



SAINT TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE CROSSBEAM

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The Other Way. . .

For a few years now the Vestry has been struggling with what to do with our facility. In the late nineties, we refurbished and expanded our facility to empower our ministry. I think it is fair to say that what we needed to do at that time was fairly self-evident. There was a lot of deferred maintenance that needed to be addressed; there was a shortage of classroom space and administrative space; and we needed a place to gather before and after services. The community adopted a plan to address these needs and we raised \$2,000,000 to complete the project.

I think the situation is much more complicated now. For example, on the one hand we have inadequate meeting space, especially on Sunday morning. POLO (Parents of Little Ones) meets in a cramped space, a few of the rooms in the old wing are marginal at best for group meetings, and the Parish Hall is not conducive to small group meetings. This problem has been compounded by the wonderful growth of our *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* program (Pre-K—6th), which requires dedicated space, and therefore limits the use of that same space for other purposes. On the other hand, whereas 10 years ago our teenage groups needed dedicated space Sunday morning, they are as likely to be meeting at Panera, The Anderson Nursing Home, or the Drop-Inn Center on a Sunday morning as they are to be meeting here, if they meet on Sunday morning at all.

The major complicating factor in making decisions about the facility is an awareness of the changing nature of the church's ministry. This becomes clear every time the Vestry has a conversation about the Parish Hall. Years ago this church and most others focused on how to bring people in the door on Sunday morning. Therefore, good worship and quality Christian education would do the trick. We lived under the assumption that most people in our neighborhood wake up on Sunday morning wondering where they are going to go to church. Those days are long gone. An increasingly large segment of the population has no church background and therefore isn't thinking about which church to join. However, the same people are longing to be more deeply connected to other people and to satisfy an unexplained hunger. Is it possible that a reconfigured Parish Hall might be a place that would help us connect with people who would never think of walking into the sanctuary on a Sunday morning? What if it were a space open to the community with coffee, high-speed internet, a bookstore, and a lot of hospitality? Could such a space be the welcoming arms of Christ to people who are struggling to survive in an increasingly lonely world?

As we think about the nature of our future ministry, we might also think about how we connect with the people who already walk through our doors Monday through Saturday. Right now eleven 12-step groups meet here throughout the week. What if we had a concierge-like arrangement set up in the hallway outside the Parish Hall, including coffee, and a member of our community welcoming everyone who walked into this space. "Welcome to St. Timothy's! Can I help you? Do you know where your group is meeting? Would you like a cup of coffee for the road?" I can't believe that some of those people wouldn't leave here amazed and saying "We have never seen anything like this! (Mk 2. 12)." Are we hoping that these people will one day show up on Sunday morning? I am always hoping that people will show up here or at another church on Sunday, but whether they do or not we will have touched them with the generous love of Christ.

The Vestry and I would love to hear any thoughts you have about our facility and our ministry. Please pray for the ministry we share. I look forward to walking with you this Holy Week and Easter.

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.

Palm Saturday: April 16, 9:15 a.m.-Noon

Thanks to the heartfelt generosity of a parishioner St. Timothy's presents a morning of worship and activities for children ages 3 years to 4th grade. The event features the "Prayer Walk," a re-enactment of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. We will also make communion bread, dye eggs, make crosses and butterflies and a banner for Palm Sunday. Cost per child is \$5.00. **Register at St. Timothy's website** (www.sainttimothys.com). Contact Judy Gardner (children@sainttimothys.com or 474-4445, ext. 17) if you have questions or can help with any of the Palm Saturday activities. ♦

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday, April 17

8:00 a.m. The Liturgy of the Palms,
Holy Eucharist and Sermon
9:00 a.m. The Liturgy of the Palms,
Holy Eucharist, Sermon and Music
11:15 a.m. The Liturgy of the Palms,
Holy Eucharist, Sermon and Music



*with the laying on of hands and
prayers for healing
(child care available
8:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m.)*
5:00 p.m. The Liturgy of
the Palms,
Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Monday, April 18

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Tuesday, April 19

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Wednesday, April 20

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Maundy Thursday, April 21

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Sermon
and the Washing of Feet
(child care provided)



Good Friday, April 22

12:00 noon The Way of the Cross
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
and Sermon
(child care provided in the evening)

Holy Saturday, April 23

7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil
of Easter
*Followed by an Easter Celebration
in the Gathering Space
(no child care)*



Easter Day, April 24

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sermon and Music
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sermon and Music
(child care available 8:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m.)
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Easter Offering

This year's Easter Offering will support this June's Appalachia Service Project (ASP) trip. ASP is a home repair ministry with the goal of helping people who can't afford to help themselves by making their homes warmer, safer and dryer. Adults from the parish travel with junior and senior high school youth during the summer and assist in the projects. ♦

30-Hour Famine

by Erik Nelson

So I'm sitting at school after swim practice one night, and I get a call from my youth leader, Christopher Richardson. "St Timothy's is hosting the 30-Hour Famine retreat this year," he says. "How would you like to be on staff?" Having thoroughly enjoyed myself at the last 30-Hour Famine at St. James in Westwood, my answer is



weekend. The most amazing thing by far was how the participants came together as a community. At the beginning, most of the kids probably knew one or two other people. Yet by the end, we had all become pretty



fast friends. I think the greatest factor in the formation of this community was mutual suffering. In other words, "we're all starving and miserable, so why don't we join together and have fun being starving and miserable!"

an emphatic "YES!" Spending a weekend with 25 cranky, starving kids? I wouldn't miss it for the world.

The 30-Hour Famine is a retreat and fundraiser sponsored by World Vision, a non-profit organization, designed to raise awareness for the impoverished and money for the hungry. At this retreat, participants fast for 30 hours in an act of solidarity with the marginalized people of our world. Yes, the idea sounds absolutely brutal. Who in their right mind would willingly starve themselves for 30 hours, right? Well, as I learned, to take on such a daunting task, one must be flexible, amiable...and slightly insane.

Fast-forward to 5:30 p.m. on February 25. I'm sitting at the registration table with

Anny Stevens-Gleason, anxiously waiting for the first few participants to arrive. Actually, I was just anxious. Anxious about whether or not the participants would enjoy themselves, anxious about how, or even if, the kids would mesh together to form a community. Most of all, I worried that our goal of raising \$3000 was totally unattainable.

Did I need to worry? Nope. We raised approximately \$4000. However, that's not even the best part about the



And that leads to the other thing that made this weekend extremely memorable: the willingness of the participants to branch out of their comfort zone and try new things.

Whether it be singing new songs, being totally silent for 30 minutes (something unheard of in our go-go-go society), or even spending time talking with the elderly, the participants were always willing to try something new. Without that flexibility, the retreat wouldn't have been half as awesome.

Many thanks to the following: St. Timothy's, for hosting the event and trusting us not to break anything important;

Christopher Richardson, for overseeing the whole event and ironing out the numerous little wrinkles in the schedule; the chaperones, for making sure the event went as smoothly as possible; and the rest of the youth staff from St. Timothy's, for attending all of the planning

meetings and creating this tremendously incredible retreat (y'all are awesome!).

However, the participants are definitely the most deserving of laude. Without you guys, there wouldn't even have been a 30-Hour Famine. ♦



One Voice for El Hogar



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Come Celebrate the Life-Changing Ministry of El Hogar

Join us for an inspirational fundraiser for El Hogar benefiting the teachers and programs that change the lives of 250 children in Honduras. This evening of music will include various music groups, including St. Timothy's Youth Choir, Spikenard (Church of the Redeemer Rock Band), St. Barnabas Jazz Ensemble, Christ Church Glendale Girls Choir, and music from Calvary, Clifton. Claudia Castro, Director of El Hogar, will share stories about the transformational power of El Hogar.

The event will raise funds through ticket sales \$25.00 per person or \$50.00 per family, choir sponsorship, and a raffle for an El Hogar quilt.

**Sunday May 1, 2011
6:30pm,
St. Timothy's**

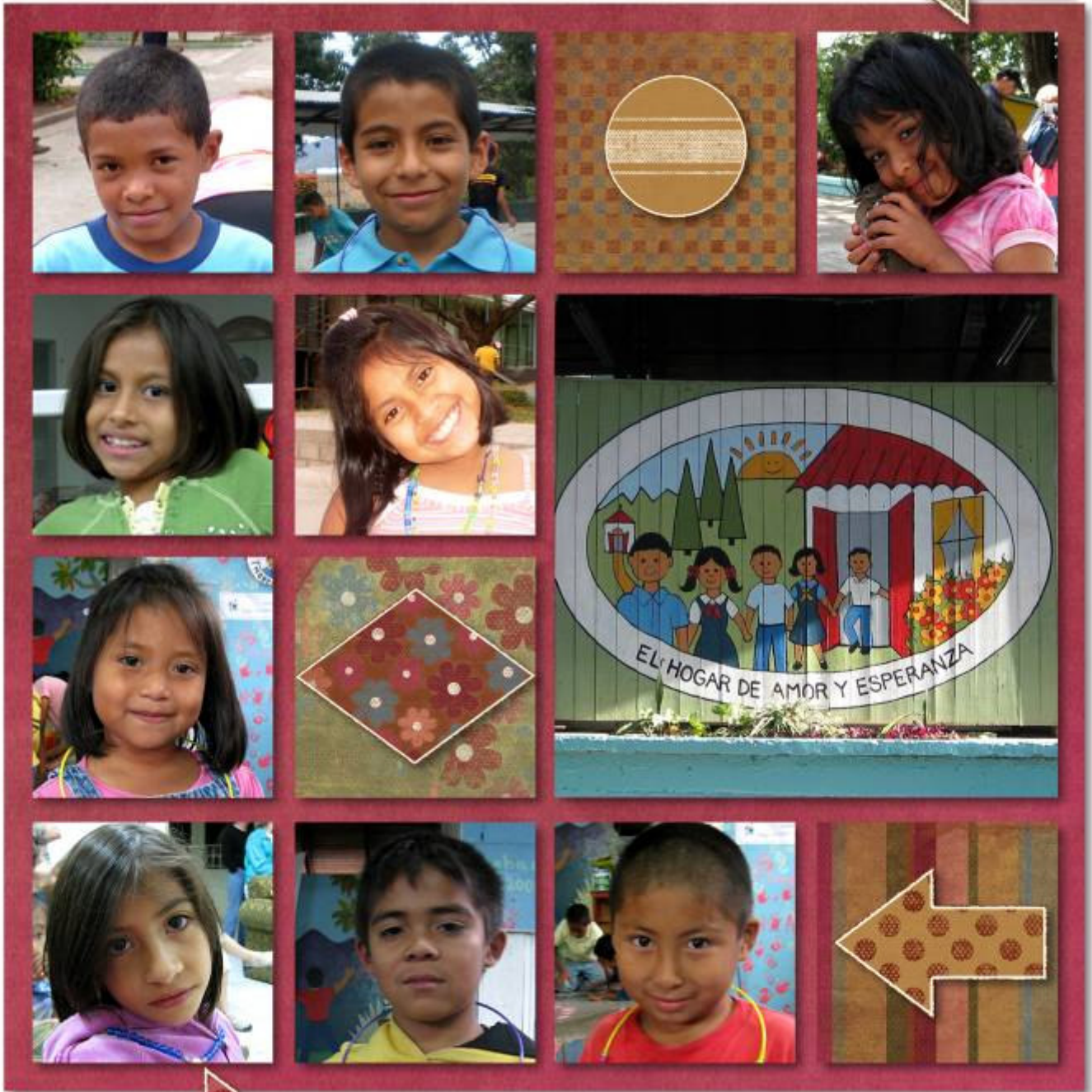
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**St. Timothy's, Anderson Township
Church of the Redeemer, Hyde Park
Calvary, Clifton
Christ Church, Glendale
St. Barnabas, Montgomery**

Tickets available
at sponsoring churches
and online at
www.sainttimothys.com

250 Children Adopted for Lent!



El Hogar Thanks You!!

The cost of providing education for the 250 children at El Hogar is \$5/child per day. During Lent, we invited each of you to adopt at least one child for a week (five school days). **Thanks to your generosity all the children have been adopted for Lent!** If you took a child's picture and envelope from the bulletin board, please remember to turn in your \$25 donation by Easter Sunday. Checks should be made payable to St. Timothy's with "El Hogar Adopt a Child" in the memo line. You are welcome to keep the child's photo, but please write the child's name on the envelope when turning in your donation.

Easy Pledge Payments

A number of parishioners have asked about how they might have their bank make their pledge payments (i.e., send the payment to St. Timothy's and charge their bank account). Two methods are actually available: (1) an electronic funds transfer from the bank to the church, with a charge to the parishioner's bank account for the amount of the transfer, and (2) a bill payment, in which the bank sends a check to the church and charges the parishioner's bank account. Method number 1 requires the church to set up an account with the bank, and the bank charges the church a fee for each transaction. St. Timothy's is not set up to do this and hesitates to undertake this method because of the cost involved. Method number 2, usually identified as "bill pay" by the bank, is being used currently by a number of parishioners; the bank issues a check to St. Timothy's, charges the parishioner's account only for the amount of the check, and does not charge either the parishioner or the church a fee for the transaction. If you choose to use "bill pay" (you can do so by going to the bank's website) to make your pledge payments to the church, use your envelope number as the account number when you set up the payment. You can set up the payments to occur on a regular interval (e.g., weekly, monthly or whatever frequency you choose). Most set up weekly or monthly transactions. The church encourages regular payment of pledges to keep cash flow even throughout the year. ♦

Budget Report

Preliminary Income & Expense Report 3 Months Ended March 31, 2011			
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Pledges	\$191,701	\$169,700	\$22,001
All Other Income	21,989	19,280	2,709
TOTAL INCOME	213,689	188,980	24,709
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Personnel	102,770	103,535	(765)
Insurance, Maintenance, Utilities	30,923	34,787	(3,864)
Office Services	10,537	10,817	(280)
Altar Guild, Fellowship, H&W	4,559	58	4,501
Programs	2,077	2,554	(477)
Outreach Budget	2,820	6,150	(3,330)
Diocesan Assessment	32,911	32,911	0
Other	85	0	85
TOTAL EXPENSES	186,681	190,812	(4,131)
OVERALL TOTAL	\$27,008	\$(1,832)	\$28,840

Where Do I See God?

Reflections were offered by St. Timothy's 6th graders at the 9:00 a.m. service in recent months. The kids were asked to share "Where I See God." Other reflections can be found in the Feb-March 2011 issue of The Crossbeam.

Hello, my name is Brooks Nieberding. I am 11 years old and in the 5th grade at Sherwood Elementary. My family and I have been members of this church for 10 years. Soon to be 11. I was only 6 months old when my mom, dad and I moved here from Atlanta, Georgia. I started the atrium program when I was about 3 years old.

This church has been very nourishing to me and I love being a member here.

How I have found God in the atrium.

The atrium has helped me to learn about my church, to make new friends, and to have a better understanding of Christ and how he can be a part of my daily life.

Everybody is so helpful here at St. Timothy's, especially my teachers who have been the ones who have helped me learn about God and about my responsibilities as a Christian. God has inspired me to do a lot of things in my life and I try to be a better person and to live as God has taught me.

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Parish News & Announcements

In Memorium

On February 23, parishioner **Victoria Gray** died. A celebration of her life and witness was held at St. Timothy's on March 5. On March 31, parishioner **Kyle Webb, Jr.** died. A celebration of his life and witness was held at St. Timothy's on April 4. ♦

Baptisms

On March 6, we welcomed into the church **Chloe Maeve, Eden Faith and Hannah Grace Callahan**, daughters of David and Danielle Callahan, and **Luke Sterling Leopard**, son of Matt and Catherine Leopard. *Welcome to the household of faith!* ♦

Wedding

Congratulations to **Mary Ann Firth and Paul Rank** who were married at St. Timothy's on April 10. ♦

New Life

Congratulations to **Joseph and Kristen Hamilton** on the January 4 birth of **Nolan Richard**; to **Daniel and Rachel Robertson** on the February 5 birth of **Isabell Mary**; to **Samantha Dunn and Zach Wirmel** on the March 11 birth of **Makenah Ailene Leighann**; to **Matt and Lisa Zavodsky** on the March 12 birth of **Zoey Mae**; and to **Chris and Renee Brown** on the March 26 birth of **Richard Malcolm**. ♦

IPM's Soup Bowl Celebration—May 14

Join us for Inter Parish Ministry's (IPM) Soup Bowl Celebration "Hope Blooms" on Saturday, May 14. This year's event will be held at Camp Friedlander in Loveland and will feature University of Cincinnati's President Gregory H. Williams, gourmet soups, unique auction items

and the coveted hand-painted soup bowls! For more information or to reserve a space visit www.interparish.org or call 561-3932. Reservation deadline is May 6. ♦

Vacation Bible School

**June 20-24, 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
SonSurf Beach Bash VBS!**

Vacation Bible School needs Volunteer Leaders for Preschool Classes (3-year-olds), Opening Skit, Decorating (all work done before VBS), Crafts & Science. Judy can give you all of the materials for you to plan now! **To sign up to volunteer or to register your child, visit our website** (www.sainttimothys.com), click on Children & Youth, Vacation Bible School, and follow the links. For more information contact Judy Gardner (474-4445, ext. 17, or children@sainttimothys.com). ♦

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We have learned the Ten Commandments and have been taught to use it as a guide for our lives. As a result of the Haiti earthquake, we did a bake sale to raise money for the survivors. This taught me how to give and to be thankful for what I have in life. I have also learned that we should never take life for granted and that we are very fortunate to live where we do.

Also, in the atrium we are building a labyrinth as a place to meditate and to be at peace in silence. This can be a time of reflection. In every atrium I have learned something new about God and his creation.

I have also learned about the Episcopal Church and why we do some of the things we do, especially the meaning of

Holy Communion. We have learned songs of praise, we have baked bread, we have served communion and we have read Bible lessons. I am continually learning about how God created things on this earth and how he expects us to care for his creation.

One of my favorite psalms is the 23rd Psalm. It starts "The Lord is my shepherd. . ." and really when I think about it — that is all I need to know. . . .

I feel like I am truly a member of St. Timothy's church family and more importantly God's family and — I mean, who doesn't love eating Starbursts every Sunday?!?

I'd like to thank everyone who is so devoted to the young people in this church. Thank you. ♦