
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

April 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APR 2 - PALM SUNDAY
10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
- APR 3 - LUCILLE SELDON'S BIRTHDAY
LORRI VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
10 AM BIBLE STUDY
- APR 6 - PRAYER MEETING (LARUE'S) 4 - 5 PM
- APR 8 - MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 AM (HAYFIELD)
(SEE ARTICLE)
- APR 9 - EASTER SUNDAY (SEE ARTICLE)
7:00 AM EASTER MORNING SERVICE
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW
10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
COMMUNION SERVICE
PATRICK CASH & MARY BILLINGS
ANNIVERSARY
- APR 10 - 10 AM BIBLE STUDY
- APR 13 - PRAYER MEETING (CHURCH) 6:30 - 7:30 PM
- APR 16 - 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
COUNCIL MEETING (SEE ARTICLE)
- APR 17 - 10 AM BIBLE STUDY
- APR 19 - NANCY PUGH'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 22 - RUBY LA FOLLETTE'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 23 - 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
PASTOR MIKE ON VACATION
(SEE ARTICLE)
- APR 24 - NO BIBLE STUDY
- APR 26 - TIM AND ELIZABETH WINGFIELD'S
ANNIVERSARY
GINGER BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 27 - PRAYER MEETING (LARUE'S) 4 - 5 PM
- APR 29 - EARL THOMPSON'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 30 - 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

HOSPICE BREAKFAST

This year we had a very successful Saturday for our Hospice Breakfast with a great turnout. We are pleased to report that the community was very supportive. We served approximately 125 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. Our contribution to them of \$2,500.00 was the most that we have collected in our 12 years of doing the breakfast.

QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING

The quarterly council meeting of the church will be held on Sunday, April 16th following the worship service. 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 April 12th. For consistency, the treasurer's reports should be a year-to-date accounting through March 31st. They can be emailed to the church at timberidgechristianchurch@gmail.com or hand delivered. The meeting should last no longer than an hour.

We welcome any articles, comments or suggestions.
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Easter Sunday Services

We hope that you will invite friends and family to our Easter Sunday services on April 9th.

Outside Sunrise Service 7:00 am

Light Refreshments follow

Sunday School 10:00 am

Worship Service 11:00 am

(communion)

Please plan to bring flowers to decorate the sanctuary on Easter and then take them back home to enjoy after worship.

GUEST MINISTER

Pastor Mike and Lorri will be traveling to Colorado and Arizona from April 18th to April 25th and our guest minister will be Rev. Steve Logan. Rev. Logan has been with us many times in the past and we look forward to his visit with us this time as well.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES

We would like to extend a very Blessed 98th Birthday wish to Lucille Seldon on April 3rd. If you would like to honor her with a card, her address is E A Hawse Nursing & Rehab, 18086 State Rt 55, Baker WV 26801.

MEN'S BREAKFAST/WORKDAY

The Men's Group will meet on Saturday, April 8th for breakfast at Hayfield Restaurant at 7:30 am then proceed to the church where a group will do some clean up at the church and some will go to help Ruritan with their chicken sale.

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PASTOR'S PEN

Parables

Everyone likes a good story and a good storyteller. Reading or listening to a well-told tale beats studying a chart of facts. That's because a good story makes facts more memorable. Nowhere is this more important than when you're trying to teach others moral truths about our world. The Tortoise and the Hare serve as a great example, teaching slow and steady wins the race. This echoes the beginning of Ecclesiastes 9:11 "Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift." Jesus was a great storyteller, well-known for using parables to teach moral truths about God's kingdom.

A parable literally means something 'cast alongside.' It's a story cast alongside one truth and meant to illustrate a deeper truth. It's not an allegory. Not everything in the story must have a one-on-one relation to something in real life. Jesus told parables using ordinary situations people were familiar with to point to the eternal truths they were confused about. Specifically, Jesus told parables to help people understand the coming of the kingdom, salvation, wisdom and folly, the Christian life, and judgment.

The Sower and the Soils parable from Matthew 13 is about the coming of the kingdom of God. The Sower comes with the message of the gospel and finds that just like throwing seed on different soils, the reaction of those hearing the gospel message differs depending on the state of the 'soil' of their heart.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard, found in Matthew 20, focuses on salvation. Everyone in the first century would have understood the worker / hireling setting. Although some worked twelve hours and some only the last hour, each received the same pay. Those who worked the longest felt they had been treated unjustly (the idea that if you worked hard for God, He owed you was common in Israel at this point). Salvation isn't like that. God owes no one. There is another point to mention. Best to heed the owner's call and come to work early because the day will end, and the master will settle accounts.

Luke 12 offers us a parable of Wisdom and Folly. In a world where material possessions take center stage in life, Jesus warns against the folly of greed. In this parable, a man amasses a great deal of wealth through grain production. Without a place to store his grain, he thought about building larger barns. In this parable, Jesus shows that the misuse of wealth is foolish. The rich man pursues something perishable while refusing to pursue something eternal. A wise person will be rich toward God.

Living rightly as a Christian is portrayed by Jesus in Matthew 21 with the parable of the Two Sons. Their father asks them to work in the vineyard. One son says he won't but then goes and works. The other son says he will but then doesn't go. The point is made quickly in this parable. Which son did what the father asked him to do? Jesus says that the one who went did the father's will. Remember, at this point in time, the tax collectors and prostitutes were responding to the call of the gospel while those in Israel refused. Which son are you?

The final group of parables to look at centers on the coming Judgement. In Luke 16, Jesus tells of a rich man and a poor beggar named Lazarus. When they die, we find Lazarus in heaven and the rich man in hell. There is no second chance for either of them. Are you ready?

The parables of Jesus offer us a rich look into how God views the world, how we should live in the world, and what to expect when this world ends. May each of us find wisdom and understanding in the parables of Jesus.

~ Pastor Mike