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# TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

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March 2021

### SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

*We extend a Very Special Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday wish to Mabel Davis on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The family would like to do a card shower for her. Her address is Evergreen Health & Rehab, 380 Millwood Ave., Winchester VA 22601.*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR 1 -	BECKY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 2 -	ELIAS BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 4 -	CODY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 6 -	HAROLD SWITZER'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 7 -	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
MAR 14 -	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
MAR 15 -	MABEL DAVIS'S 90 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY (SEE ARTICLE)
MAR 18 -	COLTON SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 21 -	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE
MAR 23 -	BETTY LARRICK'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 28 -	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	PALM SUNDAY
	HOME MISSION OFFERING
	GREG KENNEY'S BIRTHDAY
	CHRIS & LUCY ORNDORFF'S ANNIVERSARY
MAR 30 -	COURTNEY MEADOWS 30 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY

Look for announcements during the month of March to get Monday morning Bible study and Sunday school started back up. We will be working to see what we need to do to get things going again.

### UPCOMING EASTER SERVICE

We will be Celebrating the Lord's Supper on Easter Sunday 4/4/21. We hope to celebrate this holy sacrament with many of you as we rejoice over the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.  
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### PASTOR'S PEN

#### Life, Death and the Gospel

As much as we want to think about life and ignore death, there are endless reminders around us that life and death are joined together in an almost unbreakable embrace. Birthday's come and go. Announcements of the birth of a new baby bring joy and celebration. At the same time, a loved one dies, and you're able to read of others' deaths in the obituaries of local papers. It's clear that we all experienced the same beginning and face the same end. The Apostle Paul confronted the real possibility of his death as he sat in prison, not knowing if he would be released or not. Yet, from his vantage point, he offers us a picture of life and death where both are part of the wonder of the gospel message.

In Philippians chapter 1 (I would encourage you to read the entire chapter), the Apostle acknowledges his predicament and tells us that his imprisonment is serving to advance the gospel. Paul goes on to write that he is confident that he will be released. However, he is ready to die if that would be the Lord's will. It's here that Paul makes the famous statement, *"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."* (V21). He goes on to say how difficult it is to decide which is better.

Paul knows to depart from this life is to end up in the Lord's presence. Therefore, it is a far better choice. For most of our lives, we have a hard time believing this is true. When life is going well, and you're healthy and well-fed, the idea of death is an unwelcome thought. We would rather think about life and the good that comes from living. Paul sees this as also true. The fact that the Philippians require more spiritual growth is part of why Paul feels convinced that God will deliver him from prison.

Paul wants his readers to see that both living and dying are an integral part of the gospel's message. The believer, grounded in the news that Jesus Christ came to save sinners, can now live in the promise of eternal life. Death has now lost its grip of fear over the believer. Fear is now replaced with the guarantee that it is far better to depart and be with the Lord. Before the gospel, death meant separation, judgment, and condemnation. But the promise of the gospel has replaced these dreadful consequences with fellowship, acquittal, and freedom.

We have to keep in mind, though, for Paul, the timing of death is always in the Lord's hands. It's the promise of eternal life that allows Paul to focus on living, even from prison. He writes in V27, *"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,"*

You never know how long your life will be. For some, life will be short. For others, life will cover years measured by decades. The Apostle wants you to know that God calls everyone to live for Christ even as they await the rewards that come through death. The message of the gospel, in life and death, is a message of never-ending life. So, live now for Christ in all that you do. And rest in the promise that for those who die in the Lord, death is great gain. For in death, every believer receives eternal life. A life then spent in the presence of God.

~Pastor Mike

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**2021**

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		304-813-2266	Cell
		304-237-1943	Home
		719-691-5266	Cell
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		304-856-3379	Home
		304-856-3021	Home
		540-550-2751	Cell
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		540-931-7165	Cell
		540-662-6216	Home
		717-994-7050	Cell
		540-323-7725	Cell
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		540-532-8705	Cell
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		540-858-2512	Home
		304-856-2975	Home
		540-247-9828	Cell
Barbara Haeussler	Kay Kline  Susan Clark Ruby LaFollette Bonnie Rehm	540-504-7878	Home
		540-398-6781	Cell
		304-856-3948	Home
		304-856-3076	Home
		304-856-1764	Home
Kay Kline	Betty Wingfield Millie Triplett Joann Thompson	304-856-2088	Home
		540-931-3527	Cell
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		540-247-3148	Cell
		304-856-3656	Home
		304-359-8326	Cell
		304-856-3841	Home
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