

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

October 2025 is going to be a busy month. On Saturday, October 4th, we will have our Blessing of the Animals at 12 noon in the church playground. This is the actual day of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters", and even preached to the birds. [Wikipedia] Pets need to be leashed, crated, or appropriately contained. If your pets aren't comfortable in crowds, you can bring a picture of them to be blessed, and stuffed animals are also welcome to be blessed. The liturgy takes about 15 minutes depending on the number of critters. Snacks and treats will be handed out. Please invite friends and neighbors, also!

On Sunday, October 5th, we will mark the end of the Season of Creation (Sept. 1 - Oct. 4). We will also have our usual First Sunday Brunch. Please bring something to share. That afternoon, there is an opportunity to care for creation close at hand by helping clean up the Calhoun City Recreation Park and Oothcalooga Creek from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (and work off that sumptuous lunch!). Supplies will be provided. Please contact Judy Peterson to sign up (judy.peterson@keepcalhounbeautiful.org)

On Tuesday, October 7th, the Ramblers group will go to the Lance Farm for lunch and a tour. We will have Wednesday Night Suppers on October 15th and 22nd, followed by our Bible Study on Isaiah (you are invited to come even if you haven't been to Bible Study before). On Sunday, October 26th, we will have our Annual Picnic at Salacoa Park. Please sign up downstairs for attendance and food donation, or email the office. It will also be Blue Jean Sunday, an opportunity to wear casual clothes to church. Wear your St. Timothy's 50th anniversary t-shirt if you have one.

October is the beginning of Stewardship season. We exercise Stewardship in many

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Saturday, 10/4, pets are invited for a blessing in the church back yard.

Pets should be on leashes or in carriers as is best for them. Stuffed pets and photographed pets can also be blessed.



Even sparrows are valued by God, highlighting His care for all creatures.
Matthew 10:29

Keep up with St. Timothy's Online Access - PARCHMENT
Calendar of events
Rev. Linda's Letters
Photos archived from events and much more,
Check it out!

<https://www.sttimothycalhoun.org/>

St. Tim's Ramblers

The group will gather at the church at 11:15 on Tuesday, 10/7, for a picnic and visit to Lance

Farm. Interesting information about the historic location and founding of the first Episcopal Church in Gordon County will be shared. Sign up on the Activities Board. All are welcome!

Note: An original window from the first church with a photo of the old church is hung in the entry to the Fellowship Hall.



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Summary



The Vestry met on 9/21 with all in attendance except Judy Peterson. The meeting was opened with prayer and a celebration of our receipt of the Little Free Library. Once decorated, it will be installed.

Rev. Linda gave an update about pastoral concerns.

Committee reports were discussed and action items voted upon. Outreach meets next week. The trees covering the ramp to the left of the church will be trimmed. Thanks to Chris Lonvick for his tireless work which this month included installing smoke and CO2 detectors and fixing the playground fence. The dampchaser will be installed in the piano asap. The organ files have been transferred to Google Drive. Jess Shirley has graciously offered to train new people on how to use the "player" function of the organ.

Delegates to the Diocesan Council were approved - Beth Vaughn and Kelli DeGuire.

The Treasurer's Report and previous minutes were accepted and approved. The future meeting and VPOD calendar was developed.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

ways throughout the year, but this is the time of year when we prayerfully consider our pledges of time, talent, and treasure for the coming year. Expect a letter and a pledge card enclosed later this month. The ingathering and blessing of pledges will take place in November. In this time, please also consider how you might offer your time and talent to one of the committees or ministries at St. Timothy's, or in the wider community of Calhoun and Gordon County.

A new edition of our Directory is in the works. If you have changed your address, phone number, or email, please let us know with an email to the office. Updated photos are welcome.

We are looking ahead to the Diocese of Atlanta Annual Council. This year it will take place at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta on Friday, Nov.7 (all day) and Saturday morning, Nov. 8. Our delegates this year will be Beth Vaughn and Kelli De Guire, but we have a spot open for an alternate Saturday morning, when Kelli can't be there. Please speak to me or to Susan Skaggs if you are interested. Wonderful things are happening at St. Timothy's - join in!

Blessings,
Rev. Linda+

Bible Study
Wednesday evenings
6:45—7:30 pm
following dinner on
Oct. 1, 15, 22, Nov.
12 and Dec 3.
Focus is the book of Isaiah.
All are welcome to join at any time.

A book study continues Sunday mornings in the Parish House at 10:00. The first book is Richard Rohr's THE TEARS OF THINGS. Contact Kelli or Susan Skaggs with any questions.

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Oct 1 Chris & Janet Lonvick
Oct 17 Daniel & Shea Bennett

PARK & CREEK CLEAN UP!
Sunday, October 5, 2025
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Calhoun City Recreation Park
(including Gothiclooga Creek)
Mark your calendars, wear your work clothes and bring your energy to help us Keep Calhoun Beautiful!
Here's what to look forward to:
• Hot dogs hot off the grill courtesy of the City Water Dept.
• 200+ drinks & snacks provided by Synovus, who adopted the park through our Adopt-A-Park program.
• Rivers Alive T-shirts for every participant, thanks to Catherine Fox, Water Quality Consultant for the City of Calhoun.
• All the supplies you'll need from KCOB: gloves, grabbers, nets, buckets, bags, and safety vests.
Sponsored by KCOB Adopt-A-Mile Partner
SYNOVUS
For more information or to sign up contact Judy at
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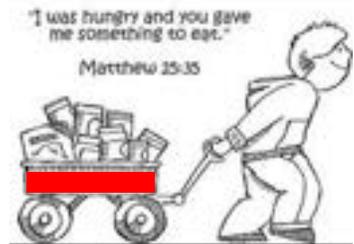
All are welcome to join a potluck brunch on the first Sunday of each month—Sunday, Oct. 5 following service.
Wednesday evening supper sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.
Oct 15 - Soup
Oct 22 - Pumpkin dishes
Oct 26 - Annual Fall Picnic at Salacoa Park @ 2pm. Watch for more information, map and sign up sheet.



ALTAR FLOWERS
- A monthly calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for sign up. Post your name, "in honor of ...", and submit your payment to the indicated flower guild person listed. Remember checks for \$30 are not made to the church.



Oct. 4 Dale Seger
Oct. 6 C. K. White
Oct. 7 Lynn Wysong
Oct. 7 Catherine Hughes
Oct. 9 Zelfhia Avery
Oct. 11 Janet Lonvick
Oct. 13 Dani Tate (Vaughn)
Oct. 15 David Smith
Oct. 16 Claudia Torres
Oct. 23 Judy Peterson
Oct. 24 Ardie Scott
Oct. 25 Savannah Findley
Oct. 28 Karen Yates
Oct. 29 Jeannie Vaughan
Oct. 31 Jeanne Shaw



The VAC is asking St. Timothy's to donate **Ramen Noodles** each month. Thank you for helping to fill our Little Red Wagon. Note, you may also donate other food items as well - like breakfast bars, cereals, protein bars, etc. The Outreach Committee.



COVER TO COVER
All are welcome to join our Church Book Club. We meet at the Parish House starting at 6:30 PM with discussion beginning at 7:00. On Monday, Oct. 20. THE GOD OF THE WOODS by Liz Moore. "When a teenager vanishes from her Adirondack summer camp, two worlds collide." All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.

