
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

July 2023

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JULY 2- SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
GUEST SPEAKER JAMES MURPHY
- JULY 3 – NO BIBLE STUDY
- JULY 4 - RURITAN CELEBRATION AT YELLOW
SPRING (SEE ARTICLE)
JOANN THOMPSON'S BIRTHDAY
- JULY 6 - PRAYER AT CHURCH 6:30-7:30 PM
- JULY 7 - HEIDI VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
- JULY 8 – LADIES MEET FROM 11 AM – 1 PM
MEN MEET AT 7:30 AM
- JULY 9 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
COMMUNION SERVICE
- JULY 10 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- JULY 12 - ERIC & SUZANNE REID'S ANNIVERSARY
- JULY 13 – KAY KLINE'S BIRTHDAY
PRAYER AT LARUE'S 4- 5 PM
- JULY 16 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
GUEST MINISTER – STEVE LOGAN
- JULY 17 – NO BIBLE STUDY
- JULY 20 – NO PRAYER MEETING
- JULY 22 - CHRIS ORNDORFF'S BIRTHDAY
MONIKA CASH'S BIRTHDAY
- JULY 23 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP
- JULY 24 - NO BIBLE STUDY
- JULY 27 – NO PRAYER MEETING
- JULY 30 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
COUNCIL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP
- JULY 31 – BIBLE STUDY 10 AM

RURITAN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The annual Ruritan Fourth of July Celebration will be held on the 4th at Ruritan Park beginning with the Car Show. Please plan to attend and support our community! Anyone who would like to volunteer to serve food or help with the auction would be greatly appreciated.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will be having a communion service on July 9th, during the morning worship service. Please take time to meditate on the grace offered to you in this Sacrament as you prepare to be fed by Christ.

GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go out to Cody Smith, and Heidi VanDerLinden on their high school graduations.

*“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*

Ladies Fellowship

The Ladies will meet next Saturday, July 8th, from 11 am – 1 pm at Dawnna Seldon's house in Winchester. Please bring your own brown bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Men's Group

The men will meet for breakfast at Hayfield Family restaurant on July 8th at 7:30. Then some of us will take the church sign down for painting.

Congregational Meeting

We will vote on New Members July 23rd. Lorri, Grace, and Heidi VanDerLinden along with Mike Waterworth.

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

Feeding Joy

One day, not long ago, I skipped eating lunch. I didn't have much for breakfast either. I did eat something around lunchtime, a single-serving bag of trail mix and a piece of cherry pie (sometimes leftovers in the fridge are a welcome find). Even though I didn't have much food, I did drink lots of coffee. It all caught up to me just before dinner. Have you ever found yourself starved for something needful? It could be food, water, or companionship you feel you're missing. Has it ever been joy?

Our body needs nourishment. However, the body doesn't need only physical calories. Every person needs emotional sustenance too. It's what allows Paul to say, in 2 Corinthians 7:4, that he is overflowing with joy, even amid great afflictions. Paul had a joy that was grounded in who Christ is, not what was going on in his life. The Apostle's joy is tied to Christ's faithful promises. And it made Paul steadfast, immovable, and extremely useful in the kingdom of God.

What is the link between joy and service? The answer is union with Christ. John Piper writes, "Maintaining our joy or our satisfaction, our contentment in God is essential because without it we will be swept away from Christ with affections for other things." So, how do we maintain our joy? We feed it. Just like you feed your body food, you must feed your body the necessary ingredients to produce joy. So, what are they?

First, feed yourself on the promise that the fruit of the Spirit includes joy. The list in Galatians 5:22 is not a list of nine different fruits as if you could have six and lack the other three. When God gives you His Holy Spirit, you receive every trait of the fruit listed. In Romans 14:17, we read, "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." Again, joy is a gift given to every member of the kingdom of God. Joy is also a product of faith. In Romans 15:13, we find this call for blessing, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. What's amazing is that not only do you receive joy from God through His Spirit, but you also get joy through serving with other believers. 2 Corinthians 1:24 says, "Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith." Finally, you can even find joy through suffering. We're told in James 1:2-4 "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, **3** for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. **4** And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

My guess is that you will eat a meal today, and tomorrow, and the next day. I would encourage you to feed joy too! Meditate on what it means to be filled with the joy of the Spirit. Recognize that faith comes with and produces joy. Serve alongside another believer (or two), feeding your joy in the Lord. Think of it as having lunch together! And know this, even in trials, God will use them to feed your joy. May each of us be nourished in joy as we feed on the promises of God.

~ Pastor Mike