

Timothy Topics

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Do you want to meet Rev. Reine? She loves to meet with you online or in-person by appointment.
Sunday Worship Service via zoom@ 10:00 am. Do you want a link to participate online? Please contact the office.

-Bible Trivia-

"In what city were Jesus' followers first called Christians"?

Find the answer on your own or wait for our next 'Timothy topics.'

Last issue's answers: God is my strength

Minister's Corner

When cars were first introduced, the connection or interaction between the car, the road, and the driver was rather strong. For example, with manual transition, the driver had to understand the acceleration of the engine to shift gears on time. And with no electronic systems to aid in breaking and on curves, the driver had to be knowledgeable of the surface they are driving on. But with every new advancement made, the interaction between the 3 sides of this triangle faded away. Today, when autonomous or self-driving cars are around the corner, we can hardly call ourselves drivers anymore. This technology will make us carefree car riders for most of the time. Similarly, recent societal changes made it easier for us to be on autopilot mode in our existential quest. We don't ask the big questions anymore, and we are indifferent to the truth or reliability of the surface under our feet. We are just happy to hitchhike with the social or mental trend of the day. We are not the drivers of our own life journey; we are simply riding along. How do you feel about that?

St. Luke says: **I decided... to write an orderly account for you...so that you may know the truth...**

The Greek word Luke uses in this verse to give us the English word 'truth' is '*asphalia*', which is the root of our English word for asphalt; the substance we use to surface the roads. So, Luke is really saying: I'm writing this Gospel to provide you with a strong, reliable, and dependable surface for your journey in life to find faith and meaning. You are invited to check the gospel; the Good News of Jesus Christ, as a solid ground for your spiritual journey in this life. Be a good driver! Rev. Reine

In the rearview mirror



On Sunday, December 5, 2021, we were happy to welcome in-person Karen Abboud, Kiara SaahFon who were confirmed virtually. On Dec. 5 newly elected elders were ordained. Congratulations to Juliet Bosompen and Michael Powell and welcome to St. Tim's session. You will contribute to our meetings with your personality, talents, and ideas. **Juliet:** Sunday School teacher, sings with the African Chorus, a leader in the 'Not So Young Adult Group', member of the CE, and Joyful Noise Team. She is a mother of two active young boys and works full time. **Mike:** leads Bible Studies, choir member, plays guitar for Joyful Noise Team, on Coffee Hour host schedule, member of Worship Committee.

The Christmas Pageant was held in person on Dec 19, 2021. Our Sunday school gave us a delightful performance explaining the meaning of the different items we associate with Christmas. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children's enthusiastic singing of the songs learned at *Bedtime with Jesus* was a highlight. Big thank you to all who helped make it a success.

Working with Wilson's Independent Grocer at 2681 Alta Vista Drive, our Mission & Outreach group was able to arrange for 24 Christmas Hampers to enable families to enjoy Christmas dinner. 10 hampers went domestically, and the remaining 14 were donated to Caring and Sharing.

Christmas Eve Candlelight service was held virtually on Dec. 24. We enjoyed singing Christmas carols, listening to the biblical nativity story, and lighting the Christ Candle by a lovely guest couple who joined our service. Christ is born, Halleluiah.

Looking forward



Our church signed in to be part of a biblical study offered by the Presbyterian College & presented by the Rev. Dr. Karen P Finch. Thursday nights between Feb 3 & Mar 24, via Zoom. Different challenging passages and the questions they raise will be investigated. Please contact Kelvin Lee if you would like to join or have any questions.

Save the date! On February 20, 2022, we'll be celebrating Black History Month; a rich cultural, musical, and spiritual experience. St. Tim's will be replacing the flooring in the Goforth room in the near future. The Goforth room is a dynamic space used by different groups and your support will ensure the continuation of the ministry carried there. Thank you in advance.

Sunday Worship Services @10 am

Feb. 6, 2022 Online
Feb. 13, 2022 Online.
Feb. 20, 2022 Online,
Feb. 27, 2022 Online
Online Sunday School every Sunday after the service, same link.

Coming Events

Presbyterian college course:
Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 @ 7-8:30 pm
Contact us for the link.
Black History Service Feb. 20 @ 10 am

Virtual Church Groups

'Bedtime with Jesus' every Sat @ 7:00 pm
'Café Connections' every Fri @ 10:00 am

Prayer Time

prayer can be over the phone, in groups or individually with Rev Reine or a member of the Pastoral Care Team, as well as on Zoom individually or in groups.

St. Tim's Pictorial

Ordination Service



Christmas Pageant



Christmas Hampers Project

