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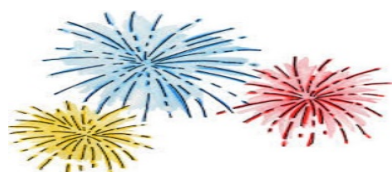
# TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

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July 2022

### HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY



### RURITAN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The annual Ruritan Fourth of July Celebration will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> at Ruritan Park beginning with the Car Show. Most of the activities that have been a part of the celebration over the years will be returning with the relaxation of the Covid restrictions. Please plan to attend as we get back to some form of normal activity. Anyone who would like to volunteer to serve food or help with the auction would be greatly appreciated.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 3 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	COMMUNION SERVICE
JULY 4 -	RURITAN CELEBRATION AT YELLOW
	SPRING (SEE ARTICLE)
	JOANN THOMPSON'S BIRTHDAY
	NO BIBLE STUDY
JULY 7 -	HEIDI VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 10 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	GUEST MINISTER – STEVE LOGAN
JULY 11 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
JULY 12 -	ERIC & SUZANNE REID'S ANNIVERSARY
JULY 13 -	KAY KLINE'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 14 -	PRAYER MEETING 6:30 PM
JULY 17 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
JULY 18 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
JULY 22 -	CHRIS ORNDORFF'S BIRTHDAY
	MONICA CASH'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 24 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
JULY 25 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
JULY 28 -	PRAYER MEETING 6:30 PM
	JOHN REID'S BIRTHDAY

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will be having a communion service on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. during the morning worship service. The Pastors Pen this month gives us a reminder of how we can be "In Christ" with communion.

### GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go out to Grace VanDerLinden on her high school graduation. She will be attending Grove City College studying to be an Elementary Education major.

*"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

### Men's Group

If you know of anyone in the community who is in need of help with any projects please feel free to reach out to Tom Jenkins or Patrick Cash.

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

#### Communion In Christ

As I preach through Ephesians, the theme of being 'In Christ' will serve as our foundation. As we learned in chapter 1, every spiritual blessing is delivered to us through Him. Nowhere is this truer than when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. When you come to the Lord's Table as a believer, you celebrate your union with Jesus in the deepest possible way.

In 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Paul sets out the gospel message as he writes. "Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, **2** and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. **3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, **4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." The very grounds of the union you celebrate at the Lord's Table are the death and resurrection of your Savior. The death of Jesus reminds us of our need, while the resurrection points us to the goal of our new life, 'In Christ.'

Each of us stands guilty before a Holy God and therefore subject to the just punishment of eternal separation from Him. Your need was so great that only the death of the eternal Son of God could satisfy your debt. And Jesus did make satisfaction for you. At the cross, God Almighty laid your iniquities on Him. The cup is a reminder that the blood of Jesus made atonement for your sins. The bread we eat testifies to the body of Jesus given for you – to make you holy. Paul says this is a message of first importance. For without the death and resurrection of Jesus, we would be without hope.

But Jesus did die for you. The Son of God was raised from the dead! The first part brings you salvation, and the second verifies its effectiveness. The Lord's supper is a celebration of fellowship with God. As Dr. Howard Griffith wrote, "The Lord's Supper seals the sacrifice, once offered on the cross, to believers. The Supper is the meal of the fellowship of blessing with God, achieved by Jesus' bloodshedding. Its focus is not "elements" of bread and wine, but Jesus' death for us, which they show."

This fellowship of blessing declares that when you are 'In Christ,' you have all the benefits that Paul mentions in Ephesians. You are chosen, redeemed, forgiven, made holy and blameless, adopted into the family of God, and sealed with the Holy Spirit as you wait to acquire possession of your inheritance. Paraphrasing The Belgic confession, "This feast is a spiritual table, at which Christ communicates himself with all his benefits to us so that we can enjoy both himself and the merits of his sufferings and death: nourishing, strengthening, and comforting our poor comfortless souls with these elements."

The Lord's Table unites blessing, fellowship, forgiveness, and salvation. When you partake of the Sacrament, you are fed a tangible reminder that you are 'In Christ.' Allow the Sacrament to be a blessing by feeding on Jesus and understanding all that it means to be made holy In Him!

~ Pastor Mike