
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

January 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JAN 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR
- JAN 3 - PHIL WHITACRE'S BIRTHDAY
- JAN 5 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
COMMUNION SERVICE
UNDECORATE CHURCH
RURITAN'S SENIOR'S PARTY
- JAN 6 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- JAN 7 - LINDA OATES' BIRTHDAY
- JAN 9 - PRAYER MEETING (CHURCH) 6:30-7:30 PM
- JAN 10 - BRIAN BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
- JAN 12 - MOLLY MCVICKER'S BIRTHDAY
- JAN 11 - MEN'S BREAKFAST- HAYFIELD 8 AM
- JAN 12 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FOLLOWS WORSHIP SERVICE
- JAN 13 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- JAN 15 - PHIL & MONIKA CASH'S ANNIVERSARY
- JAN 16 - PAT & GLENDA DOUSA 59TH ANNIVERSARY
& PAT'S 92ND BIRTHDAY
- JAN 19 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- JAN 20 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- JAN 21 - GALEN AND JEANIE SPAID'S ANNIVERSARY
- JAN 23 - PRAYER MEETING (LARUE'S) 4 - 5 PM
ROLAND LAFOLLETTE'S BIRTHDAY
JONATHAN BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
- JAN 26 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- JAN 27 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- JAN 28 - ALFRED BILLING'S BIRTHDAY
- JAN 29 - ANGELA JENNINGS'S BIRTHDAY
- JAN 31 - MILLIE TRIPLETT'S BIRTHDAY
- FEB 1 - LADIES FELLOWSHIP 11 AM - 1 PM
CAFÉ DEL SOL

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting of the church will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2025. At this meeting, we will be receiving reports from the various entities within the church, electing officers, and any other business that may come before the meeting.

THANK YOU!

The VanDerLinden Family would like to thank each of you who so thoughtfully wrote cards and generously gave gifts to us this Christmas season. We are always grateful and appreciative of these demonstrations of your love and support around us. We can't wait to see how the Lord will lead us together this next year!

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Forms have been placed in the pews for the purpose of having items placed into the monthly newsletter. This would include birthdays and anniversaries that we do not already have and any events and newsworthy items that should be included. If you have any items to include, please complete the form and place in the offering plate or give to Alan or Ginger. The reverse of the form also includes a prayer request and a removal from the prayer list section.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.
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PASTOR'S PEN

Thankfulness is Linked to Praise

The New Year is here! The old is gone, lost forever in the passing of time. 2024 is just a memory. Some of those memories are what we call good memories, and some are what we would call bad memories. In every passing year, there are some events we long to hold onto and others we would rather forget. Yet, in every circumstance, we know that God is working all things for the good of those who love Him. 2025 will likely be the same when it comes to memories. Life has its ups and downs: high moments and moments of desperation. My encouragement as we enter this New Year is to take time to be thankful. Make this part of your daily routine. Thank God for things in your past and thank God for the things He will do in the future. Set aside a part of each day to Praise the Lord for all He is doing because thankfulness is linked to praise.

My family saw Daniel at Sight and Sound in Lancaster just before Christmas. One of the scenes that unfolded within the story of Daniel was the story of God causing Nebuchadnezzar to go mad and live like a wild animal. In this play, Daniel explains that God does this to Nebuchadnezzar to discipline him and draw this earthly king to the Lord. In Daniel 4:34, Nebuchadnezzar lifts his eyes to heaven and praises God as the Most High, the One who lives forever. For Nebuchadnezzar, thanksgiving was linked to praise. You may have hard memories from last year or face the prospect of tough times this year. I want you to know that in all circumstances, God is honored when your praise leads to thanksgiving.

Offering God daily praise won't always be easy. I want to encourage you to let the Psalmist guide you. In Psalm 57:9-11 we read, "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!"

As the people of God, we should be known for our thankfulness. We should have a gratitude in our attitude that is tangible, uplifting, and visible within our community. Of course, this won't happen unless we take time to praise God for His work in the world, and it is us. As the calendar changes from 2024 to 2025, we each have an opportunity to spend time remembering His graces in our past so that we may trust His graces for our future. That's what the Psalmist is pointing to as he reminds us that the steadfast love of the Lord is worthy of praise.

As a church this year, we must long to see God glorified in our lives and our community. Yes, we will pray for God's glory to be over all the earth! But I also want us to ask God to reveal His glory to each of us individually. May we all be drawn to God in the high and the low moments. May each of us experience His love that reaches to the heavens and His faithfulness that reaches the clouds. And whether we are gathered together for corporate worship, riding in a car with family or friends, or sitting at home by ourselves, may our voices be filled with praise so that we are constantly thanking God.

~ Pastor Mike