
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

July 2015

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

RURITAN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 4 -	RURITAN CELEBRATION AT YELLOW SPRING (SEE ARTICLE) JOANN THOMPSON'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 5 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM LADIES FELLOWSHIP MEETING FOLLOWING SERVICE (SEE ARTICLE) SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
JULY 6 -	MADELINE SZELMECZKI'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 12 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM ERIC & SUZANNE REID'S ANNIVERSARY BRENDA SZELMECZKI'S BIRTHDAY 11 AM - ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE - SHILOH UM CHURCH
JULY 13 -	KAY KLINE'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 19 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE 5 PM (SEE ARTICLE)
JULY 26 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM SHILOH MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS- 6:30 PM "THE FAITHFUL FOUR"
JULY 28 -	JOHN REID'S BIRTHDAY
AUG 1 -	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 10 AM - 4 PM

The annual Ruritan Fourth of July Celebration will be held on the 4th at Ruritan Park beginning at 11:30 am. Pork and Chicken dinners will be served in the building. Sandwiches and ice cream will be available outside. An auction will be held in the afternoon, along with a car show.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP AGENDA

Some items for consideration for the Ladies Fellowship meeting on the 5th will be as follows:

- Refreshments/decorating for Ordination and Installation service
- Progressive Dinner??
- Cookbook sales

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE

Please keep in your prayers and also plan to attend Pastor Steven's Ordination and Installation Service by the Presbyterian Churches of America on Sunday, July 19th beginning at 5 pm at our church. There will be a reception with light refreshments following the service in the Parish Hall.

INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AUG 1ST - 10 AM - 4 PM

"JOURNEY TO THE PROMISED LAND"

We welcome any articles, comments or suggestions.
Alan & Ginger Brill, abrill@frontiernet.net

TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

July 2015

PASTOR'S PEN

'Render unto Caesar,' declared Jesus, 'the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.' That famous comment serves as a reminder of the question mark that hangs over the life of a Christian. How exactly does one relate issues of loyalty between 'God' and 'Caesar' – of Christ, church, and the state? Some people today think that God only cares about what goes on in the spiritual realm of life. This assumption has effectively privatized religion and faith on the one hand, and on the other has emancipated politics from divine control or influence. The reality is that this is never what was intended by Christ's words. Do we really want the major turning points in our national life to be conducted without prayer and solemn seeking of God's blessing? Do we really want leaders and rulers who will pledge themselves, not to ideals of justice and mercy which come ultimately from God, but simply to whatever the people may want? I, for one, do not think so. The Westminster Confession of Faith 23.1 states the following:

God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, has ordained civil magistrates, to be, under Him, over the people, for His own glory, and the public good: and, to this end, has armed them with the power of the sword, for the defense and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evil doers.

There is a real and necessary role for the Civil Magistrate in this world. Yet, that role is not one that gives it blanket authority to act however it wants but recognizes the office of public leadership as one that is under the authority of God. Let us not capitulate to the tired, flatland world of secularism and modernism to lead us into the next century, but let us continue to pray for our elected leaders even while we may respectfully engage them in areas where many may disagree with them. May all Christians earnestly pray that God will guide and transform our national life, as well as our personal lives, not only in the midst of the days and weeks that lie ahead, but for generations to come.