

# TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

October 2022

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT 2 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
	(SEE ARTICLE)
OCT 3 -	NO BIBLE STUDY
OCT 4 -	DWAIN AND JANET FRIES
	WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
OCT 6 -	CHASE ALAN BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
	PRAYER MEETING 6:30 PM
OCT 9 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
OCT 10 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
	GRACE VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
OCT 15 -	LUCY ORNDORFF'S BIRTHDAY
OCT 16 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
OCT 17 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
	OWEN GAVER BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
OCT 21 -	FALL FESTIVAL / GAME NIGHT
	(SEE ARTICLE)
OCT 22 -	SUZANNE REID'S BIRTHDAY
OCT 23 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
OCT 24 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
OCT 25 - 29	PASTOR MIKE AND FAMILY AT NACA
	VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY IN
	DAYTON TN
OCT 28 -	TOM & NANCY PUGH'S ANNIVERSARY
	ABIGAIL SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
OCT 30 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	HOME MISSION OFFERING

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will be partaking of the Sacrament of Communion during the worship service on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We also receive three new members that day. Please plan on coming to help celebrate the Lord's goodness.

### FALL FESTIVAL

#### Game Night / Hot Dog Roast

We will gather for a fun Fall Festival and game night on Friday, October 21, from 6:30-8:30 pm. This will be a time of fellowship, food, and games. We will have board games and puzzles as well as hot dogs and marshmallows to cook on the fire. Please join us. And bring a friend!

### COLLECTION FOR

#### AMAZING GRACE FOOD PANTRY

The Sunday school will continue to collect food items for Amazing Grace Food Pantry through October 9<sup>th</sup>. The food bank needs canned meat (Tuna, Chicken, Spam) canned vegetables, Spaghetti sauce, Canned Ravioli / Spaghetti, Knorr packets of pasta side dishes, Instant mashed potatoes, Pancake syrup, Mac & Cheese, packaged cookies.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> and will end on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday school will provide plastic shoeboxes as in the past. The Mission Committee will be paying for the postage again this year. For more information contact Jeanie Spaid.

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

#### A Blessing in the World

In Matthew chapter 5, Jesus teaches us what it means to be a true disciple of Christ. A disciple that's in the world but not of the world. We are called to live a life set-apart. This means we live as a community, distinct from the world yet accessible to those around us. After all, God calls us to be a blessing as we live in His world.

Chapter 5 of Matthew begins with a section of scripture we call the Beatitudes. Each saying begins with 'Blessed are,' followed by a description of the attitude of a true disciple. Each Beatitude is coupled with a promise of blessing. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Of course, these are not short-term blessings. They aren't even earthly, monetary, or physical blessings. Each is a future, spiritual blessing everyone who loves God is guaranteed. However, even though these blessings are meant to be enjoyed in their fullness only in the future, the disciple of Christ is called to live out these attitudes in the here and now. That's because there's a connection between our being blessed by God and the effect that blessing has on the world.

In verses 11-12, Jesus tells us that even when we are persecuted, we should count it as a blessing. This is because the persecution reveals we are united to God by showing that we receive the same treatment His prophets experienced. And just as His prophets proclaimed God's message to the people of their day, we are meant to spread the message of the gospel to the people of our day. As Jesus continues His discourse in verses 13-16, we see how this is possible with two relatively simple examples. The first is the effect salt has when used correctly. There are two uses for salt that haven't changed since the time of Christ, flavoring and preserving. Salt is either used to bring out the flavors of food during cooking or to preserve food (think of country ham). So first, we are meant to be salt in the world. Second, we are to be light in the world. Everyone knows how good light is, especially on those nights when clouds cover the sky, and there's no moon. Light allows us to see and find our way without having to grope around in the darkness.

Of course, salt and light are useless if they aren't serving their purpose. If salt loses its saltiness, it's only good to be thrown out. Likewise, if a light is hidden under a basket, the illumination it's supposed to provide is diminished and ineffective. For a disciple of Christ, this is a reminder of how effective we can be when we're in the world even though we're not of the world. When we're interacting with the world we act as salt and light. Flavoring the world around us and shining the light of the gospel on the world's need of the Savior.

We are meant to "function in society as an alternative and challenging community." A community whose flavor and brightness are tasty and inviting. It's a community where others can see God is glorified through good works. As disciples of Christ, we are not meant to cut ourselves off from those who don't know Jesus. Instead, we are to pour the flavor of Christ on them and into their communities. We are not meant to hide the light of Christ inside the church but instead take the light out into the world. By this, every disciple will be blessed by God and made a blessing in the world!

~ Pastor Mike