

# St. Timothy's Church Annual Report 2023



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## GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION

### REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

- Worship Service - Saturdays @ 5:00 pm at Church at Cane Bay campus
- Joint Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm with St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church (via conference call)

### CLERGY, VESTRY, & STAFF

#### Clergy

- The Reverend Lucas Deman - Rector
- The Reverend Nelson Weaver - Deacon
- Laurie Rice - Lay Chaplain

#### Church Staff

- Chris Wingard - Parish Administrator
- Tim Hamilton - Praise & Worship Leader
- Kerry Hall - Financial Administrator
- Tami Neff - IT/Communications

#### Vestry

- Ashley Frampton- Senior Warden
- Ed Barnes - Junior Warden
- Ron Birckhead
- Natalie Maisel
- Terry Small
- Gary Weate

#### Vestry Staff

- Tami Neff - Clerk
- Ed Barnes - Treasurer

#### *Broken Chain*

*We little knew the day  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly.  
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you  
but you didn't go alone.  
For part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.*

*We're left with beautiful memories.  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you  
You are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one  
the chain will link again.*

*-- Ron Tranmer*

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*In Memory of Our  
Beloved Sister in Christ*

*Chris Wingard*

## SACRAMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

### BAPTISMS

- Ruslin Miles Coste

### MARRIAGE

- Jim & Candy Priest

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*  
*Matthew 28:19-20*

## 2023 MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY



### TRANSFERRED IN

- Patrick (Paddy) Chrisp
- Jill Mackey
- Anthony, Anna, Laurel, Bethel, Priel, & Isobel Pelloni

### TRANSFERRED OUT

- Jill Mackey
- Laurie Rice

### HOMEGOING

- Chris Wingard

## MINUTES FROM LAST ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting opened with a prayer offered by Rector Luke Deman at 6:15 PM.

- Alternate Delegates: Terry Small and Janet Brasfield

Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting (January 2022).

1. Motion to approve made by Janet Brasfield
2. Motion seconded by Gary Weate
3. Unanimously approved

### New Business

1. Pastor Luke offered a note of appreciation to Joyce Funk for her three years of faithful service to the congregation as Treasurer.
2. Pastor Luke offered a note of deepest appreciation to the three outgoing Vestry members who have served St. Timothy's with dedication and integrity: Kay Travinksi, Anna Thompson Beson, and Dan Hunt.
3. Pastor Luke presented two nominees who will serve on the Vestry for three years: Gary Weate and Natalie Maisel.
  - Tami Neff made the motion to accept the nomination of both candidates
  - Wynne Boone seconded the motion
  - Motion accepted unanimously
4. Diocesan Delegates presented for approval are:
  - Primary Delegates: Gordon Peters, Kay Dickerson, Kay Deman, and Mariann Lee

Luke asked the congregation to consider what is the mission of our church is as we move into 2023. May we continue making a difference in Summerville (especially throughout Cane Bay), Goose Creek, and Moncks Corner. Let us use this new season as a time to call out to the Holy Spirit to guide us so as to best direct our energy to where we are to invest our time, talent, and treasure to the benefit of others and the Glory of God. May we: Remember, Renew, Refresh, Recuperate, and Rest.

### Action Items

Janet requested approval of the 2023 Annual Report is suspended until an amendment she agreed to write on the Choral be added.

- Wynne made the motion
- Gary seconded the motion
- Motion approved by all

Pastor Luke closed at 6:47 PM with a prayer. Meeting to adjourn was made at 6:50 by Marianne Lee

- Jen Deman seconded the motion
- Motion accepted unanimously
- Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM

Submitted by Rita Conley-Pitts

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### 2023 EXPENSES SUMMARY

	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	APPROVED 2024 BUDGET
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>			
4010 Contribution/Plate Income	\$200,000.00	\$203,064.58	\$210,000.00
4020 Other Income	\$8,820.00	\$247.46	\$0.00
4025 Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4030 Carry Over From Previous Years	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$218,820.00</b>	<b>\$203,312.04</b>	<b>\$210,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
5000s Personnel Expenses	\$114,920.00	\$113,355.84	\$112,430.25
5100s Employee Fringe	\$15,358.00	\$16,096.21	\$15,505.75
5200s Admin Expenses	\$48,760.00	\$42,692.09	\$51,814.00
6000s Discipleship Expenses	\$2,350.00	\$410.80	\$2,250.00
7000s Outreach	\$25,800.00	\$25,647.19	\$28,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$207,188.00</b>	<b>\$198,202.13</b>	<b>\$210,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME Vs. EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$11, 632.00)</b>	<b>\$5,109.91</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

*God Be Praised*

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

Hebrews 13:16

## 2023 EXPENDITURES FROM RESTRICTED FUNDS

RESTRICTED FUNDS	Raised/Donated	Sent Out	Ending Balance
2110 5th Saturday	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
2115 Rector Discretionary Fund	\$2,026.00	\$400.00	\$1,626.00
2120 Benevolence	\$475.00	\$470.00	\$5.00
2125 Building Fund	\$13,588.72	\$0.00	\$13,588.72
2130 Fred Onyango Assistance	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
2135 Kenya - Classrooms	\$2,397.27	\$0.00	\$2,397.27
2140 Kenya - Marsabit	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
2145 Vanessa's Locker	\$706.34	\$706.34	\$0.00
2150 Tuition Assistance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2155 Cursillo	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
2160 Food Distribution/Gift Car	\$4,608.17	\$1,709.46	\$2,898.71
2165 Cambodia	\$2,045.00	\$1,325.00	\$720.00
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$28,246.50</b>	<b>\$6,510.80</b>	<b>\$21,735.70</b>

## 2024 APPROVED BUDGET

Vestry Approved: November 2, 2021

	2024 BUDGET
<b>"Department: 5 Operating Income</b>	
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	
4010 Contribution/Plate Income	\$210,000.00
4020 Other Income	\$-
4025 Interest Income	\$-
4030 Carry Over From 2020	\$-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$210,000.00</b>
<b>Department: 10 Administrative Expenses</b>	
<b>PERSONNEL EXPENSES</b>	
5010 Clergy Salaries	\$41,718.40
5015 Clergy Misc. Earnings	\$-
5020 Clergy FICA/SECA	\$4,380.43
5030 Clergy Housing Allowance	\$44,500.00
5040 Worship Leader Salary	\$10,800.00
5050 Administrative Salaries	\$4,800.00
5055 Nursery Salaries	\$4,680.00
5060 Employer FICA/Medicare	\$1,551.42
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$112,430.25</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE FRINGE</b>	
5115 Clergy Pension	\$15,401.80
5125 Clergy Business Expense	\$103.95
5135 Clergy Continuing Education	\$-
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE FRINGE</b>	<b>\$15,505.75</b>

<b>OTHER ADMIN EXPENSES</b>	
5210 Rent	\$23,064.00
5215 Insurance	\$6,700.00
5220 Office Supplies	\$200.00
5225 Software, Applications, Subs	\$3,400.00
5230 Payroll Processing Fees	\$1,200.00
5235 Online Giving/Bank Fees	\$700.00
5240 Supply Priest	\$200.00
5245 Rector Discretionary Fund	\$200.00
5250 Legal & Professional Fees	\$200.00
5255 IT Professional Fees	\$12,000.00
5260 Marketing	\$1,000.00
5265 Postage	\$200.00
5270 Telephone/Internet	\$400.00
5275 Diocesan Convention	\$1,000.00
5280 Vestry Retreat	\$100.00
5285 Computer Equipment	\$500.00
5290 Janitorial/Maintenance Exp	\$-
5295 Clergy Spouse Retreat	\$250.00
5300 Miscellaneous Admin Expense	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER ADMIN EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$51,814.00</b>
<b>Department: 20 Discipleship Expenses</b>	
<b>TOTAL DISCIPLESHIP EXPENSES</b>	
6010 Music Ministry/Sply Musician	\$400.00
6015 Children's Ministry	\$700.00
6020 Nursery Supplies	\$250.00
6025 Newcomers Ministry	\$-
6030 Fellowship/Hospitality	\$600.00

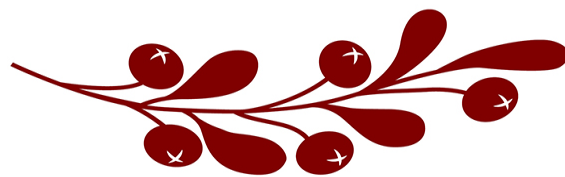


6035 Worship/Altar Supplies	\$300.00
<b>TOTAL DISCIPLESHIP EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>
Department: 30 Outreach	
<b>TOTAL OUTREACH</b>	
7010 Diocesan Pledge	\$21,000.00
7015 Evangelism	\$300.00
7020 Food Distribution	\$5,000.00
7025 Outreach Local/Domestic	\$500.00
7030 Outreach World	\$1,200.00
<b>TOTAL OUTREACH</b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$210,000.00</b>
Net Receipts Over Disbursements	\$(0.00)

*In all your ways  
acknowledge him, and he  
will make straight your  
paths. Honor the Lord  
with your wealth and  
with the firstfruits of all  
your produce; then your  
barns will be filled with  
plenty, and your vats will  
be bursting with wine.*

*Proverbs 3:6,9-10*

GIVE  
*thanks*  
 WITH A  
*grateful heart*



## RECTOR'S REPORT



When I started talking about setting a vision statement for St. Timothy's, I found a lot of surprising push back. The arguments usually followed along two lines of thought. The first was that vision statements are something that they do in the corporate world. Why would we take our cues from secular institutions? Shouldn't it be the other way around?

The second objection was given to be by several trusted priest friends but was echoed by parishioners as well. Their

objection was that vision statements consume a lot of effort, but once adopted they receive a lot of fanfare and are promptly filed away and forgotten about. It's a lot of work for something that ultimately doesn't matter.

I think both objections were best summed up by one of our parishioners during a prayer meeting – "We don't need more words!"

This is a sentiment I can get behind! The hope is that a vision statement will be paired with action. I pray that these aren't just words that get filed away, but that they give us a short way of answering the question, "What does it mean to be a member of St. Timothy's?"

And so, after a lot of prayer and discernment, I want to announce that we are not adopting a vision statement. What we are adopting is an action statement. We are Messengers of Christ's Love and Mercy.

This action statement encapsulates the essence of our calling as a community of faith. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called not only to proclaim the Gospel but to embody it in our lives, becoming messengers of His boundless love and inexhaustible mercy to a world in need.

To ground our action statement in the timeless wisdom of Scripture, we turn to the words of the Apostle Paul in Titus 3, verses 4 and 5: "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy." There is a lot more scripture we'll be studying, but in the meantime, this is our foundation.

We're still in the realm of words and not action. I'll admit that an action statement is a made-up thing, but I hope it starts a conversation. What does it mean to be a messenger? What is Christ's love? How is it expressed? How does mercy enter the equation? How can I be a messenger of Christ's love and mercy for my family? For my church? For the world? How can I use this in my life?

The way we answer these questions should influence our actions. Archbishop Desmond Tutu said, "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits

of good put together that overwhelm the world." Our understanding of the love and mercy of Christ will influence the little bit of good that we strive to accomplish. It will frame our work and the way we minister to each other and to the world.

There are still many questions about action statements that are outstanding. We will begin this conversation during the season of Lent with a sermon series that will begin to equip us to answer them. As always, I appreciate your input and feedback. This is a journey we are on together. I am so thankful for all your contributions to the life and ministry of St. Timothy's.

Please continue to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, trusting that God's grace will empower us to be authentic messengers of Christ's love and mercy in every facet of our lives.

The Reverend Luke Deman  
Rector

# *Messengers of Christ's Love and Mercy*

## DEACON'S REPORT

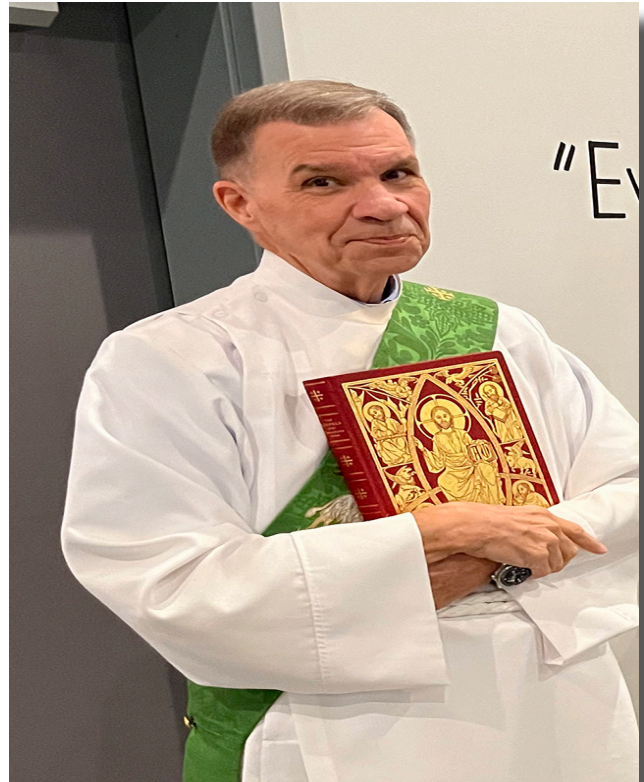
I recently read an article that included the following which (I believe) helps to understand "being a deacon":

It is true that every priest, bishop, or archbishop all had to be a deacon first. But this does not make deacons a smaller, lesser order of ordained ministry. In fact, this makes the role of a deacon a foundational quality of all ordained life.

The Sacred Order of Deacons is historically and ecclesologically called on behalf of the church and in the name of Jesus, to engage in what can only be described as front-line ministry. In contrast to priests, whose anchors are pulpit and altar, both pieces of furniture inside a church building, the ordination service for deacons mentions neither of these things.

Instead, the ordination service for deacons provides a job description that is a ministry outside the four walls of a church building. It doesn't give you furniture at all. In fact, furniture would be antithetical to a ministry on the street, in the office, at the local coffee shop, in a hospital, working among the neediest of our culture and society or even, as I have found, while shopping at Publix.

This year, I served as a Fire Chaplain ministering to Central Berkeley SC Fire



and EMS representing Christ the Servant providing light for those who too often see only darkness and despair. Within the four walls of St. Timothy's, I serve the Priest during worship service by reading the Gospel, leading prayer, bidding to confession, laying the table (altar), aiding in administering Communion (or, when called, to carry it to those kept from the table), and giving the dismissal to send the congregation back into the world.

As your Deacon, I end this St. Timothy's Deacon Report with this from 1 Corinthians 4:1 which defines my role as Deacon:

*This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.*

The Reverend Nelson Weaver  
Deacon



## LAY CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

I was commissioned as a Lay Chaplain 12 years ago at St. Paul's in Summerville, SC. I attend staff meetings as well as various other meetings. I also lead the LEC (Reader), LEM (Lay Eucharistic Minister), and LEV (Lay Eucharistic Visitor) Ministries.

I visit the homebound, bringing them communion and being a presence, as well as visiting at hospitals and the local Hospice House.

My calling has evolved over the years but has always leaned towards the sick and the dying. I completed my training as an End-of-Life Doula in Dec 2022. It is a blessing to be able to walk with others on their final journeys and to help them make the best of the time they have left.

It is also a blessing to be a part of the Pastoral Care Ministry and to assist in making sure prayer requests get to the prayer team in a timely manner. We have an awesome prayer team, which has been in place for many years. We also

have an Intercessory Prayer team which is available to pray for people during our weekly church services. We have been blessed to feel God's presence time and time again in response to our prayers.

Rita Conley-Pitts & Kay Travinski oversee our Card Ministry and Kay oversees our Grief Booklet Ministry. They send cards to members for many different occasions; get well, birth of a child, surgery, encouragement, sympathy, and sometimes just to stay in touch with those who are homebound. The Grief Booklets are sent to those who have lost a loved one.

My time as a Lay Chaplain has truly been a blessing. I am especially grateful for the people that make up our Church family at St. Timothy's.

Laurie Rice  
Lay Chaplain

## PRAISE & WORSHIP TEAM LEADER'S REPORT

### How It Works (song selection and more)

Planning the music for the worship service is a process that begins with scripture. One of the key things that links the songs to the worship service agenda is the scripture verses that have been selected well in advance. We in the Anglican Church have the old and New Testament scriptures as well as the Psalms for the week selected for the entire year. For the upcoming week i am able to go through the scriptures and pick out several songs that are linked to the scripture we will be covering. These selections serve as an anchor for me to work around.

Once the first few songs relating to the scripture are chosen it is time to fill the agenda with the remaining songs. This

involves mixing the energy of the songs with traditional hymns and the chorus of other songs to blend the offering of music. For those reading this that are not musically inclined here is how the "key" of the song works. Most of the songs written and performed are written in keys that are favorable for the author of the song. These selected keys rarely fit for my own vocal range so the songs almost always require it to be transposed to a key that works for the team. To address this we generally choose keys that are good for the vocalists on the worship team and also for the congregation to join along easily. The running joke on our worship team is that the key we play nearly all of our songs in is the key of G or the key of D. These are the keys that are easy to play on the guitar and easy for me to hit vocally.



Our church has been blessed with musicians that work very well together. It is hard for me to remember back to the days when I started leading St Timothy's with just a guitar and my vocals. I am excited each and every week to play with our current worship team. The "set list" usually gets sent out on Tuesday. It always seems to work out as the team pulls the songs together during the hour before the service. Even when it doesn't work out the way we want it to, it ends up being fun and forgiving. Joining me on the team mostly every week is Jim Priest on violin. Oeland Camp continues to commute from Columbia each week (when he is able) and

always gives new life to our song selections. Ed and Beth Barnes on bass and piano have rounded out the instrumental sound of the team and it is such a pleasure to have them play when they are able. The vocal team of Jen, Kay and Alexis have blossomed and when we are all there, the wall of harmony makes the music selections sound so good. Yasmin also joins us on viola when she is able to, which gives a more full string/orchestra sound when she plays with us.

Tim Hamilton  
Praise & Worship Team Leader

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as St. Timothy's Senior Warden this year. I feel the theme for this past year has been growth, development, and discernment for our parish. We have been working toward updating and expanding our church's vision and mission in the world. Over the year, I have had the pleasure of watching our church move mountains in so many ways. With the monthly food distribution, community yard sale, turkey voucher program, and annual Angel Tree program, our congregation continues to come together to leave large impacts on those in our community.

While we are stewards of Christ and his hands and feet in the world around us, we are also a group that closely supports each other. Our congregation continuously prays for, supports, encourages and celebrates one another during times of need or celebration.

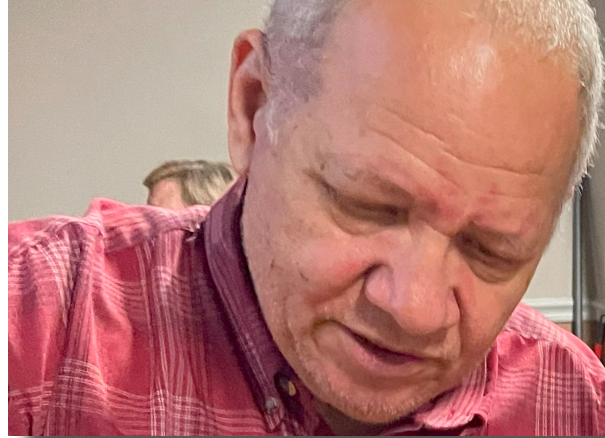
As my time on the Vestry comes to an end, I want to take a moment to thank each one of you for always encouraging, supporting and praying for me and my family over the years. I am proud to be a member of St. Timothy's and honored to call our church my home. I love you all!

Ashley Frampton  
Senior Warden

## JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

I had the honor of serving as your Junior Warden in 2023. The Vestry of the Day is now in Planning Center and a number of facilities issues have been resolved at no cost. I look forward to serving alongside new Vestry members in 2024.

Ed Barnes  
Junior Warden



## MISSIONS

### THE PELLONI FAMILY - CAMBODIA

Our family has been living and ministering in Cambodia serving as educators in a Christian bilingual school for middle class Cambodian families. In 2022, we felt the LORD call us towards church planting in Cambodia and away from education. In the beginning of 2023, we came to the States to begin fundraising, but before we could start we needed to find a home church that would care for our family and feed us spiritually as we did not have a stateside church to call home. We were directed to St Timothy's on three separate occasions before ever coming to South Carolina. When we walked in the door's of St Timothy's we felt a great love for our family from the members who we would come to call our church family.

During our nine months in the States fundraising, St Timothy's was the home that we desperately needed to keep us filled on our fundraising journey. Each week, we were able to come and be filled spiritually before visiting different churches and families to raise support for our mission in Cambodia. Having a stable home church to pour into us was invaluable during this season and we could not have raised the needed support without our home church!

In addition to emotional and spiritual support, St Timothy's also committed to financial partnership with our family as well as some of its members. We have started language learning and helping to get systems in place for the international





church plant with sights set on helping to foster and grow a Khmer church plant in 2024. I will also start seminary online through Trinity, School for Ministry which Reverend Luke Deman helped me to discern if this was the right seminary for me to attend. In 2024, Anna will begin gathering resources for family discipleship

that our church will make available to families as well as welcome in our fifth baby girl. We are grateful for the financial and prayerful commitment of our church family at St Timothy's.

Anthony & the Pelloni Family

## MISSIONARIES IN OUR MIDSTS

Looking back at the past year, it brings immense joy to share the remarkable journey of our church in endeavoring to share the love and mercy of Christ both locally and abroad. Our church's missionary activities have extended to various corners

of the globe, touching the lives of individuals in Kenya, Cambodia, Western Africa, and Mexico. We give God the glory for the opportunities we have been given to spread the light of Christ throughout the world.

Our church has been blessed with a unique relationship with Rev. Fred Ochieng Onyango and his diocese in Kenya. In the last year, as Fred and his family have been serving in Summerville, we have been partners with his ministry both locally and abroad. We have supported both the school in Kenya and his work here within the Diocese of South Carolina. It is our prayer that through his ministry, partnerships will continue to form and grow between churches in South Carolina and churches in Kenya. We've also continued our work in building classrooms for the Girl's school back in Kenya. This work is not just financial in nature, but it is centered around the relationships that we've maintained with Rev. Fred and his family. Please continue to pray for God to bless his ministry and to use St. Timothy's to bring Christ's love and mercy to Kenya.

Back in January I went to a training course on church planting. Of course, we love church planting! But I felt a calling that it was time for St. Timothy's to begin to take part in planting a new church. Of course, I couldn't understand how that could be the case. Church planting is something that's done by larger churches that are rich in resources! How could we hope to take something of this magnitude on?

Of course, God had all the details already worked out. The week after the conference, the Pellonis visited us for the first time.

they were looking for a home base for not just financial support, but for prayer support and spiritual friendship. We worked with them to visit churches in our diocese and continue their fundraising efforts. We were also to welcome Anthony into the long process of discernment into ordained ministry.

The Pellonis are back in their mission field in Cambodia, where the spiritual landscape is evolving. As they continue their work, our prayer is that our church will play a pivotal role in supporting our church planters. This family has worked zealously to establish new congregations, creating spaces where people can come together to worship, share their faith, and build a sense of community. God has used us to continue to help establish churches that serve as beacons of Christ's love and mercy in a region where the field is ripe for the harvest.

Another surprise we received in the last year was the arrival of Paddy and T. Both work as missionaries in the Gambia and Liberia. Their mission is to address and liberate victims from the heinous crime of child sex trafficking. Our church continues to pray for all that are committed to rescuing and rehabilitating victims of this abhorrent practice. Paddy and T have not required our financial support, but what they've asked for is actually a lot harder – our persistent prayers for this mission

and fellowship as well. In the coming year we hope to continue to deepen our relationship with them and the support for their mission.

We continue to support and pray for Roger and Joanna Griffin's work in Mexico. Roger continues to serve the Anglican Church in Mexico by providing education to local leaders, supplying for pastors in need, and ministering to companion churches. We pray for his success and are encouraged by the way that God has used him to continue to proclaim the Good News.

I'm so thankful that we've been able to let our light shine, not just in Summerville but across the globe. Together, God has allowed us to have a meaningful impact on the lives of countless individuals around the world. Looking ahead, we are hoping to strengthen our bonds of fellowship and belonging. We are praying for opportunities to visit our mission friends in the field and see how their work is proclaiming Christ's love and mercy.

The Reverend Luke Deman  
Rector

## LOCAL MISSIONS & OUTREACH

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

In April 2023, St. Timothy's and the community blessed by her dedicated work on our food distribution program suffered a profound loss when God called Chris Wingard home. Chris saw the need of this food ministry when we were on Farrell Street and ran with it. She single-handedly performed all the ground work for establishment with the Lowcountry Food Bank. When it was time to move from Farrell Street, Chris found us a place to continue to serve the surrounding community. Her legacy lives on as we continue to bless those in need with food distribution every second Saturday of the month.

The food distribution was blessed by the generosity of our congregation by having a Yard Sale September 30th. Saying it was a success is an understatement. This small but mighty congregation raised over \$3500. Our members had neighbors, family and friends involved and Luke cannot wait until our next Yard Sale. These funds provided gift cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas and will pay for the cost of food from the Lowcountry Food Bank until funds run out.

Bryan Hill, Campus Pastor Seacoast Cane Bay, partnered with us at Thanksgiving and provided 40 banker's boxes filled with

sides for our client's Thanksgiving Meal. The Arden apartment complex also partnered with us to provide non-perishable items through the end of the year. During the month of September, the Arden gave raffle tickets to residents for grocery items donated and this was a big success.

We started an "item of the month" for food items that are in short supply at the Lowcountry Food Bank.

This way members can donate the much-needed items.

We ended the year with client count up again to approx. 40 families served and hope to grow in 2024. I am continuously humbled by the love and support of the family of St Timothy's. The volunteers who come to pack grocery bags every Friday and to load cars every Saturday. The volunteers that set up and tear down every month. You are truly the hands and feet of Jesus. God has blessed this ministry mightily.

Marta Ridgell  
Food Distribution Coordinator



## ANGEL TREE

St. Timothy's continued its tradition of providing Christmas gifts for our Food Distribution client's children/grandchildren. The generosity of our members blessed eight children this year. This was my first year on the coordinating side of the Angel Tree and all I can say is our members are some of the most generous and loving people I have encountered and it is a blessing to serve with you. I believe the support of St. Timothy's makes a huge difference in the lives of many of our clients at this time of year.

Marta Ridgell  
Angel Tree Coordinator

*I will never leave you for you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*

*Galatians 5:13*

## MINISTRIES

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

In the heart St. Timothy's, the Children's Ministry may be one of the most important things we do from week to week. It's certainly one of the most difficult aspects of our shared time together. The importance of sharing Christ's love and mercy with our children cannot be overstated. As we reflect on the events of the past year, we acknowledge the highs and lows that have shaped our journey.

Of course, it would be hard to talk about the last year without mentioning Kayla

Morton. Kayla was a foundational part of our team, and an integral part of this ministry for years. She has moved to be with family in Georgia, and is doing well. But she has left big shoes to fill!

Luckily, we've had Don and Yasmine to lean on in ministering to our children. Don uses a combination of the Godly Play curriculum alongside some of his own materials. In the next year, we are excited about the prospects of moving into more of a liturgically minded expression of Children's ministry, as more of what they do in the children's side mirrors what we

do on the adult side! These changes are aimed at enhancing the spiritual and educational experiences of our young members. These efforts reflect our ongoing commitment to creating a dynamic and enriching environment for our children to thrive.

We've also been blessed by members of the congregation stepping in to help out when Yasmin or Don can't make it. Thank you to all that have volunteered, and please keep your eyes out for others that we could work alongside to help staff this ministry.

In the coming year my hope is that we see multiple children confirmed. This generally happens around 12 years old, and by the Lord's mercy we may have some children that are ready to make the commitment to

join our church not just as children brought by their parents, but as members that are there to serve as messengers of Christ's love and mercy!

As we conclude, we acknowledge the bittersweet nature of the past year in our Children's Ministry. While we sure do miss Kayla, we also celebrate the resilience, love, and sense of community that defines our church. As we look to the next year, we pray that the commitment of our members to provide a nurturing space where faith and love continue to flourish will attract new families. May the coming year bring continued growth, knowledge, and the joyful laughter of our beloved children.

The Reverend Luke Deman  
Rector & Children's Ministry Leader



## DAUGHTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Daughters of the Holy Cross is a Lay Order of women who vow to serve Jesus through a Rule of Life: Prayer, Service, Study, and Evangelism. We are the Elizabeth Chapter hosted at St. Timothy's.



This year, we opened up the chapter meetings to all women of the church for the prayer and Bible Study portion of the meetings.

The Daughters of the Holy Cross provide services as requested by the Rector to our parish such as organizing fellowship receptions after church events. An example of this is the reception after Bishop Chip Edgar's visit in November. Additionally, we have chosen to support St. Matthews Girls School, Kisumu, Kenya in collaboration with The Reverend Fred Ocheing-Onyango, currently a resident within our Diocese. In July, we sent 80 sets of feminine sanitary products to the school as well as our ongoing project to make dresses for the girls at the school.

Four members of the Elizabeth Chapter attended a regional gathering in Bluffton in February and three other members

attended a diocesan Daughters meeting at St. Johns in the spring. In November, two new members took vows to join the order bringing our membership to 13 Daughters.

Many of the daughters participate in the women's luncheons and serve our parish on the Altar guild, intercessory prayer teams, and serve as LEMs and LECs.

Janet Brasfield  
President, St. Timothy's  
Daughters of the Holy Cross

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

While we currently don't have a formal Women's Ministry, the women of St. Timothy's serve as prayer warriors on our Prayer Team, set up Meal Trains for those who could use help after surgery or illness, and participate in a host of other displays of fellowship, ministry, and generosity.

In 2023, Carol Overstreet blessed St. Timothy's by organizing several ladies luncheons. Since many of the women of our church are also members of the Daughters of the Holy Cross, they have opened their monthly Bible study to all St. Timothy's women. We look forward to more gatherings, studies, and participation in ministries to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus in our church, community, and world.

Tami Neff



## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

Our men's fellowship dinners have been a great opportunity for the men of our church and visitors to build relationships and grow in their faith.

Held monthly on the third Thursday of the month in a variety of locations, the dinners have been attended by a diverse group of men, ranging in age from young adults to seniors. Some of the establishments recently attended include Stones Throw Tavern, King's Express Pizza, and Montreux Bar & Grill. Each dinner is a time of fellowship, as the men enjoy a meal and catch up with one another.

During the meal, we each have time to "check in" and talk about what we might be thankful for or want prayer for. We pray that a sense of community and support continues to grow and develop among the men of St. Timothy's. Specifically, we pray that meaningful relations would continue to grow and that these would be a source of support and encouragement in the lives of our parish's men.

Our men's fellowship dinners have been a valuable and enriching part of our church community. We look forward to continuing for many years!

**Ron Birckhead**  
Men's Ministry Coordinator



## ALTAR GUILD

St. Timothy's Altar Guild grew by the addition of two members in 2023 to assist with preparing the Eucharist table. Those that participate in Altar Guild are blessed to prepare the table for the Eucharist. We pray as we set out the elements for communion and the people who will receive the Lord's supper. Our desire for 2024 is to add some younger members to the Guild.

Wynne Boone  
Altar Guild Team Lead

## GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare continues to assist those traveling the grief journey. Three participants participated in GriefShare in 2023. GriefShare has put out an updated version of GriefShare that was purchased for St. Timothy's. We look forward to using this updated version in 2024.

Wynne Boone  
GriefShare Coordinator

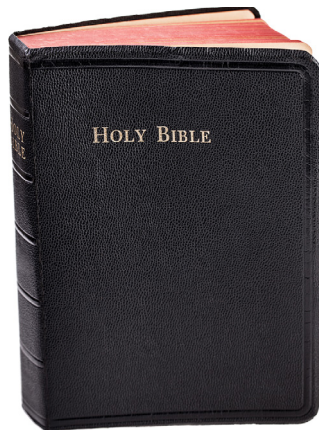


## STUDIES & CLASSES

### JOINT BIBLE STUDY

It continues to be St. Timothy's great pleasure to participate in a joint Bible Study with St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church by a weekly conference call that allows us to come together and go deep into God's Word. The Reverend Donnel Liferidge of St. Paul's RE and our own Rector, Luke+, take turns leading the study that is blessedly made available to many who would otherwise be unable to drive at night and there are some attendees from out of the area.

In 2023, we've mostly been in the Gospel of Matthew, and it was a great pleasure to study the greatest sermon of all time - The Sermon on the Mount. If you're interested in joining us, the conference number is on the sidebar of our weekly announcements.



Tami Neff

*In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God*

*John 1:1*

### BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2023 was a year for Bible Study! A group of us committed to reading the Bible in a year using the Nicky Gumble "Bible in One Year" program. The program has a set of readings from The Old Testament, the Wisdom Books (Psalms or Proverbs), and the New Testament assigned for each day with a commentary.

I am not going to lie - it was a hard slog to do the readings and the commentaries every day, and there were many times where I sat down on a Sunday to "catch up" on three or four days!

During the year, several of us following the reading program met every other Thursday, first at Rustic Muffin and then later at Chick-fil-A, to ask questions of Luke and express our thoughts on the readings. So, while it was difficult to stay with it, it was also very rewarding ... especially in sharing our thoughts and questions with each other.

In 2024, we're singling out the New Testament, reading a chapter each weekday and still meeting every other Thursday, 9:30 AM, at Chick-fil-A. It's never too late to join us!

Tami Neff



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