

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

September is an odd month liturgically. We are used to new things beginning in August/September, especially school really getting under way. Arts and non-profit organizations which have often been dormant or less active during the summer months are gearing up for fall and winter activities and events. But the Church is in the middle of the "long green season", the season after Pentecost. The closest thing to an event or occasion is the Blessing of the Pets on October 3rd and the Parish Picnic scheduled for October 4th. near the feast day for St. Francis.

We will be changing up the liturgy a little bit. On September 13th, we will return to Eucharistic Prayer A after a couple of months of Prayer C, and we will change the form for the Prayers of the People.

We always go into this new year of school hoping that the students we know will have a good year of learning new material and new skills. Sunday School Christian Education will be starting up again for our young members. We don't always think about our own learning. Teachers, medical workers, clergy, and some other professions are required to take continuing education classes. What about us as Christians? Do we think about continuing to learn and grow in our faith background? There are lots of ways to do that. We can study the Bible on our own or in a group; we can read devotional books or spiritual classics on our own or in a study group. In September, I will again offer Episcopal 101 for those coming to us from different faith traditions and those who want to deepen their knowledge about the Episcopal Church. Those teenage Confirmation classes were a long time ago for most of us!

Another way to learn is by doing. We have a number of liturgical ministries that could use some more folks: Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Acolytes. We can still use a couple more folk to help with live-streaming on Facebook. Ask Kathleen Shirley about Altar Guild, or Charry Chaapel about Flower Guild. Our Committees are open to new members as well: Outreach, Communications, Parish Life,

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work is an evocative combination of Christianity and Native American tradition." -- Blue Clark (Muscogee/Creek), Professor, Oklahoma City University.

Jesus' experience in the wilderness is the first quest. The Transfiguration is the second quest. Gethsemane is the third quest. Golgotha is the final quest.

Contact Kelli DeGuire with any questions.

Sunday Morning Book Study will begin on September 13 at 10:00 in the Parish House. The book selection is THE FOUR VISION QUESTS OF JESUS by Steven Charleston, both a Choctaw Indian and a retired Episcopal Bishop. "Charleston gives the reader an engaging journey through the Gospel of Matthew. You are drawn into successive visions of Jesus as interpreted from a Native American perspective. The

Episcopal Church Trivia

Did you know? We have an "Episcopal" Trivia team that plays at Trackside on Tuesdays called the Misfits that Booley started. Others join us also and all winnings have been donated support the Mountain Ed (the alternative night school serving both the city and the county) once a month.

How are your trivia skills?

What is the definition of the episcopal?

What are you most likely not to see in an Episcopal Church?



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Summary

The vestry met on Wednesday, August 26. Present were Rev. Linda Pineo (via phone), Susan Skaggs, Judy Peterson, Charlie Phelps, Walt Mason, and Jeff Adair. After opening with prayer, Rev. Linda updated us with parishioner concerns. We celebrated our progress towards meeting our goals.

Committee reports followed. Communications is changing up the bulletin boards in the Parish Hall to highlight ministries/committees. Education/Youth--Sunday school will resume on September 13. Evangelism will meet again on 9/18. Facilities has developed a list of repairs and issues that need addressing. A work day is in order. Outreach will begin a new drive for GCSAC on 9/13- 10/2. Parish Life is implementing a new schedule for the fall with Karen Yates serving as the chef! The joint picnic/fun day with St. Marks at Ft. Mountain State park has been postponed until the Spring. Details will be coming later. We will have our own picnic at Salacoa Park on October 4. Worship: Rev. Linda has scheduled the Pet Blessing on October 3. Devon Smyth will be preaching on September 6.

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.

Safe Church trainings are being held in our Northwest convocation. Educating and empowering the people of our diocese is central to creating and maintaining churches and activities that are safe for everyone. Our **Safeguarding God's Children** training seeks to protect the thousands of children who are served every year in our **churches**, worshipping communities, schools, programs and activities.

Saturday, September 19th: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Dalton GA

Safeguarding God's Children training: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Safeguarding God's People training: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Questions - please contact Rev. Linda. Register for one or both sessions here: <https://forms.gle/22PgFxxq3Yt833jEA>

Facilities, Finance, Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism. There are also opportunities to learn as we serve the community at the VAC, Keep Calhoun Gordon County Beautiful, and in other groups. What interests you? What would you like to know more about? Stretch your mind and heart and spirit this year! Grow as a Christian and as a person. If you need encouragement, reach out. Ask questions, explore.... What is God calling you to do either here at St. Timothy's or in Calhoun/Gordon County? What is your invitation to show God's love?

From the Epistle [Romans 12:6] on August 23rd: "We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us."

Blessings,

Rev. Linda+

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us,
LET US USE THEM

EPISCOPAL 101 - Class will resume in September. Watch for announcements.

FACILITIES is the committee that oversees our buildings and grounds at St. Timothy's. Led by Judy Peterson and Charlie Phelps, the committee includes Jess Shirley, Chris Lonvick, Lyle Currier, and George Trudell. Teresa Bailey and Booley Dimon do the beautiful plantings and keep things watered along with Aimee and Judy. Daniel Bennett and Steve Vedrody help with the Memorial Garden. We thank each and every one of the people who help keep our church looking good (and working).

Our rental house, the Potts house, is managed by an independent rental agency and is the only source of income for the Building Fund. As you have seen this year, we have had to make many repairs and our Building Fund is dangerously low. Recent repairs include the stove vent, A/C, plumbing, roof, tree removal, doors, concrete work and the ramp. We will be scheduling a work day soon in order for everyone to help with regular maintenance tasks.

Blessing of the Pets



Blessing of Pets
on Saturday,
10/3.

More information to follow.

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Happy wedding anniversary

Sep 8	Dale & Jackie Seger
Sep 9	Steve & Carol Vedrody
Sep 15	Chris & Meghan Ensley

ICE CREAM SUNDAY



Join us after the service on **Sept. 13** for a make-your-own ice cream sundae bar!

Our annual "Sundae Sunday" celebrates the beginning of our Sunday School year. The younger folks (school-age) leave during church before the Sermon to learn about Jesus from trained and vetted educators using age-appropriate lessons. They return to church before the Peace. Adults meet at 9:45am in the Parish House using a book club format for discussion. The first book selection will be posted soon.

PARISH LIFE SCHEDULE

First Wednesday Night will be **Supper - Out.** Sept. 2 will be Ruby Tuesday's at 6 pm. Sign up for reservations!

Wednesday Night Suppers at the Parish Hall will be cooked by Karen Yates! Sign up if you are attending. Supper offering for adults is \$10 and it's the parent's decision for children.

FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH - Sept. 13 following worship service.

St. Tim's Ramblers

The Ramblers are a group of mostly retired individuals who meet for a lunch and educational program or outing. Our first meeting for the Fall will be on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at noon in the Parish Hall. Our speaker will be our own Judy Mincey, who will be talking about Shape Note singing. Our lunch will be from Sub Delight: \$12. Scholarships available.

The VAC is asking St. Timothy's to donate **ramen noodles**. Thank you for helping to fill our Little Red Wagon.

Other donation options might include canned meats, beans, rice,



Sept. 1	Brian	Charbonneau
Sept. 2	Paige	Smith
Sept. 3	John	Lampe
Sept. 3	Michael	Overlander
Sept. 9	Amanda	Overlander
Sept. 11	Beth	Vaughn
Sept. 11	Jackie	Seger
Sept. 14	Mike	Davis
Sept. 18	Deb	Henning
Sept. 22	Kelli	DeGuire
Sept. 25	Ilene	White
Sept. 29	Susan	Skaggs

St. Timothy's Fall Picnic will be Oct 4th at 2pm at the Salacoa Park Pavilion.



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.



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

Another area agency served by St. Tim's - Your Stewardship donation assists in providing bedding for local beds in our community. Learn more about the upcoming "build" at Rome's Lowes on Saturday, 9/12. Talk with Dan DeGuire for more information.

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, Sep 21, we'll discuss **HEART THE LOVER** by Lily King. The book "an achingly beautiful and intimate new novel of desire, friendship, loss, and the lasting impact of first love." All are invited to join! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.

