

TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

March 2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR 1 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	BECKY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY AND BENEFIT
	DINNER AND AUCTION
MAR 2 -	ELIAS BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 4 -	CODY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 6 -	HAROLD SWITZER'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 7 -	PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7:30 – 10:30 AM
	(SEE ARTICLE)
MAR 8 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
MAR 15 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	DEACONS MEETING FOLLOWING
	WORSHIP SERVICE
	MABEL DAVIS'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 18 -	COLTON SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 22 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE
MAR 23 -	BETTY LARRICK'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 28 -	GREG KENNEY'S BIRTHDAY
	CHRIS & LUCY ORNDORFF'S ANNIVERSARY
MAR 29 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	HOME MISSION OFFERING
	FIFTH SUNDAY LUNCHEON
MAR 30 -	COURTNEY MEADOWS BIRTHDAY

BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT HOSPICE OF THE PANHANDLE

On Saturday, March 7, 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 6th, around 6:30 pm to prepare for the next day and again at 6:00 am on Saturday, March 7th.

Valentine Cookie Project for Hospice

Special thanks to everyone who provided cookies for Hospice. We were able to deliver 29 dozen cookies.

WATERCOLOR PRINTS OF THE CHURCH

The Ladies Fellowship has decided to reduce the cost of the Eugene Smith watercolor prints of the church from \$50 to \$30. There are over 50 prints remaining for purchase if you know someone who would be interested in one.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.

Note new email address for:

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PASTOR'S PEN

The Measure of Success - March 2020

How do you measure success? I ask this question because the measure you use to gauge your success says a lot about your goals and priorities in life. After all, each of us will either strive after what we find most valuable or after what the world tells us is most important. So, what are the goals people run after hoping to find success? The categories are endless, but a few that stand out are money, power, reputation, material things, family, and friends. Are you surprised to find family and friends included in this list?

One of the first things we must realize in this list of regular life issues is that they are not necessarily bad things. Each category plays a rightful role in life. Money, for example, is not evil, although some tend to think that scripture says it is. 1 Timothy 6:10 and Hebrews 13:5 both state that the "love of money" is bad news. The former verse says that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, and the verse in Hebrews tells us to keep our life free from the love of money. Hebrews 13:5 goes on to say that we need to strive to be content with what we have. Think of the other sayings we associate with some of these categories. When speaking of the intoxicating effect of power Lord Acton said, "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Our constant desire for material things is summed up in the statement, "The one who dies with the most toys, wins." New job applicants often find out, "It's not what you know; it's who you know" when they start to apply for work.

As I said earlier, none of these categories are sinful or wicked all by themselves. They become sinful when we separate them from the purposes of our heavenly Father and make these categories a god unto themselves. When we love money more than we love the Father, then money becomes our new master. But money can't save you from the coming wrath of God. You may be a person with power and influence, but even God's enemies have to ask for permission to assault one of God's children. Material things are necessary, but when we separate their meaning from a gracious gift-giving God who provides all that we need, what could be for our good often turns into a burden. John Wooden once said, "Be more concerned with your character than your reputation because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are." His point was that who you are is more important than who people think you are.

Your success needs to be measured by the standard God reveals in the scriptures. God the Father longs for you to be content. 1 Timothy 6:6-8 says, "*But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.*" One way to measure your success in this life is to determine how content you are. Another is to see just how willing you are to live with God as Savior and Lord.

Your success will be made evident at the end of the age. But, it will be measured not by the number of toys you have, or the power you wielded in the world. The size of your bank account or the size of the check you wrote to the church will never measure your success. Which family you belong to or what job-getting power broker you know will not increase the measure of your success.

Your allegiance to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior will be the real measure of your success. And if you personally know Jesus in these two simple categories (Lord and Savior), your success will be secured for all eternity. May the Lord bless you with His idea of success.

~ Pastor Mike