
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

September 2019

Doris Spaid's Birthday

Doris Spaid will be celebrating her birthday on September 8th. 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 6th and 7th from 8 am to 5 pm each day. Starting on September 1st Harry will be at the church between 5 – 7 pm to accept items. Please make sure clothes are not torn or stained and that all items are in good condition. This year, we will not be accepting unfolded clothing in large bags, but rather would like to have them folded and ready for display, since that is the most time-consuming part of the project. Small appliances must be in good working order. No large appliances please. We will also be selling homemade vegetable soup, country ham and chicken salad sandwiches. On Wednesday, September 4th, beginning at 6 pm, we will need help cutting up vegetables for the soup and to make final preparations. The soup will be made on Thursday beginning at 8:30 am. Additional help would be appreciated around lunchtime 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

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| SEPT 1 - | SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM |
| | WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM |
| SEPT 4 - | ALAN BRILL'S BIRTHDAY |
| SEPT 5 - | EMMA VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY |
| SEPT 6 & 7 - | ANNUAL YARD SALE (SEE ARTICLE) |
| SEPT 8 - | SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM |
| | WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM |
| | PHYLLIS BISHOP'S 80TH BIRTHDAY |
| | DORIS SPAID'S BIRTHDAY |
| SEPT 15 - | SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM |
| | WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM |
| | DEACONS MEETING FOLLOWING |
| | SERVICE |
| SEPT 22 - | SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM |
| | WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM |
| | COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING |
| | SERVICE |
| SEPT 24 - | ED KLINE'S BIRTHDAY |
| | DWAIN FRIES BIRTHDAY |
| SEPT 26 - | TIFFANY JENNINGS BIRTHDAY |
| SEPT 27 - | JOAN WHITACRE'S BIRTHDAY |
| SEPT 29 - | SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM |
| | WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM |
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We welcome any comments, suggestions and/or newsletter items.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH PICNIC

For the eighth year, our annual Sunday School/Church Picnic was held at the farm of Ruby La Follette. The weather was beautiful and cool and attendance was around 50 people. Most everyone stayed throughout the afternoon and enjoyed the great weather and fellowship. We wish to sincerely thank Ruby and family for their hospitality and the hard work that was put into preparations.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a church council meeting on Sunday, September 22nd following the morning worship service. The council will be reviewing normal reports and upcoming business. The meeting should take no longer than an hour.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY LUNCHEON

On Sunday, September 29th, following the morning worship service, we will have our Fifth Sunday covered dish lunch. As usual the church will furnish the meat. Since this is the fall season, we are asking everyone to bring their favorite harvest season dish (not required though). Remember that we will also need drinks and deserts.

Pastor's Pen

Children should be seen and heard

Everyone has probably heard the old saying, "children should be seen and not heard." This adage conveyed the idea that children could be around while adults were involved in a conversation only if they were able to remain silent. I'm convinced that this adage wasn't as useful as some people led us to believe. The concept certainly wouldn't be helpful in a church family. In fact, in a church family, the children of God (no matter how old they are) should be seen AND heard!

Here's how I see this kind of thinking benefitting the church. Imagine if you had a church family that was heavily involved in various hands-on ministries. It would never be a problem to get someone to help clean gutters or mow someone's yard. It would be easy to find four people to clean someone's house or 15 others to help someone load up a moving van. In this kind of church, you could spend time each month visiting the sick, helping out at the local food pantry, and serving the community in a multitude of different ways. A church like this may have a reputation in the community as the "helping church." It would also be possible for individuals in this kind of church to become well-known in town for their service.

Now before you begin to think I'm going too far. Let me say that being well-known for service is not a bad thing. Actually, the opposite is true. Being well-known for good works in the community is commanded in scripture. 1 Timothy 6:18 reads, "*They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.*" So, if you're involved in any service ministries, you can rest assured that you are filling part of scriptures mandate. Just remember you need to be seen AND heard.

Yes, scripture calls us to serve those around us in ways that minister God's grace, mercy, and love in tangible ways. But we must also be willing to speak about God and the gospel. At the end of the book of Matthew, the last few verses of chapter 28 read, *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.* Making disciples will never happen through actions alone. In addition to serving soup, you must be willing to share scripture. God does not say you have to be eloquent, but you cannot be silent. The enemy would love just that. If Christians would just be quiet about their faith then our adversary would allow all the good works in world. But, those service ministries would not be grounded in the right purpose. Remember, the purpose of ministering to your neighbor is to bring them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Very little, if any, long-term good will be accomplished by material help apart from spiritual direction. People need both. They need food and clothing to sustain the body, and they need Jesus to sustain their soul. No matter how hard you work, you will not accomplish any long-lasting good. If you help others gain the whole world, but in the end, their souls remain untouched by the gospel, what good is it? I want to encourage you to do both. Continue to serve your community with enthusiasm, and when people ask you why you are so kind and hospitable. Tell them about Jesus. If you are a child of God, you should be seen AND heard.

~ Pastor Mike