
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

May 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAY 1- 9 AM BACK PACK PREPARATION
(SEE ARTICLE)
10 AM BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 2- DWAYNE SELDON'S BIRTHDAY
- MAY 4- PRAYER MEETING (CHURCH) 6:30 – 7:30 PM
- MAY 7- 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
- MAY 8- 10 AM BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 11- NO PRAYER MEETING
- MAY 14- 8:30 AM MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST
(SEE ARTICLE)
10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
- MAY 15- 10 AM BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 18- PRAYER MEETING (LARUE'S) 4-5 PM
- MAY 21- 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
- MAY 22- 10 AM BIBLE STUDY
PASTOR MIKE AND LORRI'S WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY
- MAY 25- PRAYER MEETING (CHURCH) 6:30 – 7:30 PM
- MAY 28- 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
HOME MISSION OFFERING
BRIAN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
- MAY 29- MEMORIAL DAY
NO BIBLE STUDY

BACKPACK PREPARATION

Preparation for our rotation of the Backpack Ministry will be on Monday, May 1st beginning at 9 am. The plan is to prepare all three weeks on that date and delivered accordingly. Any help is greatly appreciated. Plastic bags are always appreciated.

MOTHERS DAY SERVICE

As part of our Mother's Day celebration on May 14th, we will be having our annual Mother's Day Breakfast beginning at 8:30 am. The men who will be preparing the meal will need to be there by 7 am. For the worship service, we will continue our tradition of placing flowers in the sanctuary in memory or honor of our mothers. If you wish to participate in this tribute to our mothers, please contact Alan or Ginger, at church, by email or by phone as listed below by May 7th so that we may include it in the bulletin for that Sunday.

MENS GROUP PROJECTS

The Men's Group is planning to prepare the Mother's Day breakfast, work on the church sign on Rt 259, and finish painting the cemetery fence. Watch the bulletin for further details.

We welcome any articles, comments or suggestions.
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PASTOR'S PEN

One Task Many Gifts

When Paul wrote to the Corinthians, he addressed many misconceptions concerning the Christian life. Not only did he need to correct their misunderstanding of what he had taught them, but he also needed to correct how their theology worked itself out in the community. Only when they had the proper foundation would they be able to work together for the good of God's kingdom and His glory.

In 1 Corinthians 12:4, Paul addressed the misunderstanding the Corinthians had when it came to spiritual gifts. He wrote, *"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone."*

In Corinth, as in many other cultures worldwide, and spanning the ages, people have been enamored with certain character qualities. Sometimes these qualities, like charisma, make someone good in politics. Other times education is the quality that causes someone to be promoted in society. Einstein may be a fair example. Visionaries like Elon Musk occasionally rise to the top of the societal ladder in fame and wealth. Sadly, the idea that some character qualities make you more important invaded the church at Corinth. It wasn't wealth, education, or charisma; it was spiritual gifts that caused this division. And Paul makes it clear that the Holy Spirit knows nothing of division in the church.

Although there are a variety of activities, there is only one God who empowers them all!

This is an excellent reminder for us as we begin moving toward ministering within our community. Our church has a variety of people with a variety of gifts. This isn't by chance! God has given each one of us the spiritual gifts we need to minister to others in our context. He has placed us here at Timber Ridge Christian church so that we can contribute to the overall ministry God has ordained for us. That means there are no insignificant contributions. Every person at Timber Ridge is here for a reason and is called to apply your spiritual gifting to our ministry.

If you read the rest of 1 Corinthians 12, you'll find that Paul likens spiritual gifts to a body. The foot is not less important than the hand, and the ear is not less important than the eye. Each part is invaluable. We each know this instinctively. And now is the time for us to put this doctrine to practical use, knowing that each gift from God comes with power. God empowers the believer to use the spiritual gift they are endowed with.

When you ask yourself, "What is my spiritual gifting?" ask yourself, "What is it I love to do?" "Where do I find my deepest fulfillment?" God is not asking you to accomplish tasks that He hasn't prepared you for. So, as you start asking yourself how you can serve, begin where you see the joy of serving. Then move out from that initial point. God has blessed every believer with spiritual gifts and the power to use them. May each of us contribute all that God has given us so that He will be glorified, and His kingdom will grow.

~ Pastor Mike