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# TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

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April 2015

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APR 1 - THURSDAY GROUP MEETING
- APR 2 - OWEN SZELMECZKI'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 3 - GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP AND COMMUNION  
SERVICE 7PM (SEE ARTICLE)  
LUCILLE SELDON'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 4 - EASTER EGG HUNT 1 PM (SEE ARTICLE)
- APR 5 - EASTER SUNDAY (SEE ARTICLE)  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- APR 8 - WEDNESDAY GROUP MEETING
- APR 12 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM  
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
- APR 16 - THURSDAY GROUP MEETING
- APR 17 - PARENTING GROUP MEETING  
SZELMECZKI HOUSE
- APR 18 - SZELMECZKI BABY SHOWER (SEE ARTICLE)
- APR 19 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM  
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM  
NANCY PUGH'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 22 - WEDNESDAY GROUP MEETING  
RUBY LA FOLLETTE'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 26 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM  
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM  
TIM AND ELIZABETH WINGFIELD'S  
ANNIVERSARY  
GINGER BRILL'S BIRTHDAY  
HOME MISSION OFFERING
- APR 29 - EARL THOMPSON'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 30 - THURSDAY GROUP MEETING

### *Good Friday Service – April 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*This year at Timber Ridge we will be holding a special Good Friday Community Service at 7 p.m. The service will be comprised of hymns, prayers, readings from Scripture that are centered on Christ's Passion, and observance of the Lord's Supper. Please join us on this special night of reflection and remembrance about the death of our Lord and Savior.*

### *Easter Sunday Services*

We hope that you will invite friends and family to the Easter sunrise/breakfast service on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30 am and the morning worship service at 11 am. We invite you to also bring a flower to place in the windows to brighten the sanctuary.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

The children are invited to attend our Easter Egg Hunt at the church (rain or shine) beginning at 1 pm. There will be games, crafts, and refreshments. Easter buckets will be provided to children for the egg hunt.

We welcome any articles, comments or suggestions.  
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### SZELMECZKI BABY SHOWER

The Ladies Fellowship will be hosting a baby shower in anticipation of the newest member of the Szelmeczki family on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Suzanne Reid at 2 pm. There will be a sign up sheet for refreshment items in the back of the church beginning on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. See Ginger Brill if you would like to have a wish list for baby Szelmeczki.

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### *EMAIL, WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK*

Just thought we would add a reminder that the church now has an email address which is [timberridgechristianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:timberridgechristianchurch@gmail.com), a website with lots of information including each Sunday's sermon at [timberridgechristianchurch.com](http://timberridgechristianchurch.com) and feel free to like us on facebook at TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

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### *A BIG THANK YOU!*

We would like to thank Pastor Steve, Alan and the entire congregation for our special day of recognition. We were truly surprised when we walked into the parish building basement which was beautifully decorated and all of the delicious food. Also, special thanks for the engraved box, beautiful cake, flowers, cards and your kind words of appreciation.

We were blessed to serve as Secretary and Treasurer for over 50 years. In fact, it was an honor and we enjoyed our time.

Again thanks to all and may God Bless each of you and our Church in the coming years.

Timber Ridge Christian Church  
Shelva W. Switzer, Secretary (1961-2014)  
Nancy K. Pugh, Treasurer (1963-2014)

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### PASTOR'S PEN

*“And taking the twelve, He said to them, ‘See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging Him, they will kill Him, and on the third day He will rise.’ But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.” (Luke 18:31-34)*

Do you understand now what the disciples didn't understand then? In this passage, Jesus makes clear to us the prophesied purpose of His suffering, death, and resurrection. In His words, “This is My body and this is My blood,” on the night of the Last Supper, He is giving us a word picture saying, “My death is the death of a substitutionary sacrifice. I have lived a life that you did not live and could not live and I will die a death that you deserve, in your place, in order that you can receive a life that you do not deserve and that you will be spared an everlasting death that you do deserve by right of your rebellion against God. I am your substitute dying in your place.” The cross tells that word picture in the fullest of detail, and His Resurrection from the dead proclaims His victory and vindicates Christ before all. Yet even here, the disciples still don't get the message of who Christ was and what He came to do. This ignorance on their part should speak volumes to us as well about the way that saving knowledge of the death and resurrection of Christ often comes to us as well.

J. C. Ryle puts it this way:

*“The love of our Lord Jesus Christ for sinners is strikingly shown in His steady purpose of heart to die for them, even when they didn't understand what He was saying and what He was about to do or why He had to do it. He tasted all the well-known bitterness of anticipated suffering and yet He never swerved from His path for a moment. He was straightened in spirit until He had finished the work He came to do and He was alone in that knowledge. Even when He tried to explain it to the disciples, they didn't understand, yet He lived in this isolating knowledge for them and He loved them when they didn't understand. Such love passes knowledge. It is unspeakable, unsearchable. We may rest on that love without fear. If Christ so loved us before we thought of Him, He will surely not cease to love us after we have believed.”*

We bring nothing to Jesus. We bring nothing to God to justify ourselves. He supplies it all, and He even by grace opens our eyes to see our need of it and His supply of it for us. And while we are clueless about Him, He's pursuing us in His love. May we all meditate on that reality this Easter season and never tire at looking into the Gospel and the amazing love of our Savior!

“Amazing Love – how can it be – that thou my God should die for me.” (Charles Wesley)

Pastor Steven