

TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

July 2016

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 4 -	RURITAN CELEBRATION AT YELLOW SPRING (SEE ARTICLE)
	JOANN THOMPSON'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 6 -	MADELINE SZELMECZKI'S 11 TH BIRTHDAY
JULY 10 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
	11 AM - ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE --
	SHILOH UM CHURCH
JULY 12 -	ERIC & SUZANNE REID'S ANNIVERSARY
	BRENDA SZELMECZKI'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 13 -	KAY KLINE'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 17 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
JULY 17-21 ST -	SHILOH VBS
JULY 24 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
JULY 28 -	JOHN REID'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 31 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
	SHILOH MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS- 6:30 PM

RURITAN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The annual Ruritan Fourth of July Celebration will be held on the 4th at Ruritan Park beginning at 11:00 a.m. 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.

5th Sunday

There will be no Fellowship lunch after church on July 31st, but please mark your calendars and

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO OUR CHURCH PICNIC- on AUG 14TH at

Art and Ruby LaFollette's house

On the Lighter Side...

"A Morning Prayer"

Dear Lord,

So far I've done all right:

I haven't gossiped,

haven't lost my temper,

haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty,

selfish, or overindulgent.

I'm really glad about that:

But in a few minutes, God,

I'm going to get out of bed.

And from then on,

I'm going to need a lot more help.

We welcome any articles, comments or suggestions.
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PASTOR'S PEN

In light of the recent flooding and terror attacks here in the United States, I thought an article highlighting church awareness during tragic situations may be beneficial. The following is an article from Dr. James Coffield, professor of counseling at RTS Orlando dealing with this subject.

When Disaster Hits

It's wise for churches to be prepared for a crisis in a community, because there's always going to be one, and in those times, people look to the church. The two questions people always ask in a crisis are "Is God good?" and "Is God going to show up?" And the church is in a position to answer those questions.

There seems to be predictable phases to a crisis. First there is usually a heroic phase, when people come together to help each other. That's usually immediate, after the shock wears off.

Then there's a "honeymoon" phase that lasts, depending on the size of a crisis, for less than a week or for a few months. That's usually when crisis intervention people show up, and when people say things like "We're going to make it," or "We're going to rebuild," or "This won't destroy us."

The next stage would be disillusionment, where community sharing is not as common, where people think more about themselves, and disappointment, anger and resentment take over. That's when the church can really make a difference through a consistent, faithful presence.

The last phase is the reconstruction phase, which can last several years after a big disaster. That's when things get back to whatever "normal" is. In preparing to respond to crises, churches need to think about where they have been placed.

Disaster response ministry can be very messy, but it can also be the most impactful situations for Christ. Proverbs 14:4 says, "Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean, but abundant crops come by the strength of the ox." In other words, you can have a church that's not messy, but you also won't have much of a harvest.

Dr. James Coffield