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Adult Confirmation Preparation

All adults (18+) who have expressed interest in joining the church should plan to meet with the Rector on Saturday morning, December 3, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This includes adults who took the Inquirers' Class with Aaron last spring as well as others who are interested. Please come prepared with your questions about the Episcopal Church and/or St. Timothy's. If you have the date and place of your Baptism, please bring that with you as well. The Bishop will be here on Sunday, December 11, for a service of Confirmation and Reception (which is how we officially become adult members of an Episcopal Congregation). Please let Cheryl know if you plan to come to this meeting by either signing in the Welcome Center or by calling or texting her (304-437-1673). ✕



Pledge Drive Update

As of this writing, we have received 49 household pledges and 3 youth pledges. The total amount pledged is \$206,988. There are several pledges that we have not received that we hope will still come in. If you are one of those folks, please return your cards as soon as possible for the Vestry to prepare the final proposed budget for 2017. If you have misplaced your card there are some in the Welcome Center. ✕



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You're Invited to the Annual Community Thanksgiving Service

presented by the Teays Valley
Ministerial Association



Thursday, November 17 • 7:00 p.m.

Teays Valley Presbyterian Church
4122 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot

Canned food donations will go to the Christian Community Cupboard.
Interested in singing in the community choir? Rehearsal is at 6:00 p.m.

To make a submission to the next issue of *Connections*, please email sttimothyoffice@frontier.com or mail submissions to the church office by November 28, 2016.

St. Timothy's is grounded in worship and committed to welcome, serve, and love all God's people.



Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch Explores County for New Eating Experience

On November 16, at 12:30 p.m., join our monthly group of members, families, and friends at Tammy's Country Kitchen, 888 Frazier's Bottom. **NOTE: The 16th is the THIRD Wednesday!**

Looking for home cooking? Dinners and lunch plates and daily specials, sandwiches—a wide variety of things!!! Join us on the 16th! Do contact Kitty Byus (304-757-0319) or Lola Warren (304-743-9935) so that the correct number of seats may be reserved.

DIRECTIONS: Take the new Rt. 35 to the Buffalo Bridge, and turn right on Rt. 817 (the old Rt. 35—do not cross the bridge). Go about ½ mile, and look for the sign on the right side of the road. Phone number is 304-0937-2855. ✕



Centering Prayer

St. Timothy's ecumenical centering prayer group will meet two Sundays in November: November 6 and November 27. NOTE our new time: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. (We complete our session before the new 5:30 p.m. church service which includes an opportunity for healing as well as Holy Eucharist.)

Anyone interested in exploring this type of spiritual practice is welcome to attend. The focus of Centering Prayer is the deepening of our relationship with the living Christ. Questions or interested persons do contact Kitty Byus at 304-757-0319. ✕

Notes from Vestry

The Vestry met on October 16th following worship.

- + We received a pledge update.
- + Pastoral care committee update on individuals.
- + Welcome Center window replacement.
- + Discussion of new parking lot signs.
- + The creation of a Visioning Team.
- + Financial update.

Please see any of our vestry members for more information. *Andy Bird, Sr. Warden* ✕

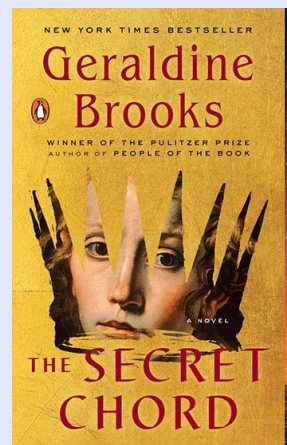
Come Grow With Us!

Women's Dinner & A Book

Our final Women's Dinner & A Book meeting for 2016 will be held on Thursday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing Geraldine Brooks' *The Secret Chord*.

"With more than two million copies of her novels sold, New York Times bestselling author Geraldine Brooks has achieved both popular and critical acclaim. Now, Brooks takes on one of literature's richest and most enigmatic figures: a man who shimmers between history and legend. Peeling away the myth to bring David to life in Second Iron Age Israel, Brooks traces the arc of his journey from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier, from hero to traitor, from beloved king to murderous despot and into his remorseful and diminished dotage.

"The Secret Chord provides new context for some of the best-known episodes of David's life while also



focusing on others, even more remarkable and emotionally intense, that have been neglected. We see David through the eyes of those who love him or fear him—from the prophet Nathan, voice of his conscience, to his wives Mikal, Avigail, and Batsheva, and finally to Solomon, the late-born son who redeems his Lear-like old age. Brooks

has an uncanny ability to hear and transform characters from history, and this beautifully written, unvarnished saga of faith, desire, family, ambition, betrayal, and power will enthrall her many fans."

Our hostess for this meeting will be Joyce Wilson. Instead of having a potluck dinner at the church, we're going to start taking our group on the road, to different restaurants. Please call Joyce at 304-757-8168 to find out our December 1st location. Newcomers are always welcome, and it isn't necessary to have read the book. You only need to let us know that you plan to come; there's a place at the table set just for you! ✕



▶ Christmas Musical Program

Calling all children and youth – it is time to prepare for our Annual Christmas Presentation. No line memorization required this year! We need singers, readers, dancers, and instrumental musicians. Wee children are welcome to dress up as angels, shepherds, and sheep. SIGN UP THIS SUNDAY (Nov. 13)! First gathering will be after church on November 20th! Adult helpers are needed too! ✕

▶ Wonderful Wednesdays

Women's Book Club

Spiritual Surprises of Later Life

Discussion based on Linda Douty's book *HOW DID I GET TO BE 70 WHEN I'M 35 INSIDE?* continues each Wednesday morning at 10:45 a.m. 'til noon in the Sanctuary, except on November 23rd (day before Thanksgiving). We explore transformative questions that help us acknowledge and appreciate the deepening spiritual awareness that comes with advancing years.

We invite you to be a part of our group. We follow a general format that includes reading the book out loud, so you do not have homework. Questions and/or to join our group—do contact Kitty Byus 304-757-0319. ✕

▶ Socks for Vets

One clothing item that is most needed for the homeless is socks. Especially as the cold and wet weather sets in, socks are needed to help keep feet dry and warm. While you are out shopping please pick up at least one package of men's athletic socks. Let's see if we can collect at least 150 pairs to deliver to the Veterans for Christmas (we exceeded that goal last year)! The women wear the men's socks too. Please have your sock donations to the church, in the big red box, by December 11. ✕



**FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED:
FREELY GIVE.
MATTHEW 10:8**

Come Grow With Us!

▶ Christmas Family Sponsors

Soon the Christmas Tree poster will be up in the Welcome Center, and you will be able to choose ornaments from it to sponsor 8 children and 3-4 families for Christmas. There will be a clothes ornament and a toy ornament for each child and a family ornament for a food gift card for each of the 3-4 families that we receive.



Keep an eye out for the tree, and choose an ornament! ✕

▶ Upcoming Dates for Your December Calendar

Please mark you calendars for these important, upcoming dates:

Sunday, December 11: Bishop's Visitation & Confirmation (no 5:30 p.m. service this day)

Thursday, December 15: Annual Women's Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 21: Blue Christmas Worship Service

Thursday, December 22: Greening of the Church

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Services, 5:30 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day, No morning or evening worship services this day ✕

▶ 'Tis the Season for Scrip

For those of you who are newer to St. Timothy's, maybe you haven't taken advantage of the Scrip program yet. What is Scrip? Basically, you purchase gift cards through this program to be used at the places where you already shop and eat OR to be given as gifts, and our church receives a portion of your purchase. Scrip sales are part of our budget and are helpful to our ministry.

Several people buy the gift cards that they plan to give as Christmas presents through our Scrip program. Christmas shopping is well underway!

There are a number of ways to purchase your cards, so please stop by the information table in the Welcome Center following worship on any Sunday to learn more from Jennifer or Cathy. Several cards are available there for immediate purchase as well.

*Shop for a cause this Christmas,
with Scrip!* ✕



November/December Sunday Service Schedule

	November 6 <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	November 13 <i>26 Pentecost</i>	November 20 <i>Christ the King</i>	November 27 <i>Advent 1</i>	December 4 <i>Advent 2</i>
Chalice Bearers	Soleil Gregg Dave Wood	Andy Bird Robin Ward	Billy Wayne Bailey Glenn Childress	Soleil Gregg Arthur Taylor	Kitty Byus Dave Wood
O.T. & Psalm Reader	Trish Fisher	Soleil Gregg	Richard Spilman	Emma Markins	Nona Dolmetsch
N. T. Reader	Aaron Carr	Ethan Markins	Robin Ward	Mitchell Proper	Janessa Noel
Prayers of The People	Karen White	Kitty Byus	Dave Wood	Nona Dolmetsch	Soleil Gregg
Acolytes	Rachel Midkiff Ben Arnett	Emily Branam Hailey Bennett	Alex Ward Hannah Bennett	Ben Arnett Lauren Arnett	Maggie Rumbaugh Sophie Carr Jillian Noel
Ushers	Randy Thompson Kelle Maxwell & Lilly	Chris Lewis Alex Ward	Kim Murphy Kim Smith	Jenny Jenkins Randy Thompson	Brian Proper Frank Thompson
Counters	Glenn & Mary Lou Childress	Frank Thompson Lola Warren	Kim Murphy Kim Smith	Annette Montoya Bobby Norman	Allison Hughart Randy Thompson
Children's Chapel	Karen White Andy Bird	Laura Leslie Andrea Markins	Laura Leslie Terry Holliday	<i>Children's Sermon</i>	Kimberly Carr Karen White
Nursery	Diane & Caroline Damron	Nathan, Ben, & Lauren Arnett	Jacob Ward Emily Branam	Nathan Arnett Hannah & Hailey Bennett	Joy Jenkins Olivia Moncada
Vestry Greeter	Andy Bird	Kim Murphy	Kim Smith	John Alvis	TBA
Altar Guild	Kitty Byus Susan Patrick	Kitty Byus Susan Patrick	Kitty Byus Susan Patrick	Kitty Byus Susan Patrick	Marty Alvis Trish Fisher

November Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| 2 Nate Branam | 11 Allison Pauley |
| 3 Alexandra Dawson | 15 Ryan Quinn |
| 4 Hart Childress, Jillian Noel | 18 Eric McCallister |
| 6 Amy Alvis Stotts | 21 Ben Freeman, Kim Montgomery |
| 7 Stephen Day, Ronda Moncada,
Logan Rumbaugh, Rusty Wilson | 22 Ainsley Bailey, Allison Bailey |
| 9 Marcy Benincasa | 23 Michael McDonough, Brent Ogle |
| 10 Michael Chamberlain | 24 Shelly Young |
| | 28 Lindsay Elkins, Megan Elkins |

Happy Anniversary to:

- 14 Jerry & Diane Damron
16 John & Marty Alvis



Robert Wayne "Bob" Leslie
June 8, 1950—November 2, 2016
**May he rest in peace
and rise in glory.** ✠



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
KEY: AC = Activity Center CC = Child. Chapel CR = Choir Room GFH = Garrett Fellowship Hall MR = Basement Meeting Room S = Sanctuary VR = Vesting Room WC = Welcome Ctr YR = Youth Room		1	2	3	4	5
			10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 6:30pm— Adult Bible Study (GFH) 8pm— AA (MR)			2:00pm— Bob Leslie Funeral Service (S)
6 <i>25 Pentecost</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) 3:30-5:00pm— Centering Prayer (VR) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6:00pm— Girl Scouts (GFH)	7pm— NA (MR)	9:00am— T.V. Moms Club (GFH) 10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 8pm— AA (MR)			
13 <i>26 Pentecost</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Luncheon (GFH) Choir Practice (CR) 1:00-4:00pm— Confirmation 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6:00pm— Girl Scouts (GFH)	7pm— NA (MR)	10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 12:30pm— Lunch Bunch (@Tammy's Country Kitchen) 8pm— AA (MR)			
20 <i>Christ the King</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Vestry Meeting Choir Practice (CR) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6:30pm— Girl Scouts Service Unit Mtg (GFH)	7pm— NA (MR)	No Women's Book Group 8pm— AA (MR)	Thanksgiving Day 		
27 <i>Advent 1</i>	28	29	30	December 1		
9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) 3:30-5:00pm— Centering Prayer (VR) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6:00pm— Girl Scouts (GFH)	7pm— NA (MR)	10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 8pm— AA (MR)	6:30pm— Women's Dinner & A Book		





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**Join us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
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