

Good News

ST. TIMOTHY'S | SEPTEMBER 2020

Pastor's Pen

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:3-6).

I am so thankful for all of you! And like Paul, writing to this little congregation, I am confident that God, who has begun a good work in you, will complete it! In God's economy, nothing goes to waste. We are *partnering with God* (think of it!) in the Gospel. He has entrusted his work to us, to hear and to speak his Word, to reach out to others in his love, to keep on keeping on – because he never quits!

You have heard it said that the Church never closes down, and that is so true -- because the Church is not a building; it's a *people*. More than just an organization (like so many others), the Church is a living organism: the Body of Christ. And we are members of it! We are a living, breathing being, as is the Lord who leads us. And he continues to do his work in us, regardless of the situations around us.

September brings a new launch of our church activities, and this year is no different. Although meeting in person is limited, we continue to "know the Father" **in worship and devotions**; we continue to "grow as disciples of Jesus" in **new Grow Groups and new classes**; we continue to "go with the Spirit" in new and renewed ways. Look for new Grow Groups this fall, and plug into one! BJ Bushur is available to help (see her notice elsewhere and online). Get your kids involved in **St Tim's Kids** (check out those notices or contact Emily Hindenes) and in **Cornerstone** youth

groups (Joe Hill and Anna-Marie Valles). **Walk for Water** is this month (Ruth Hardin is heading up that effort). **FISH** is looking for new volunteers. And pray, as the Holy Spirit leads you, reaching out in your own circle of family and friends.

God has not stopped working in and through us, nor will he! Sometime in mid-October, **Pastor Jim Cords will take the position of lead pastor, joining Pastor Jonna in pastoral leadership**. We're excited about the days that yet lie ahead, in which God will surely continue to work through St. Timothy's. Please keep that transition in your prayers, and watch for more news in your email.

These days, because of Covid-19, we find ourselves far more limited than we would like to be. That makes Paul's letter to the Philippians very appropriate, since it was written when he was imprisoned – very limited in his circumstances, just as we are. And yet, it is filled with more joy than any of his other letters. **On Sept 13, Kick-off Sunday**, we will begin a new sermon series on this letter. **Join us in worship**, and find out why Paul was so filled with joy and hope.

God will complete his work in you – until the day of Christ Jesus! We have his promise on that.

Living the promise with you,
Pastor Judy

Call Team Update

You have probably heard by now, that the congregation has voted to call Pastor Jim Cords, who will join Pastor Jonna in ministry at St. Tim's. Just a few days ago, he accepted the call and is hoping to be with us in mid-October. We will certainly keep you informed about next steps.

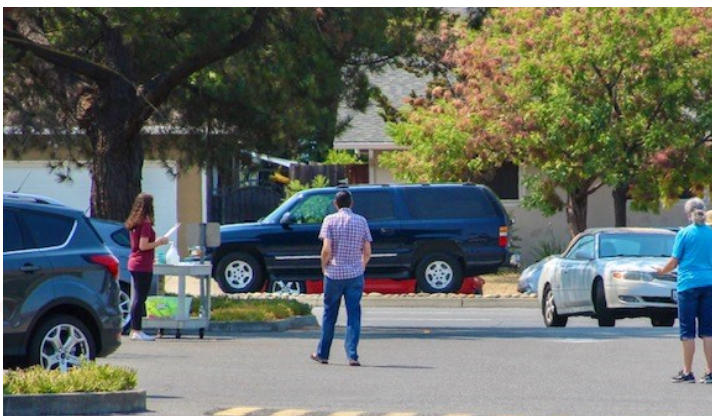
As we wind up our work, your Call Team wants to thank you for all your support and prayers. It has meant a lot! We really felt that the Holy Spirit was guiding us throughout the process, as we continually sought his guidance.

We have worked hard over the past year, but we have enjoyed the work. We've learned a lot about the NALC and about St. Timothy's. We've met some very fine pastors in both the NALC and the LCMC. And, of course, we've gotten to know each other pretty well too, and are glad for the extra bonus of closer friendships.

Two of our members have moved: Aaron Gabel and his wife, Lyla, are now in San Diego where Lyla is enrolled in a master's program in health care. Larry Austin and his family are in the process of moving to Virginia, where Larry will continue to work for the same company. Please keep these two families in your prayers as they make the needed transitions. Austins and Gabels, we will miss you!

Meanwhile, the Call Team will be working with the Leadership Team on the next steps. Hopefully, an installation will be in our near future. Watch your emails for further news.

God is good, and he is faithful!



Facility Repairs Update

Following the successful termite tenting of the campus in May, we have continued to make a number of repairs to our facilities. A number of buildings, including the sanctuary building, had suffered places where dry rot set in, particularly in the wall behind the altar and in the roof outside of the narthex.

The bulk of those repairs are now complete, and we are well under budget for all the repairs and painting. The next major step in our building maintenance is to our roofs, including repairing a number of tiles that had broken or fallen from the sanctuary, as well as a replacement of the roof on the FISH Food Pantry wing.

We would like to express our deep thanks to Chip Bronk and Don Hoque for their tireless coordination and leadership of all of this work.



Silicon Valley Discipleship Walk for Water

Virtual Walk For Water 2020

Saturday, September 19th @ 9 am

Walk for Water 2020 is just around the corner! Register or donate at siliconvalleywalk.org

Our annual Walk for Water will look and feel a little different this year. We'll begin the morning together online, walk separately, and then come together again for a brief online closing celebration. While our Walk For Water will look and feel a little different this year, the reason we're walking remains unchanged: To share the love of Jesus with our global family through the gift of safe water. To God be the glory!

Registration is free. Walk Gift Bags will be provided for all registered walkers.

100% of funds raised through this year's walk will go to providing safe water in the remote community of San Roque, Peru. Currently, the people of San Roque have no choice but to drink contaminated river water. Over half the children in San Roque suffer from waterborne illness. We can change this!

If you're interested in hosting a neighborhood walk contact:

Ruth Hardin walkforwater@att.net 408-375-8702, Cindy Oberman obermom7@sbcglobal.net 408-464-2810
or Tammie Mark tammiemark@hotmail.com 408-482-4509 for information and resources.

Thank you St. Tim's for your faithful support of this life transforming ministry!

BECAUSE OF YOU: Together we have raised over \$554,000 since we first started walking for water in 2014.

BECAUSE OF YOU: Children are no longer dying from lack of access to clean water in communities in Indonesia, Haiti, Tanzania, Kenya, Peru, Uganda, Nepal and Mexico.

BECAUSE OF YOU: The Living Water message of Jesus' love for all of us is being shared in those same communities.

Let's Do It Again!





For up-to-date prayer requests.
join the Prayer Group on St. Tim's
Connect. To add or renew a prayer
request, call 408-264-3858 or
email info@stlcsj.org.

Betty Gravidahl
Bette Syth
Blaine, friend of Carol Murray
Jeanette, mother of Katie Hughes
Caden, friend of Carol Murray
Marybeth & Bill, friends of Besty Grandey
Shari, daughter of Tom Jorgenson
Rich, neighbor of the Grandeyes
Nicole Chapman, friend of Sara Stamos
Chance Everott, grandson of the Sampsons
Michael Herrera
Alex Marquez, friend of Sara Stamos
Michelle and David Reid, daughter & SIL of Grant Beech
the family of Chantal Ough, sister of Katie Swenson

BUDGET REPORT

	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$642,234	\$95,002
SPENDING to date	\$586,819	\$54,487
Excess/(Shortfall)	\$55,415	\$40,515

	Capital Campaign
OFFERINGS to date	\$127,285

2 WAYS TO GIVE

1. Mail your offering to church. If you don't have offering envelopes, be sure to indicate in the memo line which fund(s).
2. Give online on our safe and secure website
<https://www.stlcsj.org/giving/>



We encourage all adults to share life together and grow in relationship with Jesus. We want every adult in our community to be connected with others who can be a source of support, accountability, prayer and encouragement - all as we grow together as disciples of Jesus.

Not in a group?

Sign-up at stlcsj.org/grow-groups! We have exciting new additions to what Grow Groups are doing this fall. If you have questions about Grow Groups, please contact BJ Bushur at bj@foundation6.com.

Listening to Genesis

Led by Pastor Jim Bangsund

Beginning Sunday morning, September 13

10:00 a.m., via Zoom

All too often, Genesis becomes a battleground. Some contend for six 24 hours days of creation and others see it merely as stories told by ancient Israelites sitting around their campfires. And that's just folks within the church! But what does Genesis itself want to say to us? More to the point, what is God saying to us in Genesis? Short answer: Genesis is concerned with a whole lot more than simply matters of creation.

Come join Pastor Jim for a Zoom discussion class, beginning Sunday morning, September 13, 10:00 a.m. We will be using just our Bibles to listen to what Genesis has to say, so be sure to have your Bible at hand. Watch for the Zoom link in the email Beth sends out prior to the September 13 online worship service.

St. Timothy's Legacy Fund Scholarship

The Legacy Fund was set up to support mission and ministry projects important to St. Timothy's vision, but separate from the regular church budget. Money for the fund comes from planned gifts from the congregation; these gifts may be directed either toward increasing the fund endowment or funding specific projects of interest to both the donor and St. Timothy's. The endowment portion of the Legacy Fund is invested, and the income earned from the investments provides financial support for such projects as this year's scholarship program. This year, Leadership Council approved awarding up to ten \$1000 scholarships to college-bound graduates from the congregations of the NALC's Central Pacific Mission District of which St. Timothy's is a part. We received eight applications and were able to award \$1000 scholarships to each of those applicants. This is up significantly from the four scholarships that we awarded in 2019.

This year's recipients are

Katie Briner – Butler University (Indiana)
Cole Bushur – Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Bailey Donaldson – University of Utah
Brooke Hall – Biola University (Los Angeles)
Rachel Lovelady – Chico State
Lauren Sapp – Wake Forest University (North Carolina)
Sara Stamos – SCU Long Beach
Victoria Thornton – De Anza College

All of the recipients are involved in St. Timothy's in a number of ways – FISH, Youth Group, Music Ministry, VBS, Sunday School, and the Mexico Mission Trip, among other ministries. As part of the application process, the applicants were asked to write a short essay about how St. Timothy's has helped shape their faith. The following are some excerpts from these essays:

If there is one thing that quarantine has taught me, it's that a building doesn't make a church; the people do. I sit at home and watch church with my parents every week, and I feel God's love. (Katie Briner)

The closeness of our youth group is what keeps me coming back; it's like a second family to me. My faith has certainly grown as a result of the strong community I have experienced at St. Tim's Youth and has expanded my involvement in service projects. (Cole Bushur)

As I move into the next chapter in my life in college, I reflect on ways my church and family have taught me to share my faith. I've learned that staying committed to God will allow him to reach out to me in remarkable ways. I will continue to share these special moments with others because they are way too good not to! I am proud to be a Christian, and I am excited to open people's eyes to God's incredible love. (Bailey Donaldson)

This is when I realized that the community that came along with church and a group of solid Christian friends was something I wanted, and needed, in my life. (Brooke Hall)

It's a whole different perspective when you're not the audience, and how I'm the one who is sharing my voice and faith through song. It's honestly very nerve racking, but my church family always made me feel so loved and supported. (Rachel Lovelady)

These [mission] trips helped me see the many different ways faith conversations can take place. In college, I want to become plugged into a campus faith group or Bible study, and as a pre-med student, hopefully, continue with medical mission work in the future. (Lauren Sapp)

My home church is a safe haven; it's the one place in the world that I will always feel welcome. It has opened my eyes and provided the opportunities I needed in order to become an active Christian, and the motivation to continue to build on my relationship with God. (Sara Stamos)

This experience taught me how to love people no matter what and I believe that is what being a Christian is all about. I will share my faith with a new community in college by loving people well because that's what God calls us to do. (Victoria Thornton)

Congratulations to Katie, Cole, Bailey, Brooke, Rachel, Lauren, Sara, and Victoria! You are an inspiration to us all. We pray that you continue to grow and share your faith as you move on to this next stage in life.



St. Timothy's Christian Preschool

Hello St. Tim's!

We are now into our third week of school here at the Preschool! There have been plenty of changes requiring flexibility and rethinking on our part, but we are prevailing! We have updated many of our processes and adopted some new classroom management strategies to help keep all our kiddos and our staff safe, happy and healthy!



Our themes for the month of September are Family and our Community! We'll be sharing with our PS families how our St. Timothy's Community walks to support the Silicon Valley Walk for Water and how this fulfills a great need in communities all around the world!

Our amazing teachers continue to adjust and pivot through this changing time. They are working harder than ever!

We continue to thank you for your support and prayers! We look forward to the time when all our friends can be back in class together. We pray you are all well and healthy!

In Christ,

Jeanette Adams - Preschool Director

Katy Stamos - Preschool Admin.

ENROLLING FOR 2020-2021

Preschool 2s to JK

sttimothyschristianpreschool.org

At St. Timothy's Christian Preschool, we believe that children grow and learn best in a developmental, hands-on environment. We are committed to providing a balance between academics, social and play activities to ensure a love of learning and a well-rounded young child. It is our hope that all children will learn to love God, to treat others with kindness, to live their faith, and to celebrate and embrace what they have learned. We have flexible program options 1/2 or full day with 2,3, or 5 days a week.

If you have questions or to set-up a tour: Call 408-265-0244 or email school@stlcsj.org

ST. TIM'S KIDS MONTHLY SCOOP

SEPTEMBER 2020

Hello St. Timothy's Families,
As we gear up for September, we begin our **Kid's Church Ministry!** We will be kicking off our **Sunday School on September 13th**, virtually. Videos will be available to be streamed every Sunday on our [website](#) featuring some of our St. Tim's Kids volunteers. Each video will have an **interactive** and **engaging** song, game, craft, and lesson. There will be two videos **available**, one tailored to preschool-kindergarten and the other to elementary!

Stay Connected
with Facebook



[@StTimsKids](#)

#SUNDAY FUNDAY BAGS

Starting **Sept 7th-10th** come to **the St. Tim's Office** anytime between **9am-3pm** to pick up your family's **Sunday Funday Bag!** This bag will include the materials needed for Sunday School for the month of September. Each month we will provide a refill with **new items** for the next month of Sunday School!

SEPTEMBER

FOCUS

Spiritual Habits

How do we stay connected with God and His people and form spiritual habits? Learn how to disciple yourself and your children through our weekly devotion guide, sent through St. Tim's Connect.

Starting Sept. 22nd

Looking to Volunteer?

Look no further!
Participate in a fun and safe volunteer experience with Children's Ministry:
Online Sunday School!
Email me for more information on how to get involved!



[Emily Hindenes](#)

ST. TIM'S

YOUTH

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL
MINISTRY

High School: Joe Hill

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Jr. High: Anna-Marie Valles

annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org



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CORNER STONE

HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAYS

7:30-8:30

**ON
ZOOM**

CORNER STONE

JUNIOR HIGH

WEDNESDAYS

**6-7
ON
ZOOM**

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

COMING THIS SEPTEMBER

Watch for more information
coming soon.

Contact: Joe Hill

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