



Seeking to Further God's Mission of Rescue and Redemption for His Creation

## St. Timothy's Church

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## **General Church Information**

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

# **General Church Information**

## **Regular Service Times**

- Worship Service: Saturdays at 5:00 pm
- Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

## Clergy, Vestry, and Staff

#### Clergy

- The Reverend Gary N. Beson II Vicar
- Laurie Rice Lay Chaplain

#### Vestry

Hebrews 10:24-25



	Vestry Member	Term Began	Term Ends
•	Wynne Boone	2015	2018
•	Tami Neff – Senior Warden	2015	2018
•	Daniel Oldland	2016	2019
•	Gordon Peters	2016	2019
•	Laurie Rice	2015	2018
•	Nelson Weaver – Junior Warden	2016	2019

<u>Note</u>: Those individuals whose terms began in 2015 were on the original Church Plant Leadership Team and transitioned to the Vestry for continuity.

#### Staff

- Joseph Dubay Praise and Worship Team Leader
- Tami Neff Online Communications
- Chris Wingard Parish Administrator

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

### Sacraments

#### **Baptisms**

- Theo Rehbaum
- Jayden Stevens



#### Confirmations

- Kay Deman
- Ashley Frampton
- Vannessa Oldland
- Alexis Rehbaum
- Nicholas Rehbaum
- Don Ross
- Earline Ross
- Chris Wingard

#### Received

- Tami Neff
- Susan Shigo
- Chris Wingard

#### Reaffirmed

- Grimball Frampton
- Daniel Oldland
- Steve Wingard

## **2016 Membership Summary with Friends**

#### Members

This is our first year as a Mission and there was no Annual Report in our previous years as a Church Plant. Therefore, this report will include all members on our rolls as of the end of 2016. In subsequent years, this will only list new members.

Beson, Gary	Gaul, Monica	Peters, Dianne	Stevens, Jayden
Beson, Sue	Hunt, Dan	Rehbaum, Alexis	Thompson, Anna
Boone, Wynne	Hunt, Christee	Rehbaum, Nick	Vidor, Gladys
Deman, David	Kidd, Darlene	Rehbaum, Theo	Vidor, John
Deman, Jen	Kidd, John	Rice, Laurie	Weaver, Margaret
Deman, Kay	Neff, Tami	Robertson, Joanne	Weaver, Nelson
Deman, Luke	Neff, Ted	Robertson, Roy	Wingard, Chris
Deman, Oscar	Oldland, Daniel	Ross, Don	Wingard, Steve
Frampton, Grimball	Oldland, Vannessa	Ross, Earline	
Frampton, Ashley	Peters, Gordon	Shigo, Susan	

## **General Church Information**

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

### Friends

St. Timothy's has been blessed to be supported by friends of our church, but who are not members. These individuals or families have prayed for us and have provided financial assistance to help us get started and grow in Christ's name.

Mr. Harold Bassett	Dr. & Mrs. Mark Greenslit	Ms. Sharon Prevost
The Rev. & Mrs. Fred	Mr. & Mrs. Mick Hall	Mr. & Mrs. Josh Raglin
Berkaw		
Mr. & Mrs. James Berry	Dr. Phillip & Dr. Carol	Dr. & Mrs. Britt Reagin
	Harrold	
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Beson, Sr.	Mr. & Mrs. Wade Hathaway	Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Reed
Mr. Daniel Boehm	Dr. Wesley Hill	The Rev. Dr. William Rhett
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Brady	Mr. & Mrs. Terry Jenkins	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Roumilat
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Carlton	Dr. & Mrs. Tim Jones	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel
		Schumann
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Clancy	Dr. & Mrs. Ward Katsanis	Mr. & Mrs. Foster Smith
Mr. Marvin Creggar	Ms. Mariann Lee	Canon Mark & Rev. Karen
		Stevenson
Mr. & Mrs. Todd Davenport	The Rev. & Mrs. Mike	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Taylor
	Lumpkin	
Ms. Dorothy Deman	Mr. & Mrs. Robert McMillan	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Thies
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Diaz	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Medeiros	Mrs. Brenda Thorn
Ms. Deborah Engelman	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Mobley	Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Wicker
Ms. Dianne Frankenberger	Ms. Sandra Moore	St. Paul's RE Church
Mr. & Mrs. H. Fuchs	Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Mote	Church of the Resurrection
Mr. Mike Gore	The Rev. & Mrs. Tyler	
	Prescott	

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

## **Financial Reports**

## 2016 Expenses Summary

The following summarizes St. Timothy's budgeted and actual income and expenses for 2016. Please note that we asked St. Paul's Summerville to defer their support until 2017.

	2016 BUDGET	2016 ACTUAL	APPROVED 2017 BUDGET
INCOME			
Pledges	\$42,000.00	\$50,373.56	\$24,000.00
St. Paul's Summerville			
Support	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Diocese Support	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$24,000.00
Plate Donations	\$72,000.00	\$88 <i>,</i> 354.95	\$127,900.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$156,000.00	\$168,728.51	\$187,900.00
EXPENSES			
Administration			
Salaries	\$44,400.00	\$44,915.00	\$58,500.00
Fringes	\$67,432.00	\$67,181.05	\$69,264.00
Overhead	\$10,800.00	\$20,795.63	\$15,100.00
Advancement	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ADMIN. EXPENSES	\$122,632.00	\$133,141.68	\$142,864.00
Discipleship			
Music Ministry	\$0.00	\$2,124.92	\$1,200.00
Worship	\$0.00	\$438.96	\$1,900.00
Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
Misc. Discipleship	\$4,500.00	\$4,534.40	\$4,350.00
TOTAL DISCIPLESHIP			
EXPENSES	\$4,500.00	\$7,098.28	\$10,650.00
OUT OF PARISH			
Diocesan Pledge	\$1,200.00	\$6,710.00	\$12,000.00
Outreach/Inreach	\$11,300.00	\$16,202.20	\$12,750.00
TOTAL OUT OF PARISH	\$12,500.00	\$22,912.20	\$24,750.00

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21

Building & Grounds	\$3,600.00	\$8,637.42	\$6,840.00
TOTAL BUDGETED			
EXPENSES	\$143,232.00	\$171,789.58	\$185,104.00

## 2017 Budget

The following budget for 2017 was approved by the Vestry on November 28, 2016.

Approved: 11/28/2016	Yearly Budget
Income	
10/4010 Pledges/Carry Over	\$24,000.00
10/4011 St. Paul's Summerville	\$12,000.00
10/4020 Diocese Income	\$24,000.00
10/4012 Contributions/Plate	\$127,900.00
Total Income	\$187,900.00
Expenses	
*20/5128 Music Ministry	\$1,200.00
*20/5307 Healing Mission/Prayer Teams	\$500.00
*20/5309 Newcomers Ministry	\$1,200.0
*20/5315 Worship Ministries	\$1,200.0
*20/5414 Children's Ministry	\$2,000.0
20/5417 Evangelistic Events (Outreach)	\$2,000.0
20/5310 Inreach	\$250.0
20/5312 Benevolence Gifts	\$600.0
20/5301 Food Distribution	\$4,800.0
20/5100 Salary Rector	\$25,736.1
20/5101 Payroll Taxes	\$4,263.8
20/5102 Housing Rector	\$30,000.00
20/5103 Retirement Rector	\$10,800.00
20/5104 Health/Life Rector	\$24,264.00

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

2 Corinthians 9:6

20/5105 Clergy Miscellaneous (Includes Travel Expenses)	\$3,000.00
20/5129 Rector's Spouse MWR	\$400.00
20/5118 Salary Music Leader	\$12,000.00
20/5119 Salary Parish Administrator	\$12,000.00
20/5123 Wages Supply Clergy	\$1,000.00
20/5127 Wages Nursery Saturday/Sunday	\$3,500.00
20/5304 Discretionary Fund Clergy	\$1,200.00
20/5012 Bank Charges	\$200.00
20/5013 Insurance Workmen's Comp.	\$900.00
20/5015 Insurance/Liability	\$1,600.00
20/5018 Legal & Professional Fees	\$3,000.00
20/5200 Other General and Admin Expenses	\$400.00
20/5202 Office Supplies	\$1,000.00
20/5203 Kitchen Supplies	\$300.00
20/5205 Rent or Lease	\$4,800.00
20/5206 Advertising/Promotional	\$1,200.00
20/5207 Postage	\$400.00
20/5208 Repair & Maintenance	\$2,040.00
20/5209 Stationary & Printing	\$500.00
20/5211 Computer Equip./Software Inc. Maint. Fee	\$1,600.00
20/5213 General Supplies	\$500.00
20/5214 Phone/Internet	\$2,000.00
20/5215 Audio/Visual	\$500.00
20/5218 Dues & subscriptions	\$1,000.00
20/5303 Gift to Diocese	\$12,000.00
20/5305 Missions-Foreign	\$3,600.00
20/5302 Missions-Domestic	\$1,000.00
20/5401 Altar/Worship Supplies	\$700.00
20/5404 Event Hospitality	\$3,000.00
20/5406 Diocesan Conventions	\$250.00
20/5416 Vestry Retreat	\$700.00
otal Expenses	\$185,104.00

## **Financial Reports**

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:16

### **Mission Giving / Fund Status**

St. Timothy's has a heart for giving and for service. The following summarizes what we, as a congregation, have collected, disbursed, or currently have on hand for various missions and funds.

FUND	AMOUNT RECEIVED	AMOUNT DISPERSED	REMAINING BALANCE
FOREIGN MISSIONS			
Mosquito Nets	\$3,314.50	\$3,000.00	\$314.50
			Balance in
			Water Mission
Kenya Trip	\$4,975.00	\$3,831.72	Fund
Marera, Kenya Water Missions	\$9226.54 <b>*</b>		\$9,226.54
Marera, Kenya Pre-School		\$1,200.00	-\$600.00
Anglican Frontier Missions		\$100.00	-\$100.00
Gwynne Gardner, Missionary in Slovenia	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
*\$1143.28 Surplus from Kenya Trip			
DOMESTIC MISSIONS & BENEVOLENCE			
Camp St. Christopher	\$43.00		\$43.00
Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy		\$250.00	-\$250.00
Seminary Support	\$1,900.00	\$1,750.00	\$150.00
Benevolence / Local Need	\$849.00	\$1,042.74	-\$193.74

### **Independent Auditor's Report**

For 2016, St. Timothy's was in transition from our financial records and reporting being maintained by St. Paul's Summerville to developing our own system and putting it in place. As such, St. Timothy's was part of the St. Paul's Summerville audit. Next year, St. Timothy's will be solely responsible for our financial records and a full audit will be performed in the Fall.

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Mark 16:15

## Reports

#### Vicar

It is with gratitude for all that the Lord has done in my life, especially as it relates to being able to serve for a third year at St. Timothy's Church, that I write this brief reflection for 2016. I have been privileged to share in His Kingdom coming into this world through the lives and actions of my brothers and sisters in ministry.

The highlights of the year for me were many. We began the year being welcomed officially into the [Anglican] Diocese of South Carolina as a mission church. Eleven of us attended the Annual Convention at Church of the Cross, Bluffton, SC. It was a historic moment and one that I will cherish in ministry as I remember being flanked by friends in this call to spread the Good News in our area.

My next highlight was being able to visit and serve with my friend, the Rev. Fred Ochieng Onyango, in the Diocese of Maseno South, Kisumu, Kenya. Nick Rehbaum



joined me on this mission trip and we met, ate, and ministered alongside Fred all over his countryside. It was a remarkable and life-changing experience that allowed me the privilege of seeing the universal catholic church in all its fullness. Our African mission did not end in Kenya; earlier in the year, we also hosted Bishop Saddock from Tanzania and sent \$3,000.00 to his Diocese for the purchase of mosquito nets. Because of this African connection, several churches have come together

to form the "Kenya Connection" which seeks to unify the missional effort from our Diocese to that part of the world.

Starting our first Alpha course, expanding the Blessing of the Animals to North Charleston Coliseum under the direction of Anna Thompson and others, Alexis Rehbaum launching the women's ministry, supporting Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, monthly food distribution and the joint Angel Tree gift giving with St. Paul's REC, supporting the Home of Hope, and participating in our other ministries at St. Timothy's all point to the hand of God moving in our midst.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

The Vestry and finance committee courageously approved a larger budget for our life together in 2017 and that budget allows us to grow our staff by offering Chris Wingard part-time employment as our Parish Administrator. We are also reaching out to two neighboring churches in hopes of expanding the food distribution and collaboration between our Diocese and the Reformed Episcopal (RE) Church of the Southeast.

Finally, we continue to be a group that does life together in every way imaginable. Our prayer ministry is strong, our relationship with St. Paul's REC grows deeper each month and we are making plans to expand our ministry into the Nexton/Cane Bay area in 2017. To God be the Glory, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Gary Beson Vicar

## Lay Chaplain

When asked to write something about what I did as a Lay Chaplain this past year, I confess that I was a little stumped at first. I was asked to do the same thing in 2014 while at St. Paul's Summerville, but then it was easier to identify "Chaplain-like" endeavors, as I was involved with a much larger church community.

Since becoming a part of St. Timothy's, my role has taken some unexpected turns. If you have ever been involved in planting a Church, you know that it doesn't come with all the seeds that have had years to grow at a more established Church. In some instances, we didn't even realize what seeds we needed for the planting!

I was commissioned as a Lay Chaplain five years ago. Before coming to St. Timothy's, I assisted with the spiritual, religious, and emotional needs of patients, families, and staff at hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospice facilities. At St. Timothy's, I have been invited to be a part of something that does not always have clearly defined roles.

Most of my time this past year has been spent helping to grow the Church. When you start with limited resources, you quickly realize that you might be called to wear many hats. Altar Guild, Staff meetings, Vestry, prayer team, visiting the homebound, leading Evening Prayer services, preaching, being a Sub-deacon to the Bishop (during our Confirmation/Received/Reaffirmation service), ordering supplies, leading the Reader/Lay Eucharistic Minister/Lay Eucharistic Visitor Ministries, and plugging in as

Hear this, you kings! Listen, you rulers! I, even I, will sing to the Lord; I will praise the Lord, the God of Israel, in song.

Judges 5:3

needed have become my new norm! But wait! Isn't that what the Chaplaincy is all about? Assisting with needs!

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. Yes, we are still planting and what fun we are having working in God's soil.

Laurie Rice Lay Chaplain

### Praise and Worship Team Leader

Worship at St. Timothy's had gone through many changes before I came on to lead. I was so lucky to have a such a receptive congregation to work with. The hardest part about leading any form of worship is making sure that the group you are leading is getting what they need from what you are doing. The members of St. Timothy's have been so helpful with their feedback and input. No two churches worship in the same way, so over this past year, it has been a blessing to create a worship style that fits this particular congregation.

I have been blessed to have started with a strong team and willing church members who have hearts set on being a part of the music. I absolutely loved getting to put on a large Christmas Eve service with all sorts of guest musicians. I have also had great opportunities to use my gifts outside of services. Most recently, I provided a musical break between dinner and study at St. Timothy's first Alpha run.

Working in a church setting had never been something I planned for myself. That being said, God always has plans for us that we will never see coming. This past year has been one of growth and spiritual rejuvenation, and I am truly blessed to have found a place at St. Timothy's.

Joseph Dubay Praise and Worship Team Leader

### Senior Warden

This year, St. Timothy's transitioned from a Church Plant with a Leadership Team to a Mission with its first Vestry. Three from the Leadership Team moved onto the Vestry for continuity and considered themselves as having already served a one-year term, with 2016 being our second term. Three new Vestry members were affirmed in

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

March. Some of us had Vestry experience and some did not. I was one of those who did not . . . so when Gary asked me to prayerfully consider being the Senior Warden, which is the priest's warden, I tried to tell him I had no clue what to do. After reading the Diocesan Vestry Handbook, I told The Lord that both St. Timothy's and Gary deserved someone with more experience. I didn't hear The Lord disagree with that assessment, but I did hear Him tell me to go do it.

This report is another example of my inexperience . . . I consulted the Great Oracle -Google - hoping I would find some magic formula for what this report was meant to contain. Not finding said formula, I read from the plethora of Senior Warden annual reports online and the theme seemed to be to report what happened this year in the life of the church while leaving the details on the church's building projects to our Junior Warden. To that end, here we go with bullets points because that's what I do!

- One of the major achievements to thank God for is St. Timothy's being accepted by the Diocese as a "mission". A mission is not yet financially selfsufficient, but has at least 25 members. There was a lot of paperwork and organizational structuring involved, but we did it in time to stand before our brothers and sisters at the Diocesan Convention and be recognized in March.
- We sent two of our members, Luke and Jen Deman, to Seminary. To be honest, this was far more their effort than ours as a congregation and yet, I still want to list it as a highlight of our church life together!
- St. Timothy's Church and St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church continued to walk together in the Lord with our joint ministries, Bible Study, Vacation Bible School, worship, and fellowship. Our witness has led other churches in our Diocese to consider coming together intentionally with a local RE church.
- The Holy Spirit came out in power on August 14<sup>th</sup> as three churches (St.



Timothy's, St. Paul's RE, and St. Paul's Summerville) worshipped together in a summer celebration at St. Paul's Summerville. Pastor Liferidge preached two sermons and you can see the altar call in the picture. It was an unforgettable Sunday that blessed so many of us!

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

- We had our first visit from Bishop Lawrence with a beautiful service that included members being Confirmed and Received while others Reaffirmed their Confirmation vows.
- And, what church in their first year as a Mission contributes to sending out two among them over 7,500 miles to show our love to our brothers and sisters in a small village in Kenya? This church does!

I'm sure I have missed many things that should be here and I look forward to your reading through this Annual Report to see more good news such as our Junior Warden's report on the building improvements we've been blessed to work with St. Paul's RE to accomplish and the section on our missions, ministries, and outreach. I'll close this with my personal thanks for the faith you've put in your Vestry and for being so willing to be a church on the move, a church beyond the walls, and a church that seeks to further God's kingdom. We have shown time and time again that we are a church with a heart for mission and doing the Lord's work in serving others, and I am so grateful to be a part of St. Timothy's!

Tami Neff Senior Warden

### **Junior Warden**

I am grateful for and humbled by the honor to serve as the first Junior Warden, the "People's Warden," for St. Timothy's Church. I am thankful for support I have received from St. Timothy's entire parish and our sister parish and the owner of our building, St. Paul's RE Church.



St. Timothy's does not own the building where we worship, so I did not face the primary task of Anglican parish Jr. Wardens: building maintenance and property management. Instead, I focused on beautification projects to enhance our worship space with attention to safety and security, improvements in landscaping, and coordination of congregational events.

2016 was a blessed year that saw completion of the 2015 window upgrade with the installation of tinted and tempered windows. Window curtains were hung in the nave and faux stained glass

portraying St. Paul and St. Timothy were added to windows behind the altar as reminders of the apostles for whom our churches are named.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

The parish purchased an automated external defibrillator (AED), acquired a new first aid kit for the office, and had railings installed in the main hallway of the building. These three acquisitions enhance our medical preparedness and improve safety for aging and infirm congregants. Additionally, three new push carts were acquired for use on Food Distribution days. They reduce the potential for back strains and other injury since heavy bags and boxes no longer must be carried to people's cars.

With help from a local landscaper, we developed and approved a fiscally responsible plan to remove unruly shrubs that detracted from the beauty of the church grounds. New plantings with a sprinkler system were introduced at the entrance to the church. Additionally, a new pathway was located between handicapped parking spaces and the main entry. St. Timothy's also contracted to help St. Paul's RE Church with grass mowing and trimming.

Our Bishop's first visit was a milestone for St. Timothy's. Because of limited building space, we contracted with a local hotel to host a reception so members of the parish could celebrate the event and meet their Bishop. Donations paid for the event with no parish funds used.

In coordination with the Usher Ministry, the Vestry began discussing basic safety and security protocols for worship services, Bible study, Vestry, and other meetings. We are more focused on safety for all who are worshipping and working for Christ.

In all things while serving as Junior Warden, my resolve was: what can I do that serves our Vicar, our Sr. Warden, and our parish; how can we do more with limited resources; and if it is done, will it glorify God? During 2016, I believe we faithfully grew His kingdom while remaining devoted stewards of His treasure and resources. It has been a blessing to serve St. Timothy's.

Nelson Weaver Junior Warden Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

## **Missions, Ministries, and Outreach**

The Body of Christ is most beautiful and most effective at giving hope when each part operates as Christ intends. Our individual parts become something more – we sustain each other, we send each other, and we bring the Gospel in tangible ways. It's a beautiful thing to be a small part of the living Body of Christ: one congregation alongside another for the sake of the Gospel.

### **Missions - Foreign**

Foreign missions are how St. Timothy's partners with and supports those doing Kingdom work in outside of the United States.

#### Marera, Kenya School

This year, St. Timothy's provided both financial and prayer support to the effort of St. James Anglican Church in Marera, Kenya to establish a Christian school that provides holistic quality education that will equip the children in their community for the future. This year, St. James started construction and made significant steps towards realizing their vision. St. Timothy's contributions paid the salaries of two teaches for six months and bought the materials to put a roof on one classroom.

St. James' plan is to build a new classroom every year, and St. Timothy's hopes to continue to support this worthy effort with prayer and financial assistance.

#### Marera, Kenya Water Mission

Rev. Fred Ochieng and his congregation have incredible faith and they've been given enormous vision for what the Lord would accomplish through them at St. James. One important part of the vision is to install a clean water system in Fred's childhood village, which is about an hour away from his church. Two of our members, Gary and Nick Rehbaum, went to visit Fred in Kenya this summer and visited the existing well. The met the council assembled to manage the water system when built. They also spent time pumping water for those who came there to get their water for the day. Most American children have chores such as dishes or laundry, whereas a Kenyan child must travel as far as necessary to retrieve any water they can find so that their family can survive for the next day.

St. Timothy's has partnered with St. James in their vision to bring water to this village. Water Missions International surveyed the site last year, found underground water, And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.

Matthew 10:42

and made plans for a system that would bring this water up, filter it, and make it available through a series of water taps. All that's needed is the funds to make this happen - \$67,500. This vision that is too big for any one of us to accomplish, but we know all things are possible with God. This year, He has shown us how to begin and you can see the funds raised to date in the financial section of this report. In 2017, we are actively planning fundraises and seeking other church partners to come alongside St. James and us to bring live-saving, clean water to Fred's village.

In addition to the massive health benefit, the water system will save the people, primarily children, hours of commuting to the water point each day and give them more time in school. If we are obedient in our individual parts, our whole is the living, breathing Gospel.

#### Tanganyika Mosquito Net Mission

While attending the Anglican Leadership Conference in early 2016, The Rt. Rev. Sadok Makaya, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Western Tanganyika, in Tanzania, was invited to speak to St. Timothy's in a joint service with St. Paul's RE Church. During his sermon, Bishop Makaya spoke of the needs of his parishioners, which included nets to protest children from malaria-carrying mosquitos. The members of St. Timothy's and St. Paul's were moved by the Holy Spirit to respond by joining together and raising money to help provide this life-saving protection.

The two congregations set a goal of donating enough to buy a net for every member of a 300-person parish in Western Tanganyika. Many appeals throughout Lent and Easter brought both congregations closer together to achieve their common goal of supporting Anglicans on the other side of the world. St. Timothy's and St. Paul's were greatly blessed by coming together to do God's work and meeting this goal.

### **Missions - Domestic**

Domestic missions are how St. Timothy's partners with and supports those doing Kingdom work in our community and in other parts of our country.

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy (CCC)

The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy (CCC) provides comfort and counseling for employees and families of first responders, as well as the public in the greater Charleston area. They provide:

Galatians 6:2

- A ministry of comfort for citizens and first responders on the scene of a crisis, such as school tragedy, fatal traffic accident, suicide, or homicide.
- A ministry of support, serving our First Responders both on and off scene, to help them thrive personally and professionally amid continuously challenging circumstances.
- A ministry of presence to survivors, offering love, resources, and a listening ear during time of grief and loneliness.

St. Timothy's supports the CCC with a yearly donation. Additionally, our Junior Warden, Nelson Weaver, volunteers with the CCC for training and experience as part of his personal discernment for the Vocational Diaconate to minister to law enforcement and first responders. Find out more about the CCC at <u>http://coastalcrisischaplain.org/</u>.

### Seminarian Assistance

St. Timothy's is thankful for Luke and Jen Deman, who (with their son, Oscar) left us at the end of the summer to begin classes at the Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. We pray for their safety and health while they are apart from us, and that their time in Seminary will be blessed.

The expenses the Demans incur while going through Seminary are not subsidized by the diocese or by the church. St. Timothy's has set up a fund on our <u>online giving site</u> for our members, friends, and supporters to make contributions to assist them during this exciting time.

### Home of Hope & Hope's Home

In October of 2015, the Lowcountry Home of Hope opened its doors at 821 Central Avenue, Summerville, SC. It is a non-profit organization with the mission to provide

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If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them. Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need.

Deuteronomy 15: 7-8 safe shelter, food, support services, and an avenue to self-sufficiency for homeless men in our community. Its mission is driven by the belief that all people deserve the necessities of life, and as part of the community we live in, we serve this purpose.

Since opening its doors in 2015, it has provided services for approximately 82 men. Of these residents, 65 have found employment and/or permanent residences. Many prior residents have chosen to give back to the home and to the community by getting involved on a volunteer basis. The success of this vital and mandated ministry needs the support from everyone in our community.

St. Timothy's church has played a consistent and supportive role since January 2016 to those experiencing temporary displacement in our community. The Lord is clear throughout scripture that how we care for the least and the lost, has eternal implications. We pray that 2017 sees the opening of a women and children's shelter, Hope's Home. If you would like to find out more about the Lowcountry Home of Hope, you can visit or contact them at:

PO Box 2994 Summerville, SC 29484 www.lowcountryhomeofhope.org 843-469-8858

### **Ministries**

Ministries are an important part of our church life, especially a small church that needs all of us to volunteer our time, talent, and treasure. The following is a list of our current ministries and the lead point of contact. If you are interested in helping in any of our ministries, please contact the ministry lead.

	Ministry	Lead
•	Altar Guild	Laurie Rice
•	Christian Formation	Gary Beson
•	Greeters	Daniel & Vannessa Oldland
•	Hospitality	Sue Beson

### Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

Colossians 3:23

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- Lay Eucharistic Ministers / Visitors and Lay Readers
- Newcomers & Welcome Table
- Nursery
- Praise Team
- Prayer Team
- Security
- Ushers
- Women's Ministry
- Worship Visuals

Laurie Rice

Gary Beson Sue Beson Joseph Dubay Kay Deman Nelson Weaver Dan Hunt

Alexis Rehbaum

Ashley Frampton / Tami Neff

### Outreach

St. Timothy's outreach programs provide support to those in our community, and most importantly, they tell others about the Gospel of Jesus Christ in an active manner. This support may be in the form of an Alpha, where we invite others to learn about Jesus, or in our Food Distribution Program, that provides food once a month to those in need in our community. The following gives an overview of the Outreach programs St. Timothy's participated in this year.

### Food Distribution Program

St. Timothy's and St. Paul's RE Church's joint Food Distribution outreach ministry on the second Saturday of every month has continued to bless both our community and



our churches! Originally set up as an additional arm of St. Paul Summerville's effort, Chris Wingard has worked hard to move us into having our own account with the Lowcountry Food Bank so that we can ensure we get food needed by the seniors and young families we see on a regular basis. Additionally, Chris came up with a plan to subsidize what we get from the food bank by asking our two congregations to donate a certain type of food each month, such as Thanksgiving boxed/canned goods in November. We were also blessed with regular donations of bread and pastries from Publix in Cane Bay and the Sara Lee Bakery, as well as one large donation of canned fruit from ATS, Inc.

In 2016, we provided two very full bags of groceries with additional bags of produce, when available, for an average of 35 families for 11

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John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

Luke 3:11

Saturdays. Unfortunately, Hurricane Matthew forced us to miss the second Saturday in October. We had volunteers from St. Timothy's and St. Paul's, as well as others in the community. We would like to end this by thanking God for and lovingly remembering Mike Scotti. Mike heard about our Food Distribution program from Wynne Boone and despite being a member of another church, he regularly came to help on both Fridays when food was picked up at the food bank and on Saturdays when bags of food were assembled. Mike went home to the Lord this Summer and we miss him.

#### Blessing of the Animals

St. Francis of Assisi reminds us that God created animals, and as such, He loves them. St. Timothy's celebrated this love by hosting two Blessings of the Animals. The first was held in February and saw Gary, Anna Thompson, Laurie Rice, and others standing by with Holy Water to sprinkle pets as their owners drove by and rolled down

their windows with their pets onboard as a way of providing God's blessing.

In October, we got a bit more sophisticated. With Anna leading the effort, St. Timothy's had more volunteers to staff a booth at the Lowcountry Paws and Claws Expo at the Charleston Area Convention Center. Animal lovers brought their pets by the booth to receive God's blessing and get treats, as well as put in for a raffle for two \$50.00 gift cards for PetSmart. While we didn't keep an exact count, we had lines several times and multiple pets in many instances. We estimate around 100 animals were blessed, although it was a toss-up as to who was



more blessed by this outreach . . . the pets, the pet owners, or those from St. Timothy's who participated!

#### Alpha

The Alpha Course at St. Timothy's church was held in the Fall of 2016 and surprised me in two unforgettable ways. Firstly, the ease at which several laypeople quickly volunteered to be small group leaders was like nothing I had experienced in the past. Almost instantly, we had enough eager small group leaders to place in our groups. Those two groups stayed committed to the course after week 2 and eventually turned Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Psalm 96:3

into one large, "small" group. Something like the Alpha course must start somewhere and this course proved to be just the right mix of people with questions and people who wanted to know more about their faith. We ran the abbreviated eight-week "campus" version of Alpha, alongside the fabulous home cooked meals (thanks to volunteers), awesome trivia, worship music (thanks to Joseph), and fantastic jokes that everyone who has taken the course can attest to. We had lay- and clergy-led talks, and the evenings were punctuated with lively small group discussion. The Holy Spirit weekend was held at the Mayou's beautiful farm and we can't wait to go back! The beautiful Saturday morning, the healing night, and the "what about the church" talk were the high points of the course for me. Next Fall, a group of these Alpha graduates will lead the same eight-week course and hopefully we will have visitors and seekers from the community and other churches. Come join us next fall and experience what 16 million others have worldwide in the Alpha course. It will change your life! Questions or comments gary@st-timothys.org.

#### Cursillo

Cursillo is a "short Course" in Christianity oriented toward renewal of the individual, the Church, and the World. Its purpose is to help individuals in the church understand their individual callings within the church and help prepare them for their part in fulfilling the Divine Commission. Cursillo is led by lay people aided by clergy.

Central to Cursillo in the [Anglican] Diocese of South Carolina is participation in a three-day weekend which has changed little over time, although the contents have shifted from the Spanish and Catholic origins of Cursillo to take on a South Carolina and Anglican flavor.

Cursillo relies heavily on the Holy Spirit to lead all participants to fulfill their own baptismal covenant in a much deeper way. Participation in Cursillo prepares attendees for today's ministry by helping them find inspiration and direction to lead others to Christ.

Wynne Boone, a former Cursillo attendee and lay leader, sponsored Margaret and Nelson Weaver as the first Cursillo participants from St. Timothy's. Margaret and Nelson have begun their "Fourth Day," the rest of one's life for a Cursillo attendee. They are now becoming more involved in Cursillo through regional and Diocesan meetings, and their goal is the "glue" of Cursillo: Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring that friend to your friend Jesus. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. If you would like more information on Cursillo, please contact either Nelson Weaver or Wynne Boone.

#### GriefShare

Matthew 5:4

GriefShare is a program that brings people together who have lost loved ones in a friendly, caring environment to walk alongside each other through one of life's most difficult experiences. St. Timothy's sponsored a monthly GriefShare program that met in Wynne Boone's house for 13 sessions. Five people attended GriefShare and we see this as an ongoing ministry and intend to start another round of sessions in December.

#### School Supplies

Vannessa Oldland is a second-grade teacher at North Charleston Elementary School. Many of her students are underprivileged kids who cannot afford school supplies. This year, Vannessa put together a list of needed supplies for her 25 students, and St. Timothy's members went shopping. Items included pencils, glue sticks, construction paper, and even snack bars. The students often come to school with no supplies and an empty stomach. These supplies helped nurture and show the love of Christ through supplies and food.

#### Angel Tree

The Angel Tree program was created by The Salvation Army to provide clothing and toys for underprivileged children at Christmas. St. Timothy's and St. Paul's RE contacted the Department of Social Services and received 20 children's' names this year to provide Christmas gifts in our second annual joint Angel Tree effort.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world. but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17

## **In Conclusion**

In 2016, St. Timothy's Church focused on Missions, Ministries, and Outreach to build God's Kingdom. This was a blessed year for our "small church full of big people" as we continued in our mission of "Seeking to Further God's Mission of Rescue and Redemption for His Creation". Our prayer for next year is to remain faithful to our vision given to us by the Holy Spirit of:

Gathering

... in worship, in unity, in prayer, and in study

Celebrating

... in the Word read and preached, and in the bonds of peace shared with our friends and neighbors at the Lord's table and into the world

Giving

... to one another, the poor, and the needy in our community and the world

Amen.

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