
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

July 2020

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY



RURITAN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The annual Ruritan Fourth of July Celebration will be held on the 4th at Ruritan Park beginning with the Car Show. BBQ Chicken halves will be for sale. The limited activity is due to the pandemic.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 4 -	RURITAN CELEBRATION AT YELLOW SPRING (SEE ARTICLE)
	JOANN THOMPSON'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 5 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	COMMUNION SUNDAY
	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 6 -	MADELINE SZELMECZKI'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 7 -	HEIDI VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 12 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	ERIC & SUZANNE REID'S ANNIVERSARY
	BRENDA SZELMECZKI'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 13 -	KAY KLINE'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 19 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
JULY 22 -	CHRIS ORNDORFF'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 26 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
JULY 28 -	JOHN REID'S BIRTHDAY

COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will be having a communion service on Sunday, July 5th during the worship service. Due to the pandemic we will not be serving the elements as usual. The prepackaged bread and juice will be placed in the pews.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Following the service on July 5th, we will be holding the quarterly church council meeting. At that time we will be receiving reports from the various committee chairs and treasurers, together with any business that needs to come before the group. The meeting should last no longer than an hour.

We welcome any articles, comments or suggestions.
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PASTOR'S PEN

Safe with the Lord

Let me start by saying that this is not an article prompted by current events. Although Covid-19 has given us another reason for uncertainty, there has always been lots of opportunity for fear to invade daily life. We learn that there are things we are afraid of, at a reasonably young age. On the playground at school, the class bully incites fear in anyone on his list. The nightly news offers stories regularly of car wrecks, natural disasters, and wars. Life, in general, is continuously portrayed as unpredictable and dangerous. The Psalmist agrees with these assumptions, even though he lived long before there were such things as automobiles. However, even though the Psalmist agrees that life is dangerous, his fear is replaced with peace when he realizes that his safety lies with the Lord.

Psalm 27 has been a great comfort to me over the years. If you don't know this Psalm yet, let me introduce it to you. David writes this Psalm. From the moment he was anointed as king over Israel, his life was one of turmoil. Sometimes this unrest displayed itself in open hostility. Other times, it simmered under the surface only to explode when the right opportunity presented itself. In the end, every instance verified that God alone was the source of David's security. So, David opens Psalm 27 by acknowledging his experience. *"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.*

Although David experienced danger and distress many times, sometimes of his own making, he found that God never gave up on him. God was his ally at every turn. David learned the truth we looked at in Romans chapter 1 in Sunday school. When the Lord is for you, who can be against you? In turn, David praises God for His faithfulness, protection, and salvation.

These experiences with God led David to another conclusion. He longed for no other thing more than to be in the presence of the Lord. *"One thing have I asked of the Lord that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.*

If you knew, like David, just how much the Lord has done for you, the proper response would be the same one that David shows us in Psalm 27. Like David, you would long to be with the Lord every hour of every day. You would be satisfied with nothing less. You would know from the way the Lord cares for you that there is no one more beautiful than Jesus. And that would help you to shout your own doxology in praise of the Lord, who dwells in unapproachable light.

Psalm 27:5-6 read: *"For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord."*

The Lord will protect you. The Lord will lift you up. The Lord will save you from your enemies. These are the promises that David found true. They were true for him then, and they are still true for you now. Take some time this month to sing and make melody to the Lord for all that He's done to keep you safe in Him. And take a look at Psalm 27. There are still eight more verses for you to see.

~ Pastor Mike