



SAINT TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE CROSSBEAM JUNE 2009

On the Way. . .

On Sunday, May 24, 29 gathered in our parish kitchen to prepare Sunday lunch for 200 people at the Drop-In Center in Over-the-Rhine. Twenty-one of these were teenagers, many of whom served the lunch later that day. In June, St. Timothy's sent 64 people on missions to Appalachia and Honduras; 47 of these missionaries were teenagers. In this issue of *The Crossbeam* we celebrate our graduating seniors. When asked about their most memorable experiences at St. Timothy's, most identified their mission trips.

In my years at St. Timothy's, I think it would be fair to say that mission trips and other outreach ministries have had the most significant impact on the spiritual development of our youth. Many of our youth find it difficult to experience God in our worship or through the pages of the Bible, but put them in the mission field and sparks fly.

Why is this the case?

First, mission trips provide an intense communal experience. Teenagers long to be included in a network of meaningful relationships. Sleeping, eating and serving with others for a week affords teenagers the amount of time needed to get to know one another. Barriers break down and they get to know one another in a way that is virtually impossible meeting once a week in a class or youth group. They are also disconnected from the TV, internet and other distractions.

Secondly, mission trips invite teenagers to focus on the needs of others. Jesus says, "Give and it will be given to you." When we give ourselves away, we receive more than we give. Teenagers tend to be very self-absorbed. Mission work turns the focus away from themselves.

Thirdly, mission trips and ministries like the one at the Drop-In Center invite teenagers to encounter Christ in the poor. Jesus says, "As you did it to the least of these, you did it to me." Whether they see the mysterious connection between Christ and the poor is not always clear. What is clear is that they return having experienced the kind of transformation that happens when we are touched by God.

Mission trips and outreach ministries also inspire teenagers to be evangelists. More so than adults, teenagers quite naturally invite their friends, regardless of religious affiliation, to join them in these ministries. Nine of our Appalachia Service Project missionaries were not parishioners at St. Timothy's, but joined this mission because one of the teenagers shared their excitement with them.

We are already planning for next year's mission trips to Appalachia. If you have a teenager who has never participated, encourage them to consider participating. If they have gone, encourage them to invite a friend to join them next year. We are also in need of adult leaders for both.

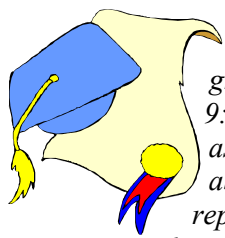
I thank God for our teenagers and their willingness to serve.

In Christ,

Our Mission

The mission of St. Timothy's is to restore and deepen every human being's relationship with God and each other in Christ.

2009 High School Graduates



On Sunday, May 17, St. Timothy's 2009 high school graduates were acknowledged at the 9:00 Eucharist. Each graduate was asked to fill out a brief questionnaire about themselves. Following are the replies we received along with a photograph. Congratulations and best wishes to all of our graduating seniors!

Steven Evans

High School attended:
Glen Este High School

How long have you been at St. Timothy's?: 14 years

Interests/activities in and out of school: I am a theater kid. I am involved with all of the musicals, International Thespian Society, the West Clermont Dance Company. I am also very involved with the school's Choir program. Outside of school I dance for a studio called Starstuck A.D.A. in Loveland, Ohio. I also enjoy playing piano in my free time.

Memories of St. Timothy's: ASP, the youth groups, performing music for the congregation.

Post-graduation plans (college, area of study, etc.): Ohio University—The College of Education. Major: Integrated Mathematics Education. Minor: Dance—Performance and Choreography.



Sara Belle Johnson

High School attended:
Turpin High School

How long have you been at St. Timothy's?: 16 years



Interests/activities in and out of school: Swimming, Committee chair for Anderson's Relay for Life, reading, and hanging out with my friends

Memories of St. Timothy's: Palm Saturday, Easter Vigil service, St. Nick Dinner, Christmas Pageant, picnics

How has your experience of God changed as you've grown towards adulthood? I see God through my friends. They are always there for me when I need them, and I feel like God is there through them.

Post-graduation plans (college, area of study, etc.): I am attending California University of Pennsylvania, and I will be studying nursing. I am also swimming for them.

Favorite words of advice: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." (Mark Twain)

Most Influential person/event in your life to this point: The most influential people in my life are my mom and dad. The most influential event has been being a committee chair for Relay for Life.

Jessica Knight

High School attended:
Turpin High School

How long have you been at St. Timothy's?: 17 years

Interests/activities in and out of school: Softball, Soccer, Art.

Memories of St. Timothy's: El Hogar, Both trips to ASP, Starbursts

How has your experience of God changed as you've grown towards adulthood? It has given me something constant in my life.

Post-graduation plans (college, area of study, etc.): University of Cincinnati for Marketing

Favorite words of advice: Color outside the lines.

Most Influential person/event in your life to this point: My mom



Matthew Lancaster



High School attended:
New Richmond High School

How long have you been at St. Timothy's?: 6 years

Interests/activities in and out of school: Soccer, Choir, Academic Team, Young Life

Memories of St.

Timothy's: Appalachia Service Project: fun and a good learning experience.

Rite 13: did a good job furthering our knowledge of God.

How has your experience of God changed as you've grown towards adulthood? As I have grown I have become ever more consciously aware of God's presence in my life. When I was young, church was just a Sunday morning activity. Now that I am older after I have learned more about God, I have allowed him to take a more active role in my life.

Post-graduation plans (college, area of study, etc.):

I will go to Purdue University to study Engineering. I do not know what discipline of Engineering I will specialize in yet. I will be part of the Glee Club at Purdue and will also possibly play soccer.

Favorite words of advice: Know what is really important in life. A simple set of priorities, as well as the ability to let go of those things that do not matter, can make any life much better.

Most Influential person/event in your life to this point: My father has been the most influential person in my life. He is a good man with a good perspective on life and has taught me to be a better man in turn.

Laura Masters

High School attended: Glen Este

How long have you been at St. Timothy's?: 18 years

Interests/activities in and out of school: Marching band, Concert band, NHS, Freshmen mentoring, Saturday academy, Volunteering at the League for Animal Welfare, Reading, Shopping, Hanging out with friends, Listening to music.

Memories of St. Timothy's: Vacation Bible School,



Helping my mom teach Sunday School, Volunteering at Phil's Place with Heather B, Skiing at Perfect North with Rite 13, Spending time with Roger on the journey to Confirmation.

How has your experience of God changed as you've grown towards adulthood? As I have

matured, I have learned to think more independently

and develop my own beliefs about God, religion and faith.

Post-graduation plans (college, area of study, etc.):

Miami University to major in Business

Favorite words of advice: "A minute can change your life and a moment can make it right." and "It's the moment that you think you can't, you'll discover that you can."

Most Influential person/event in your life to this point:

My mother for always supporting me and encouraging me to follow my dreams and do my best.

Sarah Nelson

High School attended:

Anderson High School

How long have you been at St. Timothy's?:

1990-present

Interests/activities in and out of school:

Soccer, Basketball, Dodgeball (school club), Newspaper and Yearbook, Reading NEED, Running

Memories of St.

Timothy's: El Hogar and the "Big & Thick" crew

How has your experience of God changed as you've grown towards adulthood? I like to think I've become a lot more open-minded; other than that I'm not really sure. It's hard to notice the change in yourself.

Post-graduation plans (college, area of study, etc.):

I'm attending the University of South Carolina, studying Journalism.



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Favorite words of advice: Everything will be okay in the end, if it's not okay, it's not the end.

Most Influential person/event in your life to this point: My parents: we're a lot alike.

Nikki Robertson



High School attended:
Amelia High School

How long have you been at St. Timothy's?:
5 years

Interests/activities in and out of school: Sleeping, Volunteering for various things, Hanging out with friends, Watching Spongebob

Memories of St. Timothy's: Every single one of the mission trips I have been on. Getting a concussion from the make-shift Slip 'n Slide. Digging trenches all 3 years of ASP. Living with the boys and girls at El Hogar.

How has your experience of God changed as you've grown towards adulthood? I have learned that even through terrible experiences you can still see God, many times in a way that was unexpected.

Post-graduation plans (college, area of study, etc.): Ohio University. Major: Biomedical or Civil Engineering.

Favorite words of advice: "Don't let them get you down." — Nickel Eye (band)

Most Influential person/event in your life to this point: Everyone that I have ever interacted with, whether it was good or bad, has helped to shape me into the person I am now.

Maddie Stoehr

High School attended: Cincinnati Country Day School

How long have you been at St. Timothy's?: 16 years

Interests/activities in and out of school: Rowing, Soccer, Snowboarding, Sailing, Canoeing trips



Memories of St. Timothy's: Confirmation, Ski trips, Overnights

How has your experience of God changed as you've grown towards adulthood? By going to St. Tim's it has taught me a lot of values and morals, which helps me in my daily life.

Post-graduation plans (college, area of study, etc.): Going to Miami University, major undecided

Favorite words of advice: Don't take anything too seriously

Most Influential person/event in your life to this point: Both my parents

Zach Wirmel

High School attended: Goshen High School

How long have you been at St. Timothy's?: 13 years

Interests/activities in and out of school: Football, Baseball, E.T.S., O.W.E., Demolay

Memories of St. Timothy's: El Hogar trip, Perfect North Slopes, Lock-ins, Being an acolyte and usher, Children's Choir, Vacation Bible School

How has your experience of God changed as you've grown towards adulthood? Love others better like at El Hogar

Post-graduation plans (college, area of study, etc.): N.A.D.C. (Nashville Automotive Diesel College) or the Army

Favorite words of advice: Think about stuff before you do it. If you have to think about it, it's probably wrong.

Most Influential person/event in your life to this point: My grandfather and my mother





Sunday, July 5:

***Welcome The Rev. Dcn. Christopher Richardson
and Mission Trip Celebration***

On Sunday, July 5, we will welcome our new staff member, The Rev. Dcn. Christopher Richardson, and there will be an ASP (Appalachia Service Project) and El Hogar mission trip celebration in the Parish Hall during the Coffee Hour. Mission participants are encouraged to bring photographs to share. Missionaries will share their experiences and refreshments will be served. Please join us!

El Hogar Mission Trip

Julia Baggish
Caitlin Britt
Megan Fishbaugh
Holly Flake
Andrew Greene
Nancy Hopkins-Greene
Kevin McGraw
John Mullin
Laney Neal
Ann Nelson
Eric Nelson
Kristen Nelson
John Robinson
Katie Streit
Stu Streit

ASP Mission Trip

Graham Ballinger
Meredith Ballinger
Dana Biggs
Joan Biggs
Monica Blanco
Molly Burkhalter
Daniel Cipollone
Regan Colaner
Haley Combs
Laura Cook
Maddie D'Agostino
Rich Dalgewicz
Ellie Eckert
Harry Eisenlohr
John Eisenlohr
Megan Fishbaugh

Shawn Fishbaugh
Mike Frank
Laura Frey
Chris Gardner
Roger Greene
Erick Harback
Jack Harback
Josh Harness
Beth Hickenlooper
Torre Johansen
Alexa Johnson
Ally Jones
Reed Kaiser
Kristin Kessling
Steve Kimball
Emma Lancaster
Erica Lieser

Vinney Male
Amelia Mulder
Elizabeth Mulder
Michael Mulder
Robby Noyes
Brian Nwaobasi
Chris Price
Christopher Richardson
Hannah Roodhouse
Cam Rothhaas
Will Schoel
Dylan Stark
Austin Swan
Erin Swanson
Ben Versoza
Charles Versoza

St. Timothy's Church School Needs YOU!

Our goal for the children and youth of St. Timothy's is a loving experience while learning about God, the Bible and Episcopal liturgy. God loves our kids and we want them to know it! We have several opportunities available in 2009/2010 Church School year.

Catechist Assistants—Help the lead Catechist and work with children (3 years old to 6th grade) in a Montessori environment, two Sundays or more a month September-May. Training session in late August/early September.

Family Sunday Coordinators—Coordinate a Family Sunday (3 during the school year—topics and help provided); planning logistics and snacks, working with volunteers to provide an inter-generational event for the whole family. Take responsibility for one or more!

Youth Leaders—Rite 13—Lead the great group of 7th and 8th graders through 2 years of learning about God in their world—Sunday mornings September through May.

Being involved in the Church School program is so rewarding and fun—adults learn as much as the kids! Don't be afraid if you don't know enough, if you love God and the children and youth you've got the basic skills, everything else you can learn. Contact Judy Gardner today (474-4445 or churchschool@sainttimothys.com).

Planned Giving Committee Update

Endow: To make a grant of money to provide for continuing support.

Since January, a group of parishioners who strongly believe St. Timothy's should be endowed with financial resources to continue and expand its mission have been meeting to lay the legal groundwork for a Planned Giving Committee, an arm of the Parish's Development Committee. The focus of the Planned Giving Committee will be to safeguard and grow the Endowment Fund that already exists and encourage parishioners to consider supporting the Endowment Fund either through a special gift or by remembering St. Timothy's in their estate plans.

St. Timothy's Endowment Fund was set up in 1978. That previous parishioners had the foresight to establish the Fund is witness to our parish's faith in the church's mission and future vision. The Fund embodies the hope and confidence that St. Timothy's will continue for future generations.

The Planned Giving Committee is charged with preserving the principal of the fund and maximizing the income earned. Once the Fund's balance reaches a sufficient level to distribute income from the investments, the Planned Giving Committee will accept funding proposals from the Vestry and distribute funds in the following areas:

- Youth ministries
- Outreach ministries
- Music program
- Maintenance of the physical plant of the Parish
- Other purposes as designated by donors, including providing seed money for new ministries and special one-time projects

At the May 18th Vestry meeting, the enabling documents were approved to form the Planned Giving Committee. Six committee members were appointed: Ellie Berghausen, Dan Bird, Peter Briggs, Sally Greytak, Jerry Eichert and Jim Russell. The Rector Roger Greene, the Vestry's Senior Warden (Brian Wildman) and the Development Committee's Chair (Pat Ryan) also serve as *ex officio* members of the Planned Giving Committee. At the Annual Meeting in January 2010, the Parish will vote to ratify these appointments.

Next on the agenda for the Planned Giving Committee is to provide more in-depth information to the Parish about planned giving in general, and specifics on how individuals can invest in St. Timothy's future through gifts to its Endowment Fund.

If you have questions about the Planned Giving Committee, about its purpose or plans, please don't hesitate to call one of the members. They are looking forward to assisting in advancing the mission of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. ♦

An Anonymous Psalm

How careful, Lord

I must be
not to fill my prayers to you
with woeful tales.

But rather simply to celebrate
with you, Lord, the
blessings that you've created to fill every crevice
of my life.

But Lord, I can but often wonder if
you hear me
or if yours is a deaf ear
when I call out
and my poor plea simply
echoes off into some
Unimaginable darkness.

Sometimes when I least
expect and when my
defenses are in shambles
troubles flow into my heart like a
stream of sadness over which
I cannot leap.

I often turn to you for peace;
for a quieting of the unrest
that rages somewhere deep inside.
And you offer a peace that passes
all understanding.
But I ask how then, O Gracious Lord, will I
ever come to know it?

Yet I am assured somehow that you
are with me,
Even when for whatever reason
our hands are out of touch
and you seem so very far away.

Even then you, Lord in your
abiding mercy, find a way
to reignite the fires of hope and faith
and love that we do desperately seek and need.
And I? I marvel once again at
Your indescribable generosity.

Parish News & Announcements

Baptisms

On May 31 we welcomed into the church **Lily Catherine Bishop**, daughter of Stephanie and Steven Bishop; **Sage Olivia Ariana Casey**, daughter of Jessika and Marcus Casey; **Ethan James Lefker**, son of Caroline and Harry Lefker II; **Lincoln Richard Schisler**, son of Heather and Toby Schisler; and **Abigail Lynn White** and **Rebecca Lauren White**, daughters of Caryn and Michael White. On June 14 we welcomed into the church **Sophia Grace Crum** and **William Auston Crum**, children of Lauren Kroeger

and Robert Crum; **Alana Grace Ducker**, daughter of Mike and Joanna Ducker; and **Maxwell Grey Robertson** and **Addison Elaine Robertson**, children of Daniel and Rachel Robertson. *Welcome to the household of faith!* ♦

Weddings

Congratulations to **Nathan Zyduck** and **Elizabeth Haskin** who were married at St. Timothy's on May 30; and to **Anson Isaacs** and **Amelia Keller** who were married at St. Timothy's on June 13. ♦

New Website

Check out St. Timothy's new website! You can still find us at www.sainttimothys.com, but we have a whole new look! This is *your* website and we want it to be as informative and helpful as possible. The website is evolving, so please direct any comments or suggestions to Theresa Kimball at 474-4445 or secretary@sainttimothys.com. Many thanks to Paul Rank for maintaining our website the past several years and to Pete Annable for all the time and talent he devoted to creating our exciting, new website! ♦

Budget Report

Income & Expense Report			
5 Months Ended May 31, 2009			
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Pledges	\$235,599	\$207,200	\$ 28,399
All Other Income	50,146	40,690	9,456
TOTAL INCOME	285,745	247,890	37,855
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Personnel	178,309	174,436	3,873
Insurance, Maintenance, Utilities	50,704	44,619	6,085
Office Services	17,136	13,699	3,437
Altar Guild, Fellowship, H&W	2,190	2,410	(220)
Programs	7,126	6,592	534
Outreach Budget	17,922	18,367	(445)
Diocesan Assessment	53,314	53,314	0
Other	16	63	(47)
TOTAL EXPENSES	326,717	313,500	13,217
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ (40,972)	\$ (65,610)	\$ 24,638



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The Rev. Roger S. Greene *Rector*
The Rev. Heather B. Wiseman *Associate*
The Rev. Dcn. Ellen P. Cook *Deacon*
The Rev. Dcn. Mooydeen Frees
Pastoral Care Coordinator
The Rev. Dcn. Christopher Richardson
Associate for Youth Spiritual Formation
Philip D. Clary *Organist/Choir Director*
Paul Rank *Outreach Facilitator*
Judy Gardner *Director of*
Children and Youth Spiritual Formation
Ruth Franke *Parish Administrator*
Theresa Kimball *Parish Secretary*

St. Timothy's Vestry and Wardens

Brian Wildman, Senior Warden
John Rudolph, Junior Warden

Vestry Members

Tom Amrine Alicia Kimball
Peter Annable Brandi Nierling
Don Buckley Debbie Rathsack
Patty Carr Barbara Ryan
David Dreisbach Debbie Spaulding
Joe Jeffcott Mike Voris

St. Timothy's Schedule of Services

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (no music)
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00 a.m. Church School for all ages
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Office Information

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Parish Support Services

Remember, your parish family is here for you in emergencies or just when you want to "touch base."

Prayer Chain: MOOYDEEN FREES (513-474-4445, ext. 20; prayerchain@sainttimothys.com) who sees that requests are circulated throughout the Prayer Chain, a network of 23 parishioners who, on a confidential basis, offer daily intercessory prayer for you and your loved ones with special needs;

Emergency Home-Cooked Meals: JERRI SPURLOCK is the coordinator of a group of dedicated parishioners who provide a couple of short-term, home-cooked meals for parishioners, individuals or families in immediate need of such support. Referrals to her come only through the clergy. If you are in need of a couple of home-cooked meals or know of another parishioner who might use some, please contact a member of clergy.

Friendly Visitors: KAKI MCCLANAHAN who arranges for a Friendly Visitor to make visits and/or phone calls to parishioners. A range of ministries, from assistance with paperwork and other tasks, to listening, games, and conversation, may be provided;

Health and Wellness Coordinator: SUE RANK who oversees health ministries, including Parish Nurse, and the Health and Wellness Cmt.;

Transportation to 11:15 Service: DEBBI KERN who arranges for volunteers to furnish transportation to the 11:15 service for non-driving parishioners who live within a reasonable distance.

Stephen Ministry: DONNA PASSICK who, as Stephen Ministry coordinator, arranges for trained Stephen Ministers to provide listening and care for the sick, shut-ins and those in crisis.