

PASTOR'S PEN

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

The Great Commission is the focus of a lot of conversation in the Church. It is at the heart of the North American Lutheran Church and will be the focus of our Central Pacific Mission District retreat in Pacifica October 15-16.

It is also at the heart of my sense of calling to come serve with you here at St. Timothy's. The story of St. Timothy's that was included in the information I was sent included the intentional shift that was made back in 2010 for the congregation to focus on discipleship. Then in my own prayers and discernment, as I asked God why He was calling me to come to St. Timothy's, the answer I perceived was "to focus on discipleship."

Through most of my life I think my mind focused on the "Go therefore." In fact, this was a part of my early friendship and attraction to Marilyn. She is a "missionary kid" whose life had been deeply shaped by a family that did in fact "GO." And some of our deep joys in ministry have been the opportunities we have had to continue to be a part of ministries across the oceans.

One of the interesting things about the Great Commission is that the imperative word (the command) is not the "GO." The

command in this commissioning of the Church is "make disciples." We do it while we are going and we do it by baptizing and teaching. We do it with a reach to all people and with the promise of Jesus' abiding and guiding presence. But what we are commanded to do is "make disciples."

"Disciple" is a mentoring word. It includes the idea of being a student and the idea of being a follower, yet in its fullness it is really a calling to be shaped into the likeness of Jesus. One of the sayings of my young life that I often clung to was, "Please be patient. God isn't finished with me yet." I still cling to that truth because I am fully aware that I am not yet "like Jesus."

Do you recognize the command of this Great Commission on your life as a follower of Jesus? Many of us struggle with it. I told a friend of mine that I had a hard time with the idea that I was to disciple others. I am way more comfortable pointing to Jesus than I am with the idea of being an example. His response to me has been very helpful. "Invite imperfect people to imperfectly follow you as you imperfectly follow Jesus." My immediate response was, "*That* I can do. Imperfectly following Jesus is what I do everyday."

As we move forward into the future that God holds for us as a congregation, we will seek to grow in faith, love and witness as we invite others to "imperfectly follow us as we imperfectly follow Jesus," with complete confidence in God's grace and love.

Pastor Jim Cords





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.

Jack Lindquist the family of Joe Acosta the family of Myrna Jensen, friend of Karla the family of Joanna Granat, sister of Grant the family of Marie Murphy Evelyn, mother of Warren Finch Merick, son of friend's of the Mazzuccos Sharon, sister of Bill Mowson's friend, Kirsten Chris Burpee, friend of the Sampsons Julie Clements, sister of Phil Sampson Mike & Caroline Conway, friends of Bob Neeraj and Nijhar Ekka Terri James (former member) Joshua Yu (website request) Nick Zannini, friend of Bob Couper





	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$536,198	\$79,607
SPENDING to date	\$539,230	\$124,021
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$3,032)	(\$44,414)

OFFERINGS to date

Capital Campaign \$133,965

3 WAYS TO GIVE

- 1. Mail your offering to church or drop off in the mail slot by the front door.
- 2. Bring to church on Sunday and leave in offering plate in the back.
- 3. Give online on our safe and secure website <u>https://www.stlcsj.org/giving/</u>

St. Timothy's MOPS is expanding and now registering moms for Fall 2021!

All moms are invited to join us as we seek to live life ALL FOR LOVE! Coming this Fall - MOPS and MomsNext!

We are a group of moms who support each other through the joys and challenges of motherhood. We encourage moms through resources, speakers, mentorship, and friendship - all pertinent to our roles as mothers, wives, and women.

Are you pregnant? Do you have toddlers, preschoolers, or school-age kids? We'd love to have you join this awesome cohort of women! **FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, VISIT** <u>www.stlcsj.org/mops</u>

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

9 AM Traditional

11 AM Contemporary

Reservations are no longer needed. Masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated individuals. Those who are unvaccinated are still required to wear a mask indoors.

ONLINE WORSHIP

We continue to prerecord for online. Online worship is available by early morning on Sundays.

MONDAY-THURSDAY 9 AM TO 1 PM

Not all staff have regular hours, so it's best to schedule an appointment with them.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Timothy's Annual Golf Tournament

October 2 at Los Lagos

Sign-ups and more details coming in August.

Get Connected

Have questions about how to get involved at St. Timothy's?

Contact Gabe Tseng, Director of Discipleship and Connections (gabriel.tseng@stlcsj.org)

Coffee Ministry

If you love brewing coffee and love to see people enjoy coffee, you are invited to provide a loving touch for our community on Sundays. If this is something you would enjoy doing to serve our community, we'd love to talk with you and share in this life-giving ministry! **Email Gabe.**

Hospitality

Being together. Our coffee hour and snack hour is such an important time in which people of all walks of life are able to mingle! If you have a talent for creating a welcoming space, have an amazing baking ability, or like to serve in a subtle way without much fanfare, we NEED you! **Email Gabe.**

Ushering Ministry

A welcoming, curious spirit, and a servant's heart God will not despise! Ushers are one of the first faces to greet people as they come to service and are the helping hands aiding in the worship service.

If this sounds like you or if you know of people like you, please **contact Warren Finch** <u>helo47pilot@gmail.com</u> or Gabe.



chair and meet familiar and new friends with worship music and a short encouraging message. Stay and hang out for a casual night for all ages and walks of life!

COMING SOON: Look for an Evite from St. Tim's Connect to RSVP!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Ministry Partner Update

Each month, we will highlight updates from our domestic and global ministry partners. Many of these partnerships have been formed through congregational involvement and relationships, and are financially supported through the annual benevolences of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

St. Timothy's has been involved in Operation Christmas Child for many years. For those who aren't familiar with what Operation Christmas Child is, it's also reference to as the "Shoebox Ministry." But it is much more than just giving a shoebox to a child. Operation Christmas Child is a part of Samaritan's Purse. Their mission is to "demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world." It is a ministry that started in 1993 and has continued to grow each year, sending shoeboxes full of toys, school supplies, and hygiene items to over 188 million children around the world in more than 170 countries and territories. With each shoebox, the child hears the gospel message and is invited to attend a 12 lesson program called The Greatest Journey, learning more about Christ and how to follow him. For every 100 shoebox gifts received, roughly 21 children make the decision to follow Christ!

St. Timothy's has been packing and sending shoeboxes for over 15 years. Over the past 12 years, St. Timothy's has packed approximately 7000 shoeboxes for children around the globe. Last year, shoeboxes from the western US were sent to Mexico, South Africa, Pacific Islands, Lesotho, Gabon, Togo, Madagascar, Haiti, Liberia, Mongolia, Philippines, Ecuador, Peru, Pacific Islands, Ukraine, 4 Native American Tribes, & 3 hard to reach countries. St. Timothy's shoeboxes were primarily sent to Peru. 7 years ago, St Timothy's became a drop off location for Operation Christmas Child. Churches, families, and organizations throughout the area come to St. Timothy's during National Collection week in November and drop off their shoeboxes.

Over the years, I have been blessed to hear stories of people that received shoeboxes as a child and how it completely changed their life. One of my favorite testimonies comes from a man, whose father was a minister, who received a shoebox in his small village in Togo. At the age of 11, Operation Christmas Child came to his village and brought shoeboxes. At that time and in the location in Togo, witch doctors controlled the villagers and most were afraid to step foot in a church for fear of repercussions. However, even those families came to receive a shoebox. Before the shoeboxes were handed out, this pastor told everyone the gospel message so all heard it before receiving the shoebox. After receiving the shoebox, many of the children attended the 12 week Greatest Journey class and accepted Christ as their Savior including one of the witch doctor's children. One night, the witch doctor appeared on their doorstep, and instead of punishing the pastor's family, he asked to be baptized and accepted Christ. From that, 3 new churches were planted in the area because of the one shoebox.

I could tell a million more stories of how shoeboxes have changed the lives and salvation of not just a child, but their family, and their community. It is truly a worthy ministry to support.

If you would like to see what happens at the St. Timothy's Drop-Off Center, follow the adventure of my son's stuffed bear as he helps pack and cartonize shoeboxes to be sent around the world including praying over all the recipients. https://youtu.be/g8rLlygIRqw

Debbie Bauman



CityTeam's Refuge Of Hope

CityTeam is a community united by the belief that God has called us to love our neighbors as ourselves. It's a place where all are welcome, and where everyone from volunteers to donors and staff all play an important role in living out God's restorative love to our neighbors in need.

For the past 25 years, CityTeam's House of Grace has transformed the lives of many women with children who have struggled with homelessness, addiction, and broken families. Through this faith-based ministry, CityTeam provides housing, mentoring and additional support for women to become productive citizens who are able to support themselves and their families. The support for women with children in need in Silicon Valley continues to increase, and due to the capacity at House of Grace, CityTeam consistently has to turn them away.

Recently, CityTeam had the opportunity to acquire an apartment complex adjacent to House of Grace to expand and better serve more women and children. This opportunity called "Refuge of Hope" would add 50 apartment units that could support 4X's as many women and children than the current location. It would provide transitional housing for recent graduates of the recovery program, and a much-needed short-term emergency shelter. The property also includes a space to build a new 5,000 sq ft facility for a new learning center and daycare.

We are excited to share that, through CityTeam's Refuge of Hope capital campaign, they have completed Phase 1 of the project and have acquired the property. We are truly blessed at St. Timothy's to provide financial support from this year's Capital Campaign Benevolence monies in the amount of \$15,000 to this life-changing ministry. Your generosity continues to further the gospel and love of Jesus Christ.

We look forward to continuing our long-standing partnership and support of City Team, and we will share the progress of Refuge of Hope as they move into Phase 2 of the project that will include new construction and renovations to the existing complex.

To learn more about Refuge of Hope, please visit cityteam.org/refugeofhope



Good News, Sad News ... And Thank You St. Timothy's

By Rick Mark

Throughout much of my life, I have encountered situations where I have been given a choice—People would ask, "Rick, we have some good news and some bad news, which would you like to hear first?" In this article, I would like to share not a good news/bad news story, but rather a good news, sad news story.

This article comes to you from our Walk for Water Team. This group, for the past seven years, has been comprised of—Ruth Hardin (dreamer and fearless leader), Cindy Oberman, Tammie Mark, Beth Tkacheff, Suzi Logan, Cathy Haugh, and Rick Mark. Others have served also in leadership roles, but this has been the core for the years we have walked. And I would be remiss if I did not lift up our corporate sponsor, Thrivent Lutheran (now T. A. N.) and Darrell Shideler.

Let me start with the "Good News"

- Over \$600,000 dollars raised.
- Over 14 complete Water Filtration Systems built each serving 1200 to 1400 people per system per year. Each system has a life expectancy of 20 plus years.
- 7 successful walks as a huge Christian witness to 1000's of people and participants.
- Many who have come to know Christ in over 12 countries where these filtration systems have been in place.
- One of the many successful outreach ministries hosted by St. Timothy's Lutheran Church and other churches in the Silicon Valley.

Now for the "Sad News"

- Last year, in a virtual/neighborhood walk, we experienced our last St. Timothy's sponsored walk.
- Not being able to work alongside all the folks from Water Mission who have help us along the way.
- However, due to decreasing support and the Holy Spirit taking us in new directions, we acknowledge that all good things have a beginning, middle and an end. (Not so sad is knowing the Holy Spirit will open a new door of opportunity for our church.)

Moving forward in 2021, the Walk for Water Steering Team, along with others, will participate in Pastor Jonna's "When Helping Hurts" cohort. focused on ways to help others in our world today.

Although we will not have a formally organized way to support Water Mission (watermission.org), we encourage each of you to contribute to this great ministry on your own as God's Holy Spirit leads you.

Please pray for the members of Pastor Jonna's cohort as we study, pray and search for St. Timothy's next outreach opportunity. Trusting in the Spirit's guidance, the intent to find a ministry which allows us to build relationships with a community. And most importantly ignite and inspire the membership of St. Timothy's to journey with us. Use this year as a year of rest and prayer!

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans." Romans 8:26

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Joe Hill will be Ieaving us to intern at Christ Lutheran Church in Santa Clarita. Joe has been our Youth Director for 11 years (as well as some other roles over the years), and will be sorely missed.

We wish him, Elizabeth, and their daughters, Avery and Kayla, the best in this next chapter of their lives. He will be preaching on June 27 at both services. We will have cake in-between services to celebrate his time with us. If you don't get a chance to say good-bye in person, email Joe at joe.hill@stlcsj.org



St. Tim's Youth Summer Calendar

Triple T is THURSDAYS Triple T TIME TOGETHER-

Fun events on Thursdays during the summer . for High School and Middle School

Church-Wide BBQ! 6:00 PM Front Lawn & Patio

Beach!

Meet us at anytime from 10-3:00pm. Dog friendly beach, family is welcome. Lighthouse Field State Beach. Bring a packed lunch.

7/22

8/5

8/18

7/7

7/15

Great America Day!!

Cost is FREE! Includes Water Park. Sign-ups will take place. More details to follow.

Pool Time

At the Stahlke's from 12-4pm. Bring your own lunch!

Hiking & Lunch!

10am-1pm. Bring a packed lunch and a blanket. We will hike and then eat lunch and hang out. 330 Belgatos Road, Los Gatos (Belgatos Park).

Good-Bye Summer! Pool Party & BBQ

@ the Stahlke's

From 6/30-8/18, The Youth House will be open every week after CORNERSTONE until 9pm to hang out, play air hockey, foosball, pool, or just hang.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

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ST. TIM'S KIDS MONIFILY SCOOP SUMMER 2021

KIDMIN UPDATE!

In-Person KidMin is coming back! Starting July 11th, your child will have the opportunity to **participate** in crafts, games, and a Bible lesson.

KID MIN Sun Session!

This summer session will take place at the **9 am** service. Your child will come up for the children's message in worship and will then move to **The Fellowship Hall** to have some kid-sized **Bible fun**! This will be available for all kids from

Pre-5th grade. Our summer session will begin July 11th and go until Aug. 8th. Want to volunteer with KidMIn? Email me at emily.hindenes@gmail.com

Stay Connected with Facebook



It was unusual for David to become a king, and he didn't always get things right, but his story teaches us that, God uses unlikely people, and gives unexplainable joy. Kids will use their imaginations to get to know an unchangeable God who does unexpected things!

Starting July 11th

DID YOU MISS VBS?

No worries! Check out the free summer camp videos here:

VIDEOS

Watch our slideshow of VBS fun below! <u>SLIDESHOW</u>



St. Tim's Kids

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St. Timothy's Christian Preschool Congratulations St. Tim's Class of 2021!

The last week of school, we celebrated our students that are heading off to kindergarten with a graduation ceremony in our courtyard. It was a fun time for the families and staff to come together and honor all of the hard work these little ones have shown throughout the year. We are so proud and thankful for each student, confident that they will leave knowing that they are smart, creative, and that Jesus loves them! We are thankful for the families that have entrusted St. Tim's to be a part of their child's lives and their families, too. Our prayer for St. Timothy's Christian Preschool graduating class of 2021 is that they will have the courage to try new things, make new friends, and always know that they are loved.

