
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

March 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAR 2 - ELIAS BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
- MAR 4 - CODY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
- MAR 5 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- MAR 6 - NO BIBLE STUDY
- MAR 9 - PRAYER MEETING (CHURCH) 6:30 – 7:30 PM
- MAR 10 - PREPARE FOR BREAKFAST 6:30 PM
- MAR 11 - HOSPICE BREAKFAST 7:30 – 10:30 AM
- MAR 12 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
- MAR 13 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- MAR 15 - MABEL DAVIS'S BIRTHDAY
- MAR 16 - PRAYER MEETING (LARUE'S) 4 – 5 PM
- MAR 18 - COLTON SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
- MAR 19 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
QUARTERLY DEACONS MEETING
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE
- MAR 20 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- MAR 23 - PRAYER MEETING (CHURCH) 6:30 – 7:30 PM
BETTY LARRICK'S BIRTHDAY
- MAR 25 - LADIES BRUNCH 10 AM – 12 PM
MARY BILLINGS'S BIRTHDAY
- MAR 26 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
HOME MISSION OFFERING
QUARTERLY TRUSTEES MEETING
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE
- MAR 27 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- MAR 28 - GREG KENNEY'S BIRTHDAY
CHRIS & LUCY ORNDORFF'S ANNIVERSARY
- MAR 30 - COURTNEY MEADOWS BIRTHDAY

BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT HOSPICE OF THE PANHANDLE

On Saturday, March 11, from 7:30 am – 10:30 am, the deacons will be having a Pancake breakfast, where all the receipts will benefit Hospice of the Panhandle. We will be serving both buttermilk and old fashioned buckwheat pancakes, bacon, sausage, sausage gravy, fresh fruit and applesauce, coffee, juice, cocoa, etc. Carry out will be available. Representatives from Hospice will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on services offered by them. The cost for the breakfast will be a donation to Hospice. We welcome anyone from the congregation who would like to help. We will be gathering on Friday evening, March 10th, around 6:30 pm to prepare for the next day and again at 6:00 am on Saturday, March 11th.

BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWER

The answer to last month's Bible Trivia Question was Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18 and Hebrews 7:3). Congratulations to Dwayne & Dawnna Seldon, Charlie Macomber and Phil & Barbara Haeussler, who gave us the correct answer.

LADIES BRUNCH

The ladies will be gathering for a brunch on March 25th from 10 am to 12 pm at Mary's parents new home off Hooks Mill Road. More information on food/directions, will be available later.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.
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PASTOR'S PEN

Bearing the Image of God

During the six days of creation, the pinnacle of God's work was the creation of mankind. Genesis chapter 1 relates how God created everything out of nothing. First, the sequence of events moves from light to the expanse called the heavens. Then comes the separating of the waters and the creation of vegetation. Next, God creates the stars in the heavens, the sun, the moon, and all kinds of creatures, big and small. Finally, on the sixth day, after God had created all the land animals, He had one last task. He would create mankind, both male and female, in His image. Mankind then became the pinnacle of God's creative work, designed to bear the image of God.

This special status is what differentiates us from other animals. Our value, dignity, and calling are wrapped up in the fact that we bear the image of our creator. This doctrine that we are divinely created to bear the image of God is unique to the bible. Pagan religions view mankind as made to be slaves to the gods. In those myths, only particular classes of people, like Pharaohs, bear the image of a god. In the bible, it's not a select few created with dignity. Instead, every person bears the image of God. Imagine Israel, after 400 years of slavery in Egypt, learning they were not created to be slaves but made to be bearers of the image of their heavenly Father. This would have a significant impact on how they viewed themselves. It should also help us view ourselves and others in light of how God created us.

In the Westminster Shorter Catechism, we're told that in the beginning, God created Adam and Eve and put them in the garden, a picture of perfection. They bore the image of God in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness to rule over the other creatures. In this perfection, Adam and Eve enjoyed an unencumbered relationship with God and one another. However, it didn't take long for sin to enter the world. After that, every relationship was marred by sin. Cornelius Plantinga calls it the "Vandalism of Shalom." No longer would there be an overwhelming sense of peace or blessing as sin affected every aspect of God's creation. However, even though the image of God in man has been marred by the fall, it has not been erased. Sinful creatures may distort God's image, but it is not altogether removed.

As we are faced with understanding the value of human life, we must find our value in the declaration that we bear the image of our creator. Our worth is not found in our physical abilities (or appearance), and our value is not to be measured by our higher thinking skills. We have been assigned value, dignity, and purpose because we bear the stamp of the image of God. This must affect how we view the unborn, the disabled, and the aged. Everyone must cherish, from birth to death, each person created in God's image. We dare not assign value based on anything other than the worth given to us by the one who made us.

As part of humanity, each of us has been given a special place in God's creation that honors us as unique. I encourage you to view yourself and others as image bearers of God. Find your value, dignity, and purpose in Him who created you. Then live out the worth and dignity that comes from being part of the pinnacle of God's creation.

~ Pastor Mike