorial” donations received in 2005. Donations to this fund will not be subject to tithing to ACiC, 100% will be retained in the fund. Please give monetary support to this fund your prayerful consideration.

**(Glorify) Enhancing our weekly worship service:** There is an increasing realization that we need to enhance our weekly worship and our spiritual nurturing by improving our music program. Our church has such a diverse selection of music, but it really needs both a choir and a Music Director to fully implement. We believe that, as we enter into the next phase of our journey, the hiring of a Music Director / Organist and development of a choir can be accomplished by the redirection of money already in the budget. Other enhancements such as improvements to the atmosphere of the worship space would best be accomplished in a “permanent” home.

**(Gather & Go) Supporting and encouraging our youth and young people**

**in their Christian journey:** We continue to look for ways to nurture our youth and young people and to engage them in “our” story. The challenge is to provide a fulfilling program within the church, in competition with other activities and in the face of peer pressure. Appropriate space is always an issue as well, once again best answered with a permanent home.

So, on this **second anniversary** of celebration, we look to the future, - the Summer Ball as a money raiser for our Sister Diocese in Rwanda, the Annual Garage Sale to support local Missions, our Welcome Back Sunday in September after we return from our summer refreshment, ready to start another year to continue building St Timothy’s into the **nurturing community** we all wish it to be. To each and every one of you reading this report, please continue with your ongoing support of our vision, and be forthcoming in expressing your beefs and bouquets as we all strive to fulfil our mutual Vision and Mission on the North Shore.

Respectfully submitted

Ron & Peter

Ron Edwards; Peter Haigh

## **Reports from our “G”s**

### **Go Report**

The GO committee, charged with going out into the North Shore Community to gather all people to Christian fellowship, includes: Andrea Nader, Sarah Lucas, Daphne Martin, Marion Van Duson and Lucy and John Collings. Don’t miss Patricia Young’s two articles on Conversations on Faith which focussed on this area.

#### 1. Attracting more people to St Timothy’s

We spend a good deal of our meeting time discussing ways of attracting new people to St Timothy’s. We understand the difficulties of attracting people to our style of worship while at the same time meeting the needs of the present congregation. Unchurched and younger people in general do not appear to wish to become involved in our worship and music: on the other hand, people brought up on the Anglican Church love and revere the liturgy and music.

The committee has deduced that young mother groups should be our principal group of concern. This also ties in with our Alpha focus for the fall. Andrea is working with others to start a mothers’ group in the summer months and set the stage for weekly Alpha meetings in the fall.

#### 2. Alpha

Sarah has the arrangements well under way for this fall’s Alpha Course. It

is likely that this year we will be combining with Sutherland Church and holding lunchtime meetings.

3. Welcoming Package

Daphne and Sarah have drafted a welcoming package for new attendees.

4. Advertising

Daphne deals with the *North Shore News* and believes that the ¼ page size and layout of the Easter Advert was exemplary. Does this kind of advertising attract any new faces? We will continue with business card-size adverts every second week to show our community presence.

5. Invitation Cards

After Ken approved the final wording of the invitation card, Lucy arranged for these to be printed and ready for Pentecost Sunday. Attracting new members by way of invitation through existing members remains one of our best ways of increasing our congregation. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can all play our part.

6. Web Page

The Committee supports efforts to produce an interactive web page for St Timothy's. Other churches report a significant number of their new members come through Web Pages.

**The GO Committee welcomes all ideas for increasing the size of our church and growing Christ's Kingdom here on the North Shore.**

*John Collings*

## **Gather Report**

The Gather Committee has had a busy three months since the last Newsletter planning fellowship events for St. Timothy's. They included providing during the coffee mornings following church, a Simnel Cake in March for Mothering Sunday and a baptismal cake for our new members, Mina and Curtis, shower parties in homes and celebrations at Sutherland Church. Thanks go, as always, to Hazel who is "always there" to oversee the smooth running of our much appreciated coffee hours, providing goodies and serving tea and coffee.

We held a wedding shower in April for Andrea Whitcutt at Patricia Young's home. Both St. Timothy's and St. Simon's joined with gifts and wishes to make it a very memorable afternoon for us all. In May we held a baby shower for Rita our (Youth Pastor) and baby Anna at the Haigh's home with about eighteen ladies attending. This also was a very enjoyable event.

We held our first St. Timothy's Seder Meal in April a week before Easter. The event was a great success with thirty-six attending, young and old. Ken walked

us through the service at our tables of six, explaining the symbolism of bitter herbs, parsley, salted water etc and then we all enjoyed a roast lamb dinner. The young children that attended had various opportunities to participate – please see our website for photos of this event and other events in this report.

Upcoming events as I write this include St. Timothy's Second Anniversary Barbecue on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> following the 10 a.m. service. Hamburgers and hot dogs and other barbecue fare will be provided for the enjoyment of all who join us and the Summer Ball at Paul and Lois's home on 25<sup>th</sup> June. Much work has been put in by Samantha MacDonald who has sold all tickets and started a waiting list and by Linda Taunton who has acquired many varied and interesting auction items. Our thanks go to Linda and to Carolyn Edwards who will be helping with all the packaging and printing up of the auction items. Immanuel will be providing appetizers, St. Timothy's the main course and St. Simon's the desserts. Roll on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and a great fund-raising event to help our friends in Rwanda!

Our Gather Committee is, as the name implies, a "gathering for all", so we on the committee all hope that everyone at St. Timothy's feels welcomed and included. We are aware particularly of those we know who are in hospital or sick and we ask you all to let us know should you know anyone who would like a friendly call or visit. Thanks go to Myrna who heads up our Pastoral Care Team, a very important part of our church family life.

Lastly, the compilation, printing and distribution of this Newsletter would not be possible without the efforts of our Editors, Florence and Matthew and their team of helpers. So, many thanks to all of them. Don't forget to look us up on the Website [www.st-timothy.com](http://www.st-timothy.com), and we thank Matthew for his work on this too.

Many thanks to all on our committee who share a passion to "Gather"

*Audrey Haigh*

## **Glorify Report**

### **Acknowledgments**

I want to single out for thanks all the people who serve to create our worship space and facilitate our services to the glory of God, but I'm afraid of missing someone. There are so many who give service in so many areas including the Sunday School, Youth Group, Altar Guild, Counters, Servers & Administrators, Readers, Prayers of the People, Coffee, Sidespersons, Greeters, Audio/Visual, Organists, Flowers, Library, Setup, choosing the hymns.

I especially want to thank those who have taken on the task of organizing and supervising each area: Audrey Haigh and Carolyn Edwards, Rita Wang, Corinne Burns, Ron Edwards, Peter Haigh, Nancy Vondette, Sam MacDonald, Hazel

Blacoe, Bill Messinger, Matt Vondette (who also runs our website and contributions there are welcome), Ken Bell, Monica Craver, Chris Young and Florence Wilton who glues it all together with weekly service leaflets. Without you folks, my job would be full-time. Thank you and God Bless You. In each area there are as many as a dozen people who contribute a duty function every few weeks and so many people serve in several areas. Naming everyone who contributes would total very close to our entire congregation. Time, talent, and treasure - if you are interested in finding out how you can contribute your service in one or more of these areas, please contact me or one of the area organizers.

At May's council meeting an expenditure of \$400 was authorized for an organ bench, library case display and dollied containers for equipment. Of that, \$50 has been spent on an adjustable organ bench to accommodate the varying sizes of organist, all of whom report satisfaction with it. To date, thought, trial and planning have gone into re-organizing the storage cabinet. I am making a commitment now to have this completed this month of June.

It is hard to believe two years have gone by. Our services run pretty smoothly for an ad-hoc setup run out of a storage cabinet and three kitchen cupboards! It all happens because of the tireless dedicated service of so many of you. It is my honour to serve you. Please let me know how I can better do so.

*Ron Barrett*

## **Grow Report**

### Conversations on Faith: a General Summary

Every Monday in May, a group of about 25 people gathered in the Bridge Community church where our Priests Paul and Ken led us in discussion on five topics related to evangelism.

We began the series with discussing what evangelism is and what it is not. We learned that there can be 7 elements of conversion:

- 1) a belief in the Gospel, His authority, His teaching, the Cross and His resurrection;
- 2) a penitential component which includes a rejection of the way of sin and sinful patterns of life;
- 3) a trust in Jesus and the assurance of forgiveness;
- 4) a transfer of allegiance to Jesus Christ, obeying and serving Christ because he first loved us;
- 5) a sacramental component such as water baptism;
- 6) a reception of the gifts of the Spirit, the "comforter" dwelling within us;
- 7) we learned that true conversion must bring us into the Christian community; incorporation into the congregational life.

We learned that these “elements” can happen in any order and that “coming to faith” is not a single event but a protracted series of experiences.

On the second evening, we watched a DVD of the Rev. Dr. Graham Tomlin’s address at the January 2006 AMiA Winter Conference. Rev. Tomlin is the head of theological training at Holy Trinity Brompton and his book “The Provocative Church” was the subject of the lecture. Dr. Tomlin quoting from Blaise Pascal suggests that we are to learn that to “make it (our faith) attractive, make good men wish it were true, we must then show that it is.” We need to “provoke” people to question us about our faith. Rev. Tomlin suggests that the “life of the average Christian is very often indistinguishable from that of their non-Christian neighbour” and that “the life of the average church is very often indistinguishable from any other group in the neighbourhood.” A truly evangelistic church is a church that can be described as one that adores God, has a sense of belonging for each other, has compassion for all, has disciples who are accountable to each other and who grow in their faith, and finally that there is a safe environment to explore issues of evangelism. We all reflected on how similar the 5 G’s at St Timothy’s (Glorify, Gather, Give, Grow and Go) are well set up for us being a truly evangelistic church.

During the third session we worked in pairs to try and compose our own personal story of how we came to faith. In an attempt to identify the highlights we talked about when we were baptised and we shared memories of how our Christian faith

was expressed in our homes. We recalled significant spiritual moments that helped us with our faith in our teens and early twenties such as confirmation, summer camps and marriage preparation classes. Finally, we talked about other significant spiritual moments that we had had as adults such as bible study groups, Alpha courses, or perhaps people who helped make a difference in our own spiritual life. We were reminded that we need to be able to share this story in a three minute ‘clip’ as the window of opportunity is often a brief one. One way of reducing the length was to narrow our story to two parts: 1) our life before coming to know Jesus Christ; and 2) what happened to convince us that Christianity is true and to change us into a follower of Jesus. Finally, we talked about how being a Christian affects our life today; personally, intellectually, morally, practically, at home, with friends, at work, and through our lives at St Timothy’s.

In the fourth session which was titled, “Deepening our Passion” we watched a DVD presentation of Bishop T.J. Johnson at the January AMiA Winter Conference. In his presentation, Bishop T.J. reminded us of the vital importance of our love for and our relationship with Jesus Christ. “If we don’t have a heart connection with Jesus Christ we can not connect to our community. We need to allow Jesus

Christ to transform our lives.”

He talked about the 4L's. We must: Love Christ; Live Christ; Lead others to Christ; and Lead like Christ. Bishop T.J. also reminded us that “heart held values lift our eyes from maintenance to mission”. We concluded this session with small group discussions on Luke 15 - The Parable of the Lost Sheep, The Parable of the Lost Coin and The Parable of the Lost Son. We discussed questions such as: If you had to compare your journey with the younger Son, where are you now on the journey? When it comes to spiritual things, what is your response to God's party? What is the lesson for you in this parable? What do you think the father was doing while his Son was away? And finally, were both sons lost? These are familiar stories that we have all read many times, but ones that still raise lots of questions and thoughtful, insightful discussion. All three parables remind us of God's overwhelming love for all of us and the true celebration that happens when even one who is lost, is found.

The final session was very practical as Paul presented 3 different methods of “how” to share the Gospel. The first presentation explores two ways to live. One with God as the loving ruler of the world and one without God, running our lives on our own, separated from God. He suggested that we highlight our Bibles with the following passages; Revelation 4:11, Romans 3:10-12, Hebrews 9:27, 1 Peter 3:18, and 1 Peter 1:3 and that we could use these to share the Gospel to anyone who asks questions about the Christian faith.

The second Gospel presentation used an **A.B.C.D.E.** format: something to **Admit** (Romans 3:23), something to **Believe** (1 Peter 2:24), something to **Consider** (Luke 14:27-28), Something to **Do**, (Acts 2:38) and something to **Experience** (Romans 8:15-17). Using these headings and bible references may help us in presenting the Gospel to an inquisitive person. A third way to present the Gospel was to use a publication such as one from Campus Crusade titled, “Have you heard of the four Spiritual Laws?” or an Alpha publication titled, “Why Jesus?” It was suggested that since these are both very small leaflets these could easily be carried with us and be available and used when necessary! Finally, we concluded by studying two bible passages: “Philip and the Ethiopian” from Acts 8:26-40; and from John 4, “Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman”. Both of these passages provide excellent illustrations of how to share the Gospel with consideration, gentleness and sensitivity. We also learned how the sharing of the Gospel must always have Jesus Christ as its central message.

If you are interested in doing some reading two useful books are:

“Beginning Well: Christian Conversion and Authentic Transformation” by Dr. Gordon Smith

“Provocative Church” by Rev. Dr. Graham Tomlin

If anyone would like to have any of the handouts from this series please contact Patricia Young.

### Conversations on Faith – A Personal Perspective

I begin by admitting that when I began this series I had very negative views about evangelism and evangelists. My first thought about evangelism was “pushy Christians” who try and push their religious views onto other people. I thought of TV evangelists as being full of “fire and brimstone” and of people who say they are “born again” but show little evidence in their lifestyle. I thought of churches where people admit to having “saved” many people, but their experience is often short lived and appears very artificial and shallow. This series has taught me a lot about evangelism and for me two main thoughts have emerged.

First, I reflected on my own faith journey and how I came and continue to grow in my faith. Mine has been much different than any “born again” experience. I see it now as a series of “invitations”. Invitations received as a very young child to attend church with a childhood friend, another invitation to join a neighbourhood family in worship each Sunday and then to receive their support in my childhood and teenage years. As a teenager I received an invitation to attend a youth group with a friend and yet another invitation as a young adult to join a church choir. The invitations continued into my adulthood. Invitations to help out with Sunday School, join Church Committees, invitations to join and then lead Alpha courses and invitations to lead ministries. During this course I realised that all of these invitations could be likened to “Christ knocking at my door”. Maybe that is why one of my favourite paintings is, “The Light of the World” by Holman Hunt, which shows Christ knocking at an ivy-covered door. The painting is based on Revelation 3: 20 “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”

Secondly, I learned that no matter *how* we share the Gospel, the most important thing is to be able to provoke the questions. And to provoke the question, I have to live a life that authentically reflects my faith. And then to have my life reflect my faith it means that I must have a very deep, personal, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. And that for me was the thought that kept coming back to me again and again throughout this series; that deep personal relationship, that passion for Jesus that will change not only my life, but hopefully the lives of all of those who I meet in my daily life. So, that is where I am at. As the booklet from Campus Crusade suggests I need to pray daily. I need to read His word daily. I need to obey Him moment by moment. I need to be a witness for Christ with my life and words. I need to trust Him with every detail of my life and finally I need to allow Him to control and empower my

daily life and witness. As I try and do these very practical things, I trust that my heart will grow with love and that hopefully my love for Jesus Christ will be reflected in all of my actions.

For me it was a great series, giving me lots to think about and to put into action. I hope that the others who took the course also had a great experience. And for those who were not able to attend, I encourage you to try and make it next time we do something similar.

*Patricia Young*

### Movie Review: "Tender Mercies"

Available at the local library and at video outlets this 1998 movie starring Robert Duval for which he was awarded the Oscar for Best Actor is a lovely movie, perhaps simplistic for Hollywood but a beautiful story of redemption. I recommend it for viewing. This is a shortened version of a review written by Robert K. Johnson a professor of theology and culture at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California which I found on a website called "Hollywood Jesus".

*Tender Mercies*, written by Horton Foote, tells the story of a has-been country singer and songwriter who has sunk as low as the bottom of his whiskey bottle. The movie begins with Mac Sledge collapsing after a drunken brawl, only to awaken two days later to find himself at a dilapidated motel/gas in rural Texas. It is run by Rosa Lee, a widow who is trying to make a living while raising her young son Sonny. Offering Mac a job as motel handyman in order to pay off his bill, Rosa Lee even more importantly provides Mac with quiet strength, simple faith and straightforward acceptance. As a result, Mac is able to escape from the wilderness of a lost voice, a lost career, and a lost family; Mac is, in time, re-born.

The secret to Mac's new life is the undeserved grace of Rosa Lee. Though she is reserved and seldom smiles, her "tender mercies" are nevertheless regenerative. Life has been hard for both of them, and Mac has failed utterly. But for Rosa Lee, there is neither preaching nor condemnation. As the two learn slowly to talk to each other, they share their mutual pain. There is nothing sensationalized about Mac's transformation. No Hollywood romance, no miraculous conversion, no storybook ending. Only the appearance of a ring on Mac's finger and a simple baptism at the local church signal the viewer that Rosa Lee's Christian faith and steady love have proven transformative for Mac.

Two of Mac's songs (both sung by Duvall himself) tell it all. The one that Mac writes says, "If you'll just hold the ladder, baby, I'll climb to the top". Not great words, but a profound insight nonetheless -one that Mac has personally experienced. Given Rosa Lee's confidence in him, given her unconditional love, Mac has the faith to climb out of the tomb. Moreover, what happens relationally for him also takes place spiritually. Rosa Lee's tender mercies become a window to God's tender mercies. As the film ends, Mac is singing a ballad. "On the wings of a snow white dove, he came with his pure white love." It is ultimately the Holy Spirit that brings new life to Mac. There are few movies in Hollywood that better portray the wonder of God's gift of salvation through his Spirit than this one.

C. S. Lewis, in his autobiography, *Surprised by Joy*, describes the fragile and elusive presence of grace in his life. Lewis could not produce it on command; when he tried to grasp it, it faded in his hand like a picked flower. But the quiet reality of grace which produced joy in the ordinary events of life proved so compelling that it sent him on a search for God. Lewis's conversion was hardly climatic; it happened quietly as he drove to the zoo one day. In his book, Lewis is at pains to separate the source of that joy -God

himself- from our experience of it. As the psalmist reminds us, "The Lord is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works" (Psalm 145:9). There might or might not be fireworks; but they are only our response to the grace that is given to us. Duvall and Foote understand that the miracle of grace is more important than any titanic result. And their *Tender Mercies* is the compelling result. This video should not be missed.

**G.....Go to God in Prayer daily (John 15:7)**

**R.....Read God's Word daily (Acts 17:11), begin with the Gospel of John**

**O.....Obey God moment by moment (John 14:21)**

**W.....Witness for Christ by your life and words (Matthew 4:9; John 15:8)**

**T.....Trust god for every detail of your life (1Peter 5:7)**

**H.....Holy Spirit – allow him to control and empower your daily life and Witness (Galatians 5:16,17; Acts 1:8).**

Taken from the Campus Crusade for Life Booklet:

*Have you heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?*

*Patricia Young*

## **Give Report**

When we approved our 2006 – 2007 Parish Budget this year, our parish decided to dedicate 10% of our income from regular offerings to outreach projects. This would be our "corporate" outreach and would be in addition to the outreach from our Parish groups or generated from special events. The Give Committee's task was to determine criteria for our outreach, to identify suitable projects and to make recommendations to Parish Council. We decided that the recipients of our outreach should meet the criteria of being: Christian, orthodox, and accountable for using money well and properly. We determined that our outreach should have local, national and outreach components. After deliberation we recommended to Council that our Outreach projects should be:

Local: The Harvest Project. This organization is of course very familiar to us all. St. Timothy's held its first Sunday Services in their premises, several members of our congregation volunteer their services there, and their director, Bob Rogers, preached at one of our recent services. The Harvest Project is "Extending a Hand Up, Not a Handout," and is focused on preventing homelessness on the North Shore by helping those with low incomes deal with

temporary crises so that they are only temporary, not life defining. For more information, visit: <http://www.harvestproject.org/>

National: Assistance to be provided to an ACiC Church Plant to be determined through Paul Carter.

International: Purchase of library resources for the Kigali Anglican Theological College in Kigali, Rwanda. The school, Rwanda's first seminary, is the fulfillment of a dream long held by Rwanda's Archbishop Emmanuel Kolini, who sees the college as a way of building the church and helping the ongoing healing in the nation that endured genocide a dozen years ago. Classes at the college began March 6th, 2006. Our rector, Ken Bell, met Caroline Seed, a professor at the college and wife of Dick Seed, Principal and professor of the College, last year at Winter College. She reports that the college faces a myriad number of start-up challenges. She told Ken that their next stage of development was to set up an Education Faculty in order to recruit students for a Diploma in Education (with Christian Education Focus). They had been praying for the money to supply the library with the necessary education books.

While the college does not have a web site, you can obtain more information at: [http://www.cms-uk.org/news/2006/kigali\\_college\\_history\\_190506.htm](http://www.cms-uk.org/news/2006/kigali_college_history_190506.htm)

Or

<http://www.globalsouthanglican.org/index.php/weblog/C12/>

At the Parish Council's May Meeting the following motion was passed:

MOTION: Moved that the Parish Council accept the Give Committee's recommendation that the three "corporate" outreach targets be: 1) the Harvest Project, 2) the Kigali Anglican Theological College, and 3) an ACIC church plant project; that each of the foregoing projects be funded in the amount of \$4000, for the 2006 year with \$2000 each to be disbursed immediately, and that \$4000 be retained in the outreach budget for contingent purposes.

At the same meeting, the council also accepted a Give Committee recommendation for a \$100 donation to Arocha Canada, a Christian environmental organization focused on creation care and stewardship. The donation will provide St. Timothy's with membership in the organization. Arocha will provide a speaker at a service in November.

St Timothy's can be proud that with these steps, by **Giving** of our time, talent and treasure to serve others, we are living up to our Mission statement: to be a nurturing, biblically-based community growing Christ's Kingdom. See the letters below to see the results of some of our giving.

*Chris Vondette*



## THE PROVINCE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

(Dioceses of Kuching, Sabah, Singapore and West Malaysia)

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29 March 2006

Anglican Coalition in Canada  
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Attention Ms Zenia Cheng

Dear Sirs

### Tsunami Relief Fund

Thank you for your generous response to our Province of South East Asia appeal for financial assistance to help in the devastated areas in Sumatra, Indonesia.

After considering various assistance options we have proceeded to utilize the funds provided toward rebuilding of houses in cooperation with Perduli Bangsar (PB) a registered Indonesian NGO. The funds you sent have already been transferred to PB and the houses will be constructed in the year 2006. For this phase the Province of South East Asia has transferred S\$80,000 to PB (approximately C\$57,000). This will result in 15 homes being rebuilt. Your contribution (C\$16,785) has been channeled toward funding rebuilding of 4 houses in this phase. The rebuilding of these houses will enable several displaced families to return to locations closest to where they had been living prior to the disaster.

We would like to extend our gratitude to your members for assisting the enormous rebuilding task in this way. May the Lord continue to prosper and guide your churches as you serve to help those in need.

In Christ,

  
Keith Chua  
Provincial Treasurer

cc. Most Rev Dr John Chew, Primate of South East Asia



March 22, 2006

## INVOICE

Expenses incurred for Katrina Relief efforts  
Submitted by Clark Lowenfield  
HopePointe Church, The Woodlands, TX

VENDOR	DATE	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
Mattress Giant The Woodlands, TX 281.367.1186	10/05/05	9 Twin Mattresses 9 Twin Box 4 Queen Mattresses 4 Queen Box Tax & Delivery	\$ 810.00 \$ 810.00 \$ 717.95 \$ 482.01 <u>\$ 286.76</u> <b>\$3106.72</b>
Mattress Giant The Woodlands, TX 281.367.1186	10/06/05	1 Queen Mattress 1 Queen Box Tax	\$ 179.32 \$ 120.67 <u>\$ 24.75</u> <b>\$ 324.74</b>
Mattress Giant The Woodlands, TX 281.367.1186	10/06/05	5 Queen Frames 3 Twin Frames 1 Twin Box Tax	\$ 249.95 \$ 89.97 \$ 80.00 <u>\$ 41.25</u> <b>\$ 541.17</b>
Mattress Giant The Woodlands, TX 281.367.1186	10/08/05	1 Queen Frames	<b>\$ 49.99</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4022.62</b>

Make checks payable to AMIA and mail to:  
P.O. Box 3427  
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

## Treasurers' Report

For the five months ended May 31, 2006

	Actual \$	Pro-Rata Budget \$
Receipts		
Parochial giving	70,874	66,667
Extra parochial and other	2,764	-
Less: Tithe	<u>(7,088)</u>	<u>(6,667)</u>
Net receipts	<u>66,550</u>	<u>60,000</u>
Expenditures		
Church operating costs	50,774	52,562
Equipment	3,038	2,083
Contingency	<u>-</u>	<u>1,188</u>
	<u>53,812</u>	<u>55,833</u>
Operating excess before the following	12,738	4,167
Outreach	<u>7,132</u>	<u>6,667</u>
Excess (deficiency) for the period	<u>5,606</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>

Year to date receipts have been nothing short of amazing. Capped off by a remarkable April when over \$20,000 was contributed (including Easter and an extra Sunday), we have continued to exceed budget by a substantial amount. Thanks to everyone for your exceptional support.

Expenditures for church operations include compensation for our priests, organists and youth leader, facilities rentals, administration and insurance, and the activities of our five "G" sub-groups. All are largely at or below budget to this point. Equipment costs for 2006 are for our new keyboard and a spare bulb for the projector.

After costs of operations and with additional support from our ladies' group fund raising, we have more than enough to meet expenditures to date for outreach and still have funds left over. Outreach approved to date includes: Diocese of Yukon - \$500, our sister diocese in Rwanda - \$600, Kigali Theological College in Rwanda - \$2,000, North Shore Harvest Project - \$2,000, ACiC church planting - \$2,000, and A Rocha Canada – Christians in Conservation membership - \$100. What an amazing and joyful start for the year.

Thank you all for your support for God's work in our communities.

*Ledford Lilley*

## Prayer Corner

### Changes To The Prayer List

Soon you will notice a change to the prayer list in the weekly leaflet. I thought it would be more meaningful to have, next to the names of people who need our prayers, reasons for the prayer request and what specifically to pray for. e.g. Samantha MacDonald is losing her mind. Please pray that she will not lose it completely.

### Why We Pray

Prayer is an important aspect of the Christian life, and no Christian contests this. How important is it, and what role does it play?

More than any thing else recorded in the New Testament, Jesus prayed. He prayed more than He healed, more than He preached, more than He taught, more than He baptized. He was God the Son, and yet He constantly talked with God. The One who we would think could pray the least may have prayed the most.

Prayer is one of four rituals given to Christians in the New Testament along with communion, baptism, and fasting. Of these, prayer is the one practiced most frequently. Whenever there was any decision to be made and whenever they faced troubles and whenever they celebrated and even whenever they simply gathered together, the disciples, apostles, and church fathers prayed. Indeed, we are commanded to “pray without ceasing” and “through prayer and petition to present our requests to God.” From the many accounts of Biblical figures, it appears that the closer to God a person was, the more he or she prayed.

Prayer is one of the central themes of the Bible, and its importance cannot be overstated. We, as Christians, must pray. We cannot claim to be Christians and not pray. Whether we like it or not, whether we have time or not, whether we know how to or not, we must pray, both communally and individually, on a regular basis.

Beyond the examples, exhortations, and commands to pray, there are other reasons to do so. Prayer is direct communication with God. When we pray we are communing with God. The more we have contact with Him, the more we shall become like Him, and the more He can speak to us and teach us. Just as we change to become like those with whom we spend time, the more time we spend with God, the more we change, and the more the Holy Spirit can change us, to become like Him. The closer we get to God, the more in line with His will we become, the easier it is to hear His voice. The more we are with Him and the more He talks to us, the closer to Him we become and so on. I believe this is the primary reason for prayer.

The secondary reason for prayer is to thank Him for His blessings. The action of thanking God helps bring us perspective. We see that He was at work and that His efforts rather than ours are responsible for good in the world and that He is taking care of us. This perspective brings us humility. To sincerely praise and acknowledge Him, we must humble ourselves. Few virtues are more highly valued in the Bible than humility, and prayer is one of the most important ways in which we cultivate it.

The third reason we pray is to present our requests and petitions before God. He already knows what we need and what we are going to say. However, the act of asking Him is important (mostly for the two foregoing reasons). C.S. Lewis wrote in the Chronicles of Narnia, "Aslan already knows, but I think He likes to be asked, all the same." He wants us to ask because in the asking we commune with Him and humble ourselves.

Now it is going to get tricky, and these are my thoughts, not to be taken as orthodox Christian theology. We have free will. This allows us to obey and disobey God. This also prevents God from interfering with natural consequences of our free will. However, if we freely pray, asking God to be relieved of those consequences, then He is able to act without disturbing our free will. God cannot violate His laws, and thus He cannot abrogate our free will without our permission. We grant Him that permission when we pray.

This is not to say that He is ignoring us because we have failed to pray. There are many reasons why He may not answer our prayers as we would want Him to. However, one of the reasons we pray and one of the reasons that He does answer prayer is because of our free will, because we freely pray. It is said that prayer moves the hand of God or that prayer changes God's mind. God is certainly not a candy machine, and it is not so much that we change God. Rather, our prayers move us, and our pride and free will, out of His way.

**For these reasons we pray: to commune with God and grow closer to Him; to praise Him and develop humility; to petition Him and free Him to act without violating His laws. We have the examples of every godly man and woman in history to encourage us to pray. We have the command of God Himself to pray. As with so many things in the Christian life, it is not easy. It requires discipline, focus, and a real desire to obey God, and these do not come naturally to anyone. To assist us, we have all that we need: we have the Holy Spirit, and we have each other. A Christian must obey God; a Christian must pray.**

Matthew D. Winfrey, December 27, 2001  
*Submitted by Samantha MacDonald*

## Parishioner Profile: John and Lucy Collings

John Collings, the oldest of three brothers, was born in 1945 and lived in Northern Rhodesia, now Zambia. He attended Peterhouse, a Christian Boarding School in Southern Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, and the journey to school by train took two days and two nights. Lucy, the second of five children, was born in South Africa in 1948 and initially lived on a farm in the Northern Transvaal where the children would ride their horses to the local farm school. Later, they moved to Natal, to another farm, but closer to conventional schools. Both John and Lucy attended the University of Natal in Durban. John graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering and Lucy with an Honours Degree in Geology.

They met because of a common interest in mountaineering, actually meeting for the first time in 1969 in a cave in the Drakensburg Mountains, which each was visiting with a different climbing group. They were married in the Anglican Church in Hillcrest, near Durban, in 1971. Mountaineering and climbing trips took them to many parts of Southern Africa, including Kilimanjaro and Mt Kenya, which at that time received very little international attention.

In 1973 John was invited by his Canadian company to transfer to Ottawa and they decided to move. They made a circuitous journey to Canada: a ship from Durban to Bombay with their Volkswagen Beetle, a six weeks' drive from Bombay to Rome via Afghanistan and Iran, then on to the Alps, where they spent three months climbing and hiking with friends. In England they sold their Beetle and the funds provided their airfare to Ottawa.

After one year in Ottawa, John was transferred to Bolivia. He and Lucy worked in La Paz for a year and enjoyed climbing in the Andes. Their first child, Sean, was conceived there and born after their return to Ottawa, when Lucy became a full-time mother. They spent one more year in Ottawa before being transferred to Regina, where their daughter, Sarah, was born. They were very happy in Regina, finding people there to be very friendly. They were then transferred to Vancouver in 1977, where sons Ian and David were born. While they have no relations in Canada, they keep in close contact with brothers and sisters in New Zealand, England and South Africa.

John and Lucy moved to their present home in 1982 after the birth of their fourth child, and all the children attended Cleveland and Handsworth Schools in the French Immersion Programme.

John's job with Delcan Corp always involved a great deal of travel and so he is familiar with most of Canada and many parts of the world. In 1987, he was appointed as a Director responsible for operations in the Pacific and Far East. Even more travelling was necessary when he became Director of Transportation.

He became a frequent flyer to Toronto, Quebec, Turkey, Thailand, Malaysia and parts of South America.

In 1999 John resigned from Delcan after 30 years, and he and a colleague started up their own company, Collings Johnston Inc. Lucy notes that after the children moved away from home, John moved back in! Now John happily rides his bike every day to work downtown. They hike in the local mountains with friends or with the North Shore Hikers most Saturdays. They have recently done hiking trips in the Pyrenees, New Zealand's Southern Alps, Patagonia and the Himalayas.

As a child Lucy spent a lot of time drawing, horses especially, and her parents gave her extra art lessons. Art was a very easy subject for her at school and she started University in the Fine Arts Program, but after a couple of years decided that the employment opportunities of such training were not great, so she switched to a B.Sc. She began painting seriously again in '89 when her youngest was in school and now she focuses on landscapes in oil and acrylic. She exhibits with clubs and in galleries.

Lucy has always been involved in volunteering and now gives time to the Harvest Project, which she enjoys for its intense people interaction and she also finds great satisfaction in assisting such a worth-while organization.

Both Lucy and John were brought up as Anglicans. They attended St. Catherine's Church for more than 25 years, but became increasingly concerned with the lack of a Biblical base. They are now very happy that they made the change to St. Timothy's. We are fortunate that John is, for the second year, spearheading "Go" or the evangelistic part of St. Timothy's mission. Lucy and John have held several study groups in their home and are part of other ministries. We praise God for their leadership and dedication.

*Florence Wilton*

### **An Ultimate Example of Forgiveness**

This was a note found on a scrap of paper at the liberation of the Ravensbruck Concentration Camp for women.

"Lord, remember not only the men of goodwill, but also those of ill will. But do not remember all the suffering they have inflicted upon us. Remember rather the fruits we have brought, thanks to this suffering: our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, the courage, the generosity, the greatness of heart that has grown out of this. And when they come to judgement, let all the fruits we have borne be their forgiveness."

Copied from the National Post Newspaper, Letter to the Editor, May 2006

*Submitted by Patricia Young*

## SAINT ATHANASIUS

Some of you might have heard of Saint Athanasius. His name is ascribed to a creed, a third creed, and is to be found on page 695, towards the back of our Book of Common Prayer. Although it is a fully authorised creed, it is seldom used in today's services.

In the year 325, the Roman Emperor Constantine summoned the Bishops of the newly emancipated Christian Church to a Synod held at Nicaea, to settle the furious arguments raging about the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity and the nature of Jesus. From this synod came the Nicene Creed, but the battle was only just beginning. The heretical teaching promoted by Arius (the popular spirit of the age) swept through the Church and captured power, backed by the successors of Constantine. St. Athanasius, Patriarch of Alexandria, was the one striking holdout, and for this he was banished and exiled on five separate occasions, for a total period of nearly twenty years.

He went about clandestinely ordaining and consecrating clergy who would maintain the true faith. In effect he was the first "flying- Bishop". During his exile he wrote the following words to his followers who were mourning the loss of their precious church buildings to the heretics. He told them not to fuss about it, but to get on with the task of "continuing" the Catholic Faith. The Arian heretics used physical violence to seize churches, so while an exact parallel cannot be drawn to today's situation, nevertheless these words of St. Athanasius still have relevance.

"May God console you! What saddens you is the fact that others have occupied the churches by violence, while during this time you are on the outside. It is a fact that they have the premises, but you have the Apostolic Faith. They can occupy our churches, but they are outside the true faith. You remain outside the places of worship, but the faith dwells within you. Let us consider: what is more important, the place or the faith? The true faith obviously. Who has lost and who has won in this struggle...the one who keeps the premises or the one who keeps the faith?"

"You are the ones who are happy; you who remain within the Church by your faith, who hold firmly to the foundations of the faith which has come down to you from apostolic tradition. If a jealousy has tried to shake it on a number of occasions, it has not succeeded. They are the ones who have broken away from it in the present crisis. No one ever, will prevail against your faith, beloved brothers. And we believe that God will give us back

our churches some day. Thus the more violently they try to occupy the places of worship, the more they separate themselves from the Church. They claim that they represent the Church, but in reality, they are the ones who are expelling themselves from it and going astray. Even if Catholics faithful to tradition are reduced to a handful, they are the ones who are the true Church of Jesus Christ."

Those of us who have virtually been evicted from our own churches by the Diocese of New Westminster must see the similarities of Athanasius' treatment by the establishment of his time 1700 years ago. To us the key sentence of his statement appears towards the end, and I quote "And we believe that God will give us back our churches some day. It is not for us to say how God will perform that function, but only to believe it to be true". Athanasius was proved correct in the end, and the unbelievers and heretics of his time were defeated, as will be today's in the Diocese of New Westminster, and in the United States of America. Meanwhile, my friends, let us rejoice in our beliefs and thank God for our circumstances at St. Timothy's Church.

(Permission has been obtained to quote from "The Rock".)

Submitted by Douglas Haig

### On a lighter note

#### How do you like these business slogans?

Bakery: "It's nice to be kneaded."

Car Dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet... miss a car payment."

Computer Store: "Out for a quick byte."

Operating Room Entrance: "May I Cut In?"

Photographer's Studio: "Out to Lunch: If not back by five, out for Dinner also."

Podiatrist's Office: "Time wounds all heels."

***Disturb us, O Lord...when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little. We arrived safely because we sailed too close to shore... We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes; and to push us into the future in strength, courage, hope and love.***

***Prayer of Sir Francis Drake taken from "Daily Bread", January 27, 2006***

## **Cookery Corner**

It is evident to all who attend after service Coffee Hours at St. Timothy's that we are blessed with many excellent cooks. Our thanks go to two of them for sharing tried and approved favourites with us.

### **Ursula Vondette's Spice Cookies**

¾ cup of margarine, 1 cup sugar, ½ cup molasses, and 1 egg. 2 cups flour, 2 tsp baking soda, 1 tbsp cinnamon, 1 tbsp ginger, 1 tsp clove, 1 tsp salt, 1 cup raisins

Beat the margarine, sugar, molasses and egg until light. Add the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, salt and raisins and mix well. Put the mixture in the fridge for about 30 minutes. Shape into 1 inch balls. Roll in coarse sugar (Demerara works well) and flatten slightly. Bake for 12 minutes at 375 degrees. Cool on a rack.

**Ursula's Tips:** I make this in multiples of 2 or 3. Go heavy on the spices!

### **Daisy Scott's Cheesies**

1 ½ cups of all purpose flour; ½ tsp salt; Pinch of cayenne; ¾ cup margarine or butter; ¾ cup of strong cheese grated.

Sift flour with salt and cayenne and add the margarine/butter cut into small pieces. Mix until smooth. Add the cheese and mix again. Shape into balls and press with a fork. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 mins.

### **Daisy Scott's Marzipan Squares**

Place a thin layer of pastry in an 8 inch cake tin. Spread the pastry with a layer of raspberry jam (not too much).

Add to base: ½ cup of butter or margarine, 2/3 cup white sugar, 2 eggs, 2/3 cup rice flour, ¼ tsp salt. Mix well.

Frosting: 2 tbsp butter, ½ cup icing sugar, 1 tsp almond flavouring, 1 tbsp hot milk. Mix together and ice. You can add more icing sugar if you wish.

Happy moments, PRAISE GOD.  
Difficult moments, SEEK GOD.  
Quiet moments, WORSHIP GOD.  
Painful moments, TRUST GOD.  
Every moment, THANK GOD.  
Rick Warren, Pastor of Saddleback Church

## **From Day to Day at St. Timothy's**

### **Coffee Hour**

Thanks go to members of the five coffee teams who ensure that tea and coffee, juice and goodies are awaiting everyone immediately after the service each Sunday. Thanks go also to those who provide goodies each week and to those who make a contribution in the jar. Special thanks go to Audrey Haigh for baking and Peter Haigh for adding the marzipan for the Simnel Cake and to Dara Barrett for making the cakes for Ethan's shower, for Mina and Curtis's baptism and for Anna's shower. The sign-up sheets are available each week for goodies.

*Hazel Blacoe*

### **St. Timothy's Ladies' Group**

Since our last update, we have continued to meet on the second Monday of each month. Our fundraising ventures have included:

- on February 18th a fun Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Evening that made \$270.
- in April, the Lenten Awareness Program raised \$ 608.21 for Rwanda.
- on May 6th Delbrook Treasures/Craft Sale
- on May 26th Games Night at Sutherland Church).

The prize winners from the Games Night were:

Whist- Lois Knight (high) & Ivy Harper (low);

Scrabble - Muriel Newton (high) and Alice Helter (low);

Bridge - John & Joy Hopkins;

Auction 45 - Ashley Taunton & Chris Vondette;

Cribbage - Norma Johansen & Carolyn Edwards.

Door prizes for adults and youths were won by members of Sutherland Church.

We raised \$399.00 in total at the Games Night to go to Harvest Project along with \$714.75 from the Treasures/Craft Sale at Delbrook, a total of \$1,113.75.

In addition a donation of \$500.00 was warmly received by Archbishop T.O. Buckle to assist in his mission and ministry in the Diocese of Yukon.

Upcoming Event: August 26th: Garage Sale at the Haighs!

Thank you for your wonderful, continued support of our mission at St. Timothy's.

Our first meeting after the Summer Break will be held on September 11th at 1:30pm at Lois Knight's home.

*Linda Taunton*

## **Sunday School and Nursery**

It seems hard to believe but the "school" year is almost over and those restful summer holidays are fast approaching. At this time of year we like to recognise those children who have attended Sunday School throughout the year and also those who will be moving on from Sunday School to St. Timothy's Youth Group. This year we have three young people who will be "graduating". They include; Richard Taunton, Cierra Edwards and Sarah Louise Carter. We would also like to recognise Rebecah Burke, Emily Barrett, Emma Morton and Mina Stibbards who have attended Sunday school on a regular basis.

During the summer months our teachers will be taking a much deserved break. Each Sunday we will still be providing nursery care but there will not be a formal Sunday School class. If children do attend church services, depending on their age, they can either play in the nursery with the other children, watch a video or DVD or, if they are old enough, join in with the youth group. If you are able to help with nursery supervision through the summer please contact Patricia Young.

This is also an appropriate time to extend a very large thank you to Carolyn Edwards, Audrey Haigh, Sonya Bell and Dara Barrett who have supervised, cared for and taught our children each Sunday. We are very blessed at St. Timothy's to have such committed and dedicated Sunday School teachers for our children.

*Submitted by Patricia Young*

## **Youth Group**

Three months have gone by so quickly and I am back to lead the youth group once again. Thank you so much for all the support and prayers during my maternity leave. My daughter, Anna, is doing very well and is growing up healthily each day.

Remember the youth group went to Eat Vancouver last year? Well, we were there again this year and sure we had a lot of fun and, of course, free food. We even watched Vancouver Iron Chef Rob Feenie on stage. Games night at Ryan's house was both stimulating and amusing. We were teasing our brains with brain teasers and also trying to conquer the world with "Risk". Some upcoming gatherings include bowling at the North Shore Bowl; movie night at Rita's place and outdoor games.

Besides entertaining our minds, we are also nourishing our souls with the word of God. For our Sunday lessons, we are currently studying the Old Testament. Up to now we have studied from Genesis to the Book of Judges. We will be studying the Wisdom Literature and the books of the prophets in June.

If you or anyone you know would like to join the youth group, please contact Rita

*Rita Seiki*

## **Editors' Message**

Thanks go to all contributors. What a blessing to be celebrating our second anniversary! We wish all readers a safe and happy summer and invite you to send in items for the next newsletter. The deadline will be posted in the Service Leaflets for the October edition.

*Matthew Vondette and Florence Wilton*

## **Calendar Highlights**

\***Saturday, June 24 (Sold out) Summer Ball** at the Carters' - food, dancing and a Silent Auction (Funds raised go to our Sister Diocese in Rwanda).

\***Saturday, August 26 St. Timothy's Garage Sale** at the Haighs'.

\***Friday, September 8 Service of Celebration for the Common Cause of Orthodox Anglicanism** Archbishop Yong Ping Chung, S.E. Asia

\***Sunday, September 10 Installation of Rev. Ken Bell as Rector of St. Timothy's**

\***Mid-November Craft Sale** at Delbrook Centre.

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