

ANNUAL REPORT

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2024

10TH ANNIVERSARY

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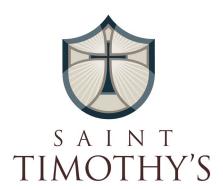


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GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

St. Timothy's meets for worship on Saturdays at 5:00 PM, at the Church at Cane Bay, 438 Marketplace Drive, Summerville, South Carolina, 29486.

CLERGY, VESTRY, AND STAFF

Clergy

- The Reverend Lucas Deman
- The Reverend Nelson Weaver

Vestry

- Natalie Maisel Senior Warden
- Edward Barnes Junior Warden
- Ron Birckhead
- Dianne Peters
- Tim Ridgell
- Gary Weate

Vestry Staff

- Ed Barnes Treasurer
- Tami Neff Clerk

Staff

- Tim Hamilton Praise & Worship Team Leader
- Kerry Hall Financial Manager
- Tami Neff Parish Administrator



Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:2-3

SACRAMENTS

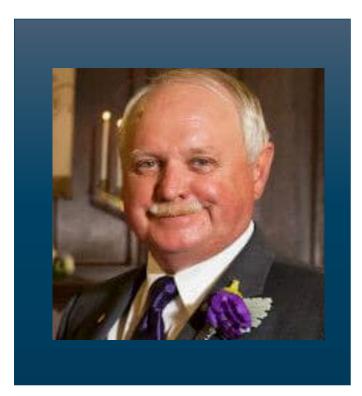
BAPTISMS

Lucas Frampton

CONFIRMATIONS

Oscar Deman







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

Membership Summary

TRANSFERRED IN

Kevin Shaughnessy

MOVED FROM AREA

• Kay Travinski

ADOPTIONS

Lucas Frampton

Homegoings

- James Hammons
- Dan Hunt

MEETING MINUTES FROM LAST ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM, February 3, 2024. Two motions were made.

The first motion, made by The Reverend Luke Deman, was to accept Tami Neff as secretary to take minutes for the meeting. Steve Wingard seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The second motion was to accept the 2022 Meeting Minutes as submitted in the 2023 Annual Report. The motion was made by Gary Weate and seconded by Mariann Lee. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Luke opened the annual meeting with prayer. His opening remarks noted a year of both joy and sadness. We were blessed to send the Pelloni Family to Cambodia and Paddy and Tee to The Gambia. We also mourned the loss of our sister, Chris Wingard, and the transfer out of church of Laurie Rice. 2023 gave us a lot to lament and mourn, and then to celebrate as we see God show up in incredible ways.

The church thanked our outgoing Vestry members, Terry Small and Ashley Frampton, and our outgoing Diocesan Representatives, Marta Ridgell and Mariann Lee, for their service to our church

in these critical roles. Ashley served us for several years as Senior Warden.

Luke introduced the new Vestry members called for service, Dianne Peters and Tim Ridgell. Tami Neff made a motion that they be affirmed for the Vestry Term starting in 2024. Kay Deman seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Next, Luke introduced the new Diocesan Representatives called for service, Janet Brasfield and Margaret Weaver. Darlene Kidd made a motion that they be affirmed as St. Timothy's Diocesan Representatives for 2024 and 2025. Mariann Lee seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

In his role as St. Timothy's treasurer, Ed Barnes presented an overview of the church's financial reports. He talked about the Building Fund and the Vestry, with donor approval, had voted to convert this from a Building Fund to a Growth Fund to allow funds to be used for expenses such as signs, mailings, and events designed for church growth.

Luke presented the Rector's Report and how St. Timothy's attempted to concentrate on what our Vision should be, and it was determined that St. Timothy's was being called to be Messengers of Christ's love and mercy. It's got to be love and mercy that save us. We're at a period in our church's life where we can articulate that going to St. Timothy's makes us different - that we can be the people who show up to provide Christ's love and mercy. It is hoped that we will take action to show Jesus' love and mercy rather than just provide words of comfort.

After Luke's report, Janet Brasfield made a motion to accept the 2023 Annual Report and Marta Ridgell seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Tami Neff noted that there was a problem voting in the 2022 Annual Report at the previous annual meeting. After discussing

the issue, Grimball Frampton made a motion to accept the 2022 Annual Report. Darlene Kidd seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Before the motion to adjourn, Larry Yonish asked for details about the use of the Growth Fund. Luke explained that these funds would be used for actions and activities designed to grow the church.

Before the motion to adjourn, Luke closed with prayer. The motion to adjourn was made by Ed Barnes and seconded by Monica Gaul. The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Tami Neff
Parish Administrator

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-23

FINANCIAL REPORTS

2024 EXPENSE SUMMARY

	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	APPROVED 2025 BUDGET
OPERATING INCOME			
Contribution / Plate Income	\$210,000.00	\$186,948.37	\$193.000.00
Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$210.000.00	\$186,948.37	\$193,000.00
EXPENSES			
5000s Personnel Expenses	\$112,430.25	\$108,352.25	\$109,631.35
5100s Employee Fringe	\$15,505.75	\$15,401.88	\$15,503.65
5200s Admin Expenses	\$51,814.00	\$37,938.61	\$44,200.00
6000s Discipleship Expenses	\$2,250.00	\$133.22	\$1,965.00
7000s Outreach	\$28,000.00	\$20,095.00	\$21,700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$210.000.00	\$181,921.14	\$193.000.00
TOTAL INCOME Vs. EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$5,027.23	\$0.00



Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

Philippians 4:16-17

2024 EXPENDITURES FROM RESTRICTED FUNDS

RESTRICTED FUNDS	BEGINNING BALANCE	RAISED / DONATED 2024	SENT OUT 2024	ENDING BALANCE
2110 5th Saturday	\$0.00	\$1,964.00	\$1,964.00	\$0.00
2115 Rector Discretionary Fund**	\$1,626.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,626.00
2120 Benevolence	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
2125 Growth Fund	\$13,588.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,588.72
2130 Fred Onyango Assistance	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
2135 Kenya - Classrooms	\$2,397.27	\$260.00	\$0.00	\$2,657.27
2140 Kenya - Marsabit	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2145 Vanessa's Locker	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2150 Tuition Assistance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2155 Cursillo	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
2160 Food Distribution/Gift Car	\$2,898.71	\$895.00	\$1,980.09	\$1,580.20
2165 Cambodia	\$720.00	\$1,220.00	\$1,840.00	\$100.00
2170 Restricted In/Out	\$0.00	\$949.99	\$650.00	\$299.99
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$21,735.70	\$5,388.99	\$6,534.09	\$20,357.18

2025 APPROVED BUDGET

Vestry Approved: November 12, 2025

	2025 BUDGET	
Department: 5 Operating Income OPERATING INCOME		
4010 Contribution/Plate Income	\$	193,000.00
4020 Other Income		-
4025 Interest Income	\$ \$ \$	-
4030 Carry Over From 2020	\$	-
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		\$193,000.00
Department: 10 Administrative		
Expenses		
EXPENSES		
PERSONNEL EXPENSES		
5010 Clergy Salaries		
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	\$	2,080.00
5060 Employer FICA/Medicare	т.	1,352.52
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES		\$109,631.35
EMPLOYEE FRINGE		
5115 Clergy Pension	\$	15,401.80
5125 Clergy Business Expense	\$ \$	101.85
5135 Clergy Continuing Education	\$	-
TOTAL EMPLOYEE FRINGE		\$15,503.65
OTHER ADMIN EVENISES		
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5210 Rent 5215 Insurance	\$ \$	24,000.00
5220 Office Supplies	\$ \$	7,000.00
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5225 Software, Applications, Subs	ç	3,500.00
5230 Payroll Processing Fees	ç	1,200.00
5235 Online Giving/Bank Fees	ç	600.00
5240 Supply Priest	<u>ک</u> خ	100.00
5245 Rector Discretionary Fund	ب	100.00
5250 Legal & Professional Fees	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	100.00
5255 IT Professional Fees	, ,	6,000.00
5260 Marketing	<u>ک</u> خ	100.00
5265 Postage	<u>ک</u> خ	100.00
5270 Telephone/Internet	\$	200.00

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5275 Diocesan Convention	\$	500.00
5280 Vestry Retreat	\$	100.00
5285 Computer Equipment	\$	200.00
5290 Janitorial/Maintenance Exp	\$	-
5295 Clergy Spouse Retreat	\$ \$ \$ \$	250.00
5300 Miscellaneous Admin Expense	\$	250.00
TOTAL OTHER ADMIN EXPENSES		\$44,200.00
Department: 20 Discipleship		
Expenses		
DISCIPLESHIP EXPENSES		
6010 Music Ministry/Sply Musician	\$	350.00
6015 Children's Ministry	\$	600.00
6020 Nursery Supplies	\$	100.00
6025 Newcomers Ministry	\$	-
6030 Fellowship/Hospitality	\$ \$ \$ \$	600.00
6035 Worship/Altar Supplies	\$	315.00
TOTAL DISCIPLESHIP EXPENSES		\$1,965.00
Department: 30 Outreach		
OUTREACH		
7010 Diocesan Pledge	\$	19,300.00
7015 Evangelism	\$	300.00
7020 Food Distribution	\$	-
7025 Outreach Local/Domestic	\$ \$ \$ \$	700.00
7030 Outreach World	\$	1,400.00
TOTAL OUTREACH		\$21,700.00
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TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$1	193,000.00
Net Receipts Over Disbursements		\$(0.00)

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.

Proverbs 3:9

RECTOR'S REPORT



It is truly remarkable to reflect on the fact that we have been journeying together for ten years. A decade—a significant span of time in anyone's life—dedicated to the mission of bearing witness to God's grand design of rescue and redemption. We have stood as heralds of His inexhaustible love and mercy, each step shaped by His grace.

As I look forward to the coming year, my heart is filled with anticipation and hope, perhaps more than ever before. For ten years, we have lived with the question, "Will we, as a community, come together and truly become a church?" Today, with a clear sense of gratitude, I can say that question has been answered. Through the

unmistakable work of God's Spirit, we have witnessed the answer unfold before us.

We have seen a community knit together in prayer, lifting each other and the world before the throne of grace. We have studied the scriptures, not merely as texts but as the living word of God that shapes transforms. We have served. embodying Christ's love to those in need. We have gathered, sharing in fellowship that nurtures and sustains. We have worshipped, feasting at the Lord's table, being nourished for the journey. In these acts, we have discovered our identity as St. Timothy's.

As we step into this new season, a new question emerges: "How will God show Himself among us next?" This question stirs a sense of wonder and expectation. I am confident that God is preparing to lead us into new and astonishing paths, calling us out in ways we cannot yet imagine. As some ministries and programs come to a natural close, new seeds are being planted, and fresh shoots are beginning to appear.

This brings us to a collective moment of discernment. I invite each of you to join in seeking God's guidance, asking how He is calling us to use the unique gifts and interests. He has placed within our community to serve the world. In a world fraught with challenges, St. Timothy's has the opportunity to be a beacon of hope and a vessel of God's grace. The world trumpets its message of despair and panic but we have an opportunity for our light to shine in the darkness.

Together, let us listen for His voice, discern His will, and step forward in faith, knowing that He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion. But what does this look like practically?

It starts with each of us looking at how we're currently serving God. Many of our ministries are outside the walls of the church. Some of us are working with recovery groups. Some of us are visiting and caring for the lonely. Some of us are involved in the local community and working to build ties of fellowship and affinity.

These are the things many of us are already involved in. Is God calling any of these ministries to grow? Are there ways the church could step in and help? As the body of Christ, how can we continue to serve the people God has placed in front of us? Are there ways we can share the Good News with those that desperately need it?

Please join us in prayer and discernment as we continue to follow the path God has prepared for us in the next ten years!

The Reverend Luke Deman, Rector

DEACON'S REPORT

During Chick-fil-A meetups for Bible study this year, we often encountered scriptural references to people being called by God for a specific ministry or service. Paul was called by God: "Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God".

While the term "servant" that Paul uses is found over 800 times throughout The Bible, it is not clear when in early Church ministry and Christian circles the term came to mean "deacon". What is clear is that the Twelve appointed and ordained seven to serve. Those first seven were the beginning of what is now The Sacred Order of Deacons. Historically, deacons are called on behalf of the church and in the name of Jesus, to serve in what can only be described as frontline ministry or ministry outside the four walls of church.

What is the present ministry of Deacons? Just like me, most deacons serve alongside priests during church services, but their primary ministry is usually serving as a chaplain for emergency service, prisons, hospitals or for hospice as a friend does. In past years, I served as a chaplain for the Fire Service. Since "retiring" at the end of last year, I now only keep contact with some of the firefighters I previously served. They still call me from time to time to check in. At other times. they call and say: "Hi, Chaps, can we talk?"

Christ calls us to be prepared to go where he needs us. This year as I moved forward from a Chaplain's ministry, I have been blessed to find ministry opportunities by talking, hearing and sharing stories with many of those "unseen people" we frequently pass in stores. I have found opportunities are present when I just stop and ask someone how they are holding up. While many just want someone who will listen, their stories often allow me to witness and spread the light of Christ. So, the next time you shop, take the time to say hello to someone and ask how their day is going.



My favorite author, N. T. Wright, wrote:

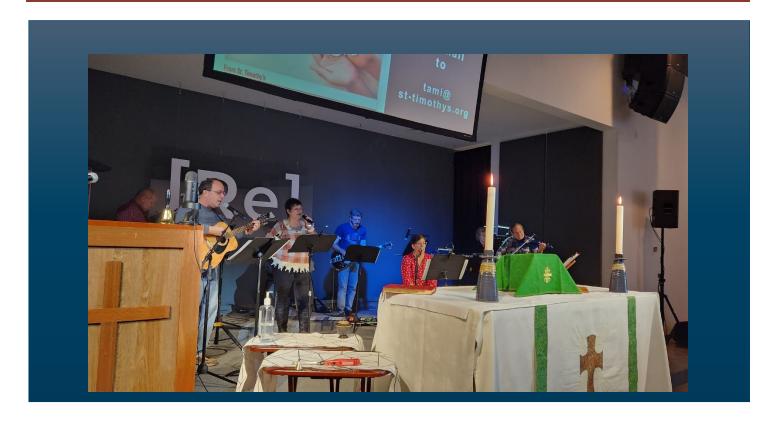
"Those who follow Jesus the Messiah are not simply supposed to survive. They are supposed to count, to make a difference in the world, whether through the quiet daily witness...or the chance given to speak and act in a way which reveals the gospel to many others."

As your Deacon, I end this St. Timothy's Deacon Report with this challenge from Unseen People: Sharing Light and Life with Your Neighbors:

"Let the invisible unseen people you meet stir your heart and call you to actionto see, listen to God's call for you, get prepared, and go."

The Reverend Nelson Weaver, Deacon

PRAISE & WORSHIP LEADER REPORT



In the summary of St Timothy's worship team for the year of 2024, it feels like it went very quickly. The high points in the low points, both seem to offset each other. By that I mean that there were great moments and some challenging ones as well. Each week as we prepare and plan for the presentation of the service, we never know until the last moment how God will work. Good news is that our faith in Him has helped us to be consistent in His word.

The ebb and flow of the worship team has always been an interesting time. The team has grown in its presentation ability. Even when we only have one or two people on the stage, God seems to bless us. We have been fortunate to have Oeland Camp, who drives down from Columbia when he is able to play with us. That has been such a blessing for us. Oeland went through a career change and came up with a new career, which keeps him very busy. Our Violin Player, Jim, has suffered through many medical issues over the past year yet still continues to show up and play with a grateful heart. His skills and talent continue to amaze everyone who hears him play. Ed and Beth Barnes have also joyfully shown up nearly every single weekend. Despite their busy lives, they

continue to help in ways that are truly hard to measure. Their sacrifice is inspiring.

Of course, we could not function as a team without the presence of the Deman family. with Jen and Kay on stage each week the vocals continue to flourish. There is even a rumor that Oscar could be playing drums in the future. That would create a loud household for their family.

The highlight of this past year for me was the ten-year anniversary celebration. With guest musicians joining us it would be hard to match that. I look forward to trying as we move on to the next ten years. Tim Hamilton, Praise & Worship Team Leader



SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

As Senior Warden, I am incredibly proud of our church and all that we've been able to accomplish together. We've demonstrated strength, resilience, and a deep sense of community. From our heartfelt worship services to the outreach initiatives that make a difference in the lives of those around us, we've proven that even a small congregation can have a profound impact. Each member's dedication and spirit contribute to creating a place where faith, love, and service thrive. I am constantly inspired by the ways we come together, support one another, and grow in our shared mission to spread Jesus' love and mercy. Our church may be small, but its

heart is mighty, and I am honored to be part of this incredible journey.

Natalie Maisel, Senior Warden



JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT



It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Junior Warden during this past year. This role has given me the opportunity to contribute to the life of St. Timothy's in meaningful ways, and I appreciate the trust you have placed in me.

Throughout 2024, we worked diligently to enhance and improve the planning and execution of the VOD (Vestry of the Day) process. With valuable input from the Vestry, we made strides in refining this important aspect of our worship experience, ensuring it meets the needs of our congregation.

As with any year, challenges arose, particularly with the sound and lighting

systems. These challenges were largely due to significant changes implemented by our host venue. Despite these obstacles, we remained adaptable and committed to providing a worship environment that reflects the spirit and mission of St. Timothy's.

A key part of my role has been maintaining strong communication with the worship leader of the Church at Cane Bay. We routinely communicate weekly and have monthly in-person meetings. This ongoing collaboration has been instrumental in fostering mutual understanding and ensuring our shared use of the space is seamless and harmonious.

As my time on the Vestry comes to a close, I look forward to passing the torch to the next Junior Warden in 2025. Serving St. Timothy's in this capacity has been a rewarding experience, and I am confident that the church will continue to flourish under new leadership.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I remain committed to supporting St. Timothy's in its mission and ministry as we move forward together.

Ed Barnes, Junior Warden

MINISTRIES, STUDIES, AND ORDERS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This year, we celebrated a significant milestone in our children's ministry—a moment that speaks to the enduring faithfulness of God in nurturing young hearts. Oscar Deman, a child baptized here at St. Timothy's, made the profound decision to affirm the vows once made on his behalf by his parents. He was confirmed by the Bishop and now stands with us in worship, having taken this important step in his faith journey. In a way, Oscar has "graduated" from our children's ministry, marking a passage from childhood faith to a personal, mature commitment.

This milestone serves as a poignant reminder of the sacred purpose of our children's ministry. It is a space where children are not only taught about the faith but are invited to make it their own. Here, the faith professed by parents is nurtured into a shared family faith, and young minds are encouraged to explore, question, and engage with the profound mysteries of God. It is a place where they can wrestle with the big questions of life and faith, guided by the gentle hand of Christ.

I am deeply grateful for Don Willard, who tirelessly invests his time and energy to create an environment where children can encounter Jesus in joyful and meaningful ways. Don's dedication to fostering a space where our young ones can feel safe to ask questions and grow in their understanding is invaluable. He also plays a crucial role in preparing them for their eventual integration into our worship as youth and young adults, bridging the gap between childhood faith formation and full participation in the life of the church.



This is a major undertaking for one person. We are fortunate to have Lori Hamilton, who has stepped in to support Don over the past year. Her presence has provided much-needed relief, allowing Don the flexibility to step back when necessary.

Moving forward, I ask you to lift this ministry in prayer. Pray that we might be entrusted with more families and have the privilege of sharing the love and light of Christ with their children. Also, pray that God will raise up additional helpers to join this ministry so that it may continue to flourish and bless our community.

The Reverend Luke Deman, Rector

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Our Men's Fellowship Dinners have provided an invaluable opportunity for the men of our church and visitors to foster meaningful relationships and deepen their spiritual journeys. Held monthly on the third Thursday, these dinners take place at various locations and attract a diverse

group of men, from young adults to seniors. Recent gatherings have been hosted at popular establishments such as Stones Throw Tavern, Famulari's Pizza, and Buffalo Wild Wings.

Each dinner offers a time of fellowship where men can enjoy a meal and catch up with one another. During these meals, we take time to "check-in", sharing what we are thankful for, and any prayer requests we may have. We pray that a sense of community and support continues to grow among the men of St. Timothy's. Specifically, we hope that meaningful relationships will flourish, providing support and encouragement in the lives of our parish's men.

Our men's Fellowship Dinners have become a valuable and enriching part of our church community. We look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.

Ron Birckhead, Men's Fellowship Lead

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

While there was no formal Women's Ministry at St. Timothy's Church in 2024, the women of our congregation were involved in nearly every aspect of church life and ministry, making a significant impact through their dedication and service.

Women faithfully served on the Vestry, guiding the vision and mission of St. Timothy's, and represented our church at the Diocesan level, ensuring our connection to the broader life of the Church. Their presence in mission and outreach work was equally impactful, extending the love and care of St. Timothy's to those in need within our local area and beyond.

Hospitality was another area where St. Timothy's women shone brightly, creating a warm and welcoming environment through events, gatherings, and acts of kindness. Week after week, they also contributed to our worship services, offering their time and talents to ensure a meaningful and uplifting experience.

Additionally, many of our women participated in study and fellowship through the Daughters of the Holy Cross. This provided opportunities for spiritual growth, mutual encouragement, and a deeper connection to the mission and teachings of Christ.

Although there was no single ministry to formally unite these efforts, the spirit of collaboration and service among the women of St. Timothy's was evident in everything they did. Their leadership and commitment enriched our church and

reflected the heart of our mission to share the love of Christ with the world.

Tami Neff, Parish Administrator

DAUGHTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Daughters of the Holy Cross is a Lay Order of women wed to serving Jesus through a Rule of Life: Prayer, Service, Study and Evangelism. We are the Elizabeth Chapter @ ST. Timothy's.

For more information or to submit a prayer request, please email <u>dhc@st-timothys.org</u>.

The Daughters of the Holy Cross provided service by to St. Timothy's by organizing special receptions for our annual Bishop visit, Lucas Frampton's adoption and Baptism celebration, and assisted with the Tenth Anniversary celebration. We support St. Matthews Girls School, Kisumu, Kenya in collaboration with The Reverend Fred Onyango who currently lives within our Diocese. This year we have provided 100 kits (2 packs each) of washable, reusable sanitary kits and underwear to the girl's school.

Our daughters continue to be involved in the life of St. Timothy's with ten members serving on the altar guild, as lectors and lay Eucharist ministers, as part of the praise and worship team, on the intercessory prayer team, on the Vestry; and serve as diocesan representatives.

Four members of the Elizabeth Chapter attended the Daughter's triennial assembly in September in Asheville, NC. Wynne Boone and Janet Brasfield were elected to serve on the Provincial Council at the assembly.

Janet Brasfield, President of the Elizabeth Chapter DHC

Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Proverbs 31:31

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild was blessed to dress the Lord's table for the Eucharist each week in 2024. It is a precious time to pray over the items that adorn the Lord's table. In 2025, we would like to add at least one more person to our Altar Guild roster so that one would serve every three weeks.

Wynne Boone, Altar Guild Lead

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM

It's an honor and a blessing to be on the intercessory prayer team. Through God's healing touch, we are able to provide

God's comfort and restoration to our congregation.

Each time someone asks for prayer, we call on the Holy Spirit to deliver God's words, insight, warmth, and renewal. If you have gone up for prayer, I want to thank you for trusting us to be God's soothing balm. If you haven't, I encourage you to take advantage of this arm of God's power. We have a dedicated core of four prayer warriors. If you feel called to this ministry, please let us know.

Natalie Maisel, Intercessory Prayer Lead



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

One of the blessings of 2024 has been the opportunity to join with St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church for a weekly Bible study. Every Wednesday, we gather by conference call to deep dive into God's Word. Luke and Pastor Donnel Liferidge alternate leading the study, providing

thoughtful insights and fostering meaningful discussions.

This year, we have focused on the Gospel of Matthew, often taking our time to explore a single verse in depth. The slow pace allows us to uncover rich layers of meaning and reflect on how scripture speaks to our lives today. It has been a time of spiritual growth, lively discussion, and joyful fellowship in the Word.

If you're interested in joining us, we'd love to have you! Feel free to reach out to me for more information or check the church's weekly announcements for the call-in number.

Come and be part of this time of study and connection—it's a wonderful way to grow in faith.

Tami Neff, Parish Administrator

BIRLF-IN-A-YFAR MFFTUP

In 2024, our Bible-in-a-Year Meetup continued to be a vibrant and enriching space for spiritual growth and discussion. Meeting every other Thursday for most of the year—and transitioning to weekly gatherings on Thursday mornings toward the end—we concentrated on the New Testament, using N. T. Wright's *The New Testament for Everyone* translation.

This accessible and insightful translation has been praised for its clarity and depth. As an admitted uber fan of N. T. Wright's books, it was a pleasure to share in a study of one of his works with my church family.

Our discussions were thoughtful and engaging, filled with questions about what we read and reflections on how scripture speaks to today's world. Each meeting allowed us to dive deeper into God's Word and examine its meaning for our lives, encouraging us to grow in faith and understanding.

As we look ahead to 2025, we are excited to begin the year with an in-depth study of The Book of Revelation. If you're interested in joining us for this journey through scripture, we'd love to have you!

Tami Neff, N. T. Wright UberFan

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

1 Timothy 3:16-17

MISSIONS SUPPORT

THE PELLONI FAMILY IN CAMBODIA

2024 has been a very busy year for our family in Cambodia. It has been full of highs, lows, joys, sorrows, growth, and even some decline. As I reflect on 2024, I find myself constantly brought back to 2023, a year that our family decided to change our entire ministry focus from education to church planting. When we came to Summerville, SC in 2023 we had nothing: no home, no schedule, no concrete plans, and most importantly no church family to call our own. When we walked into the doors of St Timothy's in February 2023, I felt an immediate connection to our home in Cambodia. This small church felt intimate, real, and committed to the Gospel and the Great Commission. As we settled into St Timothy's we were met with love, mercy, and a welcoming kindness that was simply too infectious to ignore! And it is that same love, mercy, and kindness that our family at St Timothy's showed to us that we have worked tirelessly to replicate in our English-speaking church plant here in Cambodia. Over the last year, we have poured countless hours into men's ministry. women's ministry. leading Sunday services, behind the scenes support on Sundays, preaching, creating a prayer ministry, starting seminary courses online, starting Khmer language study, leading and guiding our children's ministry, as well as welcoming baby Noel as one of the first members of our church plant to be baptized at the first Easter service of 2024. As you can see, the LORD has given us much not only to do, but much to rejoice about.

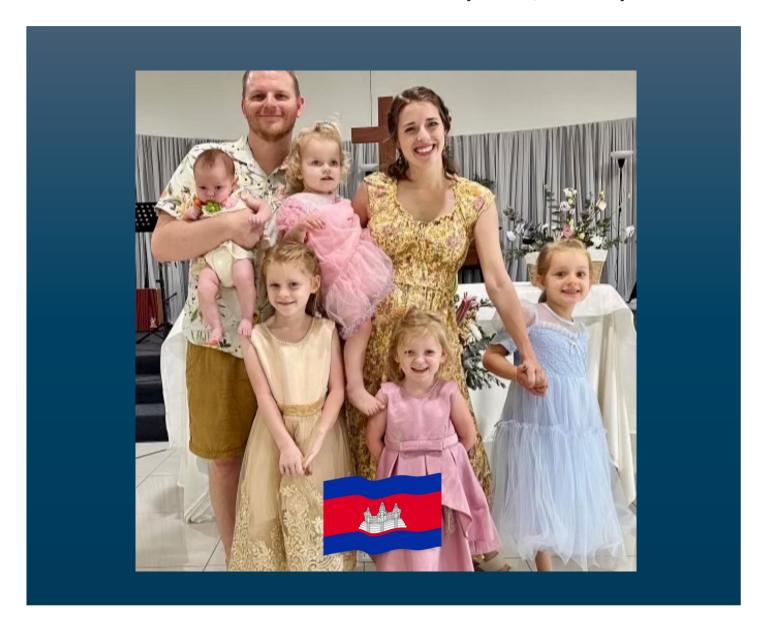
In particular, the LORD gave us a home at St Timothy's. In 2023, when we were tired from eight years of teaching, vulnerable in a new environment, and seeking respite, St Timothy's was exactly what we needed. In 2024, we had just gone out and St Timothy's adopted а new action statement: Messengers of Christ's Love and Mercy. We have carried this action statement to Cambodia to be the 'one holy, catholic, and apostolic church' that we profess to be each week in the words of the Nicene Creed. In addition to setting a great example for us to replicate in our church plant, we have been encouraged by the generosity of both finances, prayer, and time that has been devoted towards our family and our ministry in Cambodia.

Oftentimes, reflecting leads us to look forward as we seek to build on the opportunities the LORD has laid before us.

In 2025, we anticipate a larger shift towards Khmer ministry with dorm students. In particular we will be looking at discipling dorm leaders in how to disciple young Cambodians from the province who come to the city to learn at university. We also hope to begin hosting short term vision trips for any who can visit to taste

and see what the LORD is doing through the Anglican Church of Cambodia to reach Cambodians in vulnerable places. Pray for us as we develop new skills, push ourselves in language learning, and seek opportunities to raise up Cambodian dorm leaders who can disciple students who come to live in the dorms.

Anthony Pelloni, Missionary in Cambodia



PADDY & TIN AFRICA

January to March in The Gambia

Lots of young Nigerian girls who had been sex trafficked to The Gambia came through our hands as they ran away from the Brothels. Sometimes, they arrive to us with iron-shaped burned marks on thighs, also having being forced to have abortions, and with sexually transmitted diseases. We did our best to make sure they were all repatriated, but funding prevented us from doing that.

Some sit in the worst shelter in Gambia, the Government Shelter, so bad...even the Police don't send girls there. This <u>picture in Facebook</u> is of "Hannah" and Anton, one of the arrested and released trafficking couples living here!

April

We visited our missionary son, Sam; wife, Shanshan; and grandchildren in Taiwan. Sam speaks fluent local dialect now plus Mandarin, Shanshan, being Australian Taiwanese, found it much easier to learn. The kids of course learnt quick-quick.

A big earthquake had us swaying like a ship mast, 20 floors up! Buildings are designed to sway. The multitudes of high rises have one that has a large pendulum at the top to counter the sway! Go figure!

May/June

We visited New Zealand for an overdue rest, then spent it on a tiki tour (by car) through the South Island speaking with various small groups as well as old friends and my (Paddy) Sister and family.

Very good reception and we felt greatly encouraged at the turnouts.

June/July

T went back to the states for her Family Reunion and I went back to Liberia. The flipping awesome team of young women here in Liberia continues to hunt down and sometimes, even arresting "offenders", we call them "animals" those who rape children in Liberia.

Liberia is the same population as South Carolina. However, approximately, 3,500 children are raped each and every year! The Samaritana Liberia team are only five plus the two safe house staff. We so need your help in that safe house. Most of the girls who need to go there have close to ZERO education, not even knowing their age or birth date, or sometimes not even knowing how to write their name. Imagine what a difference you could make if you came for even a month and did lots of fun one on one educational games! um...Are you willing to be willing?

July-October

Liberia time is often taken up with using public transport which translates as motor bike, fastest and higher price, or a three-wheeled kehkeh. This is a short clip of one of the busier markets, not our one:(

It's hard to describe our weekly doings -Lol! We attend training and do training with our team; we do government department visits to build trustworthy and, sometimes, occasionally, useful relationships must always be face-to-face in West Africa. Emails, texts, WhatsApp or phone calls are rarely answered; and it's the feel they have for you that makes all the difference. Team prayer retreats and Saturday's rehab/healing groups all take time to prepare for and debrief from. Team court appearances are а regular feature because that is how much time the team spends making or forcing civil arrests. We regularly carry the "animal" to the police, then to court for remanding, then to the remand prison. It's a lot of time and costs even with our wee junky car lol.

STORY TIME

I got a call Sunday morning from RB, one of the Co-leaders: 11am off to rescue a girl and take her to our safe home. By 4 pm, they had hunted the "animal", physically arrested and had him placed in police cells!

November

We were back in Gambytown. T went to the USA to get some serious childhood silver mercury fillings removed and cappings done. She enjoyed visiting you lots. I can't wait to worship with you again, probably next year*

December

Gambia at Christmas is a strange place; a 95 percent Muslim country, but lots of Christmas meals in restaurants, decorations in the bigger shops, public holidays etc.

We welcomed two new team members from a social work background. But as Hawkeye from MASH 4077 would say, "forget your fancy learning, this is trench warfare, frontline condition." Much of what they were taught is: (a) secular, (b) not applicable, and (c) obstructive to the flexible thinking that is needed here. One is Senegalese, the other Dutch, both are the perfect age to be in the field, BUT we still need you in our library PLEASE.

The new year has started with a roar! But more on that next time ... [just a hint, we bought 6 acres to build a school aimed at survivors and victims].

With love... In His grip Paddy and T

OUTREACH

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Our Food Distribution ministry reached a significant milestone this year as we marked the start of our tenth year of service to the community with our February 2024 distribution. This ministry has been a vital part of St. Timothy's outreach, providing food and spiritual support to families and individuals in need. On average, we served 25 families per month, which equates to about 62 individuals. Despite challenges such as torrential rains in March and August, our dedicated volunteers ensured that no month went without a distribution.

This year included several special initiatives. At Easter, we provided all our clients with a special ham, adding a touch of joy to their celebrations. During the summer, we began collecting donations of food and money to prepare Thanksgiving side boxes. In November, each family received these boxes along with Walmart gift cards to help complete their holiday meals. To spread holiday cheer in December, we also distributed additional gift cards to our clients.

Our ministry has been about more than just providing food. We had the privilege of praying with clients during times of sorrow,

celebrating their birthdays with joyful singing, and offering spiritual comfort in moments of need. These heartfelt connections remind us of the profound impact of God's love in action.

In September, the Lowcountry Food Bank informed us that St. Timothy's would need to increase our distributions from one to two per month. While we explored partnerships with other churches to meet this demand, we were unable to secure the necessary support. However, unlike when we first began, our service area now has multiple food distribution. After much prayer and reflection, we believe God is calling us to embark on a new ministry in 2025. We are excited to discern His plan for our church's next chapter of service.

We are truly thankful for the volunteers and donors who have supported this ministry over the past decade. Your dedication has made a tangible difference in the lives of many. As we close this chapter, we celebrate the seeds of hope we've sown and look forward to the new opportunities God has in store for us. To God be the glory for His provision and guidance in this ministry.

Marta Ridgell, Food Distribution
Coordinator

ANGEL TREE

Our Angel Tree ministry brought joy and hope to families in need during the Christmas season. This special initiative focused on supporting children from families served by our Food Distribution ministry. In 2024, we were blessed to provide Christmas gifts for eight children, representing four families who are also served as part of our food distribution ministry.

Through the generosity of our congregation and donors, each child received gifts that were thoughtfully chosen to bring delight and meet their unique needs. This effort not only brightened their Christmas morning but also reminded these families that they are cherished and supported by their church family.

The Angel Tree ministry is more than just a gift-giving program; it is a tangible expression of God's love and care. By extending kindness during a season of giving, we helped create lasting memories for these children and their families. It also strengthened the bonds within our community, as members came together to share in the joy of making Christmas special for others.

We appreciate everyone who contributed to this ministry. Your generosity and

commitment ensured its success and made a meaningful impact on the lives of these families.

Marta Ridgell, Food Distribution
Coordinator

GRIEF SHARE

There were no individuals going through Grief Share in 2024. We were blessed to acquire the newest version of Grief Share and look forward to the opportunity to help others walk the grief journey.

Wynne Boone, Grief Share Coordinator

5[™] SATURDAY GIVING

At St. Timothy's, we believe in living out our faith through purposeful generosity. In 2024, our 5th Saturday giving was dedicated to supporting the Pelloni family and their missionary efforts in Cambodia. Each time a 5th Saturday service occurred, all cash offerings were directed toward this important cause, selected by the Vestry as an extension of our commitment to global mission and outreach.

The Pelloni family's work in Cambodia is transformative, bringing the love of Christ to communities through service, education, and discipleship. St. Timothy's was intentionally generous during these four 5th Saturdays, contributing to their

ongoing ministry and standing in partnership with their efforts to make a meaningful impact.

We praise God for the opportunity to support the Pelloni family and for the faithfulness of our congregation in responding to this call to give. Together, we are helping to further the Kingdom of God in Cambodia and beyond.

Tami Neff, Parish Administrator

May God's grace guide us,
His love unite us,
and His light illuminate
our path forward



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