
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

March 2017

BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT HOSPICE OF THE PANHANDLE

On Saturday, March 11, from 7:30 am – 10:30 am, the deacons will be having a Pancake breakfast, where all the receipts will benefit Hospice of the Panhandle. We will be serving both buttermilk and old fashioned buckwheat pancakes, bacon, sausage, sausage gravy, fresh fruit and applesauce, coffee juice, cocoa, etc. Representatives from Hospice will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on services offered by them. The cost for the breakfast will be a donation to Hospice. We welcome anyone from the congregation who would like to help. We will be gathering on Friday evening, March 10th, around 6:30 pm to prepare for the next day and again at 6:00 am on Saturday, March 11th. All of the food items have already been donated, but we are still in need of cash donations for the purchase of the bacon and sausage.

Evening Services set to resume on March 19th

Sunday evening services are set to resume on March 19th at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Steve and Brenda will be providing a soup, salad and chili dinner to follow.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR 1 -	BECKY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 4 -	CODY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 5 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
MAR 6 -	HAROLD SWITZER'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 11 -	PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7:30 – 10:30 AM
	(SEE ARTICLE)
MAR 12 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
MAR 15 -	MABEL DAVIS'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 18 -	COLTON SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 19 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 5:30 PM
	(SEE ARTICLE)
MAR 23 -	BETTY LARRICK'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 26 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	HOME MISSION OFFERING
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE - 6 PM
MAR 28 -	GREG KENNEY'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 30 -	COURTNEY BRILL'S BIRTHDAY

We welcome any comments and suggestions.
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Hospice Cookies

We would like to thank everyone who made cookies for Hospice of the Panhandle. We collected a total of 28 dozen and the folks at Hospice were surprised to have such a large donation from our small church.

Prayer List Changing

Pastor Steve and the Deacons have decided to change the way we have been publishing the prayer list in the bulletin beginning in April. Rather than simply listing names we would like to include a one or two-word statement after each name about how we as a church may be praying for them. We do recognize that some people in the church may have private concerns that they do not wish to be publicly stated in the bulletin and for these situations only the name will be listed.

In addition to this, we also want to make a better effort at corporate prayer for people on the list throughout the quarter. Accordingly, we will periodically be lifting up names on the prayer list during Sunday School, Monday and Thursday Bible Studies and during our Church Council Meeting. It is our prayer and intention that in making these changes, Timber Ridge will become a much more dutiful and purposeful people of prayer both before, during and after events in life where the prayers of God's people are needed.

NURSERY SIGN UP SHEET

There will be a Nursery sign-up sheet for the month of March in the back of the church. Anyone wishing to volunteer is asked to please list your name on a Sunday that you will be available.

MONDAY/THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study Group continues to meet on Monday mornings beginning at 10 am in the Parish Building. If you can't make it to the Monday morning session, we are meeting on Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8 pm in the Parish Building. Come out and join us as we grow together by studying God's word.

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PASTOR'S PEN

They say: "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." Does it?

This last month has been a full one for the Szelmeczki household as Brenda has had to make an impromptu trip down to Mississippi to assist her parents with medical problems. This has caused each of our schedules to be altered as needed to figure out how to manage familiar and unfamiliar situations without the help of the other. By God's grace, and with the love of Timber Ridge, we have persevered quite well; but we also eagerly await the time when we are all reunited together once again as a family.

Now, I do admit there is a sense in which absence does make the heart grow fonder. The period of separation we sometimes experience in life should give someone a chance to reflect and realize just how much the other person in their life actually means to them. In the context of any sort of truly loving relationship (husband/wife, parent/child) that absence will be incredibly profound. It is ironic to me that so many people who claim to be in a loving relationship with God can go through a prolonged period of separation from Him and His people and not miss Him/them. Time that used to be spent in corporate worship with others easily seems to get filled with other things and we never seem to miss it. That doesn't sound like becoming fonder to me!

Many of you have expressed to me how glad you will be when Brenda and Zachary will be able to be back with us. Madeline, Owen, Stuart and I echo that sentiment, but we also realize there is a valuable spiritual teaching lesson going on for us right here. *We eagerly await a return, but also know that the present separation between us is also contributing to a necessary need for the benefit of others.* Sound familiar? We eagerly await the day when we will see Christ face to face, yet we know that there is much positive work to be done in this life here and now as we await that reunion. We could forsake the present for the future. We also could live only in the present and forget about the future; or we could let the future inform our present so that we long to do the most good we can in the present while simultaneously anticipating the future.

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
(Revelation [22:20](#))

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