



Witnessing to Muslims Workshop—January 23 from 9-1

Would you like to be prepared when the opportunity arises for you to share your faith with a Muslim? St. Timothy is hosting a workshop that provides biblically sound and relevant approaches to Muslims of different backgrounds and denominations. Our guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Afzaal Firdous Firdous, will offer a training that encourages and equips believers to go out and share the Gospel with confidence and love. Topics to be covered are:



Islamic Culture

Islamic History & Doctrine

Techniques and methods to approach Muslims

This workshop will be held at St. Timothy on **January 23, 2010 from 9:00-1:00**. Light snacks will be served. Please register at www.thirstyforJesus.org by Thursday, January 21st by calling our church office, 281-469-2457 X 245, or emailing gloria.ruppel@thirstyforJesus.org.

Thank You Altar Guild and Tree of Remembrance

Praise God for the beautiful and joyous Christmas season we enjoyed together! The Sanctuary and the Gathering Area were again decorated so beautifully. Special thanks needs to be given to Debbie Jackson, the Altar Guild, and a team of dedicated volunteers who give so selflessly to make the church grounds so festive for worshipers of all ages. Debbie works countless hours alongside other volunteers year round to adorn the Sanctuary for the various church seasons. Again, we want to say a special thank you to all those who helped with the Christmas decorations.

Included in the Christmas season, is our Tree of Remembrance service. Thank you to Diane Kingsley for all the preparation and arrangements made to make this service of remembrance a special one for all those who participate and purchase ornaments in memory of their loved ones. Thank you to Diane and her team for a job well done.

Student Ministry Calendar for 2010—Plan Ahead

Attention all Parents and students!! The 2010 student ministry calendar is now here. Listed below are the events for each month. Times and some dates are to be determined, but this will give you an idea of what is to come for Student Ministry at St. Timothy in 20 10.

January

Jr. Youth – Video Scavenger Hunt

Sr. Youth – Laser Tag

Sr. Youth – Texas Children’s Hospital – Jan. 24



February

Jr. and Sr. Youth – Care Net Pregnancy Center
Volunteer Day

March

Jr. Youth – Camp Lone Star Servant Retreat

Sr. Youth – Beach Retreat

Sr. Youth – Texas Children’s Hospital –
March 7



April

Jr. and Sr. Youth – Life Center for the Homeless work day

May

Jr. Youth – Movie Night

Sr. Youth – Schlitterbahn Galveston



June

Jr. Youth – Lake House

Sr. Youth – Lake House

July

Jr. Youth – Worlds Largest Slip & Slide

Sr. Youth – Workcamp July 8 - 18



August

Jr. Youth – Fiesta Texas

Sr. Youth – Worlds Largest Slip & Slide

September

Jr. Youth – LINK Work Day

Sr. Youth – Movie Night



October

Jr. Youth – It’z Party

Sr. Youth – Habitat for Humanity



November

Jr. Youth – Laser Tag

Sr. Youth – It’z Party



December

Jr. Youth – Christmas Party

Sr. Youth – Christmas Party

Serving Our Community- The Life Center for the Homeless

One of St. Timothy's signature ministries is the Life Center for the Homeless, located at 4516 Old Yale, close to Yale and Crosstimbers. We support this ministry with our mission budget, donations of goods throughout the year, bi-monthly Bible studies, and a variety of service days by individual members or LIFE groups. Pastor Winston James responded to the question of other ways we can help. His reply follows:

1) Once or twice a month in the Multi-Purpose Annex Facility, we could have a Spiritual Warfare meeting/ intercessory prayer where all of the residents are invited. If you are interested, I can let you know the best times for that and pray that it's convenient for your group.

2) We are working to have our networking systems in place. We need tutors who are willing to teach up to ten or fifteen residents and maybe some from the community, how to use a computer from start to the point where they could do a resume, letters, job search, web design and upgrade. The potential is endless.

3) Maybe there's someone in your church interested in conducting AA meetings with the big book.

4) If someone would like to create a home cooked meal and just come and fellowship with the residents at 6:00 P.M., please contact us. The food deliveries that you make monthly are a blessing and let everybody know that we appreciate it. On this project, one family a week would really be a blessing or if they want to have testimony time or Bible study, that would be a plus.

5) One volunteer day a month, just general cleaning and landscaping.

6) If there are people in the Congregation interested in helping The Life Center create The Life Center website, please have them to call Jeremy at (832) 292-3295. The Life Center is in need of a website.

7) I need someone to help us locate restaurants going out of business for the purpose of getting the restaurant to donate the items needed for The Life Center's kitchen/cafeteria. The name for the kitchen annex is called Heaven's Kitchen. We already have an engineer who will provide the drawings. If we can't get the items donated for the kitchen/materials, the project will cost \$45,000.00 to do it right according to City of Houston code.

8) The Life Center is in need of about ten or twenty men that love to build and willing to donate their time for building Heaven's Kitchen.

9) In the event we cannot get the commercial grade items donated for the Kitchen by restaurants going out of business, we're believing God that we could find individuals willing to donate some of these items or donate funds. If donated funds are not enough, I will believe God to get every dollar matched, so we can have Heaven's Kitchen. We have had great success with matching gifts fundraisers.

10) Is there a group willing to commit to calling hardware stores to help us get the materials donated that are required to build the kitchen or make a financial contribution?

Pastor James can be contacted at 832-292-3295 to arrange for your personal or group's service.

Help with Pit Stop Meals

Joy Longwell and Bessera Weider do a fantastic job cooking up delicious food for the Wednesday night Pit Stop Meals. However, we are always looking for volunteers to offer to take a Wednesday to do the meal. There are times that Joy or Bessera might not be available, so LIFE Groups, friends, families, anyone can volunteer and the menu is up to you. Contact Laura Schramper at Laura.Schramper@ThirstyforJesus.org if you would be interested or if you would like more details.

New Year's Resolutions?

Have you committed to learning more of what God's Word says to you? It isn't too late to start attending Sunday morning studies that apply to a broad spectrum of understanding. You are always welcomed at any of the classes that began on January 10 and will finish on February 28.



“Joshua”

The Old Testament study continues with the people of Israel as they learn to trust God, even though their journey is about to take a radical turn. After 40 years in the wilderness, they are now given orders to go into the Promised Land, led by Joshua, Moses' successor. This story has direct application to our lives now as we also make daily decisions to trust in God's protection and provision. Taught by Esther Robinson in Annex 1

“Ephesians”

This letter to the believers in Ephesus is to expand their understanding of God's eternal purpose and grace for us, and to teach practical ways to live our faith as “children of light.” Taught by Carmen Watson in Annex 4

Bethel (9:30 – OT; 10:45 – NT)

The Bethel Series has a unique overview approach of the Old and New Testaments that immerses the student in the Bible. It provides the tools to help establish a biblical knowledge base; and in the process of the study, the student understands from the pages of Scripture the wonderful story of how God has moved through history to bring about His plan of salvation. The first year covers the Old Testament and the Intertestamental Period, and the New Testament is covered in year two. Cost for Old Testament materials is \$47 and New Testament is \$35.

Taught by Richard Leslie in Annex 2

“Money Matters”

Are you happy with how your financial life is going? Are you handling your finances in a God-pleasing manner? Some topics to be covered include: **Blow Up the Budget Busters**— How to eliminate debt and pay yourself; **Build, Protect & Save**, and **How to Become a Successful Investor**. Taught by Doug Neal in Annex 3

“Discover St. Timothy”

Our faith community is looking to partner with you in its mission to the community and ministry to our church family. This course explores the primary purpose for our existence, the basic beliefs of our church body, and offers you the opportunity to learn more about your God-given gifts to serve Him and His people. If you are new to St. Timothy, this class prepares you to join us in our ministry. Led by Gloria Ruppel in the Office Conference Room

Pastor's class – Pastor Steve will be leading a study on 1 John in the Life Center.

Wednesday Evening Worship – teaching through the book of Acts.

Thank You!



“Dear Family of St. Timothy Lutheran Church:

We want to deeply thank you for the gifts that you gave with all your love. Our children's lives were blessed. We appreciate everything you have given and done for us. God bless you all!!!

Manantiales de Vida”

Womens Book Club—January 21st meeting

St. Timothy Women's Book Club will be meeting on January 21st at the home of Alyssa Ashford on 11403 Canyon Trail Dr., 77066. The group will discuss [The Help](#) by [Kathryn Stockett](#). Please RSVP to Alyssa at txladybug83@aol.com if you plan to attend. This group is open to any woman who enjoys reading and getting to know other women in a relaxed atmosphere. You are welcomed even if you attend only occasionally. If you like reading ahead, you can start on February's book which is [Peace Like a River](#) by [Leif Enger](#).



Care Net - New Location is at 14530 Wunderlich

Are you being called to volunteer at the Pregnancy Center? Here's how to respond:

Contact volunteer coordinator Kim Zollo for an introductory tour: 281-477-8200 or kimzollo@carenetnw.com.

Attend *Spiritual Foundations* on **February 11th at 6:30 PM**. This 3-hour session is designed to help you confirm your call to this ministry and is a prerequisite for attending the full training.

Attend the full 12-hour training which will equip you to become a regular CPC-NWH counseling volunteer or *Mercy Project* teacher. The first **2010 Full 4-Session Training begins February 23 (evenings)**. This training is required for those volunteers who will have client contact.

A Concert Before Your Valentine's Celebration

The Arts Community Concerts Presents

A Special Celebration of Marriage on St. Valentine's Day

Amadeus Woodwind Quintet

Enjoy the wonderful sound of a classic woodwind quintet. The combination of Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon and French Horn has inspired composers for centuries to write music for this unique set of instruments. The Houston based Amadeus Woodwind Quintet will offer a program of Wedding, light classical and pop music for your enjoyment.

Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010 at 4:00 pm

Join us after the concert for Wedding Cake and Punch.

English as a Second Language on Our Campus

Since spring of 2009, St. Timothy has been offering free English classes to our community by working with Pastor Fernandez and his wife Dayana of Manantiales de Vida. Evening classes for those who wish to learn English are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30PM. The Spring session will run for 12 weeks from January 5 to March 25. **If you have a heart to meet people from other cultures and want to help co-lead a class, please contact Gloria at gloria.ruppel@thirstyforJesus.org . If you prefer working with children, we need you to care for the children of our students when they are in class. It is our desire to be Christ's light in our changing community—come and see what it's all about!**

Supporting the Church in Prayer



The God we serve is all-powerful, and He offers us access to His awesome power through prayer. Though God can and does act without our involvement, He gives us this opportunity to participate with Him in the work He is doing. One place we definitely want to see God working is in our worship services on Sunday mornings, so a room has been set aside for people to gather and pray during the morning services. The “Study” in the church office area is where we meet each Sunday from 8 am to noon.

If you are at all interested in coming to pray or just want to find out more about what we will be doing, please contact Carmen Watson at carmenlw@sbcglobal.net.

Scott and Leanna Guggenmoss—their story!

World's Greatest Love Story

What makes for a great love story?

Adversity? Destiny? Passion?

Share with us a true love story of such intensity that it moves you to tears every time you think about it.

They say that love conquers all—well, Diamond Cutters International wanted to hear love stories from the public in celebration of their 25th Anniversary. People wrote in about their acts of heroism, the grandeur of their love story, and the romance of their lives. Scott and Leanna Guggenmoss entered the competition back before Thanksgiving 2009, sharing the story of how they met and how thru the 25 years of their marriage God was the one who has kept them together, thru everything. They recently learned they are a finalist and their story has been published along with a video on the Diamond Cutters Intl website.

We invite you to follow the link below to read Leanna and Scott's story and if you are so led, vote for them in the competition. There are four finalist and the winner will be announced around Valentine's Day.

They say love conquers all—Christ conquered all. 1 John 3:16 (ESV) - By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.



<http://www.diamondcuttersintl.com/contest/love-stories/?p=new-love>

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

1st

Alexa Bafalis
Samuel Jones

2nd

Leyla Bensaaban
Marc Brooks
Shelby Hobelman
Sue Schorr

3rd

James Hansen

4th

Kristy Larrington
Lisa McRoberts

5th

James Ryan
Carrie Schamerhorn
Stefanie & Andy King*

6th

Natalie Butler
Laura Jones
Susan O'Connell
Ted Wiese

7th

Joshua Ellington
Karla Garrett
Patty Hoffman
Herb Honerkamp
Roland LaBerge
Frances Oden
Stacey Polson

8th

Ashley Noack
Lynne & Steve Barry*

9th

Kristine Allen
Melissa Brooks
Sandra Feagans

10th

Wallace Jahns
Jennifer Smith
Jessica Smith
Terry & Rick Wahrenberger*

11th

Steve Henze
Ray Keller
Jeremy Lambert
Nathaniel McGarrett
Aaron Walther

12th

Mike & Laura Schramper*

13th

Dayna Comley
Ronnie & Susan Kaiser*
Ken & Sue Carr*

14th

Lindsay Donigan
Ann Dulevitz
Madison Landry
Scott Marquardt
Elizabeth Moseley
Jennifer Mosley
Emiley Wieringa
Wally & Betty Schuenke*
L.T. & Phyllis Bradt*
Brandi & Alex Barragan*
Sheryl & Wayne Huebner*
Kelly & Damon Newberry*

15th

Dena Wagner
Marie Wickman
Brian & Jessica McKendree*

16th

Helen Gray
Doug Laake
Patricia Prapta
Stanley & Patricia Prapta*

17th

Jason Honeycutt
Patrick Ryan

18th

Kenneth Middleton
Miles Scarbrough
Megan Travis
Pat & Bob Tardiff*

19th

Richard Anderson
Dan Larrington

20th

Mary Iselt
Andrew Odinga
Jerry Schorr
Camden Schramper

21st

Kerri Ellington
Laurie Johnson
Matthew Jungklaus

22nd

Renea Ferriss
Jeffrey Lambert
Jacob Lovelace
Herb Newhouse
Leslie Sjurseth

23rd

Grace Smith

24th

Alyssa Ashford
Dustin Fritsche
Jerry Hohenstein
Kate McKeehan
Abby Mellencamp
Adam Terpstra
Mildred Williams

25th

Faith McKendree

26th

Matt Davis
Caitlyn Hoffpauir

27th






Ryan Cook
Richard & Wanda Klotz*

28th

Lauri Courtright
David Doering
Annaliese Palm
John & Elsie Endsley*
Elizabeth & Michael Doss*



February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm FPU 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	2 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm ESL classes 	3 9:30 am Mom's Bible Study 5:30 pm Children's Choir 5:45 pm Pit Stop Meal 6:45 pm Pit Stop Worship 6:45 Confirmation 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm Connections Band 8:45 pm Gospel Lights	4 1:00 pm Games Day 7:00 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm ESL classes	5 8:00 pm Manantiales de Vida Bible Study	6
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Fruits of Faith—December 2009

December	2009		2008		2007		2006	
	4 weeks		4 weeks		5 weeks		5 weeks	
	TOTAL	AVERAGE	TOTAL	AVERAGE	TOTAL	AVERAGE	TOTAL	AVERAGE
Traditions 8:00 Worship	585	195	635	159	1064	213	1041	208
Traditions 9:30 Worship	284		364	91	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Celebrations 10:45 Worship	725	242	669	167	1004	201	1043	208
Connections 10:45 Worship	191	96	182 ^b	61	300	60	n/a	n/a
Children's Church Traditions	17	6	9 ^b	3	26	5	19	6
Children's Church Celebrations	20	10	21 ^b	7	50	10	57	19
Children's Church Connections	25	12	43 ^b	14	52	10	n/a	n/a
TOTAL SUNDAY WORSHIP	1847	561	1923	502	2496	499	2160	441
Manantiales de Vida	104	26	45	11	64	13	n/a	n/a
Advent Evening Services	286	143	246	82	442	148	538	179
Advent Noon Services	54	27	53	17	70	23	n/a	n/a
ADDITIONAL SERVICES	444	196	344	110	576	184	538	179
Christmas Eve 5:00 pm	518		531		478		436	
Christmas Eve 7:30 pm	392		307		404		393	
Christmas Day 10:00 am	112		128		140		103	
CHRISTMAS WORSHIP	1022		966		1022		932	
Christmas Eve Connections	n/a		115					
TOTAL CHRISTMAS WORSHIP	1022		1081		1022		932	
New Years Eve	78		98		96		70	
GRAND TOTAL	3391		3446		4190		3700	
Sunday School	118	39	145	36	195	39	189	47
Jr. High Bible Study	31	10	54	14	189	38	152	38
Sr. High Bible Study	60	20	71	18	*	*	*	*
Adult Bible Classes	234	78	183	46	331	66	352	88
Midweek Bible Studies	100	33	75	19	32	11	#	#
Pit Stop kids/confirmation	n/a	n/a	161	54	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL BIBLE CLASSES	543	180	689	187	747	154	693	173
* included in Jr. High count								
n/a - not applicable								
# - attendance not recorded								
a - Christmas Day fell on a Sunday so one service only								
b - only 3 weeks due to Christmas Choir Cantata								

	Month			Year-To-Date		
	Income	Expenses	Over/(Under)	Income	Expenses	Over/(Under)
Church	\$175,367	\$124,993	\$50,374	\$1,259,126	\$1,281,832	(\$22,706)
Bright Beginners	\$45,379	\$48,754	(\$3,374)	\$485,416	\$434,852	\$50,564
Total	\$220,746	\$173,747	\$46,999	\$1,744,542	\$1,716,684	\$27,858

Curious about what the offering was last week? Contact JoAnn at Joann.Broeder@ThirstyforJesus.org and ask to have your name added to her email distribution list for weekly reports showing actual offerings as well as week-by-week budget information.

Women's Retreat—Am I A Church Lady?



Me? A Church Lady?"

The deadline to register for the Women's Retreat has been extended to January 24th. Plan to attend the Winter Women's Retreat at South Shore Harbour Resort, Jan. 29 through 31, 2010. Join us to explore the Church Lady theme with guest speaker, Christian author, Chandra Peele. Mrs. Peele will lead us in discussion of questions such as: "Who is a Church Lady?", "Are you a Church Lady?", "Do you want to be a Church Lady?", and "Does a Church Lady build a Community?"

For more information contact the church office, Renea Ferriss, Leslie Sjurseth or Lisa Aschenbeck.

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