

Timothy Topics

St Timothy's Presbyterian Church

2400 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa

Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00 am

Do you want to meet the minister? Rev. Reine loves to meet with you, 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?

Last issue's answer: Deborah

Minister's Corner

Already but not yet! Most of us have owned or used a trailer at some point or another, but do you know how to properly load one? An overloaded trailer is a problem. Just because it fits on the trailer bed doesn't mean you should haul it. But this is not the only issue to consider. It is important to BALANCE your load. It is crucial to properly distribute weight on your trailer. Running with too much weight at one end or the other could affect the vehicle's dynamic stability and braking performance. Too much weight behind the trailer axel can result in trailer sway. Too much wight in front of the axel can result in poor breaking conditions. Making sure the cargo weight is distributed properly on your trailer will help you tow safely each time you need to haul cargo from one point to another. A truck towing a trailer behind it is an excellent analogy to explain life from a faith perspective. In Christianity we distinguish between the current world, and the world ruled by God, His kingdom. We believe that the kingdom of God is both present and future; it is a kingdom that is presently entered into. And simultaneously, as one which will be entered in the future. This is why early in the 20th century, the concept of "already" but "not yet" was coined to express the idea that the kingdom of God currently exists in the world, but not yet in its fullness. To use the analogy, the truck is the 'now' or the 'already'. The trailer is the 'future' or the 'not yet'. The truck has the power, the drive, and the steering NOW. While the trailer, though being towed at the moment and everything in it is yet to be unpacked, it is certainly there. You can feel its weight with every turn of the wheel. Actually, the trailer is the purpose of the whole journey. It is the reason why you are on the road in the first place. At the moment, the truck and the trailer (the already and not yet) need to be in synch and move together smoothly. To take the analogy one step further, it is crucial to properly distribute the weight: we need to find the right balance between the now and future, the already and the not yet. Or else, we might risk underestimating the importance of the future and we live solely in the moment. Or the opposite, being removed from the moment and totally attracted by the not yet, which is not right either because there is mission to be done before the kingdom of God is fully materialized. We are called to live in balance as those who work to live and spread the gospel in everyday life, while thinking and preparing for the kingdom to come. Rev. Reine

In the rearview mirror: St. Timothy's praise team met to plan special music for the season.

-St. Timothy's observed Remembrance Sunday on Nov 10th. David G. read in Flanders Fields and Penelope V. was our guest trumpeter. The African Chorus concluded the service. We welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Sheehan who got married in Cameroon. Big congratulations to the newlywed couple.

-On Nov16 St. Timothy's family was busy with their Bazaar. All worked hard with joy and excitement to exhibit their goodies. Church & community members were looked for treasures & yummy baked goodies. Everyone broke bread together at lunch. Thank you to all those who made our Bazaar a success.

-Nov 17 was Session Sunday. Session members led the service; Mike P. Preaching, clerk Ken S. encouraged the congregation to prayerfully consider a call for eldership. Rev. Tom sang "You'll Never Walk alone" and children choir adorably sang uplifting music. After the service, Sunday school children hosted coffee time.

Looking forward:

1st Sunday in Advent Dec. 1: Lighting the Candle of Hope, Holy Communion, Singing Saints.

Sun Dec. 8: Lighting the Candle of Peace, African Chorus. Solo Helen O. Following the service: family fun activity making gingerbread houses and having pizza!

Sun Dec. 15: Lighting the Candle of Joy, Singing Saints.

Sun Dec. 22: Lighting the Candle of Love. Solo Juliet B. Christmas Pageant "Just a Little Christmas", Children's Choir.

Dec. 24: Christmas Candlelight Service& Communion @ 7:00 pm.

Advent Devotionals: Every Wed at 10 am.

Sunday Worship Services @10 am

December 1,8,15,22,29

Sunday school during the service

Youth group Dec.1, 29 after service

Coming Events

First Sun in Advent & Communion Dec. 1 10:00 am

African Chorus Dec. 8 10:00 am

Ginger Bread House & Pizza Dec. 8 11:30 am

Café Connections Fri Dec. 13 10:30 am

Christmas Pageant Dec. 22 10:00 am

Christmas Eve Service & communion Dec 24. 7 pm

Advent Devotionals Wednesdays 10 am

Craft Group, Mondays 2 pm

Do you have a prayer request or a prayer of thanksgiving?

Contact the minister or Pastoral Care Team.

St. Tim's Pictorial

