

# Timothy's Topics

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### The First Page

#### **ENCOURAGEMENT** By Alex Mitchell

Sometimes we all need a little encouragement. Children do better when they are encouraged to learn, to read or to take-up a sport. Young adults do well when encouraged in their chosen career by a friendly mentor. People who are down-in-the-dumps can often return to a good mood with a little encouragement. All of us benefit from some caring encouragement in our lives.

Not long ago I read the story of a circus ringmaster who claimed that he was the strongest man in town. He had a standing offer to give \$1000 to anyone who could squeeze the last drop out juice out of a lemon once he had squeezed it dry. The ringmaster would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass and hand the lemon rind to a contender. Anyone who could squeeze just one drop of juice would get the thousand dollars. Well, everyone would come up and try it. There were cowboys, body builders, ironworkers, farmers, baseball players, wrestlers, etc. No one could ever get another drop out of the lemon. One day a thin, balding,

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little man came in wearing wire rim glasses. He spoke in a high, faint, squeaky voice; "I can squeeze your lemon."

Everyone started laughing. The master of ceremonies said, "OK." He grabbed a lemon, and without even cutting a hole in it started squeezing. Squish, lemon juice ran out into a glass. He handed the wrinkled remains of the lemon over to the little, thin man. He grabbed hold of the lemon remains, as the hysterical laughter faded away. One, two, three big drops of lemon juice plunged into the glass.

The silence turned to uproarious cheers. The ringmaster handed over the money. Then he asked, "How in the world did you do that? A thousand men have been in here and they couldn't get another drop out of a lemon. What in the world do you do for a living?"

"Nothing to it," he said. "I do it every day. I am the treasurer at the local Presbyterian Church!"

In his letters to the church at Corinth the apostle Paul was encouraging those Christians, along with other Gentile churches, to give to help with the needs of the Jerusalem believers. They were going through extremely difficult times financially because of the persecution of the church in Jerusalem. Paul encouraged the Corinthian Christians to help with this great need in Jerusalem by putting aside a gift for the Jerusalem fund. About a year earlier these believers at Corinth had said they would like to help, and made a start. Now they needed a little encouragement to continue with their commitment.

At our Annual Congregational Meeting early in 2011, we gathered together as a congregation to review the past year and prayerfully seek God's guidance as we committed ourselves to ministry in the coming year. A large part of that commitment concerned the giving of our gifts: gifts of time, ability and money. It is a commitment that we have largely kept.

However, as always, following the summer break we enter the final third of the calendar year a bit behind in our financial giving to our church. So, here's a little encouragement!

If your giving fell a bit behind in the summer, how about catching up? And, perhaps, you might want to consider joining our Pre-Authorized Giving plan. This would also be a good time to make a special second-mile gift to the church, if you are able.

Let's remember that we made this commitment to our God. The one who created us and the one who gave to us everything we have, own and enjoy. It all belongs to God. Let's give back enough so that our Session, Board and Treasurer won't have to go about trying to squeeze extra juice out of the lemon!

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## Joy Update

JOY, as described in Webster is a thing that causes delight. It could be the birth of a grandchild, a little puppy or any number of things.

For those of us at St. Tim's, JOY is an acronym for JUST OVER YOUTH. It is a day time programme which provides an opportunity for adults in our congregation to get together for fun and fellowship. Between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, you might find a group of people enjoying a game of scrabble, playing cards or other interesting activities. There are some who prefer to watch the movie which is shown each meeting. At non we all join together for lunch prepared and served by your coordinators.

The first meeting of the new season was held on September 20, 2011

The JOY Group meets the third Tuesday of each month and members of the congregation and their friends are welcome. For those interested in joining us, the JOY Group will be meeting at 10:00 a.m. on the following dates:

- ❖ October 18
- ❖ November 15

Louise has done a great job on a song book of golden oldies and the sing song is a popular part of the meeting.

Remember, if you wish to join us and need transportation please call. Providing transportation for you is not a bother, it would be a pleasure.

Your coordinators:

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## **Heron Emergency Food Centre Update**By Phoebe Gowdy

Louisa Simms, coordinator of the Heron Emergency Food Centre is always so pleased to see Ken and Vae Rankin at the food bank! There is no need to wonder why when they appear each year throughout the Spring and Summer with their garden's abundance – lovely fresh rhubarb, zucchini, tomatoes and cucumbers! Ken says that Vae is the gardener – in his nineties, he just does the watering!! What wonderful results from this admirable and inspirational pair of constant, caring providers! Thank you so much, Vae and Ken.

Statistics for January – August 2011 show that 10651 people from our neighbourhood needed assistance from the food bank, compared to 8955 in 2010. As you can see the need is great, and so we continue to request your support to meet the challenge. St. Timothy's has always been generous and faithful in its response for which HEFC can only say, "Thank you so much."



## In Celebration of Ken Rankin

In June the Afternoon Circle presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ken Rankin. This certificate from the Women's Missionary Society is given as a token of appreciation to individuals for their support of the Circle and their contribution to life at St. Timothy's.

Ken Rankin and his wife Vae have been mainstays of St. Timothy's for many years since coming to the church in the mid 1960's. Thirty-eight years ago, in 1973, Ken was on the Board of Managers. Five years later, in 1978, the annual report for the Board of Managers included this remark: "As in past years, volunteer work carried out by Ron Collings, Fred Park, Ken Rankin, Ted Lee and many others has saved several thousand dollars in maintenance costs."

There is no doubt that Ken's name can be found in many other reports over the years. We have all greatly appreciated his moving reading of "In Flanders Fields" during Remembrance Day services. He has helped with High Horizons, a program the Afternoon Circle has contributed to for many years. Ken supports Vae in all of her activities, by driving, and in many other ways. His frequent attendance at Circle meetings sets a fine example for other men in the church. It is evident that he has kept up with technology, because if Vae needs some item for a World Day of Prayer display board, Ken produces it. If Vae needs an extra copy of a poster or a program, Ken produces it. Ken says that a neighbour mentioned to him how lovely it is to lead such a nice quiet life. Ken did not want to disillusion him by bringing up the fact that his years in the Armed Forces were anything but quiet. There were dangerous times, and times that were just trying, for Vae too, such as moving 12 times with young children in their first 10 years of marriage.

Ken and Vae have a loving and extended family. In August 2009 they attended the baptism of twin great-grandchildren in Halifax. Anyone who was present at Ken's 90th birthday party would have seen first-hand how valued Ken is by his family, his church friends, and his community. It was a great pleasure for the members of the Afternoon Circle to present a richly deserved Certificate of Recognition to Ken Rankin.

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## Common Phrases from the King James Version of the Bible

**Did you know?** The King James Version of the Bible has been enormously influential in the development of the English language. Translated by 47 Biblical scholars, the King James Bible was first printed in 1611. It was predated by several other partial or complete translations, notably John Wycliffe's translation in 1382 and William Tyndale's in 1528; the latter forming the basis of a large portion of the King James Version. This year marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this remarkable Bible! Enjoy the quotes below.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush</li><li>○ A drop in the bucket</li><li>○ A man after his own heart</li><li>○ A multitude of sins</li><li>○ A thorn in the flesh</li><li>○ All things must pass</li><li>○ Am I my brother's keeper?</li><li>○ An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth</li><li>○ As old as the hills</li><li>○ Ashes to ashes dust to dust</li><li>○ As you sow, so shall you reap</li><li>○ Born again</li><li>○ At his wit's end</li><li>○ Bite the dust</li><li>○ Coat of many colours</li><li>○ Blessed are the peacemakers</li><li>○ By the skin of your teeth</li><li>○ Can a leopard change its spots?</li><li>○ Eat drink and be merry</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Faith will move mountains</li><li>○ Fall from grace</li><li>○ Flesh and blood</li><li>○ Fight the good fight</li><li>○ Give up the ghost</li><li>○ The powers that be</li><li>○ How the mighty have fallen</li><li>○ It's better to give than to receive</li><li>○ Man does not live by bread alone</li><li>○ No rest for the wicked</li><li>○ The fly in the ointment</li><li>○ Spare the rod and spoil the child</li><li>○ The writing is on the wall</li><li>○ The blind leading the blind</li><li>○ Lamb to the slaughter</li><li>○ Let there be light Sour grapes</li><li>○ The apple of his eye</li><li>○ Many are called but few are chosen</li><li>○ Physician heal thyself</li><li>○ The Salt of the earth</li><li>○ The spirit is strong but the flesh is weak</li></ul> |
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## ***Come, ye thankful people, come - No. 803 in the Book of Praise***

Author: Henry Alford (1810-1871) Music: Sir George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

Tune Name: *St. George's Windsor*

This favourite harvest hymn appears in a different version in virtually every hymn book. It was written by Henry Alford (1810-1871) for use in services to celebrate the harvest and remains a popular Harvest Thanksgiving hymn today. Two of Christ's parables are echoed in the hymn: the story of the wheat and tares in Matthew 13:24-30, and the story in Mark 4:26-29 which tells of the seed which springs up without the sower knowing of it, and which includes the line "*wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear*".

Henry Alford, born in London in 1810 to the son of a respected Anglican clergyman, decided to follow in the footsteps of 5 direct generations of clergymen. He was a precocious boy, and before he was ten had written several Latin odes, a history of the Jews and a series of homiletic outlines. At age 16 he wrote in the fly-leaf of his Bible these words which characterized his entire life: "*I do this day, in the presence of God and my own soul, renew my covenant with God, and solemnly determine henceforth to become His, and to do His work as far as in me lies*".

At Trinity College, Cambridge, Alford distinguished himself as a student and writer, and upon graduation in 1832 began his public ministry in London. He rose rapidly and was vainly tempted with the offer of a colonial bishopric, first in 1841 as bishop of New Zealand, and again in 1844 as bishop of New Brunswick. In 1857, at the age of 47, he was named Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, the "mother church" of all England where he remained until his death in 1871. He was generally regarded as one of the most gifted Christian leaders of the 19<sup>th</sup> century; a distinguished theologian, scholar, poet, artist and musician who wrote numerous books, including an important four-volume critical commentary on the Greek New Testament. A strong evangelical, Alford maintained strong relations with evangelicals and non-conformists, and did all he could to resist the high church movements within the Anglican Church. The inscription on his tomb, chosen by himself, is *Diversorium Viatoris Hierosolymam Proficiscentis (the inn of a traveller on his way to Jerusalem)*.

*Come, ye thankful people, come*, was first published in Alford's *Psalms and Hymns* in 1844. The author revised it three times. The version of the hymn printed in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* differs considerably from the version in the present *Book of Praise*. When it was first included in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* in 1861, the compilers made substantial alterations, which were firmly repudiated by the author, but have persisted to this day.

The tune which is universally associated with this hymn, *St. George's Windsor* by Sir George Elvey (1816-1893) was actually written for another hymn. It first appeared in a selection of psalm and hymn tunes published in 1858. Elvey was organist and choirmaster at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, for 47 years. George Elvey was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1871 for his many years of faithful service to the royal family. Elvey also composed the hymn tune "*Diademata*" sung to the hymn "*Crown Him with many crowns*".

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## **SUMMARY OF DECISIONS OF THE KIRK SESSION FEBRUARY 8, MARCH 8, MAY 10 AND JUNE 14, 2011**

In keeping with the session's direction, the following resolutions and decisions taken at its regular meetings of February 8, March 8, May 10 and June 14, 2011, are summarized hereunder for the information of the congregation.

### **February 8, 2011**

1. Motion adopted, that (1) St. Timothy's Christmas Concert and Carol Sing be held at 2:30 p.m. on December 11, 2011 and (2) that Rogers TV be invited to video tape the concert for subsequent TV viewing.
2. Motion adopted, that a Fellowship Luncheon be held at the church on Thursday, March 10, 2011.

### **March 8, 2011**

1. Motion adopted, that Doug Simpson be placed on sabbatical leave from all duties and responsibilities associated with the session of St. Timothy's Church, for an indeterminate period.
2. Motion adopted, that the annual Youth Service be held Sunday, June 12, 2011.
3. Motion adopted, that remaining funds from the New Orleans Project, totalling \$850.85, be transferred to the WaterCan Project.
4. Motion adopted, that the Congregational Pancake Breakfast and Communion Service NOT be held on Good Friday, April 22, 2011.

### **May 10, 2011**

1. Motion adopted, that George McCully, currently the equalizing elder to presbytery, be appointed representative elder to presbytery for one year, commencing September 1, 2011.
2. Motion adopted, that use of church facilities by the organizers of the HEFC Walkathon on September 24, 2011 be approved.

3. Motion adopted, that a committee to be known as the Congregational Building Renewal Committee be struck to examine the overall repair and restorative requirements of the church and church property, and develop a detailed strategy and plan of action. The Policy and Planning Committee of Session will be charged with the development of terms of reference for the committee. The committee will report its progress regularly to session, and keep the board of managers advised.

**June 14, 2011**

1. Motion adopted that Rev. Mitchell's vacation request for the following schedule be approved: Monday, July 11th to Sunday, August 14th inclusive, i.e., Sunday absences on July 17th, 24th, 31st, and August 7th and 14th.
2. Motion adopted, that a session retreat be held in the Goforth Room on Saturday, July 9, 2011, between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, to discuss the Moderator's proposal, "A Way Forward."
3. Motion adopted, that the Moderator's précis of congregational concerns be made available to the congregation, with advice as to its availability to be published in the church bulletin.
4. Further to recommendation No. 3, May 10, 2011 meeting the session adopted the motion, that the terms of reference be made available to members of session and the board of managers for study and comment, either to the moderator of session or the convener of the policy and planning committee of session within two weeks.
5. Motion adopted, that Lois Hope's resignation from the session of St. Timothy's Church, effective June 14, 2011, be accepted, with regret. Lois was sincerely thanked for her contribution to the work of the session over the past twelve years.
6. Motion adopted, that session consider engaging with WaterCan on a project for next year.
7. Motion adopted, that necessary repairs to the parking lot and sanctuary roof be followed up by the board, with cost estimates to be pre-approved by the session..

Respectfully submitted,

George L. McCully

Clerk of Session

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# YOUTH NEWS

## Upcoming Events

Walk for Water & BBQ	October 16, 2011
Cariboo Church Study	November 13, 2011
After Church Lunch and Movie	November 20, 2011

### Walk for Water & BBQ

Youth will be walking during the service to raise funds for WaterCan. Join us for a barbecued hot dog lunch after the service!

### Cariboo Church Study

While learning about the Cariboo Presbyterian House Ministries in British Columbia, youth also learn that the church is not a building but a family of people from different cultures, with various gifts, actively spreading God's love. The five part study, consisting of various activities such as worship, crafts, music and hearing God's word, is held during Sunday School.

### After Church

Youth are invited to the Goforth Room after the Worship Service for a sandwich lunch followed by a movie.

### Mission at St Tim's

The Youth Service last June featured the various mission work carried out at St Tim's. During that service, representatives from Charles H. Hulse and Alta Vista Public Schools received \$500 each for their breakfast programs raised by the Youth Mission Projects.

Both schools showed their appreciation with a thank you card and banner!!



**Well done St Timothy's**

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## **Canoe Trip to the Bustard Islands**By Ernie McArthur

With some trepidation we pointed the four canoes into the gentle waves of Georgian Bay, and hoped that they would not turn to something more formidable as we began our five kilometre dash to the Bustard Islands. We were out of the tents at 5:30 am that morning, determined to make our crossing to the Islands before the Georgian Bay winds began to blow. After hastily packing our tents, sleeping bags, and the rest of our belongings, foregoing breakfast, and leaving our campsite on Obstacle Island at the mouth of the French River, we began our rush to the Islands at 6:30 am. Well we knew how vulnerable it is to canoe the Georgian Bay swell, and its sudden changes of mood.

As we passed from the shelter of the French River Islands, the gentle heave of the canoes signalled immediately the increase in height and strength of the waves. Was this an ocean that spread to the horizon before us, disappearing into the distance, or just the waters of another great Canadian waterway, challenging our frail boats to respond to its power and beauty?

Quickly we paddled into the waves and soon, before us, across the waters of Georgian Bay, we had our first sighting of the Islands. As we approached, the winds picked up and started coming at us from the east, slapping the gunwales, and forcing us to turn the canoes slightly to meet head on the three foot waves which began to pound us -*would we make it across the remaining few hundred metres?*

It seemed that the harder we paddled, the harder the winds blew. However, our desperate paddling was just sufficient to keep us moving forward and with shouts of “we made it”, we were soon within the shelter of the Bustard Islands, and breathing easily again. Is the paddle to the Bustard islands worth the anxiety of crossing the open waters of Georgian Bay to get to them? **Absolutely!**

This was our annual July wilderness canoe trip, and we had entered the French River at Hartley Bay two days before, and had camped the first night on an island in the River, and the second night at Obstacle Island at the junction of the French River and one of its three access channels to Georgian Bay. Not the old voyageur channel this time, but for this trip the French River Main Outlet took us into Georgian Bay.



The more than 450 Islands which make up the Bustard Islands are spectacular. The colours and striations of the rocks, the pounding of the Georgian Bay waves, the inner water passageways, the explorations, the sheltering yachts, the three starkly white lighthouses, all made for an unforgettable canoe trip. Perched high above the waters of Georgian Bay our spacious campsite, with views of the Bay on three sides, was perfect for the eight of us for our two night stay on the Islands.

We ate well, slept well, explored continuously, enjoyed the camaraderie, and were blessed with the company of a couple of Eastern Mississauga rattle snakes, which very obligingly gave notice on each of their visits, by the rattle, of their presence.

More of this trip to the Bustard Islands, and the apprehension caused by a storm which broke over the Islands the night before our planned paddle back across Georgian Bay to the French River, at another time.

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## **The Spanish River** By Ernie McArthur

In previous articles I wrote of a flat water paddle on the Chiniguchi water system, described the east and west branches of the Spanish River, and began a more detailed description of our 2002 wilderness canoe trip down the west branch of the Spanish.

There are many reasons to paddle the Spanish and among those are the Cedar Rapids, and the “royal ride”.



The adrenalin reaches a high point when the canoe dips into the standing wave at the entrance to the Cedar Rapids, not only because in the absence of a portage trail there is no choice but to run these rapids, but also because a sharp bend in the river within a hundred metres of the entry point makes it impossible to see what lies ahead. There is no scouting of

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this rapid, and once committed to the run there is no turning back. The canoe is quickly caught up in the rushing waters and as the white caps crash against the bow, all of our energies are concentrated in steering, avoiding rocks, and finding the elusive safe route through the one kilometre of rocks, foaming water and jarring waves. This is not a difficult run, but it is long and fast, and the screams of “go right”, “no, go left”, “too late, keep it straight”, add to the excitement of this dash to the end of the rapids.

As with all rapids the run passes too quickly, and too soon the canoe and its drenched paddlers are flushed out at the bottom, avoiding the final desperate attempts of the last and biggest churning waves to separate us from our canoes. Trepidation is quickly replaced by exhilaration as we drag our canoes on to a gravel bar and empty the water which flooded over the gunwales as we drove through the higher waves.

During a 20 kilometre stretch of river below the Forks we run the “royal ride”, and splendidly it lives up to its name. The river drops steadily to the south, creating a fast but non-threatening run through swifts, small rapids and narrow channels, and around small islands, gravel bars and boulders. Alertness and the ability to read the waters become paramount, and much of this run is spent racing from one side of the river to the other seeking the deeper channels, darting between and around obstacles, and where the wrong route is chosen, stepping out to drag the canoes over the rocks or around another gravel bar. Marriages are tested here as canoes slam into rocks, and spouses take turns in bemoaning the other’s apparently mistaken choice of routes through deceptive waters.

What is it about a river’s bouncing waves, its splashing ripples, and its seemingly never ending onward surge which so captivates the imagination, and so unfailingly challenges us to test its waters?

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## **Our Trip to Ghana** BY ERNEST ASOMANI AND EUGENE ASOMANI

We, that is, Ernest, Eugene, Mom and Edward, left for Ghana last May; on the 31st to be precise. We left by bus from Ottawa to Montreal. We flew from Montreal to Amsterdam, in the Netherlands and then from Amsterdam to Accra, the capital of Ghana. The flight was uneventful. Mom’s younger sister lives in Accra so she picked us up at the airport.

When we landed in Accra and exited the plane about 9 p.m., the first thing we noticed was the heat. The air felt extremely hot. The temperature almost never dropped below 25C while we

were there. We later found out that there were ceiling fans in almost every house. Air conditioners were found in stores and offices but were not common in private homes. We spent our first night in Ghana at our aunt's house in Accra. We realized everything in the house was just like what we have in Canada, shower, bathtub, WC, kitchen appliances, etc. We were a bit surprised because from the pictures we see on Canadian television in the news about poor people in Africa, we thought those things existed only in Canada but not in Ghana.

The next day we left for Nsawam where our grandparents live. Nsawam is about 22 kilometres from the capital, Accra. At Nsawam we had a lot of exciting experiences. We realized, for example, that sometimes the power went out, especially whenever it rained. When that happened the electrical appliances didn't work, the taps and showers would not run, and we had to use flash lights at night. It usually took a day or two before power was restored. Since the water didn't run during power outage we had to fetch water from a well, which fortunately for us, was just next door. It was real fun carrying buckets full of water on our heads. It was also quite interesting taking a bath using water in a bucket instead of the shower or bathtub.





We learned about many other things, like how to make palm nut soup and how to pound plantain and cassava to make a delicious food called fufu. Fufu is best eaten with your fingers but we didn't feel comfortable using our hands so we used spoons and everybody else found it amusing. We also realized that, unlike our auntie in Accra who had a washing machine and dishwasher, at Grandma's, as well as the neighbouring homes, the people did their dishes and laundry by hand. We tried washing our clothes with our hands. That wasn't fun, it was hard. Grandma didn't have a clothes dryer so the clothes were hung on lines to dry in the sun. The sun shines all year round so there is no need for a clothes dryer. Moreover we thought using energy from the sun to dry clothes was good for the environment.

We also realised that in Ghana the traffic laws are not very strict. We saw people riding in their cars without wearing their seat belts. Some of them didn't have baby seats in their cars. Some even sat in the back of pickup trucks. One day Grandma's younger brother, Origay who is a fireman by profession, took us to the fire station where he worked. We went on a big tour and learned all about the fire station and equipment. We even got to climb into the fire truck and learned all about the controls. It was real fun. Another thing we realized was that most of the kids didn't have access to computers; neither did they have video games like PS3 or Xbox or Nintendo DS but they had fun playing soccer outside or other games like tag. We joined them at times. It was fun except that the weather was too hot.



We wished our vacation would never end but soon we realized we had spent six weeks already and we had to return to Canada. We hope we can go back soon.

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### **September, 2011-George L. McCully, Clerk of Session**

#### **NOMINATION, ELECTION, ORDINATION AND ADMISSION OF ELDERS**

Additional elders are required for the session of St. Timothy's Church. Currently, we have nine active elders; effective October 31st, the terms of three serving elders will expire, leaving a total of six ruling elders on the session. In accordance with existing policy, some years ago the session determined a need for thirty-six ruling elders, in addition to the Minister.

The right of electing elders is vested in the professing members of the congregation. The session, or a nominating committee of the session, as well as professing members of the congregation, nominate members. Nominations from members must be in writing and made by at least two persons, either separately or together. The nominating period must be spread over at least three successive Sundays. The session approves the nominees as to their suitability for eldership and their willingness to serve as an elder if elected. The names of all those deemed suitable and willing to serve are placed on the ballot.

A person being considered for nomination must be a professing member of the congregation willing to serve for a term of six years, and should be given an opportunity to review the duties and responsibilities of session members as set out in the Book of Forms. Nominees may also wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to discuss expectations with the Minister or Clerk

of Session, both of whom are available for that purpose. Prospective nominees are to be asked to indicate their willingness to stand for election, and to provide a brief, one paragraph résumé of their past association with the Church for the information of the session and voting members of the congregation

The following excerpt from the Book of Forms provides a general framework for discussion with prospective nominees:

*“132. Election to the eldership is the call of God, through the congregation, for service in Christ’s Church. Since the eldership is a spiritual office concerned with the rule and pastoral oversight of the congregation, only suitable men and women should be considered. They should be committed Christians, in regular attendance at public worship, persons of sound judgement and upright character, and either knowledgeable or prepared to learn of the government of the Church”.*

The election of elders will take place in the Sanctuary immediately following the Sunday morning service of worship, on a date to be announced from the pulpit on at least two Sundays prior to the date set for voting. Following election, new elders will be asked to participate in a short training session, under the guidance of the minister.

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## **The Great Organ at St. Timothy’s**

By Linda Walker with thanks to Richard Frith for his insights.

You may come to church some evening, or on a weekend afternoon, and be treated to wonderful organ music being played by either Louise Thompson or Richard Frith. Upon entering the church one is struck by the beauty of the case which contains the organ pipes and complements the church’s architectural style. In 1960 the organ, Opus 2603 by Casavant Freres, was donated to the church by Gwen Richards in memory of her parents Lena Pearl Riddell and Alexander Merkley. Gwen remembers trips to Montreal with Reverend John Johnston, our first minister, searching for an organ. After much deliberation Casavant Freres was chosen because they were the best in the business.

The firm Casavant Freres from St-Hyacinthe, Quebec is a Canadian success story. Joseph Casavant was the first Canadian born organ builder of note. He was a blacksmith by trade but at age 27 decided to give up his business in St-Hyacinthe and enter college. AbbéDucharme recognized his talent and asked him to restore an old pipe organ to working condition, which he did successfully, launching a new business career. By the time he retired in 1866 he had

produced 17 pipe organs including two important installations in Catholic Cathedrals in Ottawa and Kingston.

Joseph's two sons, Claver and Samuel, followed in their father's footsteps. To gain wider knowledge and experience, the brothers left for France travelling extensively in Europe visiting various builders and major organ installations. In 1879 they established themselves as Casavant Freres. Claver was 24 and Samuel 20 when they completed their first organ in 1880. Casavant pipe organs can be found around the world, including the USA, Europe, Japan, South Africa and Canada. They are known as top quality organ builders and their organs possess great clarity and definition.

Our organ has a total of 857 pipes in three divisions. The Pedal pipes are in the back of the highest part of the organ, the pipes for the Great division (played from the bottom keyboard or manual) are in the front of the top part of the organ, and the pipes of the Swell division (playable from the top keyboard) are in the box with the shutters that open and close. The sound of our organ is different from most Casavants in that it seems to be designed primarily to play music from the 17th and 18th century Bach, Walther, Buxtehude, Pachelbel, etc. Richard Frith enjoys playing this type of music on the organ and it sounds wonderful.

The organ has stood up very well over the years with only one rebuild – that was in the mid-1990's when the congregation donated \$15,000 to have the leather pouches at the bottom of each pipe redone, and all the pipes and mechanisms cleaned. The work was done by John Fyall and his wife, who also maintained the organ for many years. Karl Raudsepp and Associates from Pointe Claire, Quebec currently maintain the organ. Karl, with the help of our own Peter Martin, moved the console when the front of the church was redone. Those who have contributed to its installation and its maintenance have made a major contribution to the worship of God in our church.

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## We Remember

*In my father's house are many rooms...I am going there to prepare a place for you. John 14:2*



BOUCK, Frederick Charles Peacefully, in hospital, on May 28, 2011 in his 89th year. Comforted by his family who will miss him greatly. Pre-deceased by the love of his life Vivian (nee Casselman). Loving father of Debbie (Ed Walker) and Heather (Dan Byrne). Will forever be remembered as "Fruffy" by his grandchildren Andrea Walker-Murphy (Dale), Shane Byrne, Shannon Byrne (Greg LeBlanc) and Lindsay Byrne (Greg Helman).

Born November 1, 1922 and raised in Chesterville, Ontario. Graduate of The University of Toronto in 1947, where he received his Phm. B. degree in Pharmacy. Fred was owner of the Medical Arts Dispensary from 1959 to 1982, and was greatly respected and honoured by his peers, employees and customers. Kind and Generous; Loving and Caring; Fred will always be remembered for his Quick Wit and Sense of Humour. Fred's love of his family and wide circle of friends was second to none. Special thank you to the Emergency room and Acute Monitoring Area Staff and Doctors at the Ottawa Hospital Civic campus and the Colonel By Retirement Residence.



CARLSON, Norma Passed away peacefully on Tuesday June 21, 2011 at the ICU, Civic Campus of the Ottawa Hospital, younger daughter of the late Bill and Georgina Moir of Saskatoon, SK, loving wife of and survived by Maj. (ret) John Arthur (Jack) Carlson, mother of sons Richard (Margaret), Brian (Barbara), Christopher (Charlene), and Gregory (Christine), grand-mother to Moira, Errin, Shannon, Amanda, Andrew, Brett, and Shaunessy, and great grandmother to Salem, Dawson, and Madison. She is also survived by her sister Noreen Sernyk (nee Moir) of Edmonton, and brother Gerald Moir of Calgary.

Friends may call at the Beechwood National Memorial Center, 280 Beechwood Ave, from 7 to 9 PM on Sunday, 26 June. Funeral Service will be held on Monday June 27, 2011 at 1 PM in our Sacred Space followed by interment in the National Military Cemetery of Beechwood Cemetery. The family wishes to pass on a special thanks to staff at Civic ICU - especially Nurse B.J.



HELMER, Frances (nee Timmins) Passed away on July 5th, 2011 in her 82nd year. Beloved wife of 59 years of Gordon. Dearly loved mother of Paula (Jeff Christie), Alan (Lee), Ian (Tracey) and Truda (David Baines). Fun loving Granny Franny of Jesse (Adina), Robert (Sandra), Emma, Jenna, Alan, Dalton, Jack, Maddison and Luke. Great Granny Franny of Cole and Leah. Dear sister of Pauline Timmins of Inkerman and sister-in law Marion Hough of Finch. Predeceased by her brothers Ken of Inkerman and Bill (Sheila) of Kirkland Lake. She leaves behind

her dear friends Dorothy Sarson and Muriel Peterson. Special thanks to the wonderful staff at Windsor Park Manor for their compassionate care and kindness during this difficult time. Heartfelt thanks to Drs. Splinter and Coulombe and their palliative care team.



MARKS, William Francis "Pat" September 9, 1931 - June 26, 2011 Lafarge Canada Inc. for 41 years Peacefully on Sunday June 26, 2011. Beloved husband of Kathleen "Kaye" for 57 years. Loving father of Frances. Predeceased by son Timothy John, brothers Stanley, Edward and Jack. Sadly missed by sisters Florence, Bertha; half-brother Stanley Craig; nephews Kevin, Shaun; extended family in London Ont., Michigan, Northern Ireland and Australia. Loved and respected by all who had the privilege and pleasure of knowing him. Special thanks to the staff at 6504 - 6509 General

Campus, Smyth Road. Friends are invited to visit at the Central Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 315 McLeod Street (at O'Connor) Wednesday, June 29 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Thursday, June 30 at 11 a.m., officiated by Rev. Alex Mitchell.



YOUNG, Cam & Betty

YOUNG, Campbell J. Sgt. RCMP (ret'd)

Peacefully on Wednesday May 25th 2011 at the age of 87. Beloved husband, for over 63 years, of Betty (nee Thompson). Loving father of Thomas (Stephanie Boyles) and Ian (Elly Stoop). Cherished grandfather of Andrew and James. Dear brother of Marilyn Thomson. Predeceased by brothers Jack and Marshall.



WEST, Mary Elizabeth (Betty) (nee Wray) 18 July 1931 - 13 July 2011 Passed suddenly on Wednesday, 13 July 2011 just five days before her eightieth birthday, mother of Michael, David (Melodie Besse) and Paul (Margaret Alain) and grandmother of Logan, Sam, Annie, Wyatt and Lorna. Betty was predeceased by her parents, William Wray and Mary Ann Townsley, her brother William Wray, her sister Wilma Watson, her daughter Susan and her grand-daughter Lina. Survived by her brothers, James Wray (Bette Hawke), Richard Wray (June Butson), and Bert Wray (Helen Findlay) and a number of nieces and nephews. An excellent mother, grandmother and teacher before her retirement with a high standard of personal values. Betty was a bright, intelligent individual with a great sense of humour. She had the ability to make all around her smile and relax whatever the occasion.

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## **High Horizons-** By Dolena Wilson

High Horizons is a group of handicapped people who meet on Tuesdays at Mackay Street Church. They come for crafts, games and singing. Various churches, one of which is St. Timothy's, provide lunch. I am pleased to say that our church has been involved for over 40 years.

Our lunch is sponsored by the Afternoon Circle and for my 36 years of convening this effort I have never had a refusal from anyone when asking for sandwiches or squares. We enjoy helping others.

Over the years we have had a wonderful group of dedicated and efficient people who worked directly from the kitchen of the Mackay Street Church. Vae and Ken Rankin, Helen Taylor and Jean Walker each knew what needed to be done and worked quietly to make sure a lovely lunch was ready to be served.

Age, and the limitations that it brings, has curtailed our ability to physically serve lunch directly to this group as we have in the past but our desire to continue to provide has not. I would like to thank our faithful drivers, Mary Maclaren and Ken Rankin. They made sure that a beautiful lunch was safely packed and delivered. So many hands have helped to make High Horizons a vital part of the outreach that St. Timothy's Church has done.

Thank you very much.

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## **Coming Events**

- Presbytery of Ottawa Inter-generational Worship celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible 1611-2011 Sunday, Oct. 23 7pm at St. Timothy's. Guest speaker: Brian Irwin, Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Scripture, Knox College. Mass Choir and other special music.
  - Christmas Bazaar - November 19th. To help or donate please contact Linda Walker
  - Advent Preparatory Service – Communion – November 25
  - Christmas concert – December 11, 2:00 p.m. Come out and sing! If you want to join the choir for this special occasion please speak to Louise after service any Sunday.
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## **Notes from the editor**- Eric Miller (ewmiller@rogers.com)

This is my first edition as the editor of Timothy's Topics. I am enjoying learning more about the people and history of St. Timothy's. I would like to thank Lois Hope and her daughter Catherine for spending an afternoon passing on "corporate knowledge".

I would also like to thank all of you who have contributed suggestions, articles and moral support. I am sure that I probably missed something this time round but if I did, I will get it into the next edition.

Lois had started a series called "How We Came to Canada". Although there is not an article in this edition, I plan to resume the series next time. If you have any suggestions of people to interview, please contact me.

I would like to close this edition with a Thanksgiving poem by Edgar A. Guest that was sent to me by Clara Stel.

### **Thanksgiving**

'Twas this the mother always said:  
"Be thankful for your daily bread  
And thankful for your strength to bear  
Whatever comes of hurt and care.

Make every day Thanksgiving Day!  
At table bow your heads and pray  
And give your hearts to God above  
In gratitude for all His love.

Be thankful for the loveliness  
Of earth in every season's dress  
The Springtime green, the Summer rose,  
And Autumn's glorious golden close.

Be thankful for your blessings all:  
The happy memories you recall:  
For Time, which every heartache mends  
And, oh, be thankful for your friends!"