

Financial Snapshot August 2009

Target revenues and expenses for 8 months (Budget %)	66.67%
Actual pledge and plate receipts for 8 months	68.92%
Actual expenses for 8 months	68.42%

Income and expenses through August continue to be evenly balanced. The slowdown in receipts which we typically experience during the summer months has not occurred this year which is a tribute to the generosity and conscientiousness of the great faith community that is St. Tim's.

The Finance Committee

St. Timothy's Mission Statement

Inspired by the Spirit of Christ, we glorify God by being a welcoming Christian community with meaningful and joyous worship, challenging education and care and respect for all God's creation, while proclaiming the Gospel and reaching out to the world.

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Stirrings...



"I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God bestowed when my hands were laid on you. The spirit God has given us is no timid spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving and wise."

2 Timothy 1 6:7

The following poem, "A Future Not Our Own," written by Oscar Romero, martyred Archbishop of El Salvador was quoted in the sermon delivered at St. Tim's at the 10:30 service September 27th.

"It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection...
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about:
We plant seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results . . .
We are prophets of a future not our own."

What a thoughtful, "Good to Great" vision of a strong Christian Community!

Jack +

We Offer Sympathy...

*The sympathy of the parish is extended to Jan O'Neil and family on the death of her mother, Jeanne Watson, on September 2;
to Cynthia Fox on the death of her mother, Helen Smyrniotis, on August 16;
to Charlotte Smith on the death of her brother, Leo Baggett, on August 31;
to Dee Dee Stone on the death of her childhood friend, Kathie Vogt;
to Stan Helfrich on the death of his father, Vic, on September 14;
and to Jim Joyner whose cousin, Mike Johnson, was killed in Afghanistan.*



The response to the Outreach tables at the Ministry Fair was outstanding and clearly reflects St. Timothy's commitment to seeking out and meeting needs of those less fortunate than most of us. Many people signed up to work on projects of the various teams. If you were not able to attend or have decided on an area in which you would like to participate, the team leaders and their contacts are:

Hammer & Nails – Paul Michael –
prmich@sbcglobal.net – 636-458-9498

Hunger & Health – Debbie Smith –
dlmsmith@sbcglobal.net – 314-628-0505

Social Justice – Mike McDowell –
mmcdowell@olivettemo.com – 314-995-7273

Teaching People to Fish – Carolyn Moore –
cmoore5711@aol.com – 636-922-4489

If you have a project that would be of interest to some of our parishioners, please contact the appropriate team leader or me: Ginni Campbell – gincamp@swbell.net – 314-878-3627. Thank you for your continued and growing support of our Outreach efforts in Transforming Passion.

Ginni Campbell – Outreach Chair

The Pastoral Care Ministry Needs Your Help

St. Timothy's Pastoral Care Ministry is looking for a few good once-in-a-while volunteers. Do you like to help others? Do you like to cook? Do you like to put together a simple meal? If you said yes to any of these questions, we can use you!! We provide a meal to those who can use a little help. It may be someone who is ill, someone who is coming home from the hospital, a caregiver, or perhaps to the parents of a new baby. The meals are simple: maybe soup and a salad, or a casserole and fruit. The possibilities are endless. If you can help us, please call Mary Gaffey at 314-576-7785 or Jane Hood at 636-949-9440.

Bike for Bikes

Everyone is invited to join this diocese-wide event on October 10 hosted by Trinity, St. Charles. If you don't like to ride a bike you can walk on the trail, sign up to help by working a water stop, or help at the BBQ. All money raised will be sent to our companion Diocese of Lui in the Sudan to help their priests buy bikes. They can visit church members, allowing them to help more people in less time! The ride is on the Katy Trail and begins at 3 p.m. It's a 6.2 mile ride, and there are 4 water stops along the way. After the ride there's a big BBQ back at Trinity, where they'll have hot dogs, chips, cookies, fruit, soda and a bonfire where we can make s'mores. The BBQ starts around 5 or when riders start finishing from the ride. This is always a lot of fun, so we hope everyone will join us!

Contact Kathy Dyer or Florrie Kohn for details on this fun event.

**Peggy
Hueseemann**

*From the
Director of
Christian Education*

Sunday School officially started September 20th, though planning was all summer along. New resources, new books and even new Bibles have been searched out. One of my favorites will be utilized by the YACs (Young Adults in Church), grades 11 and 12. *Your Faith, Your Life* is Jennifer Gamber's second book. Subtitled, *An Invitation to the Episcopal Church*, Jennifer covers various topics from "Bible stories" to "History" to "What is God calling us to do?" At the end of each chapter, "Transforming Questions" are proposed under the categories of: Be Attentive, Be Intelligent, Be Reasonable, Be Responsible and Be in Love Transformed. These thought provoking themes will allow the group of YACs to delve into subjects as individuals. Very Episcopal!

Blessings, Peggy

All "**MOMs**," mark your calendars for: **October 15 and Nov 19** from 10 – 11:30 a.m. "Mornings with Other Mothers" (MOMs) will gather for fellowship and fun. Little ones play as the adults share in lively conversation over slices of pie.

Trunk or Treat

After the 10:30 service, **October 25**

Youth of all ages "Trick or Treat" from car trunk to car trunk

Prizes will be given for various categories!

Don't miss out on the Halloween fun!

Watch for the sign-up sheet and more chilling details



Remember word problems in grade school? Try this one –

If you have thirteen people and add in ice cream plus two rubber chickens, what do you end up with? If you just smiled, you had the correct answer!

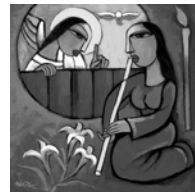
"Teen - Sunday Nights" was held September 20 from 6:30 – 8. Taking the teens' ideas for an

activity and adding our own twist, the group enjoyed: "Capture the Rubber Chicken" (led by Keith Boyd), conversation about school (5 different school systems were represented), ice cream and a prayer service. Respecting the youths' desire to have the service reflect on other parts of the evening, Emily lead the group in prayer centered around theme of "Lost and Found."

Women's Study Groups Formed

Two study groups for women have been formed...one during the day and one in the evening.

Session 1 meets from 8:30 to 9:45 every Wednesday morning for 4 more weeks 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, and 11/04, **not 10/07**). Pastor Emily will lead a structured discussion about Women in the Bible. Topics include, but are not limited to, The Creation Story, Song of Solomon, and Unnamed Women in Scripture. E-mail Emily at emily@saint-tims.org if you have questions.



Session II begins on Tuesday, October 13. Deacon Jan will lead a book discussion group, which will read and discuss selected chapters from Anne Lamott's book, *Traveling Mercies*, about faith and parenting in a complex world. The group will meet every Tuesday evening for 6 weeks (10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, and 11/17) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please sign up in the Gathering Space and indicate whether you will need child care. E-mail Jan at jawoneil@gmail.com if you have questions.

Men's Bible Study Group Meets in the Morning

The men's group has resumed its meetings at 6:45 a.m. on Wednesdays at St. Tim's. They focus on the lessons for the coming Sunday. Additional materials are available, so contact Fr. Jack if you plan to attend. This weekly study is open to any man in the parish.

Upcoming Adult Forums

October 4

Is Marriage Obsolete?

Brenda Bobo-Fisher

Explore the challenges in maintaining healthy marriages in today's society with Ms. Fisher who works with the St. Louis Healthy Marriage Coalition and is Director of Community Initiatives at St. Louis University.

October 11

Jewish Denominations – Origins and Differences

Rabbi Joe Rosenbloom

What are the origins, beliefs and differences of Jewish denominations, including Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and others? Rabbi Rosenbloom is Rabbi Emeritus and Senior Scholar at Temple Emanuel and Rabbi - in - Residence at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Be sure to pick up the schedule for this fall's Adult Forums.

Fur, Fins, Feathers, and Scales to Be Blessed at St. Tim's

To Family members, including those with no legs, four legs or wings:
There will be a Celebration of Our Family Pets, October 4 at 4 p.m.

The service will be celebrated by Emily, assisted by
Ron Kirkpatrick, DVM.

Please have your pet on a leash or in a carrier.
In honor of our pets, there will be a collection to benefit
Stray Rescue.

Stray Rescue needs:

Science Diet Original Adult dry dog
food
Proplan canned & dry puppy food
Dry & canned Dog & Cat Food
Dry & canned Kitten & Puppy Food
Wire Dog Crates of all sizes
Dog Harnesses in medium & large
size
Cat & Dog Collars and Leashes
Martingale Dog Collars
Cat & Dog Toys & Beef Rawhides
Cat & Dog Treats
Cat & Dog Beds

Peanut Butter
Paper Towels
Toilet paper
60 gallon garbage bags
Bleach, Dye-Free Laundry Detergent,
Dryer sheets,
Cleaning Supplies
OdoBan, Lysol, or other Air Sanitizers
Surgical gloves
Litter Boxes
Litter
Food and Water Bowls
Old Towels and Blankets