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# TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

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September 2018

### ***Doris Spaid's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday***

Doris Spaid will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to send her a card her address is: Hampshire Memorial Hospital, Extended Care Unit, Room 2123, 363 Sunrise Summit, Romney WV 26757.

### ***ANNUAL YARD/SOUP SALE***

Our Annual Yard Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 am each day. Items for the sale may be brought to the church anytime by contacting Harry Spaid. Please make sure clothes are not torn or stained and that all items are in good condition. Small appliances must be in good working order. No large appliances please. Volunteers will be needed during sale week to price/arrange items. We will also be selling homemade vegetable soup, country ham and chicken salad sandwiches. On Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6 pm, we will need help cutting up vegetables for the soup, trimming the ham, and to make final preparations. The soup will be made on Thursday beginning at 8:30 am. Additional help would be appreciated around 2 pm when the soup will be ready to be placed in jars. Also, volunteers will be needed to fry ham and make sandwiches beginning at 7:00 am both days. Please help if you can. We will also need baked goods for the bake sale. Please contact Ginger Brill with any questions or to inquire about helping. Please do everything that you can to get the word out.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>SEPT 2 -</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM</b>
	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM</b>
	<b>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b>
	<b>FOLLOWING SERVICE(SEE ARTICLE)</b>
	<b>NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION</b>
<b>SEPT 4 -</b>	<b>ALAN BRILL'S BIRTHDAY</b>
<b>SEPT 5 -</b>	<b>EMMA VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY</b>
<b>SEPT 7 &amp; 8 -</b>	<b>ANNUAL YARD SALE (SEE ARTICLE)</b>
<b>SEPT 8 -</b>	<b>PHYLLIS BISHOP'S BIRTHDAY</b>
	<b>DORIS SPAID'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY</b>
<b>SEPT 9 -</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM</b>
	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM</b>
	<b>GRANDPARENTS DAY</b>
<b>SEPT 16-</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM</b>
	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM</b>
<b>SEPT 23-</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM</b>
	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM</b>
	<b>COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING</b>
	<b>SERVICE</b>
<b>SEPT 24 -</b>	<b>ED KLINE'S BIRTHDAY</b>
	<b>DWAIN FRIES BIRTHDAY</b>
<b>SEPT 26 -</b>	<b>TIFFANY JENNINGS BIRTHDAY</b>
<b>SEPT 27 -</b>	<b>JOAN WHITACRE'S BIRTHDAY</b>
<b>SEPT 30 -</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM</b>
	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM</b>

We welcome any comments, suggestions and/or newsletter items.

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### **SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH PICNIC**

For the seventh year, our annual Sunday School/Church Picnic was held at the farm of Ruby La Follette. The weather was a little threatening and attendance was around 30 people, but the rain held off and everyone seemed to have a great time. We wish to sincerely thank Ruby and family for their hospitality and the hard work that was put into preparations.

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### **Congregational Meeting and New Member Reception**

A Congregational Meeting has been called for September 2<sup>nd</sup> for the purpose of voting on the recommendation of the Church Council to formalize our future plan to call our interim pastor, Mike VanDerLinden, to become our full-time pastor once he has completed seminary and is eligible for ordination. In addition, the Deacons are recommending twelve persons for membership into the congregation. The induction into membership will take place during the meeting and a new member reception will follow the morning service upstairs in the Parish Hall. We hope that everyone will be able to stay for the reception and celebrate this joyous occasion.

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### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

There will be a church council meeting on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> following the morning worship service. The council will be reviewing normal reports and upcoming business. The meeting should take no longer than an hour.

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### **MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

The Bible Study Group continues to meet on Monday mornings beginning at 10 am 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

#### **Heaven – Different Yet the Same**

Ephesians 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,” (ESV)

So often when confronted with the certainty of death we seek to know the reality of heaven. Even Christians tend to offer heaven mainly as a place where all of our suffering will be over. We describe heaven as a place of perfection where we reap the benefits of our union with Christ. When we do this, we put ourselves at the center of our happiness in heaven. We need to remember that heaven is actually more than that! Heaven is where Christ our Lord is!

Although it is true that we will not suffer anymore, although it is true that heaven is a place of perfection, if Christ were not there it would not be heaven. This is the first message that a person needs to hear about heaven! And this actually gives us an avenue to reveal God's goodness here on earth.

Like our tendency to forget the centrality of Christ in heaven we can also forget the centrality of Christ here on earth. Ephesians 1:3 states God has “blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” now. Paul goes on to name these spiritual blessings. They are: election, adoption, redemption, forgiveness of sins, the revelation of God's purpose in history, sealing by the Holy Spirit, and an inheritance.

God “chose us in Him before the foundations of the world” and not only chose us but chose to adopt us as children. We have been (past tense) brought into the household of God. This is where we are, spiritually speaking, even now. We have our sins completely and perfectly forgiven. We know, even now, even while living in this fallen world, what the eternal purpose of God is. This knowledge, forgiveness, redemption and election cannot be taken away from us because we are sealed with the Holy Spirit.

One day we will receive our full inheritance. We will live in the presence of Christ. We will live without suffering in a place where there is only perfection. As wonderful as that will be, the fact that we already have election, adoption, redemption, forgiveness, and a knowledge of God's purpose in history won't change. Heaven will be different, but it will have aspects that are still the same. I pray we can rejoice in what we eagerly wait for, while also rejoicing just as much in what we currently have.

~ Mike