

TIMOTHY TOPICS

St Timothy's Presbyterian Church
2400 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa
Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00 am

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Bible Trivia: Finish the verse: Let us not grow weary in doing what is right....

Last issue's answer: Be strong and take heart, all you hope in the Lord. Psalm 31:24

Minister's Corner: A wheelwright is a craftsman who builds or repairs wooden wheels. The task of building wooden wheels is a huge undertaking and a labor-intensive job. This isn't an overnight process. They are hand crafted almost one at a time. And though it is a tough and demanding work, yet it is a delicate job, the slightest problem can cause the finished project not to be perfectly round, which is something users are going to feel, literally, with every turn of the wheel! There are hundreds of steps involved in building a new set of wooden wheels, but we are mostly interested in building the WOODEN RIMS, especially: bending wood. There are several methods that can be used to bend wood. Wheelwrights know that they have to bend the wood gently and carefully, or else it can break. This is why they use steaming technique, heating, soaking in water, hot glue and so on. Once wood is bent, they clamp it in place, and wait for it to cool down and harden. So much work to create just one wooden wheel. There are many words that can be used to describe what a committed Christian life is, looks, or feels like. Some say, it is a life of constant change, it is growth in Christ, a learning curve, a life-long experience, a spirit-gained knowledge, a course of spiritual progress etc... Before Christians were called Christians, we were actually called "Disciples." A disciple is a person who invested their life and time learning from someone and then spreading that person's teachings to others. Discipleship means how you mature in Christ, how Christ is formed in you; in your thoughts, your actions, your life. One word to describe committed Christian life is FORMATION; the act of giving form or shape to something or of taking form. We come to Christ like a dry log of wood, but his vision to our life is something different. He wants each one to become an instrument to carry the good news to our neighbour and community. So, what does he do? He calls us to go with him on a journey of Christian formation where Jesus starts to turn our life into a wooden wheel. For this to happen, he needs to bend the wood, and as we saw, bending wood is not an overnight process. It is a labor-intensive job that takes lots of time and effort. They say Jesus was a carpenter. I would elaborate to say that, especially in the journey with his disciples to Jerusalem, Jesus was a wheelwright. Someone who build wooden wheels to carry the wagon of service, healing, teaching, and self-emptying to people everywhere. Jesus calls on us to become those wheels, it is a journey of discipleship, a journey of Christian formation that starts from the center of the wheel outwards. Rev. Reine

In the Rearview Mirror: - The June 7 service at St. Timothy's was a joyful occasion as the congregation welcomed baby Elisha, son of Kelvin and Anna Lee, on his first visit to the church. Holy Communion was served during the service.
- On June 14, St. Timothy's Young Adult Group led our worship service with joy, faith, creativity, and dedication. Under the theme, "Not Ready... Still Called!", they reminded us that God calls ordinary people and promises to be with them. The service was followed by a wonderful BBQ and fellowship time enjoyed by all.
- Our Garage Sale welcomed a few members of the community and provided a wonderful opportunity to build new connections. Big thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, set up, and supported the sale.
- On Sunday, June 21, we celebrated Father's Day with our faithful men leading worship, special music, and our Sunday School children sharing songs, messages, and gifts for the men.
- On June 28, as our Sunday School classes began their summer break, we celebrated and thanked our dedicated teachers for their faithful service. We also celebrated our graduates and enjoyed special music, prayer, cake, and fellowship as a congregation.
- On July 12, our congregation gathered for our annual Outdoor Worship Service, celebrating the theme of "Joy." We enjoyed uplifting guitar music from Mike Powell and Andrew Lenz, followed by creative group activities that included prayers, hymns, calls to worship, and a short drama. The celebration continued with cake and refreshments.

Looking Forward: - On September 13, we look forward to gathering together for Welcome Back Sunday and Mission Sunday. We are excited to welcome back our families and friends who have been away during the summer and to begin a new, blessed year of ministry together. We are pleased to welcome Rev. George Zimmerman as our guest speaker, who will share with us about the Mully Mission. Following the service, we will gather for a barbecue and time of fellowship. Come and enjoy good food, conversation, and the joy of being together as a church family.

-We give thanks to God and extend our gratitude to our congregation for your generosity and support of our 2026 Mission Project. We are delighted to announce that our goal of raising \$2,000 toward the Lunch Program at Ridgemont High School has been surpassed! We have raised \$2,220.

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 September 11 @10:30 am

Welcome back Sunday & Mission Sunday
Sep. 13 @ 10 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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