

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

Fun Fact!

The word "Thanksgiving" appears 30 times in the NIV version of the Bible.

The word first appears in Leviticus 7:13 as the Lord gives instructions related to the Fellowship Offerings the Israelites present to the Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord!

Minister's Corner

On September 4th, our little girl went to school for the first time. It was a sweet and sour day. As the big yellow bus moved away, I started to think of the past four years and all the things Michelle has learned to be ready for this day. Suddenly, it dawned on me how what she doesn't know can be so informative for adults. Children's 'ignorance' can teach us a great deal! Many examples come to mind:

- Babies can see colour from birth, but they don't see different social status or cultural barriers; thanks to us adults, they learn that later on in life.
- As adults, money has a central place in our life but babies and little children don't believe that life's biggest issue is money or how much we have of it; they don't judge people by the way they dress, look or talk.
- Little ones are dependent creatures; some people believe this is the very first thing babies are aware of and this is why it's very soothing for a baby to touch his or her mother; they feel safe. Dependency is a very early experience in our life, and a late one as well (we are dependent again when we're seniors). Who could convince us adults otherwise? How did we forgo this early lesson and come to believe the lie called autonomy and ignore our total dependence on God?
- Thankfully, babies don't hold on to our rigid standards of 'beauty'; babies smile at their moms when they wake up in the middle of the night with no makeup and with tired eyes; they love their smell without any deodorant or perfume. Why did we let commercial standards define beauty for us?
- As adults, we need to wear different hats each day to achieve our tasks and duties; sometimes we become so good at it that we start to wear different masks too.
- Transparency is innate to babies; they might not be able to tell you what they want, but they definitely depend on being who they are to let you know what they need so you can help them.

Why did the environment conquer some of our innate qualities? Why do we still allow it to do so? As Michelle's bus disappeared around the corner, I couldn't help but remember Jesus' saying: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3 (NIV). Rev. Reine

Feeding the thousands

We all know the story of Jesus feeding thousands of people who had come to hear him speak. Our various Church Groups have learned that lesson well! The JOY Group, Lunch & Games Junior Youth Group and the Not So Young Adult Group all share a lunch at their gatherings. The Pizza & Devotions Senior Youth Group share a pizza supper during their monthly gatherings. During the weekly Coffee Hour and Café Connections, we gather over a cup of coffee, tea and cookies. Many of our fellowship functions are centred around food: Bible Challenge & Pot Luck, A Taste of Africa celebration, the Welcome Back, Summer and Family BBQs and the twice annual Fellowship Luncheons. Even our fundraiser Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar serves a delicious meal. This Thanksgiving is a good reminder to be thankful of all the opportunities we have to gather in Christian Fellowship at St Timothy's.

Autumn Fellowship Luncheon

You are cordially invited to join us in the Goforth Room on **Tuesday, October 29th, 2019, at 11:00 am**, to join our voices in a Hymn Sing followed by Communion. Afterwards, we share a light lunch in fellowship. To help with our planning, **those interested to attend please contact the following by Oct 24th, 2019:** Clara Stel or Phoebe Gowdy.

Worship Services

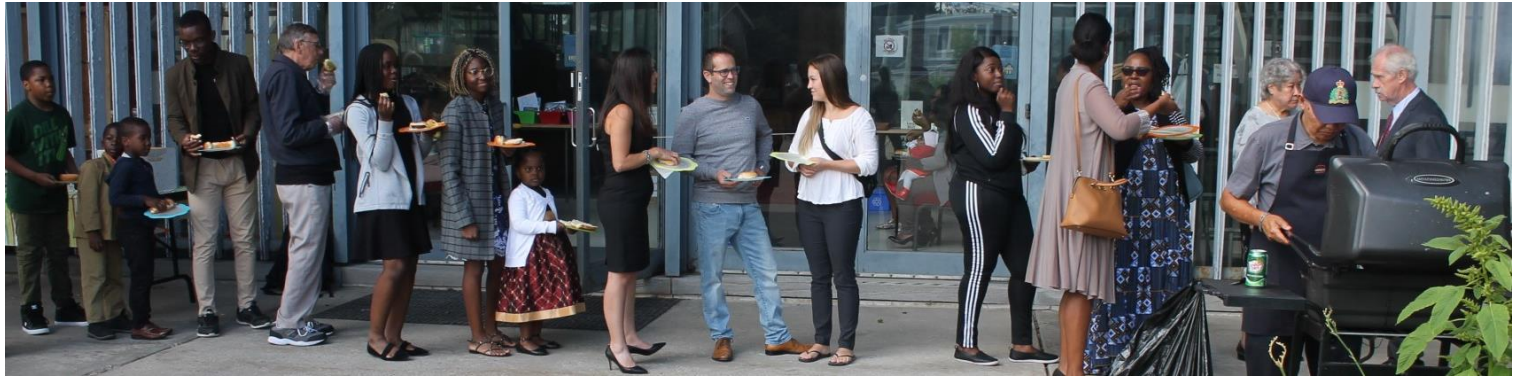
Sunday Worship & Communion Service Oct 6, 10am
 Sunday Worship Service & African Chorus..... Oct 13, 10am
 Sunday Worship Service..... Oct 20, 10am
 Sunday Worship Service..... Oct 27, 10am
 Sunday Worship Service..... Nov 3, 10am

Upcoming Events

Café Connections . Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, 9:30am
 Communion Service Oct 6, 10am
 Sr Youth Pizza & Devotions..... Oct 7, 7pm
 Youth Mission Walkathon Oct 20, 10am
 Jr Youth Fun Day..... Oct 26, 3pm
 Jr Youth Lunch & Games..... Oct 27, 11am
 Autumn Fellowship Luncheon.. Oct 29, 11am

Church Groups

African Chorus..... Oct 6, 11am
 Craft Group..... Oct 7, 21, 28, 2pm
 Day Bible Study ... Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10am
 Evening Bible Study... Oct 7, 16, 21, 28, 7pm
 JOY Group..... Oct 15, 10am
 Not So Young Adult Group Oct 13, 11am
 St Tim's Choir Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, 9am



Lining up for the BBQ



July, August and September Birthday Celebrations



Café Connections



Fun Day making cupcakes



Cupcake Sale