TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH newsletter

October 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 3 No Prayer meeting Oct 4 - dwain and janet fries wedding anniversary
- OCT 5 BARBARA HAEUSSLER'S BIRTHDAY
- OCT 6 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM, COMMUNION CHASE ALAN BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
- OCT 7 BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- Oct 10 Prayer Meeting (Church) 6:30-7:30 pm grace vanderlinden's birthday
- Oct 12- Men's Breakfast at Hayfield 8 am, work at church until noon
- OCT 13 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- OCT 14 NO BIBLE STUDY COLUMBUS DAY
- OCT 15- LUCY ORNDORFF'S BIRTHDAY
- OCT 16- CAPON BRIDGE FOOTBALL MEAL
- Oct 17 Prayer Meeting (LaRue's) 4-5 pm owen gaver brill's birthday
- OCT 20 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM COUNCIL MEETING AFTER CHURCH SEE ARTICLE
- OCT 21 BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- OCT 22- SUZANNE REID'S BIRTHDAY
- OCT 24 PRAYER MEETING (CHURCH) 6:30-7:30 PM
- OCT 25- HARVEST PARTY GAME NIGHT 6:30-8:30 PM SEE ARTICLE
- OCT 27 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM LADIES MEETING AFTER CHURCH
- OCT 28 BIBLE STUDY 10 AM TOM & NANCY PUGH'S ANNIVERSARY ABIGAIL SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
- Oct 31 No prayer meeting Heads up "daylight savings" ends 11/3

COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will be celebrating the Lords Table on Sunday, October 6th during the worship service. Please plan on coming prepared to celebrate the Lord's goodness.

QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING

The quarterly council meeting of the church will be held on Sunday, October 20 following the worship service. Please provide reports to Pastor Mike by October 16. For consistency, the treasurer's reports should be a year-to-date accounting through September 30. They can be emailed to the church at <u>timberridgechristianchurch@gmail.com</u> or hand delivered. The meeting should last no longer than an hour.

COLLECTION FOR AMAZING GRACE FOOD PANTRY

The Sunday School is promoting our quarterly food drive for Amazing Grace Food Bank. Beginning now through October 13, we will be collecting nonperishable food items. The Food Pantry serves families in the community by providing food and the good news of the gospel.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Sunday School will be collecting shoe box gifts in association with Samaritans Purse. Collections will begin on November 3 and will end on November 17. We will be providing plastic shoeboxes as in the past. The Mission Committee will be paying for the postage again this year. Last year we sent 53 boxes, let's see if we can beat that this year. For more information contact Jeanie Spaid.

JV FOOTBALL TEAM MEAL

We will be serving the Capon Bridge football team pregame meal/snack on October 16. More details to follow.

Harvest Party Game Night

Join us on October 25 at 6:30 pm for game night. Hot dogs and popcorn provided for a fun filled night of games and food.

> We welcome any comments and suggestions. Alan & Ginger Brill, <u>alanbrill1@frontier.com</u> (304) 856-3635

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PASTOR'S PEN

A Time for Reflection

The leaves are beginning to change colors, with some having already falling to the ground. The summer business is slowing down, and even now, you can sense that the arrival of flannel shirts will usher in a more relaxed pace to life. As the seasons change and life slows down, now is a good time to begin to reflect on your spiritual journey over the past year. I want to encourage you to ask yourself a few probing questions: How have I grown spiritually this past year? What is something new I have learned about Jesus? How have I seen God transforming me into the image of Christ? I hope you didn't think this would be an easy assignment!

In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, he speaks of the glory of the New Covenant and the effect it should have on every believer. He uses the shining face of Moses as an example. Paul says that if the Law came at Mount Sinai with such glory in the Old Covenant, even though God knew its glory would pass away when Christ arrived, how much more glorious should the effect of the Gospel be on believers in the New Covenant when Christ ushers in a glory that will never end.

The Law brought condemnation on those subject to the Law. The Gospel frees us from the Law's condemnation by freeing us from its demand. Moses needed to veil his face because the Israelites couldn't bear to look at the glory reflected by his face. But the believer, now freed from the demands of the Law, can boldly proclaim the gospel freedom offered in the promise of forgiveness for sins.

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

Every believer can now behold the glory of the Lord in Jesus Christ! In beholding that glory, each believer is being transformed into the image of Christ, one degree at a time. You aren't accomplishing this. It's being worked out in you by the Holy Spirit. Like a child who grows slowly over time, it may be that you haven't noticed how much you've grown this past year. I encourage you to look closer. When Grandparents visit only once or twice a year, they immediately notice how much a child has grown. When you take time to see where you were ten months ago and where you are now, you may not be as far as you like, but you should see growth.

Fall will turn to Winter, and soon, another year will be gone. The changing seasons of the yearly cycle remind us of God's faithfulness to bring about change, not only in creation but also in His people. As the days get cooler and quieter, may you be able to assess how far you've come and praise God for His faithfulness.