
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

September 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT 4 -	ALAN BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
SEPT 5 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	EMMA VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
SEPT 6 -	NO BIBLE STUDY
SEPT 8 -	PHYLLIS BISHOP'S BIRTHDAY
SEPT 9 -	PRAYER MEETING 6:30 – 7:30 PM
SEPT 10 -	YARD SALE
SEPT 11 -	YARD SALE
SEPT 12 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
SEPT 13 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
SEPT 19 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
SEPT 20 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
SEPT 23 -	PRAYER MEETING 6:30 – 7:30 PM
SEPT 24 -	ED KLINE'S BIRTHDAY
	DWAIN FRIES BIRTHDAY
SEPT 26 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING
	SERVICE (SEE ARTICLE)
	TIFFANY JENNINGS BIRTHDAY
SEPT 27 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
	JOAN WHITACRE'S BIRTHDAY

ANNUAL YARD/SOUP SALE

Our Annual Yard Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 10th and 11th from 8 am to 5 pm each day. Harry will be at the church between 5 – 7 pm on Sept 6th, 8th and 9th to accept yard sale items. Please make sure clothes are not torn or stained and that all items are in good condition. 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. Small appliances must be in good working order. No large appliances please. If desired, items may be priced by the donor. We will also be selling homemade vegetable soup, country ham and chicken salad sandwiches. On Wednesday, September 8th, beginning at 6 pm, we will need help cutting up vegetables for the soup and to make final preparations. The soup will be made on Thursday beginning at 8:30 am. Additional help would be appreciated around lunchtime when the soup will be ready to be placed in jars. Also, volunteers will be needed to fry ham and make sandwiches beginning at 7:00 am both days. Please help if you can. We will also need baked goods for the bake sale. Please contact Ginger Brill with any questions or to inquire about helping. Please do everything that you can to get the word out.

We welcome any comments, suggestions and/or newsletter items.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH PICNIC

For the tenth year, our annual Sunday School/Church Picnic was held at the farm of Ruby La Follette. Despite the current situation, the attendance was good. Despite the current situation, the attendance was good. The setting is always peaceful and relaxing, and we wish to sincerely thank Ruby and family for their hospitality and the hard work that was put into preparations.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Quarterly Church Council meeting will be held on September 26th. In our effort to standardize reports and to create a single set of reports in advance of the meeting, treasurers and chairpersons are being asked to provide their reports to Pastor Mike by September 15th. For consistency, the treasurer's reports should be a year-to-date accounting through August 31st. They can be emailed to the church at timberridgechristianchurch@gmail.com or hand delivered. The meeting should last no longer than an hour.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study Group continues to meet on Monday mornings beginning at 10 am in the Parish Building. Come out and join us as we grow together by studying God's word.

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PASTOR'S PEN

God Is in Control

Whether things are calm or chaotic, one thing is sure; God is in control. In the Bible, we find that He is sovereignly reigning over all things. In Peg Rankin's book *Yet will I Trust Him*, she offers this brief definition of God's sovereignty, "God can do anything He wants to do, anytime He wants to do it, anyway He wants to do it, and for any purpose He wants to accomplish." The problem is, we often don't find this biblical idea of sovereignty comforting. Yet that's precisely how the Bible describes God's sovereignty.

In Psalm 22:28, we read, "For the kingship belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations." Not just one nation or a few nations, ALL the nations. There are currently 195 countries recognized in the world. The Psalmist tells us that God is sovereignly reigning over every one of them. The ones you know (America, China, Russia, Afghanistan) and the ones you've never heard of (Cote d'Ivoire, and Benin, both in Africa). The Lord is king over every nation. Psalm 22 reminds us that He is not a passive God who sits back and watches what happens. Instead, He is ruling over them. Doing "anything He wants to do, anytime He wants to do it, anyway He wants to do it, and for any purpose He wants to accomplish."

David doesn't express this only in the Psalms either. For example, in 1 Chronicles 29:11-13, as Solomon is anointed king, David prays in the assembly, "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. **12** Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule overall. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. **13** And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name."

Strength, honor, and glory are ascribed to the Lord, who sovereignly reigns over all nations. It may not look like that on the nightly news, but it's true. When you read the Bible, you find slavery, war, exile, and Roman occupation. Yet, amid all the calamities the world offers, God was sovereignly bringing about the redemption He promised Adam and Eve in the beginning. Jesus came during a time of upheaval and uncertainty. With the Romans in control of Israel and the surrounding area, it didn't look like the right time for a humble Messiah born as a child. But God was sovereignly reigning over every nation. He was doing exactly what He had planned, at the exact time He wanted it done, for the exact purpose He wanted it done.

Our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever! He is still reigning over every nation. So, whether it looks calm or chaotic, I want you to know what it says in Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

There's a lot to pray about, and God is listening. So we're meeting on the 9th & 23rd of September, 6:30-7:30, to pray. I would encourage you to join us because your God is in control.

~ Pastor Mike