
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

February 2015

Happy Valentine's Day
February 14th



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB 1 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
FEB 3 -	SHARIE MCVICKER'S BIRTHDAY
FEB 4 -	ERIC REID'S BIRTHDAY
FEB 5 -	WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY GROUP
	PLANNING MEETING 7 PM
FEB 6 -	TOM JENKINS' BIRTHDAY
FEB 8 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
	HARRY SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
	DEADLINE FOR COOKIES (SEE ARTICLE)
FEB 9 -	ROSIE REID'S BIRTHDAY
FEB 12 -	LARUE KUMP'S BIRTHDAY
FEB 15 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
FEB 22 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	HOME MISSION OFFERING
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
FEB 27 -	BOOK STUDY FOR PARENTS 7PM
	STEVEN & BRENDA'S HOME

COOK BOOKS AVAILABLE

The Ladies Fellowship will be selling a cookbook with all of Wiletta Spaid's famous recipes for \$10.00 with the proceeds going to the Ladies Fellowship. Please see Ginger Brill if you would like to take some to sell.

HOSPICE VALENTINES DAY COOKIE PROJECT

In our efforts to promote the work of Hospice of the Panhandle, we will participate in their project to thank volunteers, doctors, caregivers, etc for their hospice work, by providing cookies for Valentine's Day. A signup sheet will be available through Sunday, February 1st. Please record the number of cookies that you will provide and have them at the church on February 8th. We will deliver them to Hospice for distribution. Please be sure that they are in containers (zip lock bags are acceptable).

CALLING TREE UPDATE

The Ladies Fellowship will be updating the calling tree phone numbers soon. If you have a new phone number, or would like to add a cell phone number or email address, please contact Ginger Brill by February 8th.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.
Alan & Ginger Brill, abrill@frontiernet.net
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BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT HOSPICE OF THE PANHANDLE

On Saturday, March 7, from 7:30 am – 10:30 am, the deacons will be having a Pancake breakfast, where all the receipts will benefit Hospice of the Panhandle. We will be serving both buttermilk and old fashioned buckwheat pancakes, bacon, sausage, sausage gravy, fresh fruit and applesauce, coffee juice, cocoa, etc. Representatives from Hospice will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on services offered by them. The cost for the breakfast will be a donation to Hospice. We welcome anyone from the congregation who would like to help. We will be gathering on Friday evening, March 6th, around 6:30 pm to prepare for the next day and again at 6:00 am on Saturday, March 7th. This year we are asking folks to donate items for the breakfast. A donation signup sheet will be available at church each Sunday beginning on February 8th.

UPDATE FROM ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation held on January 11th, the members of the congregation voted unanimously to call Steven Szelmeczki as our permanent pastor. Steven has been with us since September in the interim pastor position and has been well received by the congregation and members of the community. He graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary in December and is planning to be ordained by the Presbyterian Churches of America and installed at our church sometime in the second quarter of 2015. We will be providing the actual date at a later time as the plans come together.

On another note, we accepted the retirement of Nancy Pugh and Shelva Switzer as our Treasurer and Secretary after 52 and 51 years of serving in those positions respectively. Both of them graciously waited until we were able to call a pastor this year before retiring. In recognition of their long, dedicated and faithful service to our congregation, we will be recognizing them on Sunday, March 22nd with a covered dish luncheon after the worship service. Please plan to join us to celebrate this joyous occasion in the life of our church and pass along a few words of appreciation to Nancy and Shelva for the exceptional job that they have performed for us over these many years. The 2015 church officers and council members are listed on the next page.

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Book Study for Parents

Is there peanut butter and jelly in the sofa cushions? Do you need to re-read the lesson in the textbook before you can help your child with his homework? Is that first college tuition payment nearer than you thought? If so, then you're in the child-rearing years of life and the pastor and his wife would love to talk with you about them!

All parents with school-aged and teenage children are invited down to Steven and Brenda's home on Friday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. for dessert, fellowship, and a study based on William P. Farley's book Gospel-Powered Parenting: How the Gospel Shapes and Transforms Parenting.

The Gospel is the fuel that drives Christians to loving, joyful obedience in Christ. Yet somehow, amidst the chaotic child-rearing years, it seems that loving, joyful obedience is often far removed. We long to train up our children to be Spirit-filled, fruitful, enduring Christians, yet sometimes see far less of that than we would like. If we assume our children are already regenerate because they signed a card, prayed a prayer, or were baptized, then we fail to understand fully the message of the Gospel and how God uses it to save and to sanctify His people. Won't you consider joining us as we ask, "God, how can I raise my children up with *Gospel-Powered Parenting*?"

Children, of course, are always welcome, but please RSVP (304-856-1512) if they will be coming with you.

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PASTOR'S PEN

In the midst of the winter bleakness, one may tend with great fervency to long for the things to come: warmer temperatures, birds returning, longer days, springtime flowers. The human heart is a fickle thing, always looking ahead and behind while simultaneously ignoring the blessing of the season of life it is in. Come the spring, we may long for summer. When summer is here, we may look forward to fall. Contentedness is not the most abundant human attribute! Matthew commends to us in chapter six, verse thirty-four of his Gospel. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Every time I read those words I fall under conviction of how often I fail to live them out on a daily basis. It's good to have an eye on the future, it's great to recognize the past, but the present is the only moment in which I can act. How do we maximize that moment? I look forward with longing anticipation to what the Lord will do with our combined ministry together here at Timber Ridge, but I also bow my head in humble appreciation for what He is already doing. May we all be more sensitive to the moving of Christ and the Holy Spirit all around us, as we commend our past, present and future to His omnipotent hand! I close with the words of a hymn that has long been a comfort to me as I walk through the carried moments of this life.

*Day by day, and with each passing moment, Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure, Gives unto each day what He deems best,
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure, Mingling toil with peace and rest.
Every day the Lord Himself is near me, With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me, He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.
The protection of His child and treasure, Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure, "This the pledge to me He made.
Help me then, in every tribulation, So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation, Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting, Till with Christ the Lord I stand.*

Pastor Steven

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2015 CHURCH OFFICERS

Trustees –

Tom Pugh
Jeanie Spaid
Jonathan Brill

Kay Kline
Elizabeth Wingfield, Chairperson
Ed Kline

Deacons –

Harry Spaid
Jack Cornwell
Marlene Cornwell

JoAnn Thompson
Alan Brill, Chairperson
Ruby La Follette

Church Clerk –

Sharie McVicker

Church Treasurer –

Suzanne Reid

Church Council Members-

Alan Brill
Elizabeth Wingfield
Sharie McVicker
Suzanne Reid
Susan Clark
Janet Fries
Tim Wingfield
Galen Spaid
Ruby La Follette
Ginger Brill
Jeanie Spaid

Members at Large –

Susan Clark
Janet Fries
Galen Spaid
Tim Wingfield

Mission Committee –

Ruby La Follette
Natalie Oakes
Betty Wingfield

Choir Director –

Ruby La Follette

Pianists –

Nancy Pugh
Ruby La Follette

Auditors –

LaRue Kump
Nancy Pugh

Ushers –

Harry Spaid
Shelva Switzer