

Timothy Topics

November 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-

James used the example of which Old Testament figure to demonstrate how the prayers of a righteous man can have powerful results? Find the answer on your own or wait for the next *Timothy Topic*.
Last issue's answer: Gaza(Acts 8:26)

Minister's Corner *Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.* This is the famous line from the book of Ecclesiastes. This perspective is introduced to the readers (especially the youth) to ensure a well-lived earthly life. It seems that the preacher or wise person in the book wanted us to know that once we have this understanding about the life we are living, then we are on the right track to take the right path in life. The original Hebrew word for vanity means vapor, smoke; something you are tempted to hold or catch, but you can't. It sounds very depressing. It renders our life empty and meaningless (the word vanity comes from the Latin word 'vanus' denoting a state of emptiness. Usually, such a perspective frustrates us especially as we get older because it renders everything we worked hard for of less value and meaning. But can this 'vanity' bring us something good? Can this conviction, perspective, or attitude bring something good to our lives? Vanity (to see everything as vanity) is the ultimate form of freedom in this life. Understanding or even appreciating the emptiness of this life puts us above otherwise challenging and undefeatable obstacles: unfulfilled needs or aspirations, sickness, separation, and ultimately death itself. In the parable of the Rich Fool in **Luke 12:13-21**, Contrast the concept of vanity with the rich man's attitude and you can understand why some interpreters call him fool. The problem was not the good yield. According to the biblical understanding, a good harvest is a blessing from God. So, the text is talking about a misused blessing. Can life as a general be a misused blessing? When do we misuse the gift of life that we've been given? Rev. Reine

In the rearview mirror: Sunday, October 1st was World Communion Sunday. With brothers and sisters around the world, we gathered to worship God, whose faithfulness endures forever. It was a privilege to have Rev. Tom Hamilton with us and be part of the communion service. Our talented organist played our hymns and Helen O presented special music singing a very nice hymn. After the service, we all enjoyed a time of fellowship and nice conversations.

- Thanksgiving Sunday was celebrated on Oct.8. Our congregation gave thanks to our Lord through prayers and praise. We enjoyed The Singing Saints' piece "Give Thanks". The highlight of the service was the contribution of Helen L. & Juliet B. sharing their own weekly journal & giving thanks on how they noticed God working through the ordinary/ little things.
- On Thursday, Oct.19 some of our wonderful church ladies gathered at St. Tim's kitchen to prepare pies for our coming Bazaar. It was a great time of fun and fellowship. Thanks to all who prepared the delicious pies.
- On Sunday, Oct. 29 our little Choir sang a beautiful hymn "My God is so Big". Our little angels contribute wonderfully to our Sunday services once a month. Would you like your child to be part of the kids' Choir? Let us know.
- Tuesday, Oct.31 was an opportunity for another meaningful day through the Agape Gathering. Communion, singing your favorite hymns & fellowship with friends are found in one place.

Looking forward: - Exciting news at St. Timothy's on November 18, 2023. St. Timothy's Bazaar is approaching! You are all invited to be part of this church/community event. Come and enjoy the different items provided like yummy home baking & deli, books, crafts, Jewelry, and a silent auction. Buy your tickets to enjoy a nice fellowship over lunch. 'Mansaf' a tasty dish with chicken, beef, rice, and vegetables. This is a great way to connect with our church family and the wider community of AltaVista. Time: 10:30 am - 2 pm. Lunch Ticket: 15\$ for adults & 10\$ for kids.

- Session Sunday will take place this year on November 12, 2023. The service will be led by our elders at St. Timothy's.
- All our Sunday school children are encouraged to join the Christmas Pageant as the practices will take place every Sunday during Sunday school time. Don't miss this joyful event in the life of your kids.
- Devotionals during Advent: Every Friday all are invited to join us at 7 pm via Zoom for Advent spirituality and music.

Sunday Worship Services @10 am

In-person & Online

November 5,12,19,26

Sunday school during the service

-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

Coming Events

In-person Bible Study Wednesdays @ 10 am
Craft Group Mondays @ 2 pm
Remembrance Sunday, November 5 @ 10 am
Café Connections, November 10 @ 10 am
Session Sunday, November 12 @ 10 am
African Chorus, Sunday, Nov. 12 During the service

Coming Events

St. Timothy's Bazaar November 18 @ 10:30 am
Kids' Choir November 19 @ 10 am
Youth group, November 26 @ 11:45 am
AGAPE Gathering November 28 @ 10:30 am
'Bedtime with Jesus' every Sat. @ 7:00 pm (Zoom)

St. Tim's Pictorial



