



St. Timothy's Gazette October 2009

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 the Lynn Valley Rec. Centre
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Message from the Rev. Ken Bell

Thank you!

I wanted to come up with a witty eye catching title but in the end, I realized “Thank you” said it all. This has been a very busy fall so far, garage sale, council retreat, Sunday School, “Stories: That’s All We Are” series with devotional guides, and small groups, and of course the wonderful ‘Thankful Hearts Dinner & Auction’ which raised \$10,000, (not to mention all the normal activities of church life). So, “Thank you”.

Through out scripture the LORD reminds us repeatedly to be thankful, to have a thankful heart, and to give thanks in all circumstances. Giving thanks is a common theme in the psalms. “I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds” Psalm 9. “We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near” Psalm 75. “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever” Psalm 136. “I give thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise” Psalm 138.

We try to teach our children from an early age to say ‘thank you’ or write thank you cards, when some one gives us a present or a cookie or pay us a compliment. We do this because it is considered the polite thing to do.

However, giving thanks is far more important than just good manners. Having a thankful heart effects how we see and understand the world around us. When the children of Israel finally crossed the Sea of Reeds and were free

from Pharaoh’s enslavement they were thankful. However, the thankfulness was short lived. It very quickly gave way to fear and anxiety over food, water and shelter. As soon as anxiety moved in ‘thanks’ became ‘complaint’ and complaint adds to worry and worry adds to anxiety.

Even once their fear and anxiety over food and water was resolved, they did not return to thankfulness, for their hearts had not yet been formed that way. They moved deeper into complaint and grumbling, wanting variety and plenty.

I do not think having a thankful heart, comes naturally to the human condition. Because of sin, fear, worry and anxiety seem to come more naturally to us. Thankfulness then is a working and gift from God. We should, I believe, ask Jesus to make us into a more thankful people.

When we are made into a thankful people, our worries and anxieties decrease. We become more joyful, more hopeful and more willing to trust God and others. Thankfulness also leads us to forgiveness, and encourages us to open our hearts more to the hurting, the wandering and the lost.

Finally, when we live a thankful life we also become a more generous people, willing to give of our selves, our time, our talent and our treasure because we are so grateful for that which we have been given.

Saying ‘thanks’ is about a lot more than being polite, saying ‘thanks’, sets us free to be the people that God is calling us to be.

So again, I say ‘thank you’ to everyone who is a part of our St. Timothy’s community. Your generous contributions of time, talent and treasure as well as your faith, prayer and

hospitality make our church into one, which welcomes the sinner, binds up the broken, encourages the weak, honours the elderly, heals the sick, calls home the lost and loves the outcast.

Let each of us give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever. Moreover, let all of us ask God to bless us with one thing more, a thank-filled heart.

Amen.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ
ken bell+

During the Summer, we were given the opportunity to rewrite a psalm in our current situation; here is one example contributed by our Rector!

Psalm 81 Re-visited

The organ is tuning
Coffee percolating
Children are screaming
Worship begins

“I have rescued you,” says the LORD
“From loneliness and homelessness.
I have given you food and a family.
All so you need not worry”

“But you would rather watch TV & sleep,
Than watch and rest with me.
Therefore, I let you go your own way.
But, I will still care for you
and watch over your children”

“I will fill you with the richest of chocolate
And the finest of wines”

Advent Book

I know it seems early but...
This year we are putting together a ‘St. Timothy’s Advent Book’. We would like everyone to try to contribute in some way. It could be a story from your Christmas childhood, a poem you wrote (or someone else wrote), musings on your favourite song, a thought on a family tradition, a child’s drawing, whatever you can think of to share about Advent and the birth of Jesus. Please have your submissions into Chloe King by November 1.



Wardens' Update – October 2009

Summer has ended and Fall is begun. The congregation gathers for fellowship and worship and the stories of summer are told. Regular Sunday School classes and Youth Group restart. Our Music Director Angela has returned after maternity leave with a beautiful baby boy. We are blessed with so many new faces and more on the way! The make-up of the youth group has changed with so many having now graduated and off on their various post-secondary paths. Small groups have re-started and there is one meeting in Churchill's at the Holiday Inn in a relaxed cozy atmosphere where other groups congregate.

Of course the big news in our church community is the ordination and installation of a local Bishop, our very own +Silas Ng of Richmond Emmanuel Church. Confirmations, ordinations and local oversight is a blessing and a sign of the growth the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) is experiencing. Our Anglican Coalition in Canada (ACiC) is a founding member of the ACNA. Remember the ACiC started as four priests and their congregations banding together (+Barclay Mayo of *St. Andrews* in Pender Harbour, +Silas Ng of the *Church of Emmanuel* in Richmond, +Ed Hird of *St. Simon's* in North Vancouver, and +Paul Carter of *Immanuel Westside* in Vancouver, and us – a congregation with guest priests). No one thought that we would stay together and make a viable church. It's just not done. People don't form a church and then search out a priest. Unbelievably we are now part of some 100,000 Anglicans in 700 parishes across North America. Jurisdictions which have joined together to form the 28 dioceses and dioceses-in-formation of the Anglican Church in North America are: the dioceses of Fort Worth, Pittsburgh, Quincy and San Joaquin; the Anglican Mission in the Americas; the Convocation of Anglicans in North America; the Anglican Network in Canada; the Anglican Coalition in Canada; the Reformed Episcopal Church; the American Anglican Council, Forward in Faith North America, and the missionary initiatives of Kenya, Uganda, and South America's Southern Cone.

What we went through was very intense and agonizing for us. And for myself, I had no clear concept of the personal struggles others were enduring on the international stage. An excellent book that will be appearing in our church library is "Never Silent" by Thaddeus Barnum. The author chronicles the crisis in the church from 1994 and the first African missionary to North America, Bishop John Rucyana. This is the root of the movement we are experiencing. How exciting it is to be a part of this after all the years of fretting over how church attendance was shrinking. Can it be that God blesses those churches which find favour with Him?

We have just held our Thanksgiving dinner incorporating a fund-raiser for the Mexican Medical Mission at San Quintin. This was the destination of our mission trip last summer. Once again the ladies group outdid themselves with a fabulous dinner and by all accounts this was a very successful evening on many fronts. Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard on this.

Speaking of money perhaps now is a good time to bring up the budget and expenses. When we set out the budget we set out our expenses and our projected giving. And we set out what we would do with additional funds over what was necessary for the running of our church and the associated double-tithing we do as a parish. The targeted giving that shows in the leaflet is based on the abundant giving budget, not the bare-bones budget. We started the year off down a little on giving – perhaps because of the heavy snow around Christmas and into the New Year - and we have never caught up. But we are in the black. We will only allocate the additional funds in the abundant budget if they come in. We are in financial terms a healthy church.

"All things work together for good, for those who Love God." We can show love by sharing our joys and successes, by praising the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Submitted by Nancy Vondette & Ron Barrett

Reports from our "G"s

Go Report

Go out into the North Shore community

What was then, and what is now?

Greetings in the name of Triune God.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter The Small Way, how many of you have found that useful?

We know from our experiences that the Lord plants seed in one's heart, and at the right timing, it will start growing. We do not know which particular part we are involving for the harvest, yet indeed we are doing something, and therefore every small way is important. In the big picture, our effort might just be so tiny but like Andrew or the man who invited Billy Graham to the church, it can bring great blessing to others down the road. What is the motivation for ministry? If we are giving random act of kindness, then we are just like others out there. Sometimes, those outside of church can do better job. What makes us different from others? You know the answer....

The Church of Good Shepherd (Rita's mother church in Vancouver) has just celebrated 120th anniversary of ministry. Rev Canon Dr J.I Packer preached on Matthew 28

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Rev Canon Packer called people to continual teaching and learning from cradle to the grade under total authority of the Lord Jesus Christ and life in his promise "I am with you always to the very end of the age." Evangelism does not start from the market place alone, but significantly from our home. We need to be minister to one another, build a community that honours the authority of the Lord, and trust in Him.

St Timothy's now can be in the mid-point, checking off the things we have accomplished. Have we come out from Egypt...check, have we cross the Red Sea.....check, do we have a faith to follow His commandments.....check. So what are we doing now? Where are we going? Ah yes, going to the land of Canaan. Now, do we want to wonder around for next 40 years just because of fear? No.

Church of the Good Shepherd started as a mission church with 4 or 5 people, yet they planted St Luke and St Matthias, and Richmond Emmanuel later on, and even now, they are still growing. I believe they have recognized their gift wisely, not just for Asian ministry but serving well on the diversity of people, generation, and back ground.

I believe that those 4-5 people would never imagine having a church building right next to the Vancouver City Hall or growing more than 1000 members, but they did their share, and it was all sufficient. Our Lord did the rest. Let us open the map, and with 3 simple steps, like Dora the Explorer show, constantly remind ourselves the final destination we are going to. "Where are we going?...clap...clap...clap Be with Jesus!"

-submitted by Jonathan Masahiro. Seiki

Gather Group

Gather all ages into Christian fellowship

September is the time of year we say good-bye to the carefree summer months and look forward to upcoming events and celebrations.

On June 14th, we marked the 5th anniversary of St. Timothy's with a celebration and BBQ. A number of people helped to put on this event by doing such diverse jobs as cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs, donating food, entertaining the young children and setting up and taking down tables and chairs. Thank-you to all!

During the summer, two special **Fellowship** events took place, the Special Tea at the Haighs' and the Picnic in the Park for the young families and young adults. Both events were extremely well attended.

As I write this report, the Thankful Hearts Dinner and Auction is just hours away. A number of people in our parish have put in an incredible number of hours to ensure the success of this dinner and auction and it is hoped that a significant amount of money will be raised to help the two outreach ministries that have been chosen.

I would like to give a very special thank-you to Audrey for all she does for the life of St. Timothy's. I am always amazed at the ease with which she plans dinners for large groups of people and at the many hours she spends shopping, organizing and cooking for our benefit. Thank you, Audrey!!

As a way of controlling the cost of printing and mailing the **Gazette** (our newsletter), it has

been suggested that perhaps some people would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail. Please talk to Peter if you are interested in this.

Within the next few months, the **Prayer Team** plans to restart the prayer meeting held before church the first Sunday of each month.

The members of **Pastoral Care** continue their ministry within our church. Please let them know if they can be of any service to you or to those you know.

Hazel would like to thank those ladies who help with the **Coffee Hour** as well as those people who bring goodies for us and donate to the coffee jar.

As we look forward, planning is underway for our Christmas Party which will be held in early December. Please mark **Sunday 6 December at 5:30 pm** on your calendar and plan to attend!

Please see the **Ladies Group** report below.

-submitted by Daphne Martin

Ladies Group Report

The St Timothy's Ladies Group had their first meeting after the summer in September to plan the Fall Programme.

September was the month for our annual garage sale where we raised over \$1200 which will be going to The Harvest Project. It was a "FUN" day as the rain deluge around 7.30a.m. hindered our setting up outside on the lawns and driveway so tarps were hastily erected to keep everything dry only to find that by 9.30 a.m. the sun was shining and the tarps removed!. We were thrilled to exceed previous years' totals

Special thanks go to Carolyn Edwards for working all day Friday and Saturday and looking after all the money! Thanks also to several parishioners

who helped out the Ladies Group with this event by sorting, setting-up, selling, and cleanup.

We then held the Thankful Hearts Dinner/Auction on October 3rd which proved to be a roaring success. Just over \$10,000 (expenses to be taken off) was raised for two fundraisers - Steven Monks in Mexico and Partners in Hope in Vancouver. One of our members came up with the idea in the Spring that it would be “nice” to have a joint event with some other ACIC churches. Contact was made with St. Simons and Immanuel and it was agreed to hold a Thanksgiving Dinner combining the three churches and raising money for organizations that all three support. We formed a committee and it was amazing how with eight on the committee we easily divided up our individual strengths/gifts into auction/finance/music/dinner. Over the summer the three churches worked on getting the auction items and bottles for the bottle stall and once September arrived organizing the dinner and helpers. Ken was an inspiring auctioneer and the whole evening was a lot of fun. 100 tickets were sold among the three churches.

Our next two fundraisers for outreach will be held at Churchill House in North Vancouver on Saturday 21st and at Amica in West Vancouver on Saturday 28th November. Several of our members meet during the year for special craft workshops. Our next Ladies Group meeting will be “hands-on” for some crafts that need stitching, cutting and decorating - so do come along and join us for a cup of tea and refreshment and some fun with crafts. I have been told “no experience is necessary”!! We will finish the year with our Ladies Group Christmas Luncheon on Monday 14th December at Churchill House.

-submitted by Audrey Haigh

What do we know about our Special Folk at St. Timothy’s?

On a sunny day in July the Gather Team on behalf of St. Timothy’s invited 20 Special members of our church family to Afternoon Tea. 16 were able to attend.

We shared afternoon tea of salmon open sandwiches, sausage rolls, delicious scones with Devonshire cream and raspberry jam and finished off with squares and fruit. Angela, our organist, came and played a number of delightful songs and sang along with her husband Jason – what a grand treat.

We shared stories and through a quiz got to know a little more about each other’s experiences over the years. Below is a summary of the questions and answers which I feel we will all be interested to share. The first question’s answer surprised me and it has on numerous other occasions when I have asked the question “Were you born in North Vancouver?” It would appear we have all come from somewhere else – but where? Only Vera of the sixteen present was born with a mother tongue other than English and Vera took the winning prize for the person who was born furthest away (Denmark) – all others came from other provinces or the U.K.

So here are the questions and answers including answers from the four who were unable to be present on the day.

1. Who was born in North Vancouver? –
NO ONE
2. Who went to school in North Vancouver?
Elsie Grade 5 or 6 up and Margery Grade 6 up.
3. Who went to a one room school in Canada?
Joy Grades 1-8 and had to walk 2 miles each way.
Lois, Margery and Elsie – Lois took
correspondence in grades 9, 10 and 11.
4. Who was born the furthest from North
Vancouver ?
Vera in Denmark

5. Who immigrated to Canada the longest time ago and how old were you?

Ivy came at 7 1/2 in 1928 – Ursula mentioned that her Great Greats came in 1780 to Canada.

6. How many houses have you lived in your life?

Ursula 19- Corinne 18

7. How many provinces have you lived in?

Corinne 4 provinces – N.S. Ontario, Alberta. B.C.

8. Any one survive temperatures of minus 30° for a long period of time?

Joy and John in Edmonton for 40 days with a certificate to prove it and Ivy in Manitoba with -60° F in Thompson, Manitoba, Florence in Mount Royal, Quebec in 1980 and Corinne, Vera, Margery and Elsie all of them survived in different parts of our country Canada.

9. How many children do you have?

Ursula, Joy and John, Elsie and Bob all had 4 children.

10. Who has celebrated their Golden or Diamond wedding anniversaries?

Congratulations to Gordon, Daisy, Douglas, John and Joy, Elsie, Ursula, and Kathleen for their golden achievements and to Corinne, Martha and Daisy for their diamond anniversary with their husbands.

11. Anyone served or married to someone in the armed forces?

Alice, Corinne, Douglas, Elsie, Lois, Muriel, Margery, Kathleen, Ursula.

12. Anyone skate on the Rideau Canal ?

Florence C. between 1945-1993.

13. Not one of our members have eaten raw seal meat, like the Governor General or played our national sport of lacrosse or have been ice fishing!

14. Anyone shaken hands with the Prime Minister of Canada?

Corinne has with 4- Diefenbaker, Joe Clarke, Brian Mulroney and Stephen Harper. Martha shook hands with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau at her son and daughter-in-law's wedding and Florence C. was distinguished enough to shake hands with Margaret Thatcher.

15. Were you another denomination before you became an Anglican?

2 Baptists, 2 United Church, 1 Methodist and 1 converted to Roman Catholic and back to Anglican.

16. How many are bilingual?

Daisy French and Vera with her Danish that she remembers!

Finally the question of what FUN WISH would you like to have done in your life that you have not done?

Go on a space mission – Vera, John

Sail around the world – Gordon, Florence C., Alice
Own a racing car or MG sports car – Douglas, Corinne
Muriel

Learn to ski – Joy

Cruise the rivers of Europe – Bob

Travel to Australia – Ursula, Margery and Lois

Bungee jumping – Kathleen

We certainly have a diverse group, with interesting backgrounds at St Timothy's!

Thanks to all the Gather Team who helped to put on this event and make it our third Special Tea for Special People.

-submitted by Audrey Haigh

Grow Reports

*GROW: to become more like Jesus
Christ*

Sarah Lucas

Nursery and Sunday School:

The summer has flown by with lots of fun, crafts, lessons and prayers for the children. St. Timothy's would like to thank all the teachers who gave their time and enthusiasm to Sunday school this summer. Thanks to Chloe, Lucy, Patricia, Linda, Martha, Dara, Carly, Chris, Nancy, Daphne, Christy, Darin, and Sam. We would also like to give a special thanks to Andrea for her extra help with organizing the teachers and classes. With a regular class of twelve children, every adult pitching in has been a most welcomed help!

Starting in September, the children have been enjoying stories about Joseph and his many coloured coat and the children will be learning more about him in the classes to come. The children have had lots of fun building sand castles they can take home and of course making (then eating) ice cream! The children are learning different ways to pray and be thankful to the Lord. Prayer styles like "pop-up", positional, and "action-filled" prayers are some of the children's favourite ways to pray. They will also begin to learn about the Christmas story in preparation to celebrating the birth of Jesus.

The Sunday school have invited the adults of the church to be prayer partners. We would like every child in Sunday school to be paired with an adult, both will pray regularly for each other. We thought this would be a great way for each partner to connect and encourage each other. This will start in October and go until June. Thank you to all who signed up and pray God will bless you through this.

With three mothers expecting additions to their families, the up and coming Sunday school teacher list will be smaller for 2010. So we invite anyone in St. Timothy's parish to help out in anyway they can. Be it teaching, helping with the crafts, or just participating in Sunday school with the children. We are all looking forward to having fun and spiritually enriching our children in the home stretch of 2009!

-submitted by: Darin Mahoney

Youth:

Youth has now started and with the end of the summer came a large change in the dynamics of our youth group. All of our Sr. Boys have now graduated and a new generation of youth has joined us. Ciera, Emily, Anna, and Jade have been attending our group which meets on a Wednesday night from 6:45pm – 8:45pm.

So far our youth group has been focusing on the social events. We have been to the wave pool and had a BBQ, as I would like to allow the relationships between the girls to grow before moving into a home youth group. This year could not be possible without the help of Chloe and Lili-Kayy, where I have taken a more administrative role; both Chloe and Lili-Kayy are developing deeper relationships with the girls.

As we move into October we are going to begin to meet in our home twice a month and do a social event twice a month. I know the girls are looking forward to the annual corn maze trip on October 16th with Lynn Valley Church youth group. I am looking forward to what this year has in store for us. I hope that as the year progresses, we will grow as a group, learning about Jesus through scriptures, stories and our lives as we share them together. Thank your for your continued support and prayer.

*submitted by Eric Park, Director of Youth
Ministry*

Adult Education:

A note to the ladies – please consider attending the LiveWord Women’s Conference at St. John’s Shaughnessy on Saturday, October 18th. The conference theme this year is “Pride & Prejudice” – the surprising message of Jonah. Jonah’s story is a profound and surprising story of pride, prejudice and the greater purposes of God for the world. This is an opportunity for women to come together to be strengthened and encouraged through deep engagement with the word of God, heartfelt worship and common fellowship.

To register and for further information, please contact Sarah Lucas or go the St. John’s website: www.stjohnsvancouver.org (under special events).

-submitted by Sarah Lucas

Small Groups:

If you are interested in joining a small group, please speak to either Patricia Young or Sarah Lucas, or contact one of the group leaders.

Mondays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Meeting at Ron and Carolyn Edwards’ home to study: “Stories: Life Faith Hope Redemption”..

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Meeting at the Holiday Inn Restaurant, N. Vancouver.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 a.m. Women’s Breakfast Meeting at the Holiday Inn Restaurant, N. Vancouver.

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Meetings at Florence Wilton’s to study “Stories: Life. Faith. Hope. Redemption”.

Tuesdays, 9:15-11:00 a.m. Meetings at Sarah Lucas’ home to study: “Stories: Life. Faith. Hope. Redemption”..

“Walkie-Talkie” group. Day and time to be advised.

Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Meetings at Patricia Young’s home. Study to be determined at first meeting.

St. Timothy’s Film Ministry:

Come and check out these new films!

The Soloist: In this fact-based drama, Robert Downey plays Los Angeles Times journalist Steve Lopez. Estranged from his former wife, Mary (Catherine Keener) -- who is still his editor -- Lopez leads a solitary existence in his upscale but empty home, lulling himself into oblivion, night by night, with a bottle of wine and Neil Diamond tunes. With readership shrinking and layoffs all around him, Lopez desperately needs a human interest story to keep his career on track. He stumbles across an especially compelling one when he meets Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx), a musically gifted homeless man.

As he profiles and eventually befriends Ayers -- whose passion for Bach and Beethoven Lopez finds infectious -- the columnist works to get him settled in an apartment and find him a safe environment in which to practice. Eventually he strikes on the real-life Lamp Community, a refuge on LA's skid row. Like Ayers, whose schizophrenia cut short his promising cello studies at New York's Juilliard School, many of the Lamp Community's beneficiaries are on the street as a result of mental illness.

The film examines the topics of mental illness and homelessness and it goes about that task with documentary-like realism, coupled with extraordinary tenderness. The result is a film that packs an emotional wallop and yet, paradoxically,

feels hopeful. Hopeful that the simple act of friendship can make a difference in someone's life, even if we are unable to offer solutions for a friend's problems. Lopez desperately wanted to fix Ayers, to help him unleash his musical gift to the full. But it turns out that that's not really the point. Loyalty, faithfulness and determination to keep trying, no matter what—those are the values that matter most, according to this film.

The Visitor: A deeply moving drama built around long-time character actor Richard Jenkins. The Visitor is a simmering drama about a college professor and recent widower, Walter Vale who discovers a pair of illegal aliens who were the victims of a real-estate scam living in his New York apartment. After the mix-up is resolved, Vale invites the couple—a young, Syrian musician named Tarek and his Senegalese girlfriend to stay with him. An unlikely friendship develops between the retiring, quiet Vale and the vibrant Tarek, and the former begins to loosen up and respond to Tarek's drumming lessons as if something in him waiting to be liberated has finally been unleashed. All goes well until Tarek is hauled in by immigration authorities and threatened with deportation. His mother, Mouna turns up and stays with Vale, sparking a renewed if subdued interest in courtship. However, the wheels of injustice in immigration crush all manner of hopes in post-9/11 America. Vale soon realizes that he has unexpected anger over Tarek's plight, and the positive changes to his personal life that emerged from a deep involvement with his friend and Mouna might be the only legacy he takes from this experience. This film explores issues about immigration, culture and music.

Stranger Than Fiction: Harold Crick (Will Ferrell) is an IRS agent whose life is little more than a string of dull, dreary, methodical routines. Every morning he brushes his teeth a

certain number of times, and he walks a certain number of steps across the street to catch his bus—and the film annotates his activities with pop-up diagrams that track his every move. Harold's activities are described to us by a female voice-over narrator—and then, one morning, Harold hears the voice for himself. At first this is merely annoying, and it drives Harold nuts—but then the woman's voice makes a cryptic reference to Harold's imminent death, and Harold begins to fear for his life.

The voice belongs to Kay Eiffel (Emma Thompson), a novelist who has a bad case of writer's block; the problem is so bad, in fact, that the publisher has sent her an assistant named Penny Escher (Queen Latifah) to goad her into finishing her latest book. We learn that Kay has a reputation for killing off her main characters, and the reason her current novel is stuck in limbo is because she can't figure out how to bump off the main character—who just happens to be Harold Crick.

Harold turns to a literary prof named Jules Hilbert (Dustin Hoffman), who creates a test to narrow down the possible range of genres to which Harold's life story might belong. Harold also happens to be auditing—and falling in love with—an idealistic baker named Ana Pascal (Maggie Gyllenhaal), so he takes notes every time they meet, tallying the moments between them that seem to point towards a happy ending and those which seem to point towards something more tragic. Of course, since he works for the IRS, and she withheld a portion of her taxes to protest government policies, the relationship might seem doomed; then again, romantic comedies often start with couples hating each other's guts, so who knows?

This very unique but heart-warming film explores topics such as control and meaning in our lives, outside influences and death.

-submitted by Patricia Young

St. Timothy's Church Library:

During the mid-17th century theologians gathered and compiled a document that was meant to encompass the core doctrines and beliefs of the Christian faith. This document, called the "Westminster Catechism", was one of the most important and influential documents to come out of the Reformation. One of the Catechism's most powerful statements is this - "The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever."

"In Him we have obtained an inheritance having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory." (Ephesians 1:11-12)

Our church library is full of books written by worshipful authors who glorify God and enjoy Him, through their writings, so that we may also better understand the passion of glorifying and enjoying God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We have many books about prayer, and devotionals that help guide us in the glorification of our God, for both young and old.

Inspirational books (both fact and fictional) tell stories of people who were lost, and then found by God, and how their lives were changed by glorification and enjoyment in the service of God. ***None of these books ever replaces the utmost authority of the Bible***, but help to broaden our faith and understanding of the Word.

As the crispy autumn days come upon us, let us grow and harvest the books of St. Timothy's Church library, broadening the horizons of our faith:

*"And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that He answered them well, asked Him, 'Which commandment is the most important of all?' Jesus answered, 'The most important is, **Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.**'" (Mark 12:28-30)*

-submitted by Monica Craver

Updates on Anglican Communion Court Case

Because the Court Case in June, involving local churches of our previous Diocese is ongoing and a final decision is still to come, please check the following web site for any updates:

http://www.anglicannetwork.ca/legal_updates_0509.htm

KOINOS Bible Theology 101

At age ten I was in awe of those hard-core, wise, academic Christians who studied Bible Theology and could wrap their brains around it. It seemed, somehow, that it would be always out of my reach, and certainly out of my understanding. Later, my thinking changed and I arrogantly thought that only pompous people who wanted to have clever conversations that no-one else could follow took theology. Thankfully I have since been corrected on both counts.

What is Koinos?

Koinos, Greek for "together", is a Bible Theology course running one Saturday a month for 10 months at West Van Baptist Church which aims to "empower the laity with good theology". And it does just that! Each month a different Professor

(many from Regent) conducts an all-day seminar on a different topic. Last month was Old Testament 101, this month New Testament 101, then Bible 101, Christian Spirituality 101, Christian Ethics 101 and Global Mission 101 amongst others. Far from being dry and pretentiously academic, the course is a feast for the brain and the heart - no matter what level theological understanding you think you might or might not have! I have never been so gripped by the story of the Old Testament, have never been on the edge of my seat waiting in suspense for the next part of the story, and in fact, have never realized that having been grafted into God's family, the story of the Old Testament is also my story!

Old Testament 101

During Old Testament 101, September 26, Dr. Carl Armending (one of the founding faculty members of Regent College) sketched out and hung together the Old Testament, explaining the purpose of the promises given to Abraham - God wanting to restore and renew all things. He shared practical tips on how to read and better understand the Old Testament. He turned my past understanding of books like Leviticus on its head. For example, where I have often felt a sense of guilt and frustration when reading the seemingly endless Levitical law, he explained how it is not a book about law keeping, law breaking and condemnation, but rather a book about forgiveness -showing God's understanding of our guilt and His love and mercy in giving us a way out of this guilt, to forgiveness and a clear conscience. In six hours Dr. Armending covered a lot of ground, and though there was a lot to take in, I'm sure that each of the 130 people present departed with an affirmation of God's love, mercy, kindness, gentleness, provision, and perfect plan for the restoration of broken relationships and the renewal of his creation.

How the day worked...

The day went as follows. We rolled into the West Van Baptist Church for a 9 am start. The day was split into 4 teaching sessions, with coffee and lunch provided in the breaks. The time keeping was kept perfectly - at 4 pm, as advertised, everything was wrapped up and brought to a close. The people present came from a whole array of churches on the North Shore and it was lovely to see some familiar faces and get to know new ones over lunch. Actually, if you are deciding whether to go for a future seminar, I recommend going just for the lunch - delicious!

The next date is New Testament 101, October 24. If you aren't sure, why not sign up for one seminar and take it from there? The price per day is \$30 or \$250 for the whole series (leading to a Certificate in Christian Foundations). The price includes lunch and extensive printed materials and for the content of the course is incredible value for money.

Koinos is a great way to get to get a solid foundation of good bible theology; I cannot recommend it highly enough!! To get a taste for it, listen to last year's recordings online at www.canadianchristianity.com/koinos/ or have a look at www.westvanbaptist.com. For more info or to book, phone West Van Baptist at (604) 922 - 0911.

Hope to see you there!

-submitted by Chloé King

40 Days of Prayer, Fasting & Hospitality

For each of the past four years we have taken time, as a community, to pray and fast together. This season of unified prayer moves us toward our time of stewardship and pledge Sunday as we look forward to the coming year. This year, “40 Days” will encompass three aspects, prayer, fasting and hospitality.

Since most of us are already involved in our, “Stories: That’s All We Are” series, I did not want to add yet another thing to our list of things to do. Rather, as most of us are taking up the daily practice of either Morning or Evening Prayer, “40 Days” will complement what we are already doing. Both liturgies provide direction for intercessory prayer. All I invite you to do is use the weekly prayer inserts to help shape this time. So on Mondays you pray for Carol, Gerry, Terry and so on. It is that simple.

“With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Second, as always, we are encourage to take a day (once a month or once a week) to fast, if you are able. The two simplest ways to fast for a day are either from supper to supper or breakfast to breakfast. (I tend to do supper to supper because by the time you wake up in the morning you are already half way there).

Fasting is an ancient biblical practice which helps us to remember how flesh driven we can

be (I did not realize how much I thought about food until the first time I fasted). It also gives us time in the day, when we ordinarily would be busy, to spend time with God. Finally, it is also a form of personal sacrifice.

“When you fast, do not look sombre as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth; they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” Matthew 6:16-18

The final component to “40 Days” is hospitality. We began this last year and those who took it up really enjoyed it. If you are in a situation to invite people over for a meal or for tea/coffee, then plan some time over the next 40 days to offer your hospitality to someone who you do not know very well.

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.” 1 Peter 4:8-9.

Offering hospitality is a wonderful gift and a terrific way to build up our sense of fellowship and community at St. Timothy’s, as we get to know each other more deeply.

Prayer is the foundation of any church or Christian community. It is through prayer that God hears the cries, hopes and joys of his children. Through prayer, fasting and hospitality we demonstrate our love, faith and devotion both for God and one another.

Please join us this year for 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting & Hospitality.

Your Servant in Christ,
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Report from the Editor

The recent Fundraising event sponsored by three local churches, Immanuel, St Simon's and St Timothy's showed once again how so much can be achieved by teamwork and utilizing the multi-varied skills and abilities of our combined congregations. The undertaking was motivated by a desire to help others; in this case support of Mission work in Mexico – because we have a local contact in Steve Monks and the work of Partners in Hope in Vancouver through our contact Elsie Quick. Members of the three congregations came together and among other things came up with an idea, found a location, created a theme and advertizing material, advertized to generous attendees, requested donations of auction items from businesses, and individuals (a huge undertaking), had all expenses covered by donations so that all proceeds could be given away, sold tickets, packaged items, documented items, found a first class Auctioneer, set up and decorated the facility, provided entertainment, drinks, food, and a lively program through the evening for over a 100 attendees, then cleaned up the facility as if nothing had occurred. All these varied activities started in the spring and countless hours culminated in a most successful evening from which we can donate over \$9,000 to two worthwhile causes. Of more significance than the monetary value was the wonderful teamwork displayed by many people working to a common cause unselfishly, and generously contributing their various skills. The work load on some was extreme (as is usually the case) but the overall co-operation of so many people working together for the benefit of others is one way we can demonstrate our love of each other and for others as an outcome of our weekly worship services, bible study groups and daily prayers. May this event be part of our ongoing expression of appreciation for the benefits most

of us enjoy in our daily lives, and may its success be repeated down through the years, though not necessarily with the same individuals at the helm! Our three churches do sincerely thank those who took a leadership role this time around.

-submitted by Peter Haigh

Jokes

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A. Ruthless.

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany ?

A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land.

Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q.. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden ?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan The banks were always overflowing.

Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark ?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.
(Groan ...)

PS. Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee? Yup, it's in the Bible. It says Hebrews"



Some photos of the
Thankful Hearts
Dinner / Auction