
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

August 2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG 1 – ALAN & GINGER BRILL'S ANNIVERSARY

MIKE VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY

CARROLL LONG'S BIRTHDAY

AUG 2 – SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM

GUEST MINISTER

AUG 6 - HEATHER REID'S BIRTHDAY

JEAN KENNEY'S BIRTHDAY

AUG 8 - ADDYSON BRILL'S 13TH BIRTHDAY

AUG 9 - SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHURCH PICNIC

RUBY'S FARM HOUSE (SEE
ARTICLE)

AUG 11 - DAN DONOVAN'S BIRTHDAY

AUG 12 - DAWNNA SELDON'S BIRTHDAY

AUG 16 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM

BRIAN & AMY BRILL'S ANNIVERSARY

AUG 17 - VANESSA WALKER'S BIRTHDAY

AUG 23 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM

AUG 28 - NATALIE OAKES 90TH BIRTHDAY

ELIZABETH WINGFIELD'S BIRTHDAY

AUG 30 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM

HOME MISSION OFFERING

HENRY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY

Sunday School and Church Picnic

Our annual Sunday School and Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 9th beginning at 11:15 am. Again this year, Ruby has graciously invited us to the farmhouse, which is located about 3 miles from Shiloh United Methodist Church on Back Creek Road. Meat and drinks will be furnished, but please bring your favorite covered dish to share. Directions are as follows: Take Back Creek Road 23/3 and at the Shiloh Cemetery go down the hill to a "T" in the road. Stay on the paved road. At the "T" go right, continue for about a mile, and the farm house is on the right. It is a two-story white house with upper and lower porches. It sits off the road with walnut trees out front. Due to the pandemic, the service and picnic will be held outdoors, meaning that there is no source to keep food hot or cold. Please plan accordingly. Also, social distancing, and wearing a mask is appropriate. Gloves will be provided, and bathroom facilities will still be available. Everyone is invited. Bring a lawn chair and plan to have a good time! In the event of rain, the picnic will be moved into the basement of the Parish Building.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

We extend a Very Special Happy 90th Birthday to Natalie Oakes on August 28th. If you wish to honor her with a card, her address is 273 South Hooks Mill Road, High View WV 26808.

CANCELLATIONS

Due to the pandemic, decisions have been made to cancel both the annual Yard & Soup sale typically held in early September and the annual Oyster and Turkey dinner held in the latter part of October.

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

Thinking of Heaven

This past week I ministered to the Thompson family as they buried Jon by speaking at the graveside service. For those who may not have heard, Jon Thompson passed away two weeks ago after suffering a major heart attack. In the last few years, Jon would gladly fill the pulpit when I was on vacation. I know he loved every opportunity he had to preach at Timber Ridge. He spoke to me recently about how much he cherished every opportunity to proclaim the gospel.

The graveside service was a bittersweet time as many spoke of Jon's gentle spirit and his heart for the Lord. It reminded me that death is an intruder in God's world. Don't get me wrong. Death is the promised penalty for our sins. However, death is not the way life is supposed to be. We know this because death won't be a part of the New Heaven and New earth when they are ushered in at the end of the age. While we wait for that day to come, Christians are comforted by the fact that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Jon is not dead; instead, he is alive in heaven. In the very presence of the Lord he loved. Knowing this helps make grief bearable. It also makes me wonder about heaven. Maybe it makes you wonder too?

The questions about heaven we each have are reasonable. What will heaven look like? Who will I see when I get there? What will I do for eternity? How will my relationship be with my spouse? Will the new earth be different than the planet I'm used to now? I don't think we can answer every question to the satisfaction of every person. But, when we search the scriptures, we do find answers.

- First, heaven will look glorious. In Revelation 21:10b-11, it's described as "the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, **11** having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal." Heaven will be beautiful beyond anything we can imagine now.
- Who will be there? Believers will be there. Every believer from every nation. But only believers. (Revelation 5:9)
- What will I do there? Worship and work. Work was a blessing of creation. Imagine work without frustration and blessed with fruitful results. You will live in a kingdom (Matthew 25:34)
- How will I interact with my spouse? Although there won't be marriage in heaven (Mark 12:25), your relationship with everyone will be intimate and close. You will gain deep friendships, not lose them.
- Will it be different than the earth I'm used to now? Yes and no. We will know those we meet. We will recognize it as earth. After all, the new earth described in the book of Revelation (Revelation 21:1-4) has a great city. However, there will be some differences. The new earth will not have any sin. Even though it is hard to imagine now, it will be a magnificent change

Although discussing all the questions we have about heaven can lead to engaging conversation, the most important thing to remember about heaven is this - Jesus will be there! It will be great to see loved ones who died in Christ. We will undoubtedly marvel at the scene of a new heaven and new earth without sin. But none of that will compare to seeing Jesus face to face. Nothing about heaven will be more spectacular than being in the presence of your savior. When you think about heaven, your first thought should be of Jesus. Without Him, you wouldn't be able to get to heaven. If Jesus weren't there, it wouldn't be heaven at all. The new heavens and the new earth will be a beautiful place. They will be full of wonder, too, because Jesus is there. That's where Jon is now. In heaven with Jesus. Praise be to God.

~ Pastor Mike

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Phil and Barbara Haussler for donating and installing the roadside convex mirror, and to Jim Campbell for donating and installing the bathroom fans, which were badly needed. The same thank you goes out to those who work behind the scenes on a regular basis for the benefit of all of us.