
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

February 2021

*Happy Valentine's Day
February 14th*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB 3 -	SHARIE ECKENRODE'S BIRTHDAY
	BACKPACK MINISTRY PREP 9:30 AM
FEB 4 -	ERIC REID'S BIRTHDAY
FEB 6 -	TOM JENKINS' BIRTHDAY
FEB 7 -	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	COMMUNION SUNDAY
	ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FEB 8 -	HARRY SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
FEB 9 -	ROSIE REID'S BIRTHDAY
FEB 12 -	LARUE KUMP'S BIRTHDAY
FEB 14 -	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
FEB 21 -	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	LADIES FELLOWSHIP MEETING
	(TENTATIVE)
FEB 27 -	HILDA SECRIST'S BIRTHDAY
	HILDA & DAN'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
FEB 28 -	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	HOME MISSION OFFERING

AMAZING GRACE FOOD DRIVE

Collections for the Amazing Grace Pantry have been extended until Sunday, February 14th.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR BIBLE STUDY FOR FEBRUARY

There will not be any Sunday School or Bible Study for the month of February due to the pandemic. We are hoping to be able to restart during the month of March. Look for some food for thought on the Church's Website and Facebook page!

BACKPACK MINISTRY

For our portion of the Backpack Ministry, we will be delivering backpacks to the Capon Bridge Middle and Elementary schools during the month of February. We will be meeting at the church on Wednesday, February 3 at 9:30 to pack for all three weeks of our rotation and we would appreciate any help that anyone is able to give us.

CALLING TREE UPDATES

By the end of February, we want to update the information for our calling tree. If you are not currently on the church calling tree list and would like to be added or if you are on the list and your info has changed, please send your contact info to the church email: timberridgechristianchurch@gmail.com or give your info to Pastor Mike.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.
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PASTOR'S PEN

Setting the Example

We've all been told, at one time or another, "set a good example." Maybe you were told to set a good example for your younger siblings. It could be that a supervisor asked you to set a good example for your co-workers. The church is not immune to this idea. Sunday school teachers and pastors can often approach biblical teaching with a "set a good example" attitude. This is understandable since Christians are called to be salt and light to the world. However, what exactly is the example you are to set? And more importantly, how are you supposed to live up to the expectations God reveals in the New Testament?

In 1 Timothy 4:12, the Apostle Paul writes to young Timothy, "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." A daunting task for a young pastor who is meant to be a leader among God's people. This exhortation is also not limited to Timothy. In Titus 2:7, Paul writes this, "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us."

It seems clear. God's call, throughout the New Testament, is a command for obedience to sound doctrine. It is a command to do what is right despite opposition or outright persecution. You should live by loving those around you, in the way you interact with others, how you speak about them or to them, and the way you treat them in business or community matters. This has always been a tall order in a world that despises the gospel. We are not living in an era where the gospel is under attack more than it was in the first century.

Still, are you starting to feel a little overwhelmed by the command to live well? It can be easy to be overcome by the burden of the call for Christian living in the New Testament. When you read of the constant commitment to setting the right example, which these men were asked to uphold daily, it might be easy to think that all is lost. After all, sin still reigns in the world and is a daily battle in believers' hearts too.

How can you set an example worthy of Christ's call and sustainable within your community? First, you must understand that your obedience is grounded in the love Christ has for you, not in your ability to love Him back. If you try to force yourself to be obedient, it will never happen. Instead, focus on learning about the love Christ has for you. Search the scriptures for the promises God gives to believers. Ask God to open your eyes to the wonderful news of the gospel message.

Colossians 2:13 reads, "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses," Setting the right example for those around you is surely one of obedience. But, it doesn't start with obedience. Instead, it begins with a heart that is in love with Jesus. Obedience will only take place when you allow your heart and mind to accept God's forgiveness in Christ fully. Paul, Timothy, and Titus all knew the joy of the forgiveness they had received through the sacrifice of Jesus. It was this knowledge that fueled their obedience. When you understand how much Christ loves you, setting a good example will not only be the right thing to do, it will be something you like to do too!

~Pastor Mike