

TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

April 2016

Men's Rally – Sunday, April 3, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APR 2 - OWEN SZELMECZKI'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 3 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
HOME MISSION OFFERING
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
- LUCILLE SELDON'S BIRTHDAY
- MEN'S RALLY 5-8 PM (SEE ARTICLE)
FOOD DRIVE BEGINS
- APR 9 - LADIES RETREAT 11-1 PM (SEE ARTICLE)
- APR 10 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
- APR 17 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
- APR 19 - NANCY PUGH'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 22 - PARENTING STUDY GROUP 7 PM
SZELMECZKI HOUSE
- RUBY LA FOLLETTE'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 24 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
HOME MISSION OFFERING
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
FOOD DRIVE ENDS
- APR 26 - TIM AND ELIZABETH WINGFIELD'S
ANNIVERSARY
- GINGER BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 29 - EARL THOMPSON'S BIRTHDAY

Calling all men!

Timber Ridge will be hosting a *Hampshire County Men's Rally for Christ* on Sunday evening, April 3. It will be an evening of praise, worship, and fellowship with men from our sister churches in Hampshire and Frederick County, centering in the preaching of God's Word and promoting a greater awareness for the need of biblical manhood in our homes, churches and society. No advance registration is necessary to attend the rally, but please RSVP by March 30 to Pastor Steve (304-856-1512) if you know you will be attending so we may ensure an adequate supply of food for our dinner. Our guest speaker will be Douglas Lee, a retired chaplain from the U. S. Army. Make plans to come out and join us, and please bring your sons, grandsons and friends!

Rally Schedule:

- **5:00-5:45 p.m.:** Dinner
- **5:45-6:45 p.m.:** Session 1
- **6:45-7:00 p.m.:** Break
- **7:00-8:00 p.m.:** Session 2

Guest Speaker Biography

Douglas E. Lee was born and reared in Minneapolis, MN. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Radio and TV Production from the University of Minnesota and a Master of Divinity degree from Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO. After graduating from seminary, Chaplain Lee served 16 years as a Presbyterian pastor in three churches. He also served as an Army chaplain for over 30 years – 15 years in the Reserve Components; 15 of them on Active Duty. Doug retired from the Army in September 2008, and now serves as the Executive Director of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRCCM)

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We welcome any articles, comments or suggestions.
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BACKPACK MINISTRY

The Deacons have decided to support the Backpack Ministry program that is currently being led by the women of the Capon Bridge Methodist Church. The purpose is to furnish food to needy school students over the weekend when school is not in session. Our church has already contributed \$200 through the Mission Fund, but they are in need of volunteers to pack the supplies each week. Each week they fill 106 backpacks at a cost of approximately \$250. We have agreed to help Shiloh during the month of April. They will be meeting at Shiloh on Wednesdays, April 13, 20 and 27 at 11 am. There will be a signup sheet in the back of the church beginning on Sunday, April 3rd for volunteers for this project, so they will know how many folks to expect from Timber Ridge.

Ladies' Brunch and Spring Retreat

The Ladies' Spring Retreat will be held Saturday, April 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at LaRue Kump's home, 121 Myrtle Avenue, Winchester, VA. Please bring your favorite brunch dish and join us for a special time of fellowship and discussion centered on God's Word. Our theme for the retreat will be "Finding Our Identity in Christ: Where Biblical Truth Meets Everyday Life."

A BIG THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who supported the Hospice Breakfast. We were able to send Hospice a check for \$1,530.00.

NURSERY SIGNUP SHEET

There will be a nursery signup sheet in the back of the church for the month of April. Please help if you can.

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PASTOR'S PEN

With our upcoming events in April for the men and women of Timber Ridge I thought it would be good if this month's Pen focused on family life. I can say this no better than an article I read recently by Steve Watters, so I will quote him directly. His full article is available under the resource tab of the church website.

- Pastor Steve

"I know it's busy for us now, but we just need to get through the next stretch and it will be easier to have some good family time then." Maybe you've said something along those lines before—especially at this time of year, when many parents are going through the frenzy of the end of the school year and hoping for more meaningful family time during summer.

But how realistic is that hope? The slow days of summer that many of us remember from our childhood are increasingly speeding up and squeezing out family time. Yes, families are still spending a lot of time in each other's proximity, but that time is now more likely to be spent on devices that pull us in different directions and make it harder to have meaningful shared family experiences. And that's a growing challenge to our relationships with our children and their discipleship.

Parents who know it's their responsibility to raise their children in the fear and instruction of the Lord have to recognize how technology is bulldozing every area and moment of our lives and bringing with it a torrent of images, promises, and storylines. It's essential for us as Christian parents, especially dads, to set a tone and pace for our home that is conducive to relationship and discipleship. To offset the relentless pace and intrusion of competing messages, I'm convicted as a Christian dad to carve out family time shaped by four characteristics of slowness (that I found a way to force into the acronym SLOW):

- Savoring God's gifts of time, creation, and relationships
- Low to no-cost activities that aren't driven by marketing
- Organic—no Wi-Fi or device charger required
- Whole-family focused—not isolated by individual screens and activities

Think back to some of your favorite family memories and they're likely marked by these characteristics. These are the things that help shape the environment for meaningful family time. As a result, they also can create life-shaping family memories stronger than those that come from visits to theme parks or similar vacations for which parents dedicate large amounts of money and logistical resources.