

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

Minister's Corner

The Light Shines In Darkness: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:5

When Jesus was born, the world saw only a poor baby from an unknown family lying homeless in the stable feeding trough of a crowded Inn. There was no reason to think that darkness and evil would recede with his arrival.

But there were a few who saw things differently: angels sang in a heavenly chorus, shepherds came and rejoiced, important people brought gifts and worshipped. These saw beyond Jesus' humble circumstances. God revealed to them that though this Light seemed fragile and flickering, it would shine in the darkness and the darkness of the fallen world would never overcome it.

This Jesus would grow up to be the faithful shepherd of his people, guiding them safely through the valley of the shadow of death by taking their punishment on himself. His death and resurrection would make him not King of the Jews, but King of Kings and Lord of Lords as He triumphed over sin and all the powers of darkness.

How could those in Bethlehem believe that this baby was from God, amid all the sounds and smells of a stable, when all that their eyes could see was the helpless child of a displaced couple? How can we believe in Him amid the multitude of modern day problems? We can believe because of the Word of God. Christ's coming was foretold in Scripture. It was supported by unique and dramatic ways as God spoke to the shepherds and wise men. We can celebrate each Christmas, and surely, each day, because God has reached out through that first Christmas, Good Friday and Easter to claim us for Himself. And the circumstances of life are incidental to the life of Jesus, that we experience on the inside. May you have a special and blessed Christmas. Rev. Floyd

St Timothy's Shines Jesus' Light

During last month's Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar, St Timothy's came together and brightly shone Jesus' light within us! The planning, organising, recruiting; the baking, cooking, preserving; the creating, collecting, sorting; the setting up, decorating, pricing; the greeting, selling, serving; the cleaning, taking down, counting; and finally, the well-deserved resting. Too many people to mention for fear of forgetting someone; young and old and middle-aged, all contributed with smiles, concerns, frustrations, determination, skill, eagerness, camaraderie. The coming together for one cause, raising funds so St Timothy's can continue to be a beacon of Jesus' light to the community, demonstrates our love of Christ, our trust in God's Word and our faith in God's amazing Grace. Well done everyone! We raised over \$6,700! We continue to shine Jesus' light within us as we celebrate the Light entering our world at the **Advent Preparatory Worship Service on December 1 at 7pm**, at the **Advent Worship Services each Sunday starting December 3 at 10am** and ending with the **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service December 24 at 7pm**. May Jesus' light within us shine brightly this Christmas!

Christmas Music and Story

Christmas is celebrated at St Timothy's with two traditional events: **9th Annual Community Concert and Carol Sing** and the **Christmas Pageant**. Join us **December 3 at 2pm** for an afternoon of Christmas music organised by Louise Thompson and Shirley Norris. Come enjoy the sounds of The FiVe Woodwind Quintet, Robin Moir and Joe Turner, Ron & Teresa Clark, Laura Lee Thompson, Quartetto Anomito, Dixie Road Ensemble, Rothwell Ringers, Linda Major and our own African Chorus and St Timothy's Choir. Then on **December 17 at 10am**, the worship service is lead by our youth and our Sunday school children star in the Christmas Pageant that tells how peace came into our world.

Worship Services

Advent Preparatory Worship Service Dec 1, 7pm
1st Advent Sunday
& Communion Worship Service Dec 3, 10am
2nd Advent Sunday Worship Service. Dec 10, 10am
3rd Advent Sunday Worship Service
& Pageant..... Dec 17, 10am
4th Advent Sunday Worship Service.. Dec 24, 10am
Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
& Communion..... Dec 24, 7pm
Sunday Worship Service..... Dec 31, 10am

Up-coming Events

Prayer Sundays, 8:30am
9th Annual Christmas Concert
& Carol Sing..... Dec 3, 2pm
Christmas Pageant Dec 17, 10am
Birthday Celebrations..... Dec 17, 11am

Church Groups

African Chorus Dec 10, 11am
Bible Study.....Nov 29, Dec 6 10am
Craft GroupBreak till January
Junior Youth Group Dec 10, 11am
Not So Young Adult Group .Break till January
Senior Youth Group.....Break till January
St Tim's Choir..... Dec 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 9am