
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

May 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2 -	10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
	DWAYNE SELDON'S BIRTHDAY
MAY 3 -	10 AM BIBLE STUDY
MAY 9 -	9 AM COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS
	(SEE ARTICLE)
	10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
MAY 10 -	9 AM BACK PACK PREPARATION
	(SEE ARTICLE)
	10 AM BIBLE STUDY
MAY 16-	10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
MAY 17-	10 AM BIBLE STUDY
MAY 22 -	PASTOR MIKE AND LORRI'S WEDDING
	ANNIVERSARY
MAY 23 -	10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
MAY 24-	10 AM BIBLE STUDY
MAY 28 -	BRIAN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
MAY 30 -	10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
	HOME MISSION OFFERING
MAY 31-	MEMORIAL DAY

BIBLE PUZZLE

Can you find the names of 25 books of the Bible in this paragraph? This is a most remarkable puzzle. Someone found it in the seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping himself occupied for hours. One man in Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Vics mentioned it in her column once. One woman judges the job to be so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help calm her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. . . that's a fact. Some people will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the books names are not necessarily capitalized. The truth is, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation may help. Books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. A punctuation or spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete. Remember, there are 25 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph.

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BACK PACK MINISTRY

For our portion of the Backpack Ministry, we will be delivering backpacks to the Capon Bridge Middle and Elementary schools during the week of May 9th. We will be meeting at the church on Monday, May 10th at 9 am prior to Bible Study and we would appreciate any help that anyone is able to give us.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

In recognition of Mother's Day, we will be having coffee and doughnuts in the Sunday School building at 9 am. Please plan to join us. For the worship service, we will continue our tradition of placing flowers in the sanctuary in memory or honor of our mothers. If you wish to participate in this tribute to our mothers, please contact Alan or Ginger, at church, by email or by phone as listed below so that we may include it in the bulletin for that Sunday.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We are happy to announce the birth of a son, Landon Avery, born to Justin and Heather (Reid) Hayden on April 21st. Their address was incorrectly listed in the bulletin. The correct address is 2114 T St. SE Washington DC 20020. Congratulations to all, especially to Eric and Suzanne on their first grandchild.

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PASTOR'S PEN

An Unshakable Confidence

The end of April was a reminder that even though winter must finally make way for spring, the final blast of cold northern air arrives on its own schedule. The unexpected in life often intrudes in much the same way. An unexpected bill, untimely car repair, or unwanted diagnosis can all arrive without warning. And like the cold air coming after a day that was 75 degrees, life's surprises can leave you feeling numb. When this happens, it's good to know you're not alone. The Psalmist often encountered the same troubles. When he did, he cried out to God, reminding himself that there is unshakeable confidence with God.

Psalm 27 is one of my favorite Psalms. This song is a prayer proclaiming the mighty power of God. When you read it, you will see that putting your confidence in God instills strength amid trouble, creates the proper desires in life, helps you to pray rightly, and allows you to wait on God to answer in His time. I would encourage you to stop right now and take a few minutes to read Psalm 27 in its entirety. It's only 14 verses.

Psalm 27 begins by proclaiming confidence in who God is and what that means for you. "God is my light and salvation" shows you that God is a personal God watching over you as an individual. He is your stronghold. Because of this, you need not fear anyone or anything. Whether you experience the attack of an individual or an army, your unshakable promise is that your enemies will fall, not you.

This confidence not only supports you in times of trouble, but it also helps you desire the best thing in life, which is to dwell in the very presence of the Lord each day. There are times in everyone's life when this central theme appears to lose its prominence. For the Psalmist, the arrival of trouble refocuses his attention. This call to refocus is a great lesson for each of us. God hasn't changed. He will still hide you in His shelter. When trials come, let this knowledge be your unshakable confidence.

Then follow through by going to the Lord in prayer. When trials come, you may not find it easy to go to the Lord. However, if you follow the example of the writer of Psalm 27, you will find out that's what He does. And arriving at the throne room of heaven, he finds comfort. In verse 10, we see that even if a father or mother would forsake their child, the Lord will take you in. God will lead you and teach you. So, let your unshakable confidence bring you to the Lord often as you pray.

Finally, let the promises found in Psalm 27 give you the unshakeable confidence that you can wait for the Lord. The promise remains true, "you will look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!" This poetic statement is a way of saying that even after death, you will live again in the presence of God. It was this confidence that made the Psalmist cry out to God, knowing that God hears, God answers, and God will act on his behalf. No matter what's happening in your life this spring, the same promise remains true for you. So, be strong, take courage, and wait for the Lord with unshakeable confidence. There will be times of unexpected cold, but summer is always on the way.

~Pastor Mike