
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

August 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG 1 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	GUEST MINISTER
	ALAN & GINGER BRILL'S ANNIVERSARY
	MIKE VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
AUG 2 -	NO BIBLE STUDY
AUG 6 -	HEATHER REID'S BIRTHDAY
	JEAN KENNEY'S BIRTHDAY
AUG 8 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHURCH PICNIC
	RUBY'S FARM HOUSE (SEE
	ARTICLE)
	ADDYSON BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
AUG 9 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
AUG 11 -	DAN DONOVAN'S BIRTHDAY
AUG 12 -	DAWNNA SELDON'S BIRTHDAY
AUG 15 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
AUG 16 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
	BRIAN & AMY BRILL'S ANNIVERSARY
AUG 17 -	VANESSA WALKER'S BIRTHDAY
AUG 19 -	PRAYER MEETING 6:30 PM
AUG 22 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
AUG 23 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
AUG 28 -	ELIZABETH WINGFIELD'S BIRTHDAY
AUG 29 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	HOME MISSION OFFERING
AUG 30 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
	HENRY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY

Sunday School and Church Picnic

Our annual Sunday School and Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 8th 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. 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.

YARD & SOUP SALE REMINDER

Just a reminder that plans are being made to have our annual Yard/Soup Sale on September 10th and 11th. You can start laying aside items for the sale and please do everything you can to get the word out. We will be providing more information and posting a date for delivery of items to the church at a later time. Again this year, we will not be accepting unfolded clothing in large bags, but rather would like to have them folded and ready for display, since that is the most time-consuming part of the project.

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

There is Power in Prayer

As many of you know, we have started meeting for prayer on occasion. We don't have a particular schedule established yet, like every other Thursday, but we are gathering at 6:30 on a Thursday when we meet. I would encourage everyone reading this to watch for announcements about dates and plan on attending. You will not be required to pray out loud, although I expect over time, your desire to pray will increase. You don't have to be eloquent. We are striving to keep prayers on the shorter side to keep everyone involved. Our prayer time is a time of fellowship that's different than Sunday morning. More importantly, I believe we will find that there is power in prayer.

Over and over again in scripture, we find God answering prayer in powerful ways. This example should encourage everyone to realize that God doesn't need us to pray but tells us to pray. That's because He longs to have a personal relationship with every one of His children, and He wants us to know that He has the power to answer prayers. So, as we gather together to pray, we will be using different biblical examples to approach God to focus our time on various aspects of prayer. We have already used the acronym ACTS (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication) and a format that included different categories to help us think beyond just ourselves (world, country, state, community, personal).

There are lots of prayers in the bible, each important in its particular way. What's amazing is that God answers each prayer. These answers are sometimes miraculous, while other times subtle. Answers are sometimes displayed in powerful ways and other times in ways that seem pretty natural. But, in every case, God is answering His people's cry for help, and God's people find that there is power in prayer.

In 2 Kings 19:15-19, Hezekiah prays for deliverance from Sennacherib, king of Assyria. When confronted with the possibility of attack, Hezekiah prays for God to come to their rescue. He begins by reminding God that Sennacherib is mocking the Lord. Then Hezekiah asks one simple request, "Save us." It's a beautifully simple prayer that includes the reason God should answer. That reason is so that the "kingdoms of the earth may know that the Lord is God alone." This example teaches you to pray boldly and pray for God's glory. When you read the account in 2 Kings, you also find that God powerfully answers this prayer. The Assyrians are defeated without Israel even going into battle.

Scripture also gives us numerous examples of David's prayers. He prays for favor in Psalm 60, forgiveness in Psalm 51, and help in Psalm 43. In Psalm 60, David recognizes that God is using circumstances to bring Israel back from wandering. He prays for God's favor to return as they remember God's past faithfulness and ask for blessing. In Psalm 51, David prays for forgiveness after being confronted with his sin involving Bathsheba. He acknowledges that his sin is against God and asks for forgiveness. Again, God's glory is at the root of this prayer as David says he will "teach transgressors God's ways." Finally, in Psalm 43, David asks for help when evil men attack him, and we see that David's refuge is in the Lord.

For the believer, prayer has great power. This is not because of the person praying but because of who we direct our prayers too. The Lord of glory is the one and only true God. He has the power to answer your prayers in amazing ways or use the ordinary means of His creation. Either way, prayer is powerful. Whether it's forgiveness, favor, deliverance, or help. God will answer prayers that long for Him to be glorified. So, please consider joining us next time we meet at church.

~ Pastor Mike