

TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

April 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APR 2 -	OWEN SZELMECZKI'S 8 TH BIRTHDAY
APR 2 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
	FOOD DRIVE BEGINS
APR 3 -	LUCILLE SELDON'S BIRTHDAY
APR 9 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
APR 13 -	MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7 PM
APR 19 -	NANCY PUGH'S BIRTHDAY
APR 20 -	BIBLE STUDY 6:30 PM
APR 22 -	RUBY LAFOLLETTE'S BIRTHDAY
APR 23 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	MEN'S RALLY 5-8 PM (SEE ARTICLE)
APR 26 -	TIM AND ELIZABETH WINGFIELD'S
	ANNIVERSARY
	GINGER BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
APR 27 -	BIBLE STUDY 6:30 PM
APR 30 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	FOOD DRIVE ENDS
	LADIES CONFERENCE (SEE ARTICLE)
APR 29 -	EARL THOMPSON'S BIRTHDAY

Easter at Timber Ridge

Please plan to come out and join with us for one or more of our special times of Easter reflection and worship.

April 9 - Palm Sunday

*April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 pm*

April 16 - Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 7:30 am

Breakfast 8:00 am

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Egg Hunt

The Ladies Fellowship will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt here at the church on Saturday, April 8th at 1:00 pm. Please invite your kids and grandkids out for an afternoon of fun, food and CANDY!

April Bible Studies

There will be no Bible Studies on Monday or Thursday during the first week of April as Pastor Steve will be out of town. The studies will resume the week of April 10th.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Timber Ridge will be hosting the monthly Shiloh UMC Men's Breakfast here at our church on Saturday, April 1st from 7:30-9:30 am. Pastor Steve will be bringing the lesson this month. Come out and join us as we gather together with men from our area for food, fellowship and growth from God's Word.

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Men's Rally (April 23) and Ladies' Conference (April 30)

Both Adam and Eve were created in God's image, equal before God as persons, but distinct in their places of manhood and womanhood (Genesis 1:26-27, 2:18). Over the course of human history this truth has been obscured at times with disastrous consequences for both the church and society as a whole along the way.

Timber Ridge Christian Church will be hosting a series of events at the end of April designed to promote the equality and distinctiveness of both biblical masculinity and femininity. The men will meet on Sunday evening, April 23 in a *Men's Rally for Christ*. The ladies will meet the following week on April 30 with a similar *Ladies Conference*. Both events will be an evening full of praise, worship, and fellowship centered around an appeal from Scripture to be a better man or woman for Christ. Make plans to come out and join us and please bring your sons, daughters and friends! No advance registration is necessary, but an RSVP would be appreciated so that we may ensure an adequate supply of food for our respective suppers. Sign up lists for both the men and the ladies will be made available beginning April 9.

April 23 and 30 Schedules

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

Men's Guest Speaker - Dr. Scott Redd

Dr. Redd is the President and an Associate Professor of Old Testament at the Washington, D.C. campus of *Reformed Theological Seminary*. Dr. Redd began his career at the Burson-Marsteller office in downtown Washington, D.C., where he was involved in media consultation for multiple national and international corporate clients. He decided to leave the business world to pursue a Master of Divinity at RTS in Orlando, Fla., and then went on to complete his doctoral dissertation in the Department of Semitic Language and Egyptian Languages and Literatures at the Catholic University of America. Dr. Redd's interests include literary approaches to the Bible, linguistics and the biblical languages, ancient Near Eastern backgrounds to Scripture, and Old Testament theology. He cares deeply about the teaching of Scripture and its application to all situations in life, particularly in the context of a learning and worshiping community. He is married to the love of his life, Jennifer, and together they have five daughters.

Ladies Guest Speaker - Suzi Stapleton

Suzi Stapleton is the wife of Curtis Stapleton, pastor of Mercy Church (PCA) in Morgantown, WV. She is a mother of four with a powerful testimony to the faithfulness of God in the simple and complex situations of life. She served God overseas with Mission to the World, but has found her primary calling in service to Him as being a loving and supportive wife and mother over the course of her husband's ministries. This includes time spent in University Campus Ministry, traditional church ministry and in church planting (beginning a new church with him from scratch). Suzi has also had some personal health struggles along the way which have caused her to have a deeper appreciation for life and what it means to draw near to God and to one another.

In a world that defines success by what we accomplish outside the home, it is easy to overlook the importance and necessity of the work that happens inside it. May Suzi's life experiences challenge us to a deeper sense of service to God in both the profound and in the commonplace moments of our lives!

Prayer List

As a reminder, the format of our prayer list in the bulletin will be changed beginning April 2. This format change is intended to give you more precise information about what you may be praying for in relation to people, but also to keep our list current and active. All names presently on our list will be cleared, but may be resubmitted as needed under the new protocol.

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PASTOR'S PEN

Last year I had the privilege to meet and speak with a man in the final days of his earthly life. While going to his house to visit him I noticed a plaque on his wall that read, "We grow too soon old, and too late wise." How true a statement that proverb is!

I would love to have clearer answers to the situations and problems that many of us face in life. I long to know precisely what good God is bringing about when conflict and physical trials afflict us. These situations are all around us, never seeming to end. As a matter of fact many of them seem to just get bigger and bigger the longer we live. "We grow too soon old, and to late wise."

There is truth in that statement, and yet there is also myth. Has God given us enormous things to do in our lives? Yes! He has given us the care and stewardship of His creation; the filling of it through the propagation of children; the privilege of raising and discipling them in the fear and admonition of the Lord; the call of the Gospel message and the Great Commission. All of these tasks have been given to us. While there may be uncertainty in these things about what we should or should not do with them, there is not complete ignorance about them. We may not have every answer we want to the questions of life, but we do have all the answers we truly need to make sense of them. Why is there death? Why is there sickness? Why is there hostility? It is there because of sin. "WELL, THAT'S NOT THE ANSWER I WANT, GOD!" Nevertheless, that is the answer we need to hear.

If you can look at the sufferings of this world around your life and see that the "wages of sin is death" we are not as dumb as we think. Yet when we look at those same situations and thumb our nose at God, in essence saying, "I know better than you do," we have failed to miss the most basic message of the entire totality of Holy Scripture. He is God, and we are not.

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May you know not every answer, but the one that matters most and then grow both old and wise in Him.

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