

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

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Minister's Corner

Trust

Have you ever stood at the corner of a busy intersection waiting for the light to change? You keep your eyes fixed on that light as if your life depended upon your getting across the street as soon as the red light turns to green. I read about a man, waiting to cross a busy street. His attention was attracted by a small figure jumping up and down beside him. This little person, about three years of age, was quite oblivious to traffic regulations. He was more engrossed in inspecting a crack in the pavement and in straining his neck to look up at the clouds floating by in the sky. He was not worried nor did he particularly care about getting safely to the other side of the street because his hand was in his mother's hand.

This incident reminds me of the story concerning Peter walking upon the water. (Matthew 8). When he became afraid and started to sink, he cried out "Lord, save me." At his cry, Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Like the child trusting his mother, so we must place our trust in Christ. He knows when the light is green; He will lead us quietly and gently over the many crossings which may lie ahead of us in 2017. In Him the impossible tasks and the impossible challenges will be met and overcome. Rev Floyd

The Way Forward

The congregation met on October 30th and was asked to consider major building repairs and how to finance them. But before deciding those two matters, the congregation was asked, by way of three questions, its views on the future viability of St. Timothy's. The question and responses are as follows (one person did not respond to the third part of the question):

Does the St Timothy's congregation have a viable future.....

	Yes	No	Cannot Say
1. As a place of worship?	26	6	3
2. In its contribution to the community?	30	4	1
3. Financially?	8	8	18

The Board of Managers and Session have reviewed this congregational response and have decided that St. Timothy's will proceed with the "status quo", which can be described as going forward without any significant change. On the basis that St. Timothy's will continue as a viable congregation in its existing building, St. Timothy's will carry out repairs to its building as required, by drawing on general funds, and by raising funds from within the congregation, and by any other means determined by the Stewardship Committee and Session to be appropriate. This "status quo" option will be reviewed annually at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Flat Roof Replacement

One of the major repairs needed to our building is to replace the flat roof over the offices and the Goforth Room. The roof has been leaking and water has soaked the roof insulation, resulting in mould growth and an unpleasant smell in the building. The work was completed just before Christmas. Stewardship Committee has initiated a fundraising plan to cover the cost of this repair. If you are interested in supporting this fundraising endeavour, please indicate on your donations that they be directed to the "Flat Roof Replacement Fund". Thank you for your generosity.

Worship Services

Sunday Worship Service.....Jan 1, 10am
Sunday Worship Service
& African Chorus.....Jan 8, 10am
Sunday Worship Service.....Jan 15, 10am
Sunday Worship Service.....Jan 22, 10pm
Sunday Worship Service.....Jan 29, 10am

Up-coming Events

Prayer Sundays, 8:30am
Sunday School Service Jan 15, 10am

Church Groups

Afternoon Circle break till Feb
Arabic Bible Study..... Sundays, noon
Craft Group..... Jan 9, 16, 23, 30, 2pm
JOY Group..... Jan 17, 10am
Junior Youth Group Jan 29, 11am
Not So Young Adult Group Jan 8, 11am
Senior Youth Group..... Jan 21, 10am