

Timothy Topics

May 2023 newsletter

St Timothy's Presbyterian Church

2400 Alta Vista Drive,

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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am

Do you want to meet the minister?

Rev. Reine loves to meet with you online or in-person, by appointment.

Do you want a link to participate online? Please contact the office.

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-Bible Trivia-

Who is Stephen in Acts of the Apostles?

Find the answer on your own or wait for the next *Timothy Topics*.

Last issue's answer: Silas

Minister's Corner: A teacher complained to Tim's parents about their son (11 years old), she said that recently he became aggressive in his behavior. He is hitting his friends & even when playing group games, he will be violent in all his actions. The teacher's notice, however, did not take the parents by surprise; Tim did not shy off from his behavior at home. His older sister has had some bruises on her arm lately. Tim's parents, teachers & the school's social worker tried to talk to him about this issue, but things did not seem to be changing at all. One day, his class teacher arranged to meet the family right after school; she would be taking the school bus with Tim home to see if anything can be done, but she was not very optimistic. Once there, she surprised his parents when she said: "I think I just learned what is wrong with Tim". On her way to their house, the bus had to go through downtown & pass by the central cinema house where they have a huge poster about the movie being played there. The movie was an action one & the poster showed a picture of the actor where you could see every single muscle in his upper body. "He really looked everything an 11-year-old boy wants to be. I saw Tim captivated by the poster as we passed by," she said. Apparently, Tim identified himself with the person in that picture; he saw himself to be that actor & quickly acted as one. This story is not only about Tim but also about everyone. What kind of images plays an important role in my self-understanding or in understanding the world around me? Before answering this question, we might want to remember a couple of things: We live in a picture culture; pictures surround us all the time & we don't have control over the ones we get to see every new day. Furthermore, they are all taken in professional shooting sessions from the best angle possible. So, we are surrounded by unspontaneous pictures. Our eyes & minds are being trained, every day, to connect & appreciate another kind of reality; a reality that has to do with appearance more than the content, a reality where we are invited to identify with the eye candies we see around. This can be a major reason behind our frustrations & unreal expectations. And it can explain why our self-understanding, models, & aspirations have become unrealistic. In the Old Testament, in the book of **1 Samuel 16:7**, it says: "...**God sees not as people see, for they look at the eye, but the LORD looks at the heart.**" I think we are invited to learn again, to look at the more important things in life & identify with them. Our life can take a big turn if we look to the heart & not to the eye. Our bus goes through downtown every day, what are we looking at & what are we learning? Rev. Reine.

In the rearview mirror:

- Holy Week: Palm/ Passion Sunday into Good Friday and then Easter featured the Story of God's love. During each service, we highlighted and reflected on the biblical scriptures of Jesus' last week of His earthly mission. The story concluded with the good news of conquering death with the resurrection.

- Café Connections opened its doors for in-person gatherings for the first time after Covid. It was a great time of coming together and enjoying the fellowship of our friends.

-April 30th was a special day at St. Timothy's. As a family of faith, we thanked God for His faithfulness and for dwelling among us during St. Tim's 66 years of ministry. Mr. Ian Shugart led us with a powerful message, and Mrs. Ruth Toller was acknowledged for her long commitment to St. Timothy's. Some recent members who joined our big family shared their St. Tim's story. The little angels sang for us "A Gift to You" and Karen A. treated us playing "Way Maker" on her violin. Our gifted organist, Louise & the singing saints concluded the service by performing a wonderful hymn "Song For The Nations" which left us all in awe. A yummy Potluck lunch followed, and everyone enjoyed themselves and had so much fun.

Looking forward: - Save the date! May 14th is Christian Family Sunday. It is a great opportunity for our families to take part in the service and witness God's love and His presence in their life.

Sunday Worship Services @10 am

In-person & Online

May 7,14,21,28

Sunday school during the service

Coming Events

In-person Bible Study Wednesdays @ 10 am

In Person Café Connections, May 12 @ 10 am

Christian Family Sunday, May 14 @ 10 am

Youth group meeting, May 21 @ 11:45 am

AGAPE Gathering May 30 @ 10:30 am

Virtual Church Groups

'Bedtime with Jesus' every Sat @ 7:00 pm

'Café Connections' every Fri @ 10:00 am

Prayer Time: Do you have a prayer request or a prayer of thanksgiving?

Please contact Rev. Reine or a member of the Pastoral Care Team.

St. Tim's Pictorial

