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# TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

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October 2021

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT 3 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
	(SEE ARTICLE)
OCT 4 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
	DWAIN AND JANET FRIES
	WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
OCT 6 -	CHASE ALAN BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
OCT 10 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	GRACE VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
OCT 11 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
OCT 14 -	PRAYER MEETING 6:30 PM
OCT 15 -	LUCY ORNDORFF'S BIRTHDAY
OCT 16 -	YARD WORK MINISTRY IN AUGUSTA
	MEET AT CHURCH 9 AM
OCT 17 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	OWEN GAVER BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
OCT 18 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
OCT 22 -	SUZANNE REID'S BIRTHDAY
OCT 24 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
OCT 25 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
OCT 26 - 30	PASTOR MIKE AND FAMILY AT NACA
	VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY IN
	DAYTON TN
OCT 28 -	TOM & NANCY PUGH'S ANNIVERSARY
	ABIGAIL SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
OCT 31 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	HOME MISSION OFFERING

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will be having a communion service on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> during the worship service. As we did for the July communion service the deacons will be serving the elements.

### FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION/TURKEY & OYSTER DINER

The annual Fall Festival and the Turkey/Oyster dinner both generally held in October have been cancelled.

### COLLECTION FOR AMAZING GRACE FOOD PANTRY

Beginning on September 26<sup>th</sup> and continuing through October 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting nonperishable food items for the Amazing Grace Food Pantry.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Sunday School will once again be collecting shoe box gifts in association with Samaritans Purse. These gifts are distributed to children in need in this country as well as remote areas around the world. Collections will begin on October 10<sup>th</sup> and will end on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Assuming that we can get them, we plan to provide plastic shoeboxes as in the past. The Mission Committee will be paying for the postage again this year. For more information contact Harry Spaid.

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

#### **Opportunity is Knocking**

Do you remember all the times you told your mother, "I'm bored?" Of course, if you're like me, you remember this happening mainly in the summertime when school was off and your friend group was smaller. It was easier to be bored without the pressure of homework. That doesn't mean there wasn't plenty of other things that needed to be done. My mother certainly could have found plenty for me to do. We meant by saying we were bored and didn't want to sit around with nothing to do.

I find this is still true today. I don't want to sit around and do nothing. Not that I don't like a little downtime. But it is good to fill our days being productive. After all, God gave us work at the very beginning. So work, both then and now, is a good thing. The opportunity to work for the Lord is something that is always knocking on the door.

Galatians 6:10 reads, "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." Good words for those who call themselves Christian. And in the church, you won't have to go far to find ways to accomplish the mission called for in Galatians. That's because the opportunities are varied and far-reaching even when they're not grand. This means there's a place for everyone. Do you have a place in the church where you have found an opportunity to serve those around you?

Did you know that next time you're at the grocery store over the next week, you can serve others by buying something to add to the Amazing Grace Food Bank donation? Every donation is an opportunity to serve the community by supporting those in need and encouraging the gospel ministry of others. The men have planned a trip to Augusta on October 16 to minister to a local man recovering from a stroke. We'll meet at the church at 9 am and then travel together to do some needed clean-up. It's going to be an excellent opportunity to bear the burden of another and have some fellowship time together.

Opportunities sometimes come in quieter ways too. On select Thursdays, some of us have been gathering to pray. We are learning more about prayer and taking the time to pray for our community and the world. As we think about the world around us, we are also preparing to fill many Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. This is a small way to impact a child, who may have never heard the gospel before, in a big way.

There are two more opportunities. In Sunday school, we are learning how to share and defend the truth of the gospel. Our faith is a reasoned faith. That means it's reasonable, reliable, and provable. Others need to hear a winsome defense of the truth. I encourage you to attend Sunday school if you're not already. Having conversations with others about Christ don't have to be frightening. Lastly, it's that time of year again when we will begin to look for those willing to accept the opportunity to serve on next year's committees. Serving in this capacity is a fantastic chance to help guide the church through the year.

I realize no one is sitting around saying, "I'm bored." However, I would encourage you to see the opportunity to do good as a priority. It is a God-given call in Galatians 6:10, and it's a chance to serve the Lord in ways that affect High View and the world. Opportunity is knocking!

~ Pastor Mike