
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

February 2023

Happy Valentine's Day
February 14th



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FEB 3 - SHARIE ECKENRODE'S BIRTHDAY
- FEB 4 - ERIC REID'S BIRTHDAY
- FEB 5 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
LADIES FELLOWSHIP MEETING
- FEB 6 - TOM JENKINS' BIRTHDAY
BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- FEB 8 - HARRY SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
- FEB 9 - PRAYER MEETING AT CHURCH 6:30 - 7:30 PM
ROSIE REID'S BIRTHDAY
- FEB 12 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
LARUE KUMP'S BIRTHDAY
- FEB 13 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- FEB 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY
- FEB 16 - PRAYER MEETING AT LARUE'S HOUSE
4 - 5 PM
- FEB 19 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
PHIL CASH'S BIRTHDAY
- FEB 20 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- FEB 23 - PRAYER MEETING AT CHURCH 6:30 - 7:30 PM
- FEB 26 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- FEB 27 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
HILDA SECRIST'S BIRTHDAY
HILDA & DAN'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

BACKPACK MINISTRY

For our portion of the Backpack Ministry, we delivered backpacks to the Capon Bridge Middle and Elementary schools during the month of December. Our next rotation will be in May and we would greatly appreciate any help that anyone is able to give us. Our plan is to pack all three weeks on May 1st.

Sunday School Continues Discussion on "from Embers to a Flame" book

During Sunday school we will continue to study and discuss the book "from Embers to a Flame", which began on January 8th and continues through April 2nd.

BIBLE TRIVIA

What priest in the Old Testament was also a king? (Hint: He is also mentioned as having no mother or father).

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 comments and suggestions.
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PASTOR'S PEN

Transforming Glory

We're four weeks into our study, praying that the transforming power of the Holy Spirit will revitalize our faith and turn any burning coals into a visible fire. We've been having fruitful discussions so far as we lay the framework that will allow us to analyze what we're doing and how we do it. And the more people we have involved in the discussion, the better. One coal by itself will never make a fire. If you've ever used charcoal for grilling, then you know this is true.

A pastor was once preparing to do the grilling at the church picnic. Of course, he was using charcoal briquettes! While he was getting the fire ready, the pastor was talking to one of the men of the congregation. He was trying to get him involved in the men's group. This man didn't see any pressing necessity to be in a relationship with the other men. After starting the fire earlier, the briquettes were burning quite well now. As they continued talking, the pastor took one briquette that was on fire and set it off to the side. It wasn't long before the briquette cooled, and the fire disappeared.

About that time, he pointed out the briquette to the young man and said, you will never be able to stay on fire if you're all by yourself. Then he put the briquette back with the rest. It wasn't long before the single coal was alive with fire again.

We've had excellent attendance over the first four weeks of our study on being revitalized. My prayer is that this continues. Hopefully, those who are attending are finding the discussions thought-provoking and beneficial. But if you're not attending, it's not too late. Like the briquettes used for outdoor grilling, every coal added to the fire helps to produce a better flame. And it doesn't take long for each coal to be transformed from a smoldering cold black mess to a beautiful glowing red productive part of the fire.

In 2 Corinthians 3, the Apostle Paul tells us just how transforming the power of God is in connection with the gospel. In verse 7, Paul wrote about how the glory of God affected Moses at the giving of the Law. If you remember, when Moses came off the mountain, his face shone so brightly that he had to wear a veil. Paul goes on to ask if the glory of the Law was so great, even though it was passing away, shouldn't the giving of the gospel come with even more glory?

Then he writes this in 1 Corinthians 3:17-18, *"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."* As we seek to be transformed by the gospel, we must rely on the work of the Spirit. We must trust in God's promise that it will take place. One degree at a time! We may not see it happening overnight, but we know it will be happening.

The transforming power of God will take us into glory. It isn't about having more people. Instead, it's about seeing the unveiled glory of Jesus in the gospel message of the New Testament. This is the only message that can take a lonely smoldering coal and make it glow again with a renewed flame. We'll be talking soon about the power of the gospel to transform us. And we'll be looking at how that transformation should affect our church. I pray that each of you will see the importance of being part of the conversation.

~ Pastor Mike