

---

---

# TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

---

---

July 2019

### HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY



### RURITAN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The annual Ruritan Fourth of July Celebration will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>JULY 4 -</b>	<b>RURITAN CELEBRATION AT YELLOW</b>
	<b>SPRING (SEE ARTICLE)</b>
	<b>JOANN THOMPSON'S BIRTHDAY</b>
<b>JULY 6 -</b>	<b>MADLINE SZELMECZKI'S BIRTHDAY</b>
<b>JULY 7 -</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM</b>
	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM</b>
	<b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>
	<b>HEIDI VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY</b>
	<b>GOLF OUTING (SEE ARTICLE)</b>
<b>JULY 12 -</b>	<b>ERIC &amp; SUZANNE REID'S ANNIVERSARY</b>
	<b>BRENDA SZELMECZKI'S BIRTHDAY</b>
<b>JULY 13 -</b>	<b>KAY KLINE'S BIRTHDAY</b>
<b>JULY 14 -</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM</b>
	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM (GUEST SPEAKER)</b>
	<b>11 AM - ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE -</b>
	<b>SHILOH UM CHURCH</b>
<b>JULY 21 -</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM</b>
	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM</b>
<b>JULY 22 -</b>	<b>CHRIS ORNDORFF'S BIRTHDAY</b>
<b>JULY 28 -</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM</b>
	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM</b>
	<b>JOHN REID'S BIRTHDAY</b>

#### GOLF OUTING

We will be having another miniature golf outing on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have two tee times. For those who would like to play during the daytime, we will meet at Shenandoah Golf on Rte 522 at 5 pm. For those who would like to play nite-lite golf after dark, we will meet at 8:30 pm so we can start at 9 pm. Bring a friend and Hope to see you there! The cost of the golf is covered so come play for free!

#### GUEST SPEAKER

Pastor Mike and family will be on a mission trip to North Carolina beginning on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Jon Thompson, who brought the message on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, will also be bringing the message on that Sunday.

We welcome any articles, comments or suggestions.  
Alan & Ginger Brill, [abrill@frontiernet.net](mailto:abrill@frontiernet.net)

**Pastor's Pen July 2019**  
**What do you mean the word Trinity is not in the bible?**

I hope the title didn't shock you! It's true, though, the word "Trinity" is not in the bible. However, the word does represent what the bible reveals about God. The word Trinity was first used by Tertullian in the last part of the second century. In many ways, it was controversial then, and it still can be today. That's because the idea of three distinct persons in one Godhead can be hard to understand. But, that is precisely what scripture describes for us when it speaks about the Godhead.

The Old Testament clearly tells us that God is one. Deuteronomy 6:4 reads, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one." This confession has always been a part of the daily prayer life of God's people. This daily prayer life came from what God revealed to Moses at Mt. Sanai. In Exodus 20:3, God said, "you shall have no other gods before me." Of course, this revelation comes after God established Himself as the sole creator of everything. There are, however, hints of the plurality of the Godhead in the Old Testament. While God was creating, He spoke of the Godhead in plural terms.

In Genesis 1:26, we read that God said, "Let us make man in our image. Although not fully worked out until the revelation of Jesus Christ in the New Testament, the use of the plural in this verse pointed from the beginning to something beyond the normal human experience. Over the years, some have thought that the Trinity was supporting three separate gods. This was refuted beginning in the fourth and fifth centuries. Our church fathers made it clear that we cannot change Deuteronomy 6:4 "The Lord is one." Others have sought different ways to divide the authority of each person in the Trinity while attempting to keep the one God doctrine. This too caused the church fathers to reaffirm that the Godhead is expressed in scripture as one God revealed in three distinct but equal persons.

Well, if you've made it this far in the pastor's pen you may be thinking the same I was thinking when I got to this point...so what? Why is the doctrine of the Trinity so crucial to the church? More importantly, why is the doctrine of the Trinity so important to individual Christians? One basic reason is that the study of the three persons of the Trinity helps us to understand the God of the Bible better. And this helps us to understand how God relates to His people through each person of the Godhead. Finally, a more thorough knowledge of the three persons of the Godhead and how they relate to us as individual Christians gives us a better understanding of who we are in God's kingdom.

Do you have questions about the biblical revelation of the Godhead, what the church calls the Trinity? Then I would encourage you to join us for Sunday school at 10 am, beginning Sunday, August 4. We will start a new study on the three persons of the Trinity. In this study, will we look at God the Father and God the Son, while taking a little more time to look at God the Holy Spirit, who is often overlooked. Please join us if you're able. It should be a great time of discussion and learning together!

~ Pastor Mike