

# Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

## Minister's Corner

**The stories we don't like to hear....** When children are 18 years old or so, they usually take off to pursue a degree or a profession. They leave the nests to try their wings against the wind.

When we leave home, we also leave behind the ones who know us best, who know our strengths and weaknesses. Moving away also means that no one will be able to bring up those weaknesses until they resurface somewhere, somehow. Until then, we may be tempted to believe they are not there anymore. 'It is something from the past' we might say, or even: 'it wasn't me; it was the environment where I was brought up.' So, the question becomes: 'how do we behave at that point?' Do we go into denial, and bring all kinds of excuses to legitimise burying them away from our eyes? Or, do we claim our strengths and weaknesses alike and work to find a way to help ourselves?

This, somehow, reflects our story with God. When humanity was younger, we learned about our strengths and weaknesses as we looked at the perfect image of God. The light exposed our imperfections and limitations. However, recently, we decided we want to move out and away from God. We sought 'peace' in a place where no one will bring up our weaknesses. But things are not going well! Being far from the light doesn't mean the imperfections are gone. It means we are too blind to see them.

How do we want to handle this? Do we want to go into denial or are we going to look for real solutions? God is still there. He is our loving heavenly father. He exposes, but he heals also! Do you want to come? I pray you say yes! Rev. Reine

## St Tim's Gardens

For those with a green thumb, late May and early June is a time to start gardening. The six vegetable plots on the church's front lawn are ready and waiting for new plants and seeds. Once again, the produce from one of the plots is reserved for Heron Emergency Food Centre. The children of St Timothy's will be planting that plot this year as part of their Fun Day themed: And God saw that it was good (God's creation). The garden will then be cared for by Ernie McArthur. There is still one plot available to let for \$30 which includes tilling and water.

Let's not forget the other, more colourful gardens at St Tim's! Overseen by Phoebe Gowdy, the flower gardens in front of the church, in the courtyard and at the back entrance greet us every week with new foliage, colour and fragrances.

Our lawns and trees, whose maintenance is overseen by the Board of Managers, is a wonderful place: for BBQ picnics, for children to run and play, for a chat in the shade.

## BBQ's! Yum!

The aromas wafting from a BBQ are so enticing! If you like BBQ's then St Tim's is the place for you!

Immediately following the **10am Youth Service**, join us for the **Summer BBQ at 11am on June 9**. This BBQ marks the end of the Sunday school year. Free will offering.

The Not So Young Adult Group invites everyone to their **Family BBQ on July 6 at noon**. Lots of food, games for kids and fun. Bring your appetites and lawn chairs.

The **Welcome Back BBQ on September 8 at 11am** heralds the start of a new church year after a summer of fun, travelling and relaxation. Free will offering.

May God bless you with a safe & warm summer!

**Church Groups:** Please note that, except for the Evening Bible Study, all church groups are on summer break in July and August.

### Worship Services

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| Sunday Worship &<br>Communion Service .....    | Jun 2, 10am  |
| Youth Worship Service &<br>African Chorus..... | Jun 9, 10am  |
| Sunday Worship Service.....                    | Jun 16, 10am |
| Sunday Worship Service.....                    | Jun 23, 10am |
| Sunday Worship Service.....                    | Jun 30, 10am |

### Upcoming Events

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| Communion Service .....     | Jun 2, 10am   |
| Youth Fun Day.....          | Jun 8, 3pm    |
| Youth Service .....         | Jun 9, 10am   |
| Summer BBQ.....             | Jun 9, 11am   |
| Pizza & Devotions.....      | Jun 17, 7pm   |
| Birthday Celebrations ..... | June 30, 11am |
| Family BBQ.....             | Jul 6, noon   |
| Welcome Back BBQ .....      | Sep 8, 11am   |

### Church Groups

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| African Chorus.....            | Jun 2, 11am         |
| Craft Group.....               | Jun 10, 17, 24, 2pm |
| Day Bible Study .....          | Jun 5, 12, 19, 10am |
| Evening Bible Study.....       | Jun 3, 17, 7pm      |
| JOY Group.....                 | Jun 18, 10am        |
| Not So Young Adult Group ..... | Jun 16, 11am        |
| Senior Youth .....             | Jun 17, 7pm         |
| St Tim's Choir .....           | Jun 2, 9, 9am       |