



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. TIMOTHY'S | NOVEMBER 2017

## Pastor's Pen

As we turn the calendar page to the month of November, we will have just celebrated the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. It was a reforming movement that brought the Church back to its central focus on God's Word as our sole authority, and to the saving message of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, as our primary witness to the world. We have a tremendous heritage as a church. We also have an important message to share.

One of the important theological truths renewed as a result of the Reformation, was the proper distinction between our faith and our works. We are **not**, as the Reformers well knew, an "if, then" people. *If* we do certain things, *then* God will love us. That is not the "Good News" of the gospel. What we are, is a "because, therefore" people. *Because* God loves us, *therefore* we respond in a life of good works. Our good works *do not save us*, but we do good works because we have *already been saved* in Christ.

This month we have a number of very direct ways to respond to God's saving love. At our annual **Fall Fellowship on Sunday, November 12 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm**, we will pack and prepare shoeboxes to be given to Operation Christmas Child. The evening includes a shoebox packing party, a potluck dinner, and a time of fellowship and fun. It is a wonderful opportunity to respond to God's love, share Christian fellowship with others in your church family, and to invite a friend.

Our annual **Thank Offering celebration is set for Sunday, November 19**. That morning, we encourage you to bring canned and packaged foods to worship. These gifts will be used in our own FISH Food Pantry, as well as being passed on to other food distribution ministries in the area. Also, that same morning, we are partnering with City Team Ministries to collect frozen turkeys to be distributed to

people in need. Bins for the turkey collection will be available in the church entryway.

A third opportunity for giving thanks and responding to God's love is at our **Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm**. If you are in town for the holiday, I encourage you to make time for worship. It is one of the clearest and most important ways for us to show and to give thanks to God.

Finally, this month, we also make our **stewardship commitments for 2018**. You will soon be receiving a packet of materials through which you can make your commitments for the coming year. As in years past, we are asking all our members to commit to regular worship attendance and to financially support the work we share as a congregation. Regular worship is essential to our growth and life, individually, and as a congregation. It is the one place where we gather to hear God's Word and where God promises to work through his Holy Spirit to create faith. And our financial support is crucial to enabling us to be faithful in the work we have been given. The biblical standard of a tithe (10% of our income) is where we are to start. God promises to bless our lives as we step out in faith in response to what he has done. Opportunity will be given on **November 19, 26, and December 3**, during our morning worship, to make your 2018 commitments.

We have been blessed tremendously by God. We are who we are because of his love and grace. In response, we offer what we have in return, reach out to those in need, and bear witness to the gospel through word and deed. I look forward to responding with you, once again, to what God has done for us.

In Christ,  
Pastor Dan





## Be Thankful. I dare you.

By Cat Miller, Dir. Of Community Development

By all accounts, Pearce should be dead.

By the age of eight, the kid had acquired so many near death experiences that an awed hush followed him throughout the neighborhood. Awe and fear. Parents up and down the block were tempted to preemptively ground their children if they glimpsed the shirtless, barefoot Pearce riding his bike toward the front door. Don't get me wrong – we all loved Pearce. He was one of those sunny kids who made everyone feel good about themselves. He was unafraid to love, and unafraid to make use of whatever was in front of him. Pearce never wasted anything; not a moment, not a smooth stone, not an idea. To him it was as if the presence of the creek cliff, a bit of driftwood, and a bit of rope was a dare. A smiling challenge from heaven to put to good use what God had put right in front of him. And Pearce took the dare, every time.

Pearce came to mind when I began pondering what thankfulness *looks* like. He's clearly no role model when it comes to using reason and seeking wise counsel, but I wondered if being thankful for all I have should look a little more like *taking the dare*. If I am truly grateful for all that God has blessed me with, what better way to show it than to put it to good use? I know the tendency of my own heart is to cling to any treasure God entrusts me with (monetary blessing, talent, spiritual blessing) as if He'll never give me another. I'll go into scarcity-mindset and "keep it like a Kaiser." (shout out to Red Hot Chili Peppers). But Jesus warns us about this in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25). He is looking for servants who will not only put to use what the master gives, but to put it to *bold* use. Maybe even use that requires a little bravery.

During this *season of thanks*, I am challenging myself to *take the dare*; to look at the things I have been blessed with, and show God how grateful I am for it by putting it to bold use. Not because He requires it – He is faithful and generous no matter what I do – but because He put it in my hand to be used. I'm not sure what *taking the dare* will look like yet. But I imagine it will look less like a quiet nod during worship service, or a polite mention around the turkey, and more like abundant living, passionate worship, deep generosity, and a more engaged investment of my time, talent, and treasure. It will require that I'm more aware of what I have, and of the needs around me. Above all, it will require that I trust God more, and trust myself less. Which is what growth is really all about, right?

And so I pass the dare along to my fellow believers. Perhaps we can all be a little more like Pearce this thanksgiving... only spiritually... and wearing a helmet.

## Results from the 21st Annual St. Timothy's Golf Tournament

St. Timothy's 21st Annual Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, October 14 at Los Lagos Golf Course in San Jose. The tournament was a best-ball scramble format attracting all skill levels and ages. This year, we had 36 golfers who shared a wonderful day of fellowship and golf!

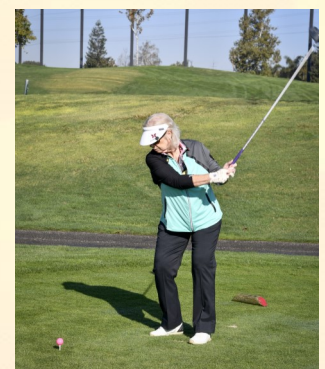
Congratulations to the winning team of Grant Beech, Gary Donaldson, Andy Moore and James Moore who shot a team score of 61, seven strokes under par! Second place went to the team of Dustin Coleman, Tony Coleman, Joe DeFilippis, and Anthony Gumabo. Most accurate drive went to John Coelho. Closest to the pin honors on hole #7 and hole #16 went to James Moore – two great shots!

An enjoyable time was had by all of the golfers! If you are one of those who have, for whatever reason, been hesitant to play in our tournament, we hope you will join us next year. You will have a great time and will be glad you did, regardless of your final score! Hope to see you on the course next October!



### The Winners!

Grant Beech, James Moore, Andy Moore and Gary Donaldson.





**W**e have much for which to give thanks. One great way to express our gratitude is to give out of our abundance to help those in need. On Thank Offering Sunday, **we invite you to bring canned and dry goods**, to be given to local food pantries. Also, we will be collecting **frozen poultry** – turkeys to be distributed by City Team, and chickens to be distributed to the families we serve locally through FISH.

It is also the day to **bring your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child**, and your financial and service commitments to St Timothy's for 2018. Watch for more information to come from your Leadership Team in that regard.

## THANK OFFERING SUNDAY



**NOVEMBER 19**

# Thanksgiving Service

**Wednesday, November 22  
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

## **Lunch Bunch** **Thursday, November 9** **at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall**

Sandwiches and salad provided by Brookdale Senior Living. Dessert and beverages will also be provided.

No charge for this event.

Then we hear our own Warren Finch talk about his experiences flying military helicopters in Vietnam and Iraq.

Reservations are preferred for this event, so call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 or Betty Rhodes at (408) 628-4799. If you fancy your own food for lunch, that is OK. Come and join us.

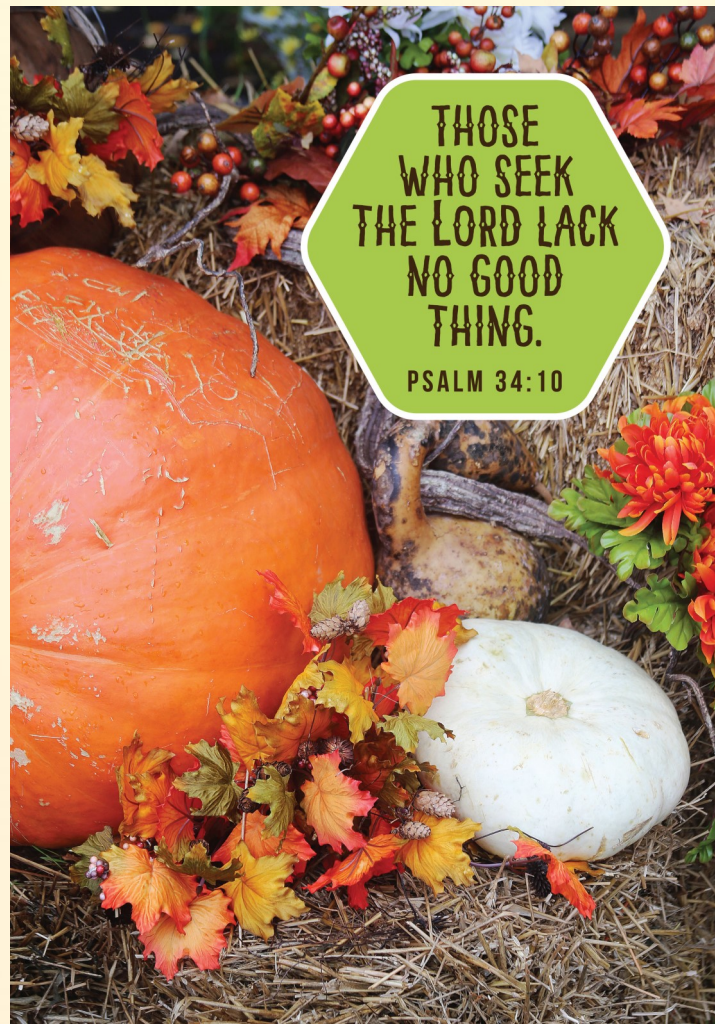
Lunch Bunch is a St. Tim's fellowship group open to ALL. Always a social time, nice lunch and an entertaining program. We welcome new attendees. Just come, you will like it.



**FALL BACK!**



**Daylight  
SAVING  
Time Ends  
NOVEMBER 5**



## ADULT MIDDLE HOUR CLASSES

It's never too late to join! Current classes continue through November 26.  
Watch the bulletin for information about the December Adult class.

### **Believe**

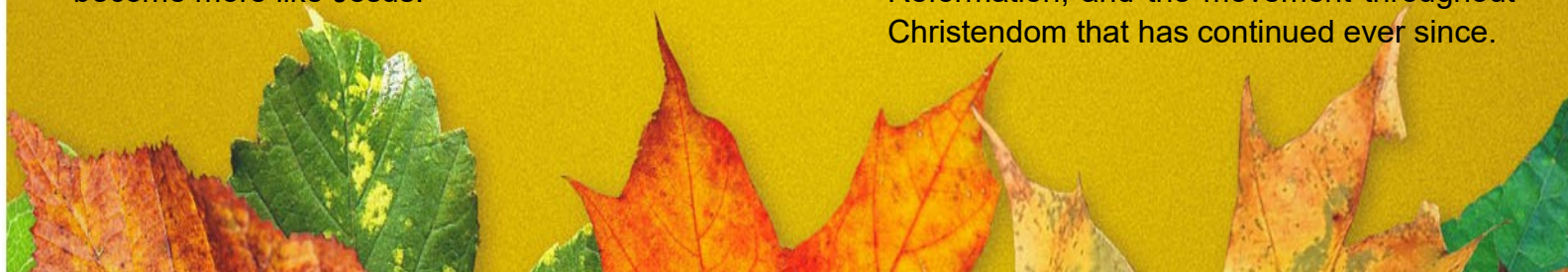
Led by Pastors Jonna and Brian  
Fellowship Hall

A companion study to St. Tim's Kids and Sunday Cafe. *Believe* is a study much like *The Story*, and authored by the same Randy Frazee. *Believe: Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus* has three 10-week sessions, covering what we believe, what we are to then do as Christians, to become more like Jesus.

### **The Protestant Reformation**

Led by Pastor Dan  
Music Room

This year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, an event and a movement that changed the course of history in the Christian Church. This 13-week Bible and video-based study is focused on the life of Martin Luther, the theological convictions that led to the Reformation, and the movement throughout Christendom that has continued ever since.







# St. Tim's KIDS

•Know•Grow•Go•

**Pre 3's - 5th Grade**

9:45am-10:45am

Carter Classrooms

**First Steps Nursery**

8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am

## It's Shoebox Time!



You and your children can share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with a child in need in a faraway country! It is a chance to be missionaries without leaving home!

- \* **Pray** for all the kids around the world
- \* **Pack a shoebox with your family**
- \* **Invite others to pack a shoebox**
- \* **Sponsor a Box!** (\$9) or bring quarters to St. Tim's Kids
- \* **Volunteer at OCC Relay Center** Nov 13-20.  
Sign up at [http://sttimothys.ivolunter.com/occ\\_017](http://sttimothys.ivolunter.com/occ_017)
- \* **Donate items** Stop by our donation tree in the narthex
- \* **Come to our Packing Party** (details below)

## Upcoming Events...

### FALL FELLOWSHIP NOVEMBER 12, 4:30PM



FUN FOR ALL AGES!  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

- **Operation Christmas Child PACKING PARTY** - we will pack 300+ shoeboxes!
- **Potluck Dinner** - St. Tim's will provide Drinks & Dessert. Bring your best covered dish, salad, or side!
- **GAMES & PRIZES!**



### Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling December 1st @ 6:30pm



Join us for an evening of worship, dance, song, live nativity, and lots of LIGHTS as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World!  
Followed by Christmas caroling, cookies & hot chocolate!

# ST. TIM'S YOUTH

JUNIOR HIGH  
&  
HIGH SCHOOL  
MINISTRIES

## EVERY WEEK!

### CORNERSTONE

MINISTRY

JUNIOR HIGH  
HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS 6:00-8:00 PM @ YOUTH HOUSE.  
TUESDAYS 7:00-8:30 PM @ YOUTH HOUSE.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

Get fed!

## SUNDAY CAFE

is back

Pancake  
&  
breakfast



the Bread  
of  
Life

*John 6:35*

*Sunday Mornings @ the Youth House  
9:45-10:45 for 6th-12th*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SERVE!

Junior High Visitation

Saturday, November 18th 9:00-1:00pm

Bring \$\$\$ for Taco Bell Lunch

### High School Snow Trip

January 13th-15th, Cost-\$50

(plus cost of lift ticket if skiing/snowboarding)

Sign up deadline– December 17th

Fall Fellowship– Operation Christmas  
Child Box Packing Party and more...

Sunday, November 12th , 4:30-7:00pm

Potluck dinner– bring something to share!  
EVERYONE is invited!

### Junior High Hume Lake

February 2nd-4th, Cost- \$250

Only 20 available spots– first come first serve!





# Prayer Requests

Join the Prayer Group on St. Tim's Connect for up-to-date prayer requests. To add or renew a prayer request call 408-264-3858 or email [info@stlcsj.org](mailto:info@stlcsj.org).

- Garrett Beck (son of Diane vanMaanen)
- Lani Chan (friend of James Moore)
- Janelle Davis (friend of the Sampsons)
- Juan Carlos Estrada
- Jim Guise
- Dina Martinez (granddaughter of Bob Paridiso)
- Mike McCallister (family friend of Tammi Hall)
- Stephanie Reitz
- Grace Truong and her family (friend of Sandra Jarvinen)
- The family of Roy Powers
- The family of Steve Williams

# BUDGET REPORT



	General	Building
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$676,883</b>	<b>\$117,595</b>
<b>SPENDING to date</b>	<b>\$828,405</b>	<b>\$79,785</b>
<b>Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$(151,522)</b>	<b>\$37,810</b>

	Capital Campaign
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$163,344</b>
<b>SPENDING to date</b>	<b>\$93,234</b>
<b>Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$70,110</b>

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
 All articles need to be emailed by November 14.  
 Email to: [beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org](mailto:beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 <b>8:30 &amp; 11 AM WORSHIP</b> 9:45a Reformation Celebration 6:30p Confirmation 6:30p 1st Communion	30	31 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone	1 9a Quilters and Cut-ups 6p FISH Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6p Jr High Cornerstone	2 12:30p Naomi Circle 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3 9:30a Pins and Needles	4 8:30a Leadership Team
5 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> <b>8:30 &amp; 11 AM WORSHIP</b> 9:45a Middle Hour 12:15 Discipleship 101 6:30p Confirmation	6	7 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone 7p Leadership Team	8 6p Jr High Cornerstone	9 12:00p Lunch Bunch 6:30p Lydia Book Club 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10 9:30a Pins and Needles	11
12 <b>8:30 &amp; 11 AM WORSHIP</b> 9:45a Middle Hour 4:30p Fall Fellowship	13	14 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone	15 9a Quilters and Cut-ups 6p Jr High Cornerstone	16 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17 9:30a Pins and Needles	18 9a Jr. High Visitation
19 <b>8:30 &amp; 11 AM WORSHIP</b> 9:45a Middle Hour 6:30p Confirmation	20	21 6:30a Men's Breakfast 6:30p Iron Men 7p H.S. Cornerstone	22 6p Jr High Cornerstone <b>7:00 PM WORSHIP</b>	23 <i>Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed</i>	24 <i>Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed</i>	25
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# FALL ELLOWSHIP

**Sunday, November 12  
4:30-7pm**

**POTLUCK– BRING A MAIN OR SIDE DISH!**  
Church will provide dessert and drinks.

**SERVICE PROJECT–** Packing shoeboxes for  
Operation Christmas Child.

**GAMES & PRIZES!**

**INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**