

# TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

May 2015

### BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study group continues to meet on Monday mornings, beginning at 10 am in the Parish building.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 3 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	BRIEF DEACONS MEETING
	PARENTING GROUP PICNIC
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
MAY 7 -	GRADY BRADFIELD'S BIRTHDAY
MAY 10-	MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 8:30 AM
	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM (SEE ARTICLE)
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
MAY 13 -	JUNIOR SELDON'S BIRTHDAY
MAY 14 -	WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY GROUP MEETING
MAY 17 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
MAY 24-	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM (PENTECOST)
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
MAY 25 -	MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 28 -	WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY GROUP MEETING
	BRIAN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
MAY 31 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM (SEE ARTICLE)
	COVERED DISH LUNCHEON
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM

### MOTHERS DAY SERVICE

As part of our Mothers Day celebration on May 10th, we will be having our annual Mother's Day Breakfast beginning at 8:30 am. The men who will be preparing the meal will need to be there by 7 am. For the worship service, we will continue our tradition of placing flowers in the sanctuary in memory or honor of our mothers. If you wish to participate in this tribute to our mothers, please contact Alan or Ginger, at church, by email or by phone as listed below so that we may include it in the bulletin for that Sunday.

Plan to be with us for this special day.

### FIFTH SUNDAY COVERED DISH

#### LUNCHEON

On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be resuming our traditional fifth Sunday covered dish luncheon. Please bring your favorite covered dish if you wish, but plan to join us anyway in our time of fellowship around the table following the worship service. The church will be furnishing chicken.

### STAY IN TOUCH

Stay in touch with us through:

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### PASTOR'S PEN

Many Christians have been upset over the last few years as issues surrounding “gay marriage” in the United States have been robustly debated and realized. There are some who feel that the “traditional” definition of marriage between “one man and one woman” will not remain in the historical position of dominance that it long has held. History tells us a very different story. As Christianity emerged within the Greco-Roman culture, it faced a world that in many ways was not very different than our own. Promiscuity of all types was not only common place in the Roman Empire, it was the expected practice. Roman society embraced homosexual relationships, polygamous relationships and especially extra-marital heterosexual relationships all over the Empire. Tolerance was key, and everything was acceptable, provided it did not disrupt the stability of the Empire. Into this foray stepped the Christians, who claimed that these practices were wrong and who pledged fidelity to one spouse. Their commitment to this, as well as countless other Christian beliefs, won them criticism and persecution from some but also converts from others. Persecution should never surprise a Christian in defense of his beliefs. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said as much when He stated, “*If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.*” (John 15:18) Contemporary Christians then need to stand strong for their faith but not with a sense of supremacy or indignation, only with a sense of compassion for those who struggle with submission to Biblical truth. The truth of the matter is that the Christian definition of marriage is not just under assaults from the homosexual community, it is under assault from a loose and free heterosexual community that weakens the definition of fidelity and commitment to the marriage covenant. It is only when Christians embrace marriage as something more than simply “a choice between two individuals” into more of a true proclamation of the Gospel by their actions that a true public defense of Christian marriage will ever be able to be fully realized. The end result of the “gay marriage” debate must not simply be “heterosexual marriage”, but a deeper commitment to God, His ordained roles in marriage and ultimately their own purpose to glorify Jesus and proclaim His name before all the world as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. “*Even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.*” (1 Peter 3: 14-15).