

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

Minister's Corner

I was driving home down Granville Street in Vancouver. At one point I was in the fast lane when this SUV began to move from the center lane into my lane without looking. I hit the brakes and the horn at the same time. The other driver realized that something was going on and he moved back having come within inches (sorry millimeters) of my front end. When I drove up alongside I glanced over at him to see him covering his face from my view with his hand. He knew he did something wrong so he hid himself from whatever repercussions he thought would be coming his way.

It reminded me of some popular thinking. The world tells us that "sin" is an outdated concept. People today don't want to hear that they've done something wrong. People don't want their actions judged by anyone else, including God. Some church growth experts even suggest we should remove sin from our vocabulary because people are "turned off" by the very notion.

Let us not reject the doctrine of sin, not just because that would be bad theology, but it is also dehumanizing. God created us responsible beings. Our moral responsibility is one of the things that differentiates us from the animals. To hide from our sin, as that driver did, is a rejection of our responsibility to God and to humanity. The things we do and say do count in the world. Our sin has consequences. Thanks be to God that He forgives our sin in Jesus Christ, not by negating our responsibility, but bearing it Himself on the cross.

In a world where more and more people brush off their responsibility let us, as followers of Jesus, celebrate the fact that we are responsible to God, and glory in the salvation He gives us in Jesus. Rev. Grant Wilson

Who's in Charge?

God, of course. And by His Grace, St Tim's continues to function as usual. Though we are in between Ministers, Session, led by our Interim Moderator, Rev. Grant Wilson, continues to oversee and direct the various activities at our church. All Session committees continue to plan and organise their various activities. Rev. Grant hires Ministers to lead our Sunday Worship Services (see list of pulpit supply in the Worship Services section below). Elders, and Rev. Grant as required, tend to pastoral needs; just contact your Elder or the church office. All church groups continue to meet for spiritual fellowship. The Search Committee has completed a first round of interviews and will be reporting to Session in September.

Strange not to have a Minister at the helm? Perhaps. But always, God is with Us, Emmanuel. We are in good hands!

Food, Fun and Music

Corn on the cob, hot dogs and hamburgers! Don't miss the **Welcome Back BBQ** on **September 9** immediately following the worship service. Bring your lawn chairs. Free will offering to cover costs.

Baking and games! New this year are monthly **Fun Days** for children grades 1 to 8. **September 22 at 3pm** children will bake cupcakes, play games then eat some of those yummy cupcakes.

Wholesome breakfast! Come enjoy fellowship at the **Men's Breakfast** on **September 22 at 8:30am** featuring our Interim Moderator, Rev. Grant Wilson who will speak about his ministry in Cambodia.

Melodic sounds! Come hear the **Valley Men's Choir** on **September 29 at 2pm** (free will offering) followed by a **Bake Sale**. Proceeds in support of St Tim's.

Worship Services

Sunday Worship Service	
Rev. Phillip Robillard	.....Sep 2, 10am
Sunday Worship Service & African Chorus	
Mr. Ian Shugart	.....Sep 9, 10am
Sunday Worship Service	
Mr. Doug Simpson	..... Sep 16, 10am
Sunday Worship Service	
Mr. Ian Shugart	..... Sep 23, 10am
Sunday Worship Service	
Rev. John Fair	..... Sep 30, 10am

Upcoming Events

Welcome Back BBQ	.....Sep 9, 11am
Family Sunday School	.....Sep 16, 10am
Fun Day	.....Sep 22, 3pm
Men's Breakfast	..... Sep 22, 8:30am
Valley Men's Choir & Bake Sale	.....Sep 29, 2pm

Church Groups

African Chorus	Sep 2, 11am
Craft Group	Sep 10, 17, 24, 2pm
Day Bible Study	Sep 5, 12, 19, 26, 10am
Evening Bible Study	Sep 10, 24, 7pm
JOY Group	Sep 18, 10am
Not So Young Adult Group	Sep 9, 11am
Senior Youth Group	Sep 23, 8:30am
St Tim's Choir	Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 8:45am