

# Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

## Minister's Corner

Let me start with a true story. Tim, an 11-year-old boy, was becoming increasingly violent and aggressive with his friends at school and little sister at home. Tim's parents eventually discovered that their son was identifying with a hero character on his tablet. This influence extended beyond the allowed screen time: the hero's pictures and representations were available everywhere around him. 'This strong muscular figure is all that Tim wants to be' said the specialist. He saw himself to be that strong character, and quickly acted as one.

What kind of characters and images play an important role in your self-understanding or in understanding the world around you? Your initial answer might be, 'I am smarter than this.' But I am afraid, given the heavily image-loaded world we live in, it's almost impossible to avoid their impact. Today, we are all turned into visual learners, but instead of graphs, charts, maps and diagrams, we mostly see characters and human images such as models, celebrities, heroes, athletes and successful people. Everything is marketed to us this way starting from technology to washing detergents. There is an ideal image for every situation. Our eyes and minds are being trained, everyday, to connect and look up to these ideals.

In the Old Testament, the book of 1 Samuel 16:7 says: "...God sees not as people see, for they look at the eye, but the LORD looks at the heart". We are invited to learn again, to look at the more important things in life, and to identify with them. Values, faith and meaningful relationships take some digging. They are not on the surface; they are at the heart level. We need to slowdown, cut the noise of consumeristic and celebrity culture, and look to live our life in a deeper and more meaningful way. May God give us the grace to live according to the calling of true disciples of Jesus Christ. Rev. Reine

## School Kits for Kids

Last year's Lenten mission project, **School Kits for Kids** aimed to provide school supplies to **100 children** in Kananga City and district in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The project met its goal and more! There was enough money to provide a partial tuition payment for all 100 students; some families used the savings to finance an income-generating venture, thus benefitting the entire family. The project coordinators used this opportunity to evangelise and saw an increase in attendance at church. Finally, the project caught the attention of the World Bank which has selected one of the schools for reconstruction. Like the fishes and the loaves, God multiplied our gifts! Praise God!

We are therefore repeating this Lenten mission project. **For \$20, you can give a child a school kit**, which goes a long way to making school more affordable. We would again be working with Diku-Dilenga ([www.diku-dilenga.org](http://www.diku-dilenga.org)), a non-governmental organisation, founded and directed by our very own Rev. Albert Twambe, and the Tshitoko Presbytery in Kananga City (Rev. Tambwe's home church in D.R. of Congo). The fundraising for this effort will run during Lent, **beginning March 10 and ending April 14**. Please make cheques payable to St Timothy's and indicate on the envelope or cheque "School Kits for Kids. The total fundraising goal is therefore \$2000.

## Spiritual Business & Spiritual Pleasure

There is a business side to our church: finances, building maintenance, reporting. The **Annual Congregational Meeting** is on **March 10 immediately following the worship service**. A light lunch will be provided for those attending the meeting. A free will offering is requested to offset the cost of the lunch.

For spiritual fun, join us for the **Bible Challenge & Pot Luck on March 30, 5:30pm**. Sign up to compete in the Bible Challenge featuring the following books: Genesis, Jonah, Ruth, Matthew, Philippians and James. If not up to the challenge, then come, watch and cheer on your favourite team. Then join in for a pot luck supper. Contact Nic Larouche to sign up for the Bible Challenge.

## Worship Services

Sunday Worship Service & Holy Communion.....	Mar 3, 10am
Ash Wednesday Service.....	Mar 6, 7pm
Sunday Worship Service & African Chorus.....	Mar 10, 10am
Sunday Worship Service.....	Mar 17, 10am
Sunday Worship Service.....	Mar 24, 10am
Sunday Worship Service .....	Mar 31, 10am

## Upcoming Events

Annual Congregational Meeting .....	Mar 10, 11am
Sunday School Service .....	Mar 17, 10am
Youth Fun Day.....	Mar 23, 3pm
Bible Challenge & Pot Luck ..	Mar 30, 5:30pm
Birthday Celebration .....	Mar 31, 11am

## Church Groups

African Chorus	Mar 3, 11am
Craft Group	Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, 2pm
Day Bible Study	Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, 10am
Evening Bible Study	Mar 11, 25, 7pm
JOY Group	Mar 19, 10am
Not So Young Adult Group	Mar 10, 11am
St Tim's Choir	Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 9am

# St Timothy's Pictorial



Youth Mission Project: Chilli Lunch



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Black History Service