
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

March 2019

BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT HOSPICE OF THE PANHANDLE

On Saturday, March 9, 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 8th, around 6:30 pm to prepare for the next day and again at 6:00 am on Saturday, March 9th.

LIBRARY MATERIALS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING

For anyone who may be interested, there is a well-stocked library of books and materials in the Sunday School building that congregation members are welcomed to use and when finished return to the library for others to enjoy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR 1 -	BECKY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 3 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
MAR 4 -	CODY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 6 -	HAROLD SWITZER'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 9 -	PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7:30 – 10:30 AM
	(SEE ARTICLE)
MAR 10 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
MAR 15 -	MABEL DAVIS'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 17 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	DEACONS MEETING FOLLOWING
	WORSHIP SERVICE
MAR 18 -	COLTON SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 23 -	BETTY LARRICK'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 24 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE
MAR 28 -	GREG KENNEY'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 30 -	COURTNEY MEADOWS BIRTHDAY
MAR 31 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	HOME MISSION OFFERING
	FIFTH SUNDAY LUNCHEON (TENTATIVE)

We welcome any comments and suggestions.
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PASTOR'S PEN

Defined by a Prefix

I met a guy years ago who was a “born leader.” I can’t describe for you all of the traits he portrayed, which verified this for me; I can only say that it was obvious. This young man didn’t appear to have to work at being a leader; it just seemed natural. One of the obvious ways in which this ability routinely showed itself, was the way he was able to make sure everyone was included in whatever we were doing. It was amazing to watch this 11-year old do this week after week without any apparent effort. This brings me to my title: Defined by a prefix.

So, I ask this question: Are you a person who tries to be inclusive or is your tendency to be exclusive? Do you seek to bring new people into your circle or are you someone ‘circling the wagons?’ The difference in the spelling of these two words, inclusive and exclusive, is only two little letters. But the difference those two little letters make in defining who you are, is huge!

This problem is not associated with age, or social status, or intellectual ability. In fact, despite all the cultural differences we see throughout the world exclusivity remains pervasive. That’s because our natural inclination is to be inwardly- focused.

So, if our natural inclination is to be focused on ourselves, why does this 11-year-old always appear to be reaching out? Although it appeared to be quite natural, we must admit that at least some of this character trait was taught and then nurtured along, most likely by his parents.

But they must have instilled more than an ideal based on how you interact with others. If you have ever tried to control, demand or guide another’s actions or attitudes you know this is true. The more I think about it, the more I realize that part of this young man’s ability to include others rested in his confidence in who he was. He was comfortable. He was satisfied. He was content. This allowed him the freedom to bring others into his circle. He had no need to protect himself. He had no need to build himself up. He really could just be himself. There is a lesson there for all of us.

Being content with himself allowed this young man to focus his attention outward. It allowed him to look for opportunities to bring others into the group. He made it look easy. For the rest of us it seems more difficult. We must work at it. We must force our gaze to turn away from ourselves. We must be looking to bring others into our circle. The funny thing is, while we are working hard to make this happen those around us might just think we’re acting natural. Of course, we will secretly know we’re not.

God created us to be inclusive. So, the next time you find yourself in a group, look around. I think you might be surprised at how many people are longing to belong. If an 11 year old can make including others look easy, we have no excuse for being exclusive.

~ Mike

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