

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

### “Education”

How we learn, what we learn, where we learn are hot topics at this time of the year. I am mindful of how much attention these subjects get as I hear stories of families' efforts and decisions on behalf of their children, youth and young adults. One child goes off to this school because it offers the best special services, another goes off to that school because of the breadth of its academic offerings, another goes away to a certain college because it offers the best path to a particular career.

Education is a serious endeavor with long term consequences.

So it is with Christian education. Only in Christian education we are dealing with eternal matters as well as day to day practical matters. We are dealing with things essential to life itself.

Being conscientious about these matters, it is encouraging to see so many adults at St. Timothy taking an interest in not only their own personal spiritual growth but also in the spiritual growth of our children and youth. Parents, grandparents and fellow members are committing themselves to the cause of Christian education. There could not be a wiser use of our time and energy.

In fact, one of the “dreams” several people have been articulating since we have been considering “What’s In a Name?” is that St. Timothy congregation mimic the young, vibrant, faithful discipleship of our namesake. One step toward realizing that dream is to pay close attention to how we disciple the young in our midst. We have a holy trust. We must do whatever it requires!

Love,

Pastor Dean