

TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

April 2022

Please feel free to bring a flower to decorate the sanctuary for our 11 am Easter Worship service.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APR 3 -	10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
	LUCILLE SELDON'S BIRTHDAY
	LORRI VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
APR 4 -	10 AM BIBLE STUDY
APR 9 -	PATRICK CASH & MARY BILLINGS ANNIVERSARY
APR 10 -	PALM SUNDAY
	10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
APR 11 -	NO BIBLE STUDY
APR 17 -	EASTER SUNDAY
	7:30 AM EASTER MORNING SERVICE
	LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW
	10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
	COMMUNION SERVICE
APR 18 -	10 AM BIBLE STUDY
APR 19 -	NANCY PUGH'S BIRTHDAY
APR 22 -	RUBY LA FOLLETTE'S BIRTHDAY
APR 24 -	10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
	HOME MISSION OFFERING
APR 25 -	NO BIBLE STUDY
APR 26 -	TIM AND ELIZABETH WINGFIELD'S ANNIVERSARY
	GINGER BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
APR 29 -	EARL THOMPSON'S BIRTHDAY

HOSPICE BREAKFAST

This year we had a very unusual Saturday for our Hospice Breakfast with snow falling most of the morning. In the early morning hours, we were unsure about how many people would turn out, but we are pleased to report that the community was very supportive, and we took in more donations than any previous year. We served approximately 85 people and we are grateful for the opportunity to support Hospice of the Panhandle as our way of helping them continue to provide their much-needed services to our area.

CAN YOU ANSWER ALL SEVEN OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH THE SAME WORD?

1. The word has seven letters . . .
2. Preceded God . . .
3. Greater than God . . .
4. More evil than the devil . . .
5. All poor people have it . . .
6. Wealthy people need it . . .
7. If you eat it, you will die . . .

If you think that you know the answer contact Alan or Ginger and we will post the names of those who got the correct answer, along with the correct answer in next month's newsletter.

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

God of the Unexpected

When the world appears to turn itself upside down, whether the unexpected overtakes you personally or all of society, trusting in the God of the unexpected brings comfort, understanding, and assurance. And when you're faced with unwanted surprises you should allow these qualities to ground you within the changing landscape, especially when you're not able to change things.

Think for a moment of all the unexpected things God has done in history. In the very beginning, when Adam and Eve rebelled against God by sinning in the garden, God promised to save them instead of destroying them. When the world was full of sin and mankind's heart was wicked God saved Noah and his family from the destruction facing the rest of the world. After Israel had turned from God again and again, they still received the prophetic message that God would send the Savior to pay for their rebellion and set them free. The cross itself was certainly unexpected. The idea that God would come in the flesh and die as one despised was shocking when it happened and leaves the world dismayed even today. Finally, consider the fact that God chose to adopt you as His child. Offering you mercy when you deserved justice and grace when you deserved condemnation. Nothing should surprise you more than God transforming you from sinner into saint!

So, when you are surrounded by all sorts of other unexpected realities, I want you to see that every surprise you face can also be seen as part of the larger plan. I know this doesn't take away the pain or uncertainty you face every day. However, it does help you to bear the pain and uncertainty in faith.

Some of the hardest times in history have been designed by God to bring about life-changing results. And you can look back at these times in history to clearly see how God was using surprising circumstances to sanctify His people and bring about His plan of redemption. The fact that God is at work should comfort you in every situation. Philippians 4:12-13 reads: "I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Notice the hunger and the need are not removed. But they are handled in faith.

When you understand that God plans the unexpected to work out His glory, in the world and in you, then you can be sure He has His eye on you when you face every trial. Again, this won't take the pain away. It may not allow you to see the reason why God is allowing this. But you can know that God is in control and working all things out for the good of those who love Him. And you can be assured that He loves you. The unexpected is NOT a surprise to God. He has a plan, and that plan is being worked out every day in you and those around you. The plan is more intricate than you know and more reaching than you can fathom. When the unexpected comes, turn to Jesus and allow Him to carry you through the pain and uncertainty. In His arms you are safe. Safe to cry and to ask why. He will bring the unexpected, but He brings it as the God who sovereignly reigns over all!

~ Pastor Mike

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2022 Officers

3 Year office

Trustees

Phil Whitacre 2022
Galen Spaid 2023
*Kay Kline 2024

Phil Haeussler 2022
Tim Wingfield 2023
*Elizabeth Wingfield 2024

Deacons

Dwayne Seldon 2022
Harry Spaid 2023
* Alan Brill 2024

Sharon Jenkins 2022
Chris Orndorff 2023
*Joan Whitacre 2024

1 Year office

Church Clerk

Lucy Orndorff

Church Treasurer

Tom Jenkins
Nancy Pugh, Assistant

Members at Large

Phyllis Bishop
Angela Jennings

Tom Pugh
Dawnna Seldon

Mission Committee

Kay Kline
Ruby La Follette
Joan Whitacre
Betty Wingfield-Alternate

Choir Director

Ruby La Follette

Pianists

Ruby La Follette
Nancy Pugh
Joan Whitacre

Auditors

Barbara Haeussler
Phyllis Bishop

Ushers

Harry Spaid
Shelva Switzer

Church Council Members

Pastor – Mike VanDerLinden
Clerk – Lucy Orndorff
Church Treasurer – Tom Jenkins
Deacons – Chair
Trustees – Chair
Missions – Ruby LaFollette
Sunday school – Harry Spaid (R-Jeanie Spaid)
Ladies fellowship – Ginger Brill

Members at large

Phyllis Bishop
Angela Jennings
Tom Pugh
Dawnna Seldon

NOTE: * Denotes officer nominated in 2022