

TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

August 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG 1 -	ALAN & GINGER BRILL'S ANNIVERSARY
AUG 2 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
	HOMECOMING SERVICE AT WILLOW CHAPEL
	CHURCH 10:00 AM
AUG 6 -	HEATHER REID'S BIRTHDAY
	JEAN KENNEY'S BIRTHDAY
AUG 8 -	ADDYSON BRILL'S 8 TH BIRTHDAY
AUG 9 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHURCH PICNIC
	ART & RUBY'S FARM HOUSE (SEE ARTICLE)
AUG 16 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	GUEST MINISTER - ROBERT WILDEMAN (SEE ARTICLE)
	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING SERVICE
AUG 17 -	VANESSA WALKER'S BIRTHDAY
AUG 23 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
AUG 28 -	NATALIE OAKES BIRTHDAY
	ELIZABETH WINGFIELD'S BIRTHDAY
AUG 30 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	COVERED DISH LUNCH (SEE ARTICLE)
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
	HENRY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
	SHILOH UM CHURCH MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS-THE RINARD FAMILY
AUG 31 -	MAXINE RINARD'S 92 ND BIRTHDAY

Sunday School and Church Picnic

Our annual Sunday School and Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 9th beginning at 11:15 am. Again this year, Art and Ruby have graciously invited us to their farmhouse, which is located about 3 miles from Shiloh United Methodist Church on Back Creek Road. Meat and drinks will be furnished, but please bring your favorite covered dish to share. Directions are as follows: Take Back Creek Road 23/3 and at the Shiloh Cemetery go down the hill to a "T" in the road. Stay on the paved road. At the "T" go right, continue for about a mile, and the farm house is on the right. It is a two story white house with upper and lower porches. It sits off the road with walnut trees out front. Everyone is invited and we hope that you can bring a friend or two. Bring a lawn chair and plan to have a good time! In the event of rain, the picnic will be moved into the basement of the Parish Building.

GUEST MINISTER FOR AUGUST 16TH SERVICE

Our guest minister at the August 16th service will be Rev Robert Wildeman. Rev Wildeman has been with us in the past, and most recently led the Ordination and Installation Service for Pastor Steven. He is a Retired US Army Chaplain and ordained minister in the Presbyterian Churches in America. We look forward to his message.

Ordination and Installation Re-Broadcast

Pastor Steven's "Ordination and Installation Service" is available to download and listen to on our church website. Lectures given by the keynote speaker, Dr. Elias Medeiros, from that weekend are also available to download there. Thank you for all who came and heard these words, and if you could not, please take a moment and listen to them today. The Gospel is mighty to transform lives when it is boldly empowered by His Spirit. May His Word continue to transform the life of our church and all those who hear it as a result of our ministry here at Timber Ridge.

We welcome any articles, comments or suggestions.
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PASTOR'S PEN

In 1672, the great Puritan minister John Bunyan was released from twelve years of imprisonment. Just before his release he updated his spiritual autobiography called *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners*. In it, among other things, he reflected on the hardships he had experienced over the years of imprisonment. Bunyan had found great comfort in a passage of Scripture from 2 Corinthians 1:9 where Paul said, "*Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.*" Bunyan saw his reliance on God, in all circumstances of life, as his greatest joy. He wrote: "*By this scripture I was made to see that if ever I would suffer rightly, I must first pass a sentence of death upon everything that can be properly called a thing of this life, even to reckon myself, my wife, my children, my health, my enjoyment, and all, as dead to me, and myself as dead to them.*"

God wants us to enjoy the "blessings" of this life -- our families, our homes, our recreations, and every good gift that "...is from above" -- but always in a way that is secondary to Him. The giver is always seen as primary, never the gift. No one likes to go through the trying times in their lives, and yet all too often it is those trying times which God uses to draw us closer to Him. We are embarking on a wonderful time of beginnings here at Timber Ridge. Some have celebrated new births into their families; we have a new minister recently installed into our pulpit; Lord willing, we will be adding new members to Christ's Kingdom in the months and years to come. Yet amidst all this joy, profound moments of suffering, sadness and death will be equally present as well, often times eclipsing the areas of thanksgiving we look for as our motivation for thanks and praise. No matter what the future holds, like Bunyan, may we always earnestly seek to grow in Christ-likeness as we rely always on God, not ourselves, in the varied circumstances of life for our hope, joy and peace. "*...May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.*" (1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24)

Baptism

Please join us on Sunday, August 30th during the morning worship service as we joyfully welcome the latest member of the Szelmeczki family, Zachary James, into our covenant community by giving him the sign of Christian baptism. May God richly bless Zachary, his family, and all those who disciple him every day of His life!

FIFTH SUNDAY COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

On Sunday, August 30th, following the morning worship service, we will have our fifth Sunday luncheon. The church will furnish the chicken. Since this is the fall season, we are asking everyone to bring their favorite harvest season dish. Remember that we will also need drinks and desserts.