
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

September 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT 4 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	ALAN BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
SEPT 5 -	EMMA VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
	NO BIBLE STUDY
SEPT 7 -	SOUP SALE PREPARATION 6 PM
SEPT 8 -	PHYLLIS BISHOP'S BIRTHDAY
	SOUP SALE PREPARATION 8:30 AM
	PRAYER MEETING 6:30 – 7:30 PM
SEPT 9 -	YARD SALE (SEE ARTICLE)
SEPT 10 -	YARD SALE (SEE ARTICLE)
SEPT 11-	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
SEPT 12 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
SEPT 17 -	BONNIE REHM'S BIRTHDAY
SEPT 18-	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING SERVICE (SEE ARTICLE)
SEPT 19 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
SEPT 22 -	PRAYER MEETING 6:30 – 7:30 PM
SEPT 24 -	ED KLINE'S BIRTHDAY
	DWAIN FRIES BIRTHDAY
SEPT 25 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
SEPT 26 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
	TIFFANY JENNINGS BIRTHDAY
SEPT 27 -	JOAN WHITACRE'S BIRTHDAY

ANNUAL YARD/SOUP SALE

Our Annual Yard Sale will be held on Friday, September 9th from 8 am – 6 pm and September 10th from 8 am to 3 pm. Church members may start bringing items to the church beginning on Sunday, September 4th. Jeanie will be at the church from 6 pm – 8 pm on Wednesday, September 7th to accept items. Someone will be at the church from 8:30 am to 3 pm on September 8th to accept items also. 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. Small appliances must be in good working order. No large appliances please. This will be a free will donation and items will not need to be priced. Donations will go to aid flood victims in Kentucky. We will also be selling homemade vegetable soup, country ham and chicken salad sandwiches. On Wednesday, September 7th, 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 8:00 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 eleventh year, our annual Sunday School/Church Picnic was held at the farm of Ruby La Follette. 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 18th. 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 14th. For consistency, the treasurer's reports should be a year-to-date accounting through August 31st. They can be emailed to the church at timberidgechristianchurch@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.

QUARTERLY COMMUNION SERVICE

The next quarterly communion service will be on Sunday, October 2nd, during the morning worship service, which is also world communion Sunday.

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PASTOR'S PEN

A Growing Faith

It's easy to see growth in children. Their pants get too short, they routinely outgrow their shoes, and the measuring line marked on the doorway keeps on climbing. As we get older, these outward signs disappear. However, we don't stop growing. As life's experiences shape us we grow to adulthood and become mature. Even then, the bible says we shouldn't stop growing. Instead, we should continue to grow in faith. Although this growth in faith is an inner growth, it must be evident on the outside. Like having pants that are too short, people should be able to see that you're growing.

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4 reads, "Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore, we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring." (ESV)

The Apostle Paul transmits the idea of growing abundantly using a single Greek word. The thought is that the amount of faith you have is increasing beyond the norm or changing in magnitude. Like an earthquake, measured on the Richter scale, when you move from 5.0 to 6.0, there is a 10-fold increase. Paul is telling them their faith is growing exponentially, which is visible in how they love one another. This change is cause for celebration.

We have just finished our look at the Epistles of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude in Sunday school. By the end of September, we will have reached the end of the letter of Ephesians. The overarching theme of Paul's letter has been to teach you that a profound change has occurred as you are now "In Christ." Because of this change, your entire character is being renewed by the work of the Holy Spirit. This new self is a result of growing in steadfast faith. As we move into fall, our Sunday school class will begin looking at the character traits that should be visible to others, like love, compassion, and generosity. Today we began compiling a list of the different characteristics God wants us to have growing abundantly in us.

I would encourage you to join us in Sunday school as we begin to look at what it means to grow "In Christ." It's never too late to learn more about the Savoir and His desire to see you grow in love for one another and those around you. My desire is that others begin to hear us speak about our shoes being too tight and see our pants getting too short as we grow abundantly in faith together. When Paul found the Thessalonians growing "In Christ," it caused celebration. I pray as we see growth in one another, we will celebrate too.

~ Pastor Mike