

WEST SUFFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

15 June 2025

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Hymn #19 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

OT Scripture Isaiah 43:1-11

Hymn #347 "Not What These Hands Have Done"

NT Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Hymn #243 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Message: ***"To Timothy, with Thanksgiving"***
2 Timothy 1:1-7

Hymn #497 "He Leadeth Me"

Benediction

This Evening *"The Dragon's Two Beasts"*
Revelation 13

Wednesday *What is a Reformed Baptist?*
"Covenants"

Next Lord's Day: *"A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ"*
2 Timothy 2:1-13

A note for parents of small children: Our church encourages its members and our visitors to include their children in our worship services. We understand that this practice will result in some distractions from time to time, and that forbearance and patience are required by all. Our foyer and all classrooms are equipped with speakers in order to serve as worship service behavior training areas or as cry rooms, as necessary. Please be mindful of others who may be being distracted from worship and avail yourselves of them.

The Historical Context of 2 Timothy

Strong tradition places the deaths of Peter and Paul in Rome, during the last year of Nero's reign, which ran from October 13, AD 54 to his suicide on June 9, AD 68. Considering the additional information about Paul's movements in the Pastoral Letters, we can estimate Paul's movements from his release from custody in Rome in AD 60 to his martyrdom with Peter in AD 67 or 68.

Paul had expressed his desire to evangelize Spain after visiting Rome (Rom 15:24, 28). A reasonable estimate of his time in Spain is from his release from custody in Rome in the spring of AD 60 to the spring of AD 64. During the time Paul was in Spain, James, the brother of Jesus, was martyred in Jerusalem. Josephus reports that after Festus had died but before Albinus arrived in Judea to succeed him the high priest Ananus had James executed. This would have been during the first part of AD 62.

In the spring of AD 64, Paul travelled east to Crete, where he left Titus in the spring of AD 65 (Tit 1:5). In the spring and summer of AD 65 Paul was in Ephesus, where he left Timothy (1 Tim 1:3). Then Paul traveled through Macedonia on his way to Nicopolis where he spent the winter (1 Tim 1:3; Tit 3:12). During that time Demas deserted Paul and went to Thessalonica. Crescens went to Galatia and Titus to Dalmatia (2 Tim 4:9-10). Paul returned to Ephesus in spring AD 66 and stayed until autumn (1 Tim 1:3; 2 Tim 1:18). Then Paul spent the winter in Troas during AD 66 to 67 (2 Tim 4:13). Nero came to Greece in AD 67 to participate in the Olympic Games. He may have had Paul arrested at that time and sent back to Rome for trial (2 Tim 4:16). In late AD 67 or early AD 68 both Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome. Although Peter's movements are not recorded in Acts or mentioned in his letters, it is likely that Peter came to Rome sometime after Claudius' death in October AD 54.

— From Abraham to Paul; A Biblical Chronology
by Andrew E. Steinmann (pp. 341-2)