



WHERE IT BEGINS

The 20th century poet W. H. Auden once said, “Almost all of our relationships begin and most of them continue as forms of mutual exploitation, a mental or physical barter to be terminated when one or both parties run out of goods.”

Auden’s quotation may on its face seem cynical, but consider its accuracy. Scratch the surface of our lives and we do not need to long to see that many of our relationships in life flow consciously or unconsciously from “what’s in it for me” calculations. The pecking order in junior high school (and where you fit into it), the spot you occupy at the conference table at work—our situations in life speak to the nature and extent of relationships based on what we get from people. Indeed, even God is said to be under the influence. The “prosperity gospel” movement influencing some Christian churches today proclaims divine tit for tat: believe in God, and be rich. (At least for certain pastors of some of these churches, news reports would confirm this message to be true.)

But Jesus takes another angle. And we are invited to follow him and his message with our lives. For Jesus doesn’t seek a relationship with us based on what he can get from us. He seeks out a relationship with us because he wants for us to know of God’s unconditional love for us. And we can follow him in doing

the same in how we order our own relationships. We can love others without so many strings attached. To do so is simple, but not easy—and no one gets 100%. Yet by God’s grace, we can be filled by a love that overflows us, and keeps on going. It all begins with us. And it all begins with God.



WELCOME TO ST. TIMOTHY’S.

We are glad that you are here. Newcomers and guests are welcome to use the “communication card” enclosed in this bulletin to learn more about our community, ask questions, or make comments. Please place the card in the offering plate, or hand it to one of the clergy at the door as you leave worship.



WELCOME TO ST. TIMOTHY'S

If you are new, a visitor, or a guest today, we are honored to have you worship with us. After the service please join us in Edwards Hall (located off the courtyard) for coffee.

If you are interested in joining our church, please call our Priest Executive, Maly Hughes, in the church office or email her at maly@sttims.org. She will be glad to meet with you and talk about the church or direct you to those who might assist you. Arrangements can be made for baptism of adults and/or children on the first Sunday of each month.

THE CLERGY

Nathan Speck-Ewer, Rector
 Maly Adams Hughes, Priest Executive
 Robert J. Seifert, Deacon

THE STAFF

Christina Sudairy, Communications Director
 Peter Sammel, Music Director
 Joanna R. Shreve, Financial Administrator
 Scott Boding, Adult Education Director
 Michele Trotter, Facilities Manager
 Becky Blessing, Sr. High Youth Minister
 Kevin LaGassa, Jr. High Youth Minister
 Susan LaGassa & Joseph Hodgkinson, Parish Hosts
 Helen Wooldridge, Preschool Director

THE VESTRY

David Foster, Senior Warden	Ross Johnson
Nan Fuller, Junior Warden	Sandy Watkins
John Harrison	Lianne Mintz
Bill Shreve	Jenny Nathan
Paul Hayter	John Ezell, Treasurer
Darlene Frick	

SEVEN MARKS OF A DISCIPLE

At the heart of this parish is God's call and challenge to be disciples of Jesus. The seven marks of a disciple are:

1. One who witnesses to an intentional faith as modeled in the Baptismal Covenant. (*Book of Common Prayer*, pg. 304)
2. One who keeps the Sabbath and commits to attending worship every Sunday.
3. One who honors the tithe as the biblical standard of faithful financial giving to the Church.
4. One who prays and reads the Bible daily.
5. One who participates regularly in a Covenant Group as a means of personal support in community.
6. One who uses his/her spiritual gifts in the work of the upbuilding of the Church.
7. One who reaches out to others with the love of Christ.

If you are interested in these Christian practices, or would like more information, please see Maly.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Timothy's Church calls people to unity with God and empowers them to thrive in our changing world. We are a Covenant Community that shares the love of God and proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We provide opportunities to make a difference in the world.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME TO DINNER

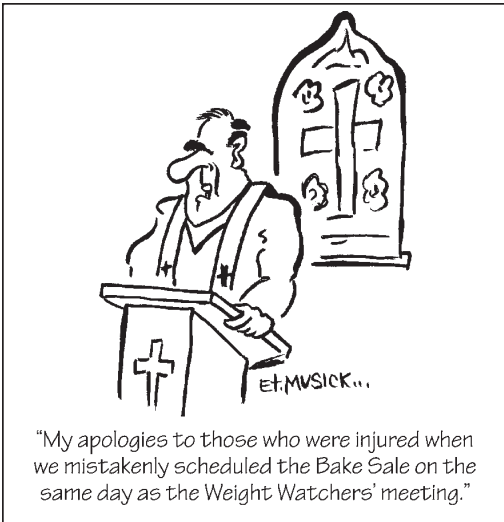


Join us for dinner this Wednesday. It's a great way to meet people and get connected.

Parish dinners begin at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday evening, following "Kid Music" with Peter Sammel.

"Kid Food" and a vegetarian option are always available. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children, and a \$25.00 maximum per family (including parents and children under the age of 18).

Please join us for great food and fellowship.



"My apologies to those who were injured when we mistakenly scheduled the Bake Sale on the same day as the Weight Watchers' meeting."



BIRTHS

The rose on the altar today is in thanksgiving for the birth of Allison Elizabeth Mintz, daughter of Lianne and David Mintz.

Allison was born January 14, weighing 8 lbs 8 ozs. She joins her brothers Chris and Josh and sister Sophie. Congratulations to the Mintz Family.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The women of the parish are invited to Edwards Hall on Friday, January 25th at 7:30 p.m. for a



"Chocolate Potluck" and a chance to recap our last awesome retreat. We will be sharing experiences and evaluations of the November retreat as well as our favorite chocolate treat. Bring a chocolate treat to share and your insights as well.

If you did not attend the retreat your opinions and ideas for the next retreat are welcomed.

We will also encourage any attendees who would like to provide an example of interpretive storytelling from the Bible.

Beverages and sorbet (for cleansing the palette between tastes) will be provided.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27 at noon in Edwards Hall.

The Annual Meeting is a chance to celebrate who we are as a parish. We will elect new vestry members and diocesan delegates, hear a parish report, honor individuals who have given of themselves to the parish in exemplary ways, and more.

Lunch will be provided during the meeting, and childcare will be available in the nursery.



**ANNUAL
MEETING**



NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION

If you are new to St. Timothy's: Welcome. The Rev. Nathan and April Speck-Ewer invite you to join them for coffee and dessert in their home, at 1007 Persimmon Avenue, Sunnyvale, on Sunday, February 3 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Whether today is your first Sunday, or you've been coming for a while and still feel new, please join us. It's a great opportunity to get to know one another a little better and to meet others who are new to the parish.

Please R.S.V.P. to April at april@sttims.org or (408) 749-0365.

CONCERT AT CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Episcopal Church, Los Altos invites the community to a special evening for children:

Empower African Children the Spirit of Uganda Tour

Songs, Dances, Inspiration, Children to Children

Wednesday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Suggested donation \$10 adult/\$5 children
at the door

Entire proceeds to Empower African Children.



Christ Episcopal Church is located at 1040 Border Road, Los Altos. For more information, please visit www.ccla.us or call (650) 948-2151.

PLAY BASKETBALL?

We have the team for you this winter...the St. Tim's Basketball team. Games start at the beginning of February.



If you are interested, shoot an email to John Heltzel at jheltzel@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY



YOUTH GROUP EVENT: SPORTS IN THE PARK

Who: 6th through 12th Graders

When: Saturday, January 26
from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

What: Play ultimate frisbee, soccer, volleyball, and run around.

Where: Meet at the church, then we'll walk to Cuesta Park.

Bring: Athletic clothing (comfy pants, running shoes, etc.) and friends (remember— whoever brings the most friends gets a prize).

Questions?

Sr. High

Contact Becky Blessing at srhigh@sttims.org.

Jr. High

Contact Kevin LaGassa at jrhigh@sttims.org.

JOIN THE TWEENS GROUP

If you are too old for Godly Play and not yet ready for Junior High Youth Group, join us for a Tweens Group on Sunday evenings. We will have time for games, discussion, projects, and a little (or maybe a lot) of Harry Potter.



The Tweens Group meets on Sunday evenings at 6:15 p.m.

ADULT EDUCATION

SEEING THE BLESSINGS

Here is how parishioner Martha Anderson describes her experience of reading *Outflow* so far:

“When I first heard we were going to do the Outflow program, I wasn’t quite sure what to think about it. This is my first covenant group and I had gotten pretty comfortable with the status quo, but now things would be changing in unknown ways and I wasn’t sure how I would handle it. After reading the introduction, I figured I could at least give it a try. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.



“I was a few days into the first week when I realized that I was feeling compelled to do all of the activities at the end of the readings. I wasn’t just answering the questions, I was doing things like roaming around my backyard, looking for rocks to write my blessings on and putting them in a jar on my kitchen counter.

“By the end of the week, I was walking around my neighborhood, stopping at different places to pray to God to make me a blessing to my neighbors, my extended community, and the world at large. As I was walking, I thought, ‘Why am I doing this? There are lots of other things I should be doing.’ I decided at that point that God had something else in mind, and he had instilled this desire in me to give Outflow my best effort. I am looking forward to seeing where this all leads in the weeks to come.”

ADULT EDUCATION

CONSTANTINE'S SWORD

We will present a special screening of *Constantine's Sword* on Tuesday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m. This screening is free and open to the public. It is offered as part of our parish's participation in Trinity Institute's 2008 conference, **Religion and Violence: An Interfaith Dialogue**. (For registration information, please visit www.sttims.org.)



Constantine's Sword, a documentary feature based on the book of the same title, follows former Catholic priest and author James Carroll as he explores the church's history of violence, anti-Semitism and war. Carroll, who will also speak at the conference, focused the book *Constantine's Sword* on the idea that the Holocaust was not a deviant moment in history but the result of two thousand years of anti-Semitism. He ties this detailed history to his personal journey of faith.

Director Oren Jacoby worked with Carroll to create a movie that "poses the question: Where did anyone get the idea that it was all right to kill people in the name of God?" Jacoby explores this theme in both church history and the American present, touching on the role of religion in run-up the Iraq war and evangelism in the military.

For more background on the film, please visit www.constantinessword.com.

an interfaith dialogue on

religion
& VIOLENCE

untangling the roots of conflict

January 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

and

January 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Time to register at www.sttims.org

While people of all faiths raise prayers for peace, reports of religiously fueled violence fill the news. Critics question whether we can afford to tolerate any longer a force as destructive as religion.

Is violence an inescapable result of religious commitment, or is it a distortion, a human projection on a God in whom there is no violence? Is it the sole province of extremists, or do its roots touch all persons of faith? Do solutions to the problem lie within the traditions themselves?

Through keynote presentations and group theological reflection after each speaker, this interfaith gathering will provide opportunities to deepen understanding, build community and explore how religion can be a powerful force for peace within ourselves, our families, our communities, and the world.

Register online at www.sttims.org or contact the church office at (650) 967-4724 for registration materials.

A CHAT WITH THE RECTOR



Chris asks Nathan to reflect on this past year at St. Tim's.

C: What do you see as the strengths of our community?

N: How much room do I have? I see people's faithfulness, the spiritual maturity of leaders, the care

our community has for one another and our guests... I'd also affirm what I did last year when I preached a sermon series on three strengths that I see running deep here—joy, community, and growth. I'd put the quality and talent of our staff up against any other church of our size. Above all, people here recognize that the source of our strengths flow out of an intentional, covenantal relationship that we have together with God.

C: What do you see as challenges that we face?

N: Our good health. I've got a friend who recently shared with me that when he was a young athlete he relied on his past training and good health to get him through; he knew because of where he'd come so far, with his sheer talent and energy, he could just get by at the current level he was at without having to train harder or push himself.

I think that's us. We're going to survive, but are we going to thrive? We're in good health, and this is a dangerous time, because when things are good we can say, "good enough." But there is a mandate in Scripture and in the nature of the church as a "Sent people" to be witnesses to God's love in our community, beyond how we are now. Beyond where we are now, we have a challenge to greater faithfulness. The vestry and staff have noticed that our attendance plateaued about four years ago when the nine o'clock worship service began to feel full. Things are good, but greater faithfulness will mean taking risks and getting clearer on our

unique call that God is giving our community.

C: What's been the hardest thing, personally?

N: Well, related to getting clearer on our unique call, it's making hard decisions to make this a reality. The vestry and I decided, after much discernment, to change a twenty-year policy which attempted to allocate a certain percentage of our budget directly to social service organizations. This year, we are putting resources toward fulfilling initiatives that we discerned parish-wide in our revisioning, particularly in youth ministry. This was hard, but what we do best is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ. And we have farther to go, and can do this a lot better—better ministries with children, youth, and adults of all ages. Being and making disciples is the best outreach in our community that we can do. As a result of this decision, this year resources are being allocated for bare-bones staffing of the youth ministry in our operating budget—the first time in several years, because the youth ministry has been staffed for several years by an expired set of one-time major gifts. So this was a hard decision that the vestry and I made collaboratively, because it affects faithful people who disagree with this decision, and who—like all of us—care deeply for those in our area who have social service needs. But for as hard as it was, I'm glad we did it, and would do it over again, because it means reaching out to our community by helping people grow in faith as disciples—what we can uniquely do as a covenant community.

C: What has been most personally rewarding?

N: Watching people grow in faith. We've had four adult baptisms this year, and last week two teenagers were baptized—we haven't had this many adult baptisms in years, and possibly ever. We have a new expression of worship at the five o'clock. I just love watching people grow in faith, and have this passion for helping people make sense of who God is in their lives. Being here is just a lot of fun.

COVENANT GROUPS

NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN A COVENANT GROUP

If you are not part of a covenant group yet, please consider joining one this month. In January, all covenant groups will be reading and discussing “outward focused living in a self-focused world.” This is a parish-wide program from the book, *Outflow*, by Steve Sjogren and Dave Ping. Being a part of a covenant group will enhance this experience and enable everyone to be a full participant.

For more information, contact Anne Wilde at (408) 379-2235 or AnneAerobic@aol.com.

COVENANT GROUP LEADER TRAINING

We will be offering covenant group leader support and training sessions on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The next session will be:

January 23 Pastoral and Evangelical Roles of the Covenant Group Leader

For more information, please contact Anne Wilde at anneaerobic@aol.com.



COVENANT GROUPS

Covenant Groups are an expanding network of small groups that meet together to share the life of faith. To find out more, please call one of the group leaders, or the parish office.

Mondays

- 1:30 p.m. Anne Wilde (408) 379-2235
& Nan Fuller (408) 736-4662
- 7:30 p.m. Alan Twigg (650) 962-1939
& Drew Terrill (408) 230-4431

Tuesdays

- Childcare available at church: 9:15-11:30 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. Alane Kasrawi (650) 961-6338
- 7:00 p.m. Becky Mikkelsen (650) 428-0564
- 7:00 p.m. Susan Slakey (408) 249-7114
& Jennifer Olsen (408) 733-8735
- 7:15p.m. Bill Shreve (650) 941-6436
- 7:30 p.m. Michael Diamond (415) 830-0425
& Dana Peak (408) 299-5798
- 7:30 p.m. Laura Casellas (408) 375-2822
- 8:00 p.m. Will Watkins (408) 867-6063
- 8:00 p.m. Steven Schumaker-Trottier (650) 949-3281
& David Foster (650) 567-9755

Wednesdays

- 7:15 p.m. Holly Hem (650) 279-8818
Outflow for Young Adults

Thursdays

- 9:15 a.m. Wyn Schuh (650) 965-8037
Rancho Strolling Group
- 7:00 p.m. The Johnsons (408) 737-8355
- 7:00 p.m. Nyna Dolby (650) 941-9335
- 7:30 p.m. Scott Boding (650) 962-1967

Fridays

- 1:00 p.m. Althea Parks (408) 245-0295

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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HEALING PRAYER

There is a Stephen Minister available at the side altar rail (near the cross) during communion at each service. If you are experiencing any sort of spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational difficulty, you are encouraged to come forward for healing prayers.

After receiving communion, come to the altar rail to be anointed with oil and receive laying on of hands and healing prayers by a trained Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministers are also available to pray with people after each worship service. Stephen Ministers wear a blue identification badge.

Prayer concerns are confidential.

If you would like to explore an ongoing one-to-one Christian caregiving and prayer relationship with a Stephen Minister, call the church office, speak with a Stephen Minister, or email stephenministry@sttims.org. The Stephen Ministry Coordinator will meet with you and prayerfully match you with one of the available Stephen Ministers.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

**Be kind and
compassionate to one
another, forgiving each
other, just as in Christ
God forgave you.**

Ephesians 4:32

*For confidential Christian care
through Stephen Ministry, call
650-967-4724 or email
stephenministry@sttims.org.*

ENCOURAGING MINISTRY
PROPOSALS FOR THE
COMMUNITY CONNECTION
INITIATIVE

Last spring in our church-wide revisioning of ministry, we expressed a desire by our “Community Connection” initiative to connect with our community through starting new ministries, doing special events, and undertaking mission trips. If you are interested in starting a ministry that connects with people’s spiritual and social needs in our community, please email Dave Wilde at DavidSWilde@aol.com with your ministry proposal.

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY

GENESIS 18:1-10A

PSALM 15

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

LUKE 10:38-43

PRAYER LIST

If you have a prayer request, call the church office or email prayer@sttims.org.

Names are kept on the prayer list for two weeks. If prayers are still needed after two weeks, please call or email again.

Please Pray For: Carl Barchfield; Ann Bauer; Michelle Chang; Brian Chapman; Alice Dible; Kate Drew; Terry Field; Ann Grant; Lara Gularte; Caroline Harmon, Lillian Hefty; BJ Hem; Ron Holt; Bea Horton; Diana Johnson; Mike Lampman; Dottie Brunauer Levine; Betty Liechty; Tom McKeown; Ed Sammel; Curtis Schauf; Sylvia Schroeder; Rosemary Smiley; John Stolarik; Lister Terry, Justin Weitzel; Jane Young; the Diocese of El Camino Real and Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves; the children of La Roca and those who care for them; Stephen Ministers and their care receivers; members of the armed forces, especially Maj. Larry Dillard, Kernan Dibble, Tom Thibodeaux, and their families and loved ones; and Nancy Livak, serving in the Peace Corps in Belize.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

7:45 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Worship, Dinner & Youth Groups
6:15 p.m. Book Class

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Church Office is closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 a.m. Webcast: Religion & Violence
7:30 p.m. Film: *Constantine's Sword*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

9:00 a.m. Webcast: Religion & Violence
5:15 p.m. Kid Music
6:00 p.m. Parish Dinner
7:00 p.m. Pastoral and Evangelical Roles of the Covenant Group Leader

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship

SERVING TODAY

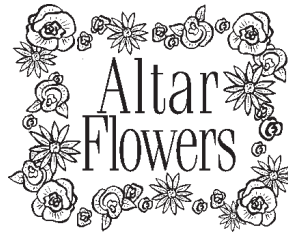
Althea Parks Altar Guild
 Darlene Frick
 Nyna Dolby
 Nan Fuller
 Laurie Hartford
 Wyn Schuh
 Margo Siewert
 Sierra Duggan
 Wendy Edwards

Jill Stolarik Tellers
 Jennifer Olsen

7:45 a.m.
 Bill Shreve Greeter
 Keith Samuel Usher
 Roy Hayter Lector
 Gwen Bindon Eucharistic Minister
 Bill Shreve Sound

9:00 a.m.
 Casellas Family Greeters
 Trottier Family Ushers
 Meredith Berg Lectors
 Natalie Six
 Nick Felipa Acolyte
 Charlotte Six Prayer
 Paul Hayter Eucharistic Ministers
 Alane Kasrawi
 Peter Sammel
 Parker Schuh Sound
 Eric Berg Projector

10:30 a.m.
 Slakey Family Greeters
 Wilde Family Ushers
 Susan Slakey Lectors
 Tom Stolarik
 Julia Ezell Acolyte
 Peggy Aoki Eucharistic Ministers
 Jill Stolarik
 Mark Witzke Sound
 Sue-Ellen Johnson Projector



The flowers today are given
 to the Glory of God by

Al and Calder Lowe

*In celebration of their
 40th wedding anniversary*



FLOWER DEDICATIONS

We invite you to sign up on the Flower Chart on the back of the front door of the church to have flowers dedicated to a loved one. The dedication might be for celebrating a birthday, anniversary, in memory of someone, or simply in thanksgiving for many blessings. The suggested donation is \$35, and even if someone else has signed up for the Sunday that you want, it is OK to have more than one dedication per week.

Thank you for your support of the Altar Guild in this way.



ST. TIMOTHY'S PRESCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION



Fall Registration for the school year 2008-2009 is now underway.

We have openings in our three year old class.

Children must be turning three years old on or before December 2, 2008.

Tuesday and Thursday 3s

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuition is \$265 per month

We have openings in three classes for four year olds. Your child must be turning four on or before December 2, 2008.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 4s

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuition is \$365 per month

Tuesday and Thursday Science 4s

12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Tuition is \$265 per month

Five Day Combination 4s

Monday, Wednesday, Friday a.m. and Tuesday, Thursday Science p.m.

Tuition is \$570 per month

Registration Fees must be paid to hold a place for your child. The fees are June tuition in advance, plus a \$75 enrollment fee and a \$5 insurance fee. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are interested, please call Preschool Director Helen Wooldridge at (650) 967-4724.

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

7:45 a.m.	32
9:00 a.m.	125
10:30 a.m.	59
5:00 p.m.	74

Finances

Actual income	\$650,405
Pledged income	\$656,000

as of 12/31/2007

Thank you for your faithfulness!

2008 DATES TO NOTE

January 27	Annual Meeting
February 3	Newcomers' Reception
February 5	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 6	Ash Wednesday
March 23	Easter Day
April 6	Bishop's Visit

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

**9:00 a.m. Children's Worship
& Godly Play**

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

5:00 p.m. Tweens & Teens Worship

Nursery care is provided in Room 7 during the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.