



St. Timothy's Gazette

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Our Vision:

St. Timothy's **Vision** is to be a nurturing, biblically-based community growing Christ's Kingdom.

Our Mission:

St. Timothy's **Mission** is to
Go out into the North Shore community to
Gather all ages into Christian fellowship,
so that we may
Glorify God in worship,
Grow to become more like Jesus Christ, and
Give of our time, talent and treasure to serve others.

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UPDATE from the Rev. Ken Bell

I want to take this opportunity to update all of you on some changes which have been taking place in recent months. Because these updates cover a lot of ground, I do not promise any continuous flow to this note but hopefully by the end you will all feel a little more informed.

1) I wish to update you on Paul Carter. I have had the chance to visit with Paul on a few occasions now and he continues to get stronger. He was officially released from hospital on March 30th after a time of gradual transition. The family of course is thrilled to all be back together full time. Paul has been able to attend Immanuel Church for each of the past few Sundays and Lois has returned to her accustomed place behind the keyboard helping to lead the worship. Please continue to hold them all up in your prayers, praying especially for the Lord to continue to heal Paul's memory.

2) Immanuel Church Vancouver is also in the process of making some changes while Paul recovers. Now that Paul is in town and recovering, the leadership can begin to focus on the future both short and long term. No major decisions have been made yet, so until then, Barclay Mayo, Ed Hird and I are taking turns twice a month going to Immanuel and leading them in a Eucharist service.

3) There have been some changes too within the AMiA (The Anglican Mission in the Americas). The name change was a big one. To reflect that they are no longer only in the US but also in Canada, Mexico and soon in Puerto Rico they added an's' to their name. Also Bishop TJ has taken on a larger role within the Mission and as such needed to give up some other things he was doing. One of those changes involves us. As of March 1, the Council of Bishops asked Bishop Sandy Greene if he would be willing to become the bishop for the ACiC, so that TJ could work on other things he was being called to but also because of the practical issue of geography. Bishop Sandy lives in Colorado, so he can make more frequent visits much more easily.

4) As you can imagine there have also been significant changes in the operations of the ACiC. Rev. Barclay Mayo has taken over as the Network leader. I have taken over as the Clergy Credentialing Coordinator which is a long way of saying that any persons seeking ordination in the ACiC (or studying at Regent for ordination in the AMiA), any clergy wanting to transfer to the ACiC, or any churches wanting to affiliate with the ACiC, must come to me first and I start them on the pages of paper work. I am also working with Rev. Kathy King on Leadership Development (which covers both clergy and laity).

5) Back in September Paul invited me to help him with ongoing leadership development of the ACiC interns. We meet every two weeks and try to cover areas of Ministry and Ministry Development which are not covered at Regent or other Seminaries. As part of the duties described above I will continue in this capacity as well.

6) Finally I want to talk a little about St. Timothy's and some of our changes. Together with the leadership and staff, we are always seeking God's direction and looking for ways to improve on the gifts and calling we have. One of the changes you will note for example is the set up on Sunday morning. We were looking for a way to improve the feel and worship experience in our setting. We wanted it to be more intimate while improving the flow and movement of people. We also wanted to see if we could figure out a way to make the Lord's Table be more central. The new set-up is the result of that desire.

As we lean on God's direction and experiment with different ideas it is very important to hear your feed back, so please feel free to come to me and share what you like, what works for you and what may be serving as a distraction for you.

I could go on but I think this report touches on the major things I wanted to update you on. If you have any questions or want clarification on anything, please feel free to come to me and ask.

Your Servant in Christ,

Ken *Rev. Ken Bell, Senior Priest*

Alleluia Christ is Risen!
The Lord is Risen Indeed Alleluia!

Death has been conquered, sin has been vanquished, our debt paid and our suffering and stripes have been healed. This day above all others is a day for joyous celebration.

With Luke as our guide we have walked with Jesus for 19 weeks and 23 services. We began in darkness, and then saw the light dawn at his birth. We were there when he was dedicated in the temple and was tempted in the desert. We heard his declaration, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, to preach good news to the poor, to set the captives free, to give sight to the blind, and to release the oppressed". Jesus was declaring the great reversal of the damage of sin.

We were witnesses as Jesus broke down barriers between rich and poor, men and women, Jews and Gentiles and as he dismantled the oppressive legalism which had crept into the law. We were part of the audience as he taught his parables concerning the last, least, lost and dead. We watched him be betrayed, denied and abandoned by his friends and then arrested, tried and beaten. We knelt at the foot of the cross as he was crucified, died and was buried.

But today we can rejoice, for today is the ultimate great reversal, he who was dead is made alive, he who was made sin for our sake is now glorified, and he who was made a prisoner himself has now set the captives free.

Can you imagine, just for a moment, what it would have been like to be there on that morning, heading to the garden tomb, full of grief and sorrow? Then when you arrive you find the tomb empty, the grave clothes neatly folded up and then hear your name called by the Risen Christ, the Son of God and the King of Kings. You turn around and there he is, alive! What emotions do you imagine would have swept over you at that moment? Would you have run towards him or would you have been frozen in time?

Could you imagine being Mary, being the one bearing the good news? How fast would you have run? Would you have practiced the words over in your mind? Would you be weeping or laughing? You throw open the doors to the upper room where everyone is still in mourning...but not you. You have a secret and you are bursting to tell. You enter the room and cry out, "Alleluia He is risen! Jesus is alive!"

There is no word in any language which does justice to the feeling, the emotion of the moment, joy, delight, pleasure, bliss, ecstasy, elation, thrill, overwhelmed, delight, wonder...all are good but none fit the occasion. None describes what Easter is all about, or what it means to those who know Jesus. This is why we simply say: "Alleluia He is Risen!" and when we hear that greeting we reply, "The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia". It is as close as we can get.

May this Easter season fill you with joy and hope and may you see the risen Christ and hear him call your name.

God Bless & Happy Easter.

Your Servants in Christ,

Ken, Sonya, Lillian and Ethan Bell.

Wardens' Update – Easter, 2007

Easter 2007 already! The high point of our Christian Year! The reason for our being and our hope for the future! This year we have been guided through the season of Lent with Ken's thoughtful sermons and the small groups discussing "*Jesus the Compassionate Healer*" (study guide). Ken's weekly tableaux of bread, grapes, wash bowl, silver coins, purple raiment, palms, thorns and nails which he has been adding to each week foreshadow the approaching solemn Holy Week, culminating in our Easter celebration. Apart from our personal journey, since the last report, as a church we have been involved in other activities, some of which are described here.

On Saturday February 24, there was a good turnout to welcome back our New Zealand bicycle team. They showed us a DVD of their travels and shared their experiences. As usual at any St Timothy's outing the food, liquid refreshment and social interaction were most enjoyable for all participants.

We enjoyed another successful Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Supper which a large percentage of our congregation attended. The following evening we held our Ash Wednesday Service jointly with St Simon's congregation. At this service we heard the first vocal accompaniment of our Choir, under the direction of our Music Director, Angela.

We have been given an opportunity to assist Partners in Hope. This is a worthwhile organization giving meaningful help on the East side of Vancouver and is affiliated with the ACiC (Anglican Coalition in Canada). After prayerful consideration, we have now agreed to support them with a cash gift as part of our annual outreach, with the assurance of assisting further as and when they may need help.

On the North Shore we were invited to share a Sunday afternoon service at the Lynn Valley Care Centre. Four or five times a year, St Timothy's has the option to provide a short service sharing our faith in the neighbourhood. This will be discussed at our next Council Meeting.

Some of our members attended the 20th Annual Mission held at our sister parish, St Simon's, from March 2 to 4. The theme was "Healing the Whole Person" and the Friday night, Saturday and Sunday evening gave opportunity to develop the theme with international speakers and support personnel. In fact a large delegation of lay people attended the weekend from South East USA at their own expense to show their support of our ACiC movement.

On March 17, our Bishop (T.J. Johnson) and several key members of AMiA (Anglican Mission in the Americas) attended the dedication of Christ the Redeemer Church at Pender Harbour. What a wonderful building this congregation has! It was a church that was no longer required in Campbell River on Vancouver Island, which was lifted off its foundations, floated across Georgia Straight and moved onto new foundations in Pender Harbour, right on the main road, next to the High School. It seats about 150 and is very nicely appointed inside. Needless to say, many hours and much money have already gone into reaching the point at which it could be dedicated and regular services can be held in it. And there is still much to be done to complete the outside, the basement and the parking lot, but this faithful congregation, who were physically removed from their buildings (as were we), has now found a new home from which to minister.

In some ways, I'm sure the bishop's words during the sermon – that this is a great start to preaching the word locally – fell heavily on those who have done so much work to achieve what they now have, but the same words were reiterated in our Gospel reading (Matthew 9, 35-38) the following day, that the harvest is ripe and the workers few. We too should remember that our church is for those who are not yet members. It really is too easy to fall into the comfort of having a church social club, but we will continue to resist that, as we have since founding St Timothy's!

Cynthia Brust, the Communications Director for AMiA, who attended the Christ the Redeemer Church dedication (with her husband Lees) was the guest preacher at St Timothy's on Sunday morning, and preached on the theme "Unlimited Expectations". Too often we do not accept the fullness of God's grace through our inability to believe great things can happen. Our growth is hindered because our efforts are based on our own limited abilities. Consider the great steps of faith that Christ the Redeemer Church took in obtaining their building. After that service the GO team met over lunch with Cynthia and shared ideas applicable to St Timothy's.

Perhaps the highlight of the weekend was the Confirmation service held on Sunday evening, in the wonderful facility at Emmanuel Church, Richmond. Bishop TJ was able to pray specifically for each confirmation candidate on a personal level, obviously inspired by the Holy Spirit. It made those of us attending so grateful, once again, to be shown that we are led by such Godly leaders. We are indeed blessed.

On Saturday, March 31 we again enjoyed a social gathering and learned once more, the significance of the Seder Supper. This tradition has been going on for over 3300 years, ever since the Israelites escaped from Egypt and the story is retold in Jewish homes every year. It was a Seder Supper that the disciples prepared for Jesus, which we remember as the "Last Supper". The significance is a history lesson, as detailed in the Old Testament teachings – to which Jesus added new meaning. It is the story of miraculous transitions – from slavery to freedom, from despair to hope, from darkness to light. It is the Christian story. No wonder Jesus used this tradition to explain his unfolding story. It made sense to those familiar with this annual event. Ceremonial items used are bitter herbs (maror) to remember bitter life of the children of Israel in Egypt, a roasted egg, (symbol of mourning or new birth and eternal life) sweet apple mixture, (Kharoset) to show that life is sweetened by the hope in God, parsley celebrating springtime and new life, a bone (lamb shank) reminiscent of the sacrificial lamb, salt water (tears for a hard life in Egypt), matzah (unleavened bread), a reminder that the fleeing Israelites had no time to wait for yeast to rise. During the ceremony we also drink four cups of wine; the cup of sanctification, the cup of joy, the cup of redemption and the cup of praise. Ken led us through the formal part of the meal, which was interspersed with a pot luck supper, up to the usual high standards of our Gather Committee.

Our joint service with St Simon's on Maundy Thursday, which includes foot washing, is a poignant reminder of our servant ministry, and a joy to share with our sister parish. The sombre service of Good Friday helps us contrast our hopes on this Sunday morning. Our joint Sunrise Service at 5:30 a.m. makes an impact on those used to a more leisurely start to the day, particularly Sunday, and again only heightens the beauty of God's creation on this our holiest day.

As can be seen from this brief overview; we are members of a very active church. This Easter day we are re-energized to GO out into our North Shore community, to GATHER in the un-churched, to continue GLORIFYing our Lord in weekly praise, to GROW more like our Saviour and to GIVE of our time, talent and treasure to serve him in our daily lives.

May His abundant blessings continue to pour on us at St Timothy's as we step boldly into the future.

Respectfully submitted

Peter and Ron (*Peter Haigh and Ron Barrett*)

Reports from our "G"s

Gather Report

We held our traditional Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 20th, at Sutherland Church. This was a delicious meal of sausages and pancakes (with lots of syrup!) followed by fresh fruit salad and ice cream. Thank you to all who helped in the preparation and serving of the food as well as in the set-up beforehand and the clean-up afterwards. Special thanks go to Chris Vondette, Bob Bell and Ron Edwards who did the cooking, Dara for the attractive table centrepieces, Hazel for the incredible job she did in putting numerous loads through the dishwasher and, of course, Audrey oversaw everything!

The Seder Meal was held the evening of Saturday, March 31st, at Sutherland Church. This was a meaningful way for us to begin Holy Week. Ken led us through a time of prayer, meditation and a meal of chicken, bitter herbs, unleavened bread, vegetable casseroles and salads. Thank you again for all who brought dishes as well as those who helped put on the dinner.

The Coffee Teams continue to provide us with coffee, tea and juice after our Sunday morning services. We appreciate their work, especially that of the co-ordinator, Hazel Blacoe, and also we also wish to thank all those who provide us with special goodies! As you know, we have been using Fair Trade coffee. It has been suggested that, because of St. Timothy's ties to Rwanda, we buy Rwandan coffee which costs only a little more than Fair Trade coffee but results in economic benefits flowing back to that country. This is being looked into. Finally, thank you to Audrey for providing the Simnel Cake on Mothering Sunday. It was delicious!

The Pastoral Team Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 21st and Myrna has provided details below. We have a very active Ladies Group which, among other things, is involved in several fundraisers in the coming months as well as in arranging our next Dine-Out on April 28th at Amici Restaurant. Please read the Ladies Group's report below for further details.

Paul, Lois, Naomi, Susannah and Sarah-Louise continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Twenty-four hour prayer vigils have been held for Paul where people could sign up to pray for one hour in their own home. We have had about ten to seventeen people sign up each week. Let's make it a challenge to fill up every hour in the 24 hours so all of us at St. Timothy's are praying for Paul and spending an hour with God. Paddy Donaldson reports that there has now been a request for further casseroles for the Carter family. For more information, please contact Paddy at 604-921-9083.

Mark your calendars for the annual Parish Barbecue which is set for Sunday, June 10th, following the service. This will be a time of celebration in marking the third anniversary of St. Timothy's and in enjoying fellowship with others!

Finally, I cannot adequately express the Gather Committee's thanks for Audrey, who has led us for the past few years and who has now stepped down as Head of the Gather Committee. I have known Audrey for over twenty-five years and she continues to amaze me with her ability to organize functions, her willingness to always help and her energetic service to others. We are fortunate that Audrey has agreed to stay on and help with Fellowship!

Daphne Martin

Pastoral Team

The Pastoral Team held their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 21st, 2007. Visitation of ill parishioners or those unable to attend Church is the prime responsibility of the Team members. Rev. Ken Bell led a discussion on the Mission of the Team; caring, listening, visitation and contact by telephone were the main points.

It was also suggested that, where appropriate, the anointing of oil ceremony could be administered by lay members of the Team. This ceremony can be found in the Book of Common Prayer.

The team members are a dedicated, caring group who include Rev. Ken Bell, Hazel Blacoe, Corinne Burns, Audrey Haigh, Margery Jacklin, Lois Knight, Kathleen Stewart, Ursula Vondette and Florence Wilton.

Myrna Teskey, Co-ordinator

Ladies' Group

Our March meeting was held at the Haighs' home. We welcomed David Polinghorne, the new Executive Director at the Harvest Project as our guest speaker. He enlightened us on current and future plans. They aim for dignity, compassion, and firmness and want to expand into Vancouver and Calgary. Our current fundraising activities include the following:

Lenten Awareness Program - We hope you had fun and ask you to bring your collection to the next Sunday Service to Treasurer, Carolyn Edwards. All funds will be donated to our Sister Diocese in Rwanda. (If you would like a receipt for coins, please put your name in the bag or write a cheque to St. Timothy's Church, marked for Lenten Awareness).

Craft Sale – Our next one will be held at the Delbrook Rec Centre, organized by the Seniors' Hub (Vera McLoughlin) on May 5th, 2007.

Games Night - Join us at Muriel Newton's Residence for fun and refreshments on May 25th, 2007. Watch for more details.

Along with fundraising, we also enjoy our Dine-Out Dinners just for fun. John, Myrna, and I sampled the fare at Amici Restaurant this past week, enjoying a delicious lunch. Join us April 28th, 6:30 p.m. for a Mediterranean Experience! Sign up sheets and menu will be available during coffee hour. Our next regular meeting will be held April 16, 1:30 p.m. at Joy Hopkins's home.

Linda Taunton

Glorify Report

Ash Wednesday

The church's season of Lent starts after Shrove Tuesday whose purpose is to 'clear the house' of excess rich food before the season starts. In our custom it takes the form of a hearty meal of sausages and pancakes which was attended by some 47 parishioners.

The first day of Lent is commonly called Ash Wednesday. We held a service attended by a joint congregation of clergy and parishioners of St. Simon and St. Timothy. Our Priest Ken Bell preached a moving sermon on the "The Great Feast", explaining the gospel story told by our Lord in Luke 14.

The service of Ashes then followed. It included the penitential Psalm 51, which is a plea to God to forgive our iniquity, and to restore us in His favour. We all subjected ourselves to the imposition of ashes on our foreheads. The choir rendered a plainsong chant proper to Ash Wednesday. Our musical director Angela and her friend Pauline sang a duet "Pie Jesu".

Cleansed of our sin, we rejoiced to join in Holy Communion.

Douglas Haigh

Chancel Guild Report

Guild members have been very busy making Palm Crosses and decorating the chancel for Easter. Thanks go to all who have helped and who provided flowers. The Altar Flower List is available each Sunday for those who wish to sign up. Watch for the date of the A.G.M. in May.

Corinne Burns

Choir Report: A word on behalf of MUSIC at St. Timothy's

I was recently reliving the 60's (in my own imaginary, second-hand and selective way) via a Judy Collins cassette recording taken from an LP (courtesy of my brother, an LP connoisseur). You can imagine the sound quality with such a combination, but the strains of "Amazing Grace" still came through with compelling purity and sincerity in that particular "flower child" sort of way; the vocal style betraying the mark of a classical voice sensibility. In my parents' opinion, she would still have firmly passed as someone who "sings" in comparison to what the "new generation" does today when they strum a guitar. Back to Judy.....the choir joined her on that last verse and I was quickly transported from a California beach to a tent meeting in the Southern States somewhere, and couldn't help but sing along (despite mentally questioning how much of the song Judy believed at the time of its singing). Then came "Kum Ba Ya", and I was in Grade Two in Music Class and watching an episode of "Family Ties" all at once.

The quaint reminder brought a smile to my lips, and I indulged a few condescending thoughts as to the simplicity of it all, until she reached "someone's singing Lord" - as Judy went up to the third to embellish one line, I was brought to attention. It sounded like an honest soul crying, beseeching God, "Someone's singing Lord, come by here".

Certainly only God knows the heart, (and the heart of a singer included, maybe "especially"), and although God knows our "coming and going", is there not power in calling on the name of the Lord? Are we not welcomed to it? Are we not called to pray in spirit and truth believing that he will hear a lone voice or a body of worshippers? Do we not say with the Psalmist (David):

"I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord, 'Oh Lord, save me!' The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearted; when I was in great need, he saved me. Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you. For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living." Psalm 116: 1-9

Thank you choir, for all your hard work this Lenten season. To the congregation, may you support us as we learn to serve God and the worship at St. Timothy's more effectively and appropriately. Anyone who would like to serve in a musical capacity and who has not yet spoken to me, please let me know. Also, please feel free to pass me lists of your favorite music. In upcoming months (now that I've got my feet wet and Easter is over), I'd like to focus on organizing participation of all those who have already expressed interest in making music outside of the choir, and want to continue trying to facilitate creating a corporate musical voice which we can embrace in participation and identify with as our own (a tall order). May the glory go to God in our efforts; may he guide and inspire. May we learn and become more vibrant in the searching.

Psalm 15 "Lord who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? He whose walk is blameless, he who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbour no wrong, and casts no slur on his fellowman....."

Praise Jesus for his forgiveness when we fall short, and praise him for his vision to make us increasingly holy and righteous. *Angela Larsen*

Grow Report

The Grow focus is on those who teach and those who learn – we would like to encourage our whole church membership to “grow” in their faith and in their relationship with God.

Nursery & Sunday School:

The nursery now includes the pre-school children and is going well. Both nursery and Sunday School begin with a worship session, followed by an opportunity in both areas to discover the Bible. The youth have now taken on a leadership role in the Sunday School, under the guidance of Eric, Youth Ministry Director, which provides valuable experience for both youth and those they are teaching.

Youth:

The following report comes from Eric Park, our new Director of Youth Ministry:

“Over the last two months, it has been very exciting to be a part of St. Timothy’s Youth. With a trip to Whistler and snowshoeing days, as well as our regular Wednesday night meetings, both Lili-Kayy and I have begun to develop relationships with the youth. It has been great to see the youth stepping into roles of responsibility in the Sunday School program. We hope to see this continue with the accompanying development and growth of our youth, as they serve in the church. March 28th was a great night, as we went out into the Lonsdale area and prayed for the people and community of North Vancouver. The youth got to experience what it is like to bless people they do not know. Lily-Kayy and I look forward to further ministering to and with the youth of St. Timothy’s, as we grow together as a church youth group”.

Adult Education:

Six small groups have met for a six week period during Lent to study “Jesus: Compassionate Healer”. We are encouraged by the number of people who have participated in these sessions. There has been lots of lively discussion, which provides an opportunity to develop the “Grow” part of St. Timothy’s mission statement – “to become more like Jesus Christ”. Most small groups will resume study sessions after Easter with new topics. Topics and times of meetings will be announced shortly. All groups welcome newcomers at any time. If you feel that you would like to start a new group in your home, please contact me.

At the beginning of March, several members of St. Timothy’s attended St. Simon’s 20th Annual Renewal Mission 2007, led by the Rev. David A. Rich, a visiting AMiA priest, accompanied by a 12 member AMiA team. Those who attended the Mission speak of the deep impact this experience had on their lives. Many were healed physically, emotionally and spiritually during the course of the weekend.

Over the same weekend, on Saturday, March 3rd, four members of St. Timothy's participated in a Bible Training Conference day at St. John's Shaughnessy, led by Bishop Paul Barnett, from Sydney, Australia. Participants prepared assigned passages beforehand and were able to learn from each other as well as from Paul Barnett, to better understand, study and teach the Bible.

St. Timothy's Church Library:

16 new books are being added to the church library. These are books purchased as resource and enhancement materials for the Alpha program. They are now available for general use:

Mere Christianity – C.S. Lewis

Basic Christianity – John Stott

Orthodoxy – G.K. Chesterton

Run Baby Run – Nicky Cruz

The Cross and the Switchblade – David Wilkerson

The Hiding Place – Corrie Ten Boom

Too Busy not to Pray – Bill Hybels

Chasing the Dragon – Jackie Pullinger

Listening to God – Joyce Huggett

Life in Christ – Raniero Cantalamessa

Come Creator Spirit – Raniero Cantalamessa

The Screwtape Letters – C.S. Lewis

How to Give Away Your Faith – Paul Little

Dancer off her feet – Julie Sheldon

Power Evangelism – John Wimber

What's so Amazing about Grace? – Philip Yancey

If you have ideas or suggestions that we might pursue to further “grow” the faith of our community, please let me know.

Sarah Lucas

Give Report

The Mission Statement of St. Timothy's states that we are to: “Give of our time, talent and treasure to serve others”. When I speak to others about my church, one of the qualities that I am most proud of is our record of outreach. I remember being so touched when, in our first few months as a church, we donated to charity the entire proceeds of the Summer Ball held at the Carters' house. From those earliest of days, St Timothy's outreach has been most remarkable given our modest size and circumstances. As a member of the Anglican Coalition in Canada, ten percent of our weekly offerings go to support the work of the ACiC.

Last year, however we dedicated an additional ten percent of our offerings to outreach. We sent \$4000 to purchase books for the library of the new Kigali Anglican Theological College in Kigali, Rwanda. We gave \$4000 to the Harvest Project, \$4000 to ACiC for church planting, and \$3000. to Christ the Redeemer in Pender Harbour to help in the acquisition of their new building. We contributed to "A Rocha, Canada", an international conservation organization working to show God's love for all of creation. Not stopping there, the Ladies Group through Garage Sales, Lenten Awareness activities, the Games Night, Rwandan Christmas Card Sales, and Craft Sales raised further funds, **and gave it all (a total of \$6221) away!** These funds went to the Diocese of the Yukon, to Rwanda, to the North Shore Homeless Shelter, to Partners in Hope, and to the Harvest Project.

I believe that this pattern of generosity in outreach helps in many ways. Obviously it helps the recipients. It helps us all individually; for it truly is more blessed to give than to receive. But I like to tell St. Timothy's story because I believe that it is a means of helping us fulfill our greatest mission, that of drawing people to Christ. In the words of Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven".

All this from a church that meets in a community rec. centre! The Give Committee has been tasked with exploring the concept of what our future church home might look like. This is not an easy issue. There are many questions to consider. Do we want a permanent home? What are the benefits of having our own building? (Certainly the task of unpacking and repacking every Sunday wears on us all. If it doesn't, would you like to volunteer for the set up group? Please see John Hopkins). Would we go it alone, or consider a partnership with another group? What would a building look like, and what would we use it for?

How would it aid us in fulfilling our mission on the North Shore? Where could we obtain land for a church? How much would it cost and how would we obtain funds on such a scale? And how could we ensure that we stay true to our growing reputation as a church that "Gives"?

These are difficult issues and questions. Finding the answers will not be easy, and it may take a long, long time. I invite your thoughts, your input and your prayers.
Chris Vondette

Editors' Report

Happy Easter to everyone! Thanks go to contributors and to the Haighs who provide an excellent stapler, used by Hazel Blacoe. Muriel Newton's mailing of copies is much appreciated. Please note the next deadline date – June 3, 2007.
Matthew Vondette and Florence Wilton

Prayer Corner

CYCLE ON PRAYER (Second Part)

Why pray?

- *Because PRAYER IS A COMMAND – “Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thess. 5:17
- *Because, like it or not, WE NEED GOD. Even Jesus could “do nothing of himself”.
John 5: 19
- *Because JESUS HIMSELF PRAYED MUCH and continues to pray much. Rom.8: 34
- *Because GOD’S WORD URGES US to pray – “Men ought always to pray.”
Luke18:1
- *GOD DOES NOTHING except through prayer. “You have not because you ask not.” James 4:2
- *GREAT PEOPLE OF GOD have, like the apostle Paul, been people of prayer.
- *FOR HEALING OF THE LAND: “IF my people pray... I will heal their land.”
2 Chron. 7:14
- *FOR HEALING OF THE SICK: “Pray for each other so that you may be healed.”
James
5:16
- *WE NEED WISDOM: “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God.” James 1:5
- *Because GOD ANSWERS PRAYER. “O You that hear prayer...” Ps.65:2
- *Prayer is PLEASING TO GOD. “The prayer of the upright is His delight.” Pro.15:8;
Rev. 8:4
- *Prayer brings us into close fellowship, knowledge, partnership and INTIMACY with God. “Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain... Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain...”
James 5:17-18
- *Answered prayer leads to thanksgiving and WORSHIP – our very purpose for living. 2 Cor. 9

St. Timothy’s Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain has been active for 2 years now at St. Timothy’s. We have had many prayer requests and we are so thankful that the Lord has blessed each and every one of those prayers. Members of the chain are: Sam MacDonald, Florence Wilton, Audrey Haigh, Kathleen Stewart, Hazel Blacoe, Vera McLoughlin, Dara Barrett and Sonya Bell. If anyone is interested in joining, please prayerfully consider it and let me know. We all have different gifts, but we can ALL pray. This is a wonderful way to show your love for others.

Samantha MacDonald

The Prayer of a Branch

Jesus, the Vine,
may my life be joined to Yours
in deep communion.
May my soul drink only
from Your Source.
May my heart feed only
from Your Word.

When I am pruned
by God the Gardener,
May I give thanks
that though it hurts,
it means I live in You,
and that You will grow
more fruit in me.

If this branch is torn
by stormy winds,
come quickly, bind me
to the strong trunk of the Vine.
Bind me so tight so nothing
can ever separate
me from Your love.

(Gwyneth Bell © 2007 – a Pastoral Care Volunteer at St. Paul's Edmonton)

Prayer for Paul Carter and his family

Every week, Sunday 8pm to Monday 8pm, St. Timothy's joins with Immanuel Church Vancouver in prayer for Paul, Lois, Naomi, Susannah and Sarah-Louise.

Please sign up each Sunday to pray for one hour in your own home.

The sign-up sheet is on the table next to the refreshment table

Parishioner Profile: Eric and Lili-Kayy Park

Eric Park was born at Lion's Gate Hospital and grew up in Lynn Valley two minutes from the Lynn Valley Rec. Centre where we hold our services. His father is an immigrant from Newcastle, England and his mother is French Canadian from Rigaud, a small village west of Montreal. They met in Vancouver, married and then settled in North Vancouver, where they still live with Eric's younger brother, Stephen. They attend Lynn Valley Full Gospel Church.

Eric's mother spoke French to him and he began his education with a few years at Andre Piolat Elementary, and then moved to Ross Road School to focus on English. He continued at Argyle Secondary where he was very interested in athletics, running and soccer. He might well have had the opportunity of being a professional soccer player, but an injury kept him off the field throughout Grades 11 and 12, when the scouts were looking for talented young players. Another of his passions was marine biology and he volunteered at Vancouver Aquarium, teaching Junior High students about marine life. He found that he had a particular gift for communicating with youth and enjoyed his time with them very much. There were many different possibilities open to him, but he felt very strongly that God was calling him to be a Youth Pastor.

After graduating, he studied at Four Gospel Bible College, Saskatchewan for four years focusing on theology with specialty in youth, training designed to equip him with skills needed by a Youth Pastor. He then did an Internship at Lynn Valley Full Gospel Church. Six months was the required length of time, but Eric enjoyed the work so much he continued for a year helping the Youth Pastor and focusing on Junior High students.

At College in Saskatchewan, Eric met Lili-Kayy when they were serving together in the same Youth Group. She was born in Grace Hospital, Vancouver. Her mother was a single mother and although there was not much support for her from the church she attended due to her circumstances a missionary called Kayy Gordon who worked in the Arctic befriended her and encouraged her in the Lord. Because of this friendship Lili-Kayy's mother decided to name her new baby Lili after her grandmother Lillian and Kayy after her missionary friend.

At the age of four her mother decided to move to Kitimat to be near her sister. Life was easier in Kitimat than it had been in Vancouver, but her Mum still had to work fulltime to provide and Lili-Kayy still longed for a father. At age six Lili-Kayy prayed for a father and saw in a vision a man who her mother would meet and marry a year later.

The new father brought his son, Jason, to the family and a year later a sister, Ruth, joined them. Lili-Kayy was brought up in a strong Christian home but began to struggle with deep hurts in her teen years.

In 1996 she left her family to live in Seattle with the same aunt that they had lived near in Kitimat. Her aunt and uncle were not Christian and she was not encouraged to attend church. However, this was exactly what she needed to draw her back to the Lord. She became very spiritually hungry and gave herself back to God wholeheartedly. Her aunt and uncle did not understand her joy and decided to send her away. They asked her where she would like to go and she chose Red Deer, Alberta because she was familiar with a church there. She found a basement to rent in Red Deer and worked at three jobs – cleaning in a hotel, assisting in a dollar store and working in Tim Horton's. She attended the Word of Life Church and was told by the Lord to help two young women. She was frightened at the prospect as she did not know what would be the outcome, but decided to follow the Lord's instruction. She took them in and felt good that she had obeyed God. One of them got saved and the other she persuaded to return to her parents. This was the beginning of her passion to work with troubled young people.

In spite of working hard at three jobs, she was just managing to make ends meet and wondered where her life was going, but the Lord promised her that he was still faithful to her and to the promises he had made to her as a child. At age 21 her mother and step-father phoned her and told her the Lord had instructed them to support her studies at the Four Gospel Bible College in Saskatchewan. Lili-Kayy gratefully accepted this and began studying theology and public speaking as well as focusing on youth, learning some Greek and joining the music program. Her aim was to become a preacher or a missionary and she was so intent on this that she initially did not pay any attention to Eric. However, the Lord showed her that this man was to play an important part in her life and she fell in love with him during her third year of college. At this point Lili-Kayy felt ready to go anywhere in the world to serve the Lord *except* Vancouver, but God, in a variety of subtle ways, kept drawing her back to that area. After a six-month internship at Arocha in White Rock followed by the final year's studies in Saskatchewan, Eric and Lili-Kayy were married in Arocha on August 27, 2005 and settled in North Vancouver near Eric's lifetime home. They now have a baby girl named Justice Dawn Park who was born on Sunday, March 25th at 2:02a.m.

They have found moving to St. Timothy's a very positive change. They feel the spirit of God moving in the church and have been touched by Ken Bell's sermons and his encouragement. They enjoy being involved in the Grow Team and have many ideas for the Youth Group. They still attend the Full Gospel Youth Group one evening a week and foresee some joint ventures.

We are very fortunate that God brought such a dedicated and well-trained couple to lead St. Timothy's Youth and join in all aspects of the church. We look forward to welcoming Justice Dawn to the congregation and to her baby shower.

Florence Wilton

Love One Another....

Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience!

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor." Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory -- he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachutes...

(Taken from the Internet – source unknown)

Harvest Project Opportunity

Client Care Partners are the front line volunteers of the Harvest Project, meeting with clients who are facing challenging circumstances. They play an integral role in developing goals with clients and connecting them to other services. An ideal candidate has good communication and listening skills, a compassionate heart, is assertive and can maintain boundaries. The ability to handle difficult and emotionally intense situations is a must. Volunteers for this position must be able to sign a Christian statement of faith. We ask for a minimum commitment of one year for this position. We also require that volunteers complete four days of training. Our next block of training sessions runs every Wednesday from May 30-June 20. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Wendy Hiebert at 604-983-9488 ext.316 or wendy@harvestproject.org

The Importance of Forgiveness

The famous public speaker Charles Spurgeon once said: "Forgive and Forget. When you bury a mad dog, don't leave his tail above the ground." If you are like me, you were taught as a little child by your parents to say you were sorry when you hurt people and forgive when they hurt you. Virtually everyone in Canada has probably been taught this and knows this to be essential to daily living. We all believe this intellectually, but when someone really hurts us deeply and unfairly, it's really hard to do.

They say that it is usually easier to forgive an enemy than a friend. Why is this so? I know from personal experience that I can hurt my wife and children (often unintentionally) far deeper than my acquaintances. I sometimes forget that it's the little things that really make a wife feel appreciated and loved. There is no one that we both hurt and love more than our families. Only daily forgiveness and repentance (saying you're sorry and changing your behaviour) can keep today's families together.

Benjamin Franklin said "Doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenge makes you but even with him; forgiving sets you above him". I always thought that I was good at forgiving, until many years ago a close acquaintance hurt me deeply and very unfairly. I thought to myself, "I'll just forgive him and get on with it." It took me several years to truly forgive him from my heart. I had to forgive him day after day after day. What I discovered was that, in my own strength, I am a poor forgiver, and that true forgiveness is a miracle. It is humanly impossible. Without help from God, revenge will always control us. We go sour and bitter inside. The Bible calls this disease "The Root of Bitterness" (Hebrews 12:15).

I have come to realize that forgiveness is not just a nice option for me. It's life or death (both physically and emotionally). That's why a wise Sage named Paul once said "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as Christ God forgave you." My prayer for all of us on the North Shore is that forgiveness may not be just a word, or an intellectual belief, but rather a daily experience.

The Reverend Ed Hird+ ed_hird@telus.net (An article for a North Shore Paper)

On a Lighter Note...

A Smile

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is of no value to anyone until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile as much as he who has no more to give.

Submitted by Daisy Scott

Church Bulletins and Announcements...OOPS!

Ladies, don't forget the Rummage Sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

There will be a Potluck Supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The Peace-making Meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

The sermon this morning is, "Jesus walks on water". The sermon tonight will be, "Searching for Jesus".

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

If you choose to heave during the Postlude, please do so quietly.

Come out this evening for a time of prayer and sinning.

Please welcome Pastor David, a caring individual who loves hurting people.

Submitted by Joan Buss

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While all members of our congregation are called to proclaim the good news that we have to share at St Timothy's, the above people have agreed to focus attention to a particular area. They represent YOU at our monthly meetings and can only operate fully on your behalf if they know your will. All these people welcome input and all ideas are brought forward to Council for consideration. Beefs, bouquets and comments are always appreciated. Please do your part to promote St Timothy's in our daily lives.

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Please give any changes to this list to Matthew Vondette for updating the database and to Florence Wilton for the June newsletter.

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings and Events

Choir Practice is each Monday at the Haigh's at 7.30pm.

Church Council meets the second Thursday of each month at 6.30pm.

The **Ladies' Group** meets the second Monday of each month at 1.30pm.

The **Prayer Group** meets each Monday at 1.30pm (except the second Monday of each month).

SMALL GROUPS AFTER EASTER

Please consider joining one of the small groups listed below. You will not be disappointed - this is an opportunity to learn together and further our desire to become devoted followers of Christ.

Daytime Groups:

Tues. April 10, 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. - *Jesus: Provocative Teacher, at Holiday Inn Restaurant, N. Van. (John Collings: 604 984-9897)

Tues. April 10, 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. - *Jesus: Provocative Teacher at Patricia Young's, (Patricia: 604 980-2955)

Weds. April 18, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Jesus: Authentic Leader (last session) Following week a new program begins - *Jesus: Extreme Forgiver at Florence Wilton's (Paddy: 604 921-9083)

Thurs. April 19, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - 8 week study on James at Ron & Carolyn Edwards', (Ron/Carolyn: 604 985-9839)

Evening Groups:

Thurs. April 12, 7:30-9:00 p.m. What's So Amazing About Grace?" Philip Yancey (10 wk study) at Sam MacDonald's (Audrey/ Dara: 604-980-7809/983-2530)

Sign up sheets are available starting Easter Day. For more information, please contact Sarah Lucas 604 986-5451. * six week study program

April 28, 6.30pm Dine Out Dinner at Amici Restaurant, West Vancouver

April 29 (after the Service) Baby Shower for Andrew and Justice at the Haigh's

May 5 Ladies' Group Craft Sale at Delbrook Rec. Centre

May 25 Ladies' Group Games Night at Muriel Newton's

June 3 Deadline for *St Timothy's Gazette*

June 10 (after the Service) Annual Barbecue for St Timothy's 3rd Anniversary

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND WATCH THE SERVICE LEAFLET EACH SUNDAY FOR MORE DETAILS AS EACH EVENT DRAWS NEAR. PLEASE BE CAREFUL TO SIGN UP, WHEN APPROPRIATE, TO HELP THE ORGANIZERS.