
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

April 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APR 3 - LUCILLE SELDON'S 99TH BIRTHDAY
LORRI VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 4 - PRAYER MEETING (CHURCH) 6:30-7:30 PM
- APR 7 - 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION BEGINS
- APR 8 - 10 AM BIBLE STUDY
- APR 9 - PATRICK CASH & MARY BILLINGS
ANNIVERSARY
- APR 13 - MEN'S BREAKFAST 8 AM (HAYFIELD)
- APR 14 - 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
COUNCIL MEETING (SEE ARTICLE)
- APR 15 - 10 AM BIBLE STUDY
- APR 18 - PRAYER MEETING (CHURCH) 6:30-7:30 PM
- APR 19 - NANCY PUGH'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 21 - 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
- APR 22 - 10 AM BIBLE STUDY
RUBY LA FOLLETTE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY
- APR 25 - PRAYER MEETING (LARUE'S) 4 - 5 PM
- APR 26 - TIM AND ELIZABETH WINGFIELD'S
ANNIVERSARY
GINGER BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
- APR 28 - 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON FOLLOWS
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION ENDS
- APR 29 - 10 AM BIBLE STUDY
EARL THOMPSON'S BIRTHDAY

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 115 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. During the breakfast, we collected \$2,115 from donations. The Mission Committee has agreed to add enough to make our total contribution to them \$2,500.00.

QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING

The quarterly council meeting of the church will be held on Sunday, April 14th 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 10th. 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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SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

We would like to extend a very Blessed 99th 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.

Also, we wish Ruby La Follette a special 90th Birthday wish on April 22nd. If you would like to honor her with a card, her address is 5808 Back Creek Road, High View WV 26808.

APRIL 28TH FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

We have been wanting to schedule a fifth Sunday luncheon now for some time, but it always seems that other events have prevented it from happening. The most recent fifth Sunday fell on Easter Sunday, so we have decided to plan an after-church luncheon for Sunday, April 28th following the worship service. As usual the church will furnish the meat and we ask that you bring a favorite side dish or dessert (not required though).

CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF OUR FORMER PASTOR

Sadly, we acknowledge God's providence with the passing of our former pastor, the Reverend Gregory R Kenney. Greg served our church as pastor from 1991 until his retirement in 2014, a total of 23 years. Greg leaves behind Jean, his wife of 32 years. two stepchildren, two sisters, a brother and numerous nieces and nephews. We extend our prayers and Christian sympathy to Jean and the family.

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PASTOR'S PEN

Resurrection Power

When the New Year begins, you hear a lot about making resolutions as people attempt to make life changes. These diet, exercise, or quiet time changes have varying success rates. Sometimes, the changes last for months, weeks, sometimes just days. You may have made resolutions in January, or you haven't. I wonder if you've ever considered Easter a time for change. As we celebrate Easter, we celebrate the one event that caused the most significant change in history: the Resurrection of Jesus. The Resurrection changed everything.

The world, which had been living in darkness since the fall, was now seeing the effects of the coming of the Son of Man, who brought the Light of God to the world. In the Resurrection, we see the Son's obedience rewarded, the sacrifice of Jesus accepted by God, and the sting of death done away with for believers as they are now fully accepted by God. However, this is only some of it! Not only does the Resurrection's power save believers, but it is now at work in every child of God to change them daily.

In Philippians 3:7-11 the Apostle Paul writes, "But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his Resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the Resurrection from the dead."

Paul begins this section by telling us that whatever he thought was valuable before; he now realizes all that stuff was rubbish compared to knowing Christ. He now sees that eternal life in a resurrected body and living with Jesus is the only prize worth pursuing. But he's not waiting to enjoy or experience the power of the Resurrection only in the future. He sees that the power of the Resurrection affects the very life that he now lives. In Romans 8:10-11 Paul writes, " But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."

The point Paul is making as he deals with life, death, and the Resurrection is this: He wants every believer to have a daily experience of dying due to their natural tendency to avoid suffering and live instead for Christ. Paul wants you to live a life that has not only been changed permanently by meeting the Lord but is also changing daily as the Holy Spirit sanctifies you and makes you more like Jesus. Paul longs to know the power of the Resurrection to change him, and he wants you to know it, too! As you move past Easter, may you be changed forever by the Resurrection. May that one great change bring about a thousand other changes as you grow in the love of Christ. The world has never been the same. Easter did change everything. And that change is meant to be known and experienced every day as you live for Christ!

~ Pastor Mike

2024 Officers

3 Year office

Trustees

Kay Kline 2024
Ed Kline 2025 – Chair person

Elizabeth Wingfield 2024
*Patrick Cash 2026
*Phil Whitacre 2026

Deacons

Alan Brill 2024
Phil Haeussler 2025

Joan Whitacre 2024
Jeanie Spaid 2025 – Chair person

1 Year office

Church Clerk

* Lorri VanDerLinden

Church Treasurer

Tom Jenkins
Nancy Pugh, Assistant

Members at Large

Phyllis Bishop
Mary Billings

Angela Jennings
*Harry Spaid

Mission Committee

Ruby La Follette
Joan Whitacre
Bonnie Rehm

Choir Director

Ruby La Follette

Pianists

Ruby La Follette
Nancy Pugh
Joan Whitacre

Auditors

Barbara Haeussler
Phyllis Bishop

Ushers

Harry Spaid
Galen Spaid
Shelva Switzer

Church Council Members

Pastor – Mike VanDerLinden
Clerk – Lorri VanDerLinden
Church Treasurer – Tom Jenkins
Deacons – Jeanie Spaid
Trustees – Ed Kline
Missions – Ruby LaFollette
Sunday school – Barbara Haeussler
Ladies’ fellowship – Ginger Brill
Men’s fellowship – Patrick Cash

Members at large

Phyllis Bishop
Mary Billings
Angela Jennings
Harry Spaid