

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

Volume 24 Issue 8

August 2026

Dear St. Timothy Folk,

Here we are in August. For our young members, those who have children or grandchildren, and those who are teachers or school employees, it's time for back to school and back to college. Sunday, August 2nd, we will have the annual Blessing of the Backpacks, and special prayers for our students, teachers and other school personnel. It is a time when we focus on the importance of learning and growing personally and intellectually. It is also a way we let those members, young and old, know that we love and support them with our prayers, and wish them success in their school life for the coming year. We especially value the presence of our children and young people in our midst. As a sign of this, our young members will be taking on extra roles in the service. Then we will all celebrate together at our First Sunday Brunch.

Blessing of the Backpacks can also be a reminder that we are learners, disciples, all our lives, as we continually learn more about God and God's Kingdom, and what it means to follow and emulate Christ. This year the Old Testament lessons for August take us from Jacob to Joseph's story in Genesis, and then on to Moses in the book of Exodus. The readings in Matthew's Gospel tell us of the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus walking on the sea, his interaction with the Canaanite woman, Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah, and Jesus teaching on the cross and resurrection. Paul's letter to the Romans continues to offer us good instruction on how to live as Christians.

A balanced church life has three elements in addition to learning: leitourgia (worship, literally "the work of the people"), diakonia (service), and koinonia (fellowship). St. Timothy's offers opportunities for all these. We can learn together, worship together, serve together, and enjoy meals and activities with one another. We are gifts to one another and to the community around us. What wonderful blessings God gives us!

Continued on Page 2



Fort Mountain Picnic with St. Mark's congregation

Saturday, September 19th
from noon to 4:00

Watch for a signup sheet.

Nestled high in the rugged beauty of the Cohutta Mountains, Fort Mountain State Park in North Georgia is a sanctuary for nature lovers, history buffs, and anyone seeking a serene escape.



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Summary

The vestry met on Sunday, July 19 after church with a wonderful lunch provided by Parish Life. Present were Rev. Linda Pineo, Susan Skaggs, Judy Peterson, Charlie Phelps, Walt Mason, and Jeff Adair. After opening with prayer, Rev. Linda updated us with parishioner concerns.

We celebrated the success of the Celtic Spirituality class as well as Evening Prayer on Wednesdays.

Committee reports followed -

Communications is changing up the bulletin boards in the Parish Hall to highlight ministries/committees.

Education/Youth is postponed until August 16. Evangelism will meet on Friday the 24th.

Outreach ended their underwear drive for Christmas in July today.

Parish Life is going very well with the new birthday celebrations and extra potluck. We are in the planning process of having a joint picnic/fun day with St. Marks in September at Ft. Mountain State park. Details will be coming later.

Worship: Rev. Linda is pleased with attendance at Evening Prayer. The Youth Service/Blessing of the Backpacks will be August 2.

Jess Shirley has discovered a way to lower the organ's volume and is now researching how to best store the music, as floppy disks are outdated.

The Facilities report took up the majority of the meeting. Kerry Nance did an exceptional job getting quotes and information about the tree/ramp as well as dealing with the insurance company and the City of Calhoun's arborist. Three companies gave estimates on the ramp and two on the tree, although 4 tree removal companies were contacted. Based on all information presented, the vestry decided to repair the ramp and to limb up the tree, with the provision that, if there was more damage once they got up into the tree, that we would have it removed.

Judy Peterson stated that the epoxy in the stairwell should be finished this week. She was going to call the person to fix the soffits on the Parish House, as she thought he was going to start the job before the 19th.

The previous minutes and the Treasurer's report were approved along with the VPOD schedule through the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

We are working at activating some of the ideas and plans which came out of our joint Vestry retreat with St. Mark's in Dalton. One of them was that we would pray for each other as parishes, so you will hear St. Mark's added to the Prayers of the People.

Blessings,
Rev. Linda+

Blessing of the Backpacks

Youth Sunday,
August 2
during Worship.
Followed by
Sunday Brunch.



Lyle Currier's image "Under the Guardians" won First Place in photography at the Harris Arts Center's 2026 Regional Art Show. The image

is a sepia toned black and white. Taken at Capitol Reef National Park Torrey, Utah. The show was judged by Brad Adams, an Associate Professor of Arts at Berry College. The show has been extended September 9..

18th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The event served 104 families with 202 adults and 273 children. St. Timothy's donated 132 packages of underwear. Thank you all who supported this wonderful cause.

**St. Tim's
Ramblers**

No meeting in August.
Any suggestions for meetings in the fall?

CONTACTS

Office: 706-629-1056 or
timothychurch@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook at
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church,
Calhoun, GA or our webpage
www.sttimothycalhoun.org/

Happy wedding anniversary

Aug 5 James & Kathy Adams
Aug 12 Scott & Rachel Hansen
Aug 20 John & Gladys Lampe
Aug 21 Lyle & Colleen Currier
Aug 25 George & Deb Trudell
Aug 27 John & Rebecca Richardson

“
Educating the mind
without educating
the heart is no
education at all.
ARISTOTLE

PARISH LIFE

Aug 8: Bob & Gayle William's Family Reception
Aug 9: Coffee Hour
Aug 16: Sunday Brunch
Aug 23: Coffee Hour Birthday Celebration

Please join us to celebrate

**RITA COLLINS
90th Birthday!**

Saturday, August 29,
between 2:00 – 5:00
at Villa LaBelle, 700 Lance Road
RSVP to: Kathleen Shirley,
skimom320@comcast.net

No gifts please.

The VAC is asking St. Timothy's to donate **boxes of 1oz chip bags** during summer. Thank you for helping to fill our Little Red Wagon.

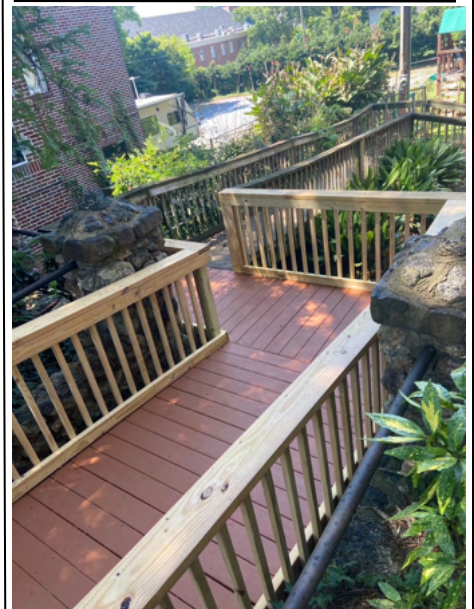


Altar Flowers -

Sign up to provide flowers for a Sunday service on calendar downstairs. Make a \$30 check out to the Flower Guild Person with your dedication instructions.



August 2 Renee Hughes
August 5 Dan Bump
August 7 Chad McKinney
August 9 Cindy Williams
August 16 Terry Overlander
August 18 Gail Vick
August 23 Michael Tomasello
August 23 Robin Cleeland
August 24 Linda Phelps
August 24 Michael Edwards
August 27 Chareen Chaapel
August 29 Rita Collins



The ramp has been repaired! Read more information in the Vestry Report.

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, Aug 17, we'll discuss BUCKEYE by Patrick Ryan. The book "follows two couples from the fictional town of Bonhomie, Ohio from World War II to the end of the 20th century and the secrets which develop between them." All are invited to join! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.

