
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

June 2024

ANNUAL HOMECOMING/MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our annual Homecoming/Memorial Service will take place on Sunday, June 16th. Pastor Mike VanDerLinden, will be delivering the message. During the 11 am service we will remember those who have passed away during this year. As usual, a covered dish lunch will follow. Let's not forget that it is also Father's Day!

The Trustees make it a high priority to maintain the cemetery in superior condition, even though the costs for doing so have risen over the last few years. For that reason, a donation to the cemetery fund would be greatly appreciated. Many contribute regularly, and we thank you for your ongoing support.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Group will be meeting for breakfast at Hayfield Restaurant on Saturday, June 15th at 8 am. Following breakfast, the men will be gathering at the church for clean up of the cemetery in preparation for our Homecoming/Memorial Service on June 16th.

"RESTORING AMERICAS CEMETERIES" CLINIC

Our church cemetery was chosen in a 48-state project to restore America's cemeteries. A crew will be on hand on Monday, June 3rd from 9 am to 3 pm to work on this project of cleaning and repairing stones. Anyone is welcome to attend but should bring their own lunch and chairs. More information on the project can be found at <https://48statetour.com/>.

VACATION/PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

During the week of June 5th - 10th Pastor Mike and Lorrie will be away for the wedding of their daughter, Kate. Rev. Bill Barnett will be delivering the message on Sunday, June 9th. From June 11th thru June 14th, they will also be away, attending the PCA General Assembly.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JUNE 2 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
DEACON'S MEETING AFTER WORSHIP
- JUNE 3 - NO BIBLE STUDY
CEMETERY REPAIR CLINIC 9 AM – 3 PM
(SEE ARTICLE)
- JUNE 8 - LADIES FELLOWSHIP MEETING AT CHURCH
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
- JUNE 9 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
REV. BEILL BARNETT GUEST SPEAKER
- JUNE 10 - NO BIBLE STUDY
- JUNE 14 - SHARON JENKIN'S BIRTHDAY
- JUNE 15 - PATRICK CASH'S BIRTHDAY
MEN'S BREAKFAST 8 AM (SEE ARTICLE)
- JUNE 16 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
11 AM ANNUAL MEMORIAL/HOMECOMING
SERVICE FOLLOWED BY COVERED
DISH LUNCH (SEE ARTICLE)
FATHER'S DAY
- JUNE 17 - 10 AM BIBLE STUDY
- JUNE 20 - VBS MEETING IN CAPON BRIDGE
- JUNE 21 - JENNIFER REID'S BIRTHDAY
- JUNE 23 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
TRUSTEE MEETING AFTER WORSHIP
KATE VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
- JUNE 24 - 10 AM BIBLE STUDY
- JUNE 27 - PRAYER MEETING (CHURCH 6:30 – 7:30 PM)
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PASTOR'S PEN

Living in a Real World

If you aren't aware, I record a daily devotion on various biblical topics Monday through Saturday. For the last two weeks and the next five weeks we'll be working through some of the emotions we find the Psalmist dealing with. We are created as emotional beings. This means that emotions are part of our experience. That doesn't mean we each deal with or express our emotions similarly, but we each do have emotions. When life's difficulties press us, those emotions will show up.

These devotions try to point out that our God-given emotions are meant to help us navigate the world in a godly way. Whether it's fear or gladness, guilt or sadness, each emotion is intended to point out something about your situation and then push you toward God as your all-sufficient Lord and Savior.

Take fear, for example, in Psalm 23, David is a sheep, vulnerable to attack, needy, and lost apart from the Shepherd. Yet, as he thinks about his situation, he realizes God is the Good Shepherd. He cares for David's every need. Food, water, rest, direction, and protection are all given under the careful watch of the Good Shepherd. In Psalm 23, there is more than simple protection, too. There is a personal relationship with the Shepherd. He is not far off making sure someone else gets the work done. Instead, David says that the Shepherd is with him. No matter what happens, David is confident that he will have blessings in life and death. David knows that he will dwell with the Lord forever. And this calms his fear.

Fear is a God-given emotion that protects us from danger. The problem arises when you allow the world to distort fear. When that happens, fear can turn to anxiety and an overwhelming dread of the future. The Psalmist helps us deal wisely with fear of the future by reminding us that everyone who trusts in the Lord is secure in Him.

Over the next five weeks, we'll explore a range of emotions, including anger, hurt, joy, and guilt. Last week, we delved into the topic of loneliness. If you haven't had a chance to listen to it, I encourage you to do so on the church website, especially if you've ever experienced loneliness. This week, we'll focus on sadness, an emotion that often signals loss, change, or unfulfilled desires.

Have you ever felt sad? We all have. Whether it's not getting chosen for the school football team or facing the loss of a loved one, sadness can be overwhelming when we allow the world to distort the purpose God intends for this emotion. I encourage everyone to listen to the daily devotion. If you can't, then at least read through the Psalms. When you find sadness in the words of the Psalmist – see how they dealt with their emotions (Psalm 42). Look for the godly principle behind their reaction. Allow God to use their experience to draw you to Himself. And learn how to deal with your emotions in a way that glorifies God and encourages you!

~ Pastor Mike