

# TIMOTHY TOPICS

St Timothy's Presbyterian Church  
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Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00 am

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Bible Trivia: Finish the verse: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...  
Last issue's answer: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

**Minister's Corner:** I'd like you to take a moment and imagine a walk through the very neighbourhood where you live. It's a familiar place, one you've known for years, maybe even for a lifetime. The morning air is pleasant, and everything seems at ease. As you walk, pause and ask yourself: What do you see? And just as importantly, what don't you see? Looking and seeing are not the same thing. The first is simply the work of our eyes; the second reaches deeper, into an inner awareness. You may have noticed this in ordinary moments of life. When you buy a new car, suddenly you see that same model everywhere. When you welcome your first child, you begin to notice babies and young families all around you. Something has shifted, not in the world itself, but in how you perceive it. What we sometimes call an "eye-opener" is really the awakening of that inner awareness. So, let me invite you again to reflect: when you walk through your neighborhood, what do you see? What don't you see? Whom do you notice and whom do you overlook? What good do you recognize, and what goodness goes unseen? Where do you see suffering, and where might it remain hidden? Where do you notice signs of grace, even small miracles and where might they be quietly present without catching your attention? Here is the heart of it: faith invites us to see more than what we are merely looking at. In the Gospel of John, what meets the eye is often described as darkness or blindness, while what we fail to perceive, but are called to notice, is described as light and true sight. Sometimes, we can be so focused on what is visible that we miss what truly matters. Faith gently stretches our vision beyond the surface. For this to happen, we need what we might call "double vision", vision on two levels: the eye level and the heart level, the physical and the spiritual, the outward and the inward. As Bishop Robert Barron puts it, "Christianity is, above all, a way of seeing. Everything else in Christian life flows from and circles around the transformation of vision." Scripture echoes this invitation: **"So we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18)**. May we grow in this deeper sight learning to notice what God is quietly revealing all around us. Rev. Reine.

**In the Rearview Mirror:** -On Easter Sunday, we rejoiced in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and joyfully welcomed Youssef into the family of Christ, baptized and converted to Christianity. After the service, we continued the celebration with cake, and had the joy of meeting his family and friends.

- Sunday, April 12, our Young Adult Group got together to start preparing for the worship service they will create and lead on June 14. It was so great and hopeful to see our young people sharing ideas, being creative, and stepping forward to take part together. Their energy made it a really special time together.

- On April 26, we celebrated 69 wonderful years of faith and fellowship at St. Timothy's.

We were blessed by the inspiring message of our guest speaker, Rev. Andrew Johnston titled "Called, Gathered, Led"; and by the special music shared by our talented members and children which brought great joy to the service.

The celebration continued with a potluck lunch, where we enjoyed time together as a family.

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making this anniversary so meaningful. We give thanks to God for the journey so far and look forward with hope to the years ahead!

**Looking Forward:** - On May 27, a visitation team from the Presbytery of Ottawa will be visiting our church as part of their ongoing plan to connect with and support congregations across Ottawa. During this visit, the team will meet with the minister, Session, Board & the congregation. Members of the congregation are invited to meet with the team at 5 p.m.

- Save the date! Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 9am-1pm is St. Tim's Garage sale. Got items to sell?

Tables are available for \$50.00. It will be great if you donate baking, preserves or other items to support St. Timothy's table. Don't miss our yummy barbeque. Come one, come all! Everyone needs to bring their donations by May 31st to church and have everything priced. On the day of the Garage Sale, we ask people who have rented a table to be there around 7:30 a.m. to set up everything.

**Sunday Worship Services** 10:00 am.  
**Sunday school** during the service.  
**A special program for young adults**, including Bible study and fun activities. If interested, please contact Bertha.

## Coming Events

Café Connections May, 8 @10:30 am  
Christian Family Sunday & Mother's Day May, 10 @10 am  
Presbytery Visitation to St. Tim May 27

Agape Gathering May, 26 @10:30 am  
Bible Study, Mondays @10:00 am  
Craft group Mondays @1-3 pm  
Do you have a prayer request or a prayer of thanksgiving? Contact the minister or Pastoral Care Team.

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