
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

August 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- AUG 1 – ALAN & GINGER BRILL'S ANNIVERSARY**
MIKE VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
- AUG 2 - LADIES FELLOWSHIP MEETING (SEE ARTICLE)**
- AUG 3 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM**
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- AUG 4 - NO BIBLE STUDY**
- AUG 6 - HEATHER REID'S BIRTHDAY**
JEAN KENNEY'S BIRTHDAY
- AUG 7 - NO PRAYER MEETING**
- AUG 8 - ADDYSON BRILL'S BIRTHDAY**
- AUG 9 - CEMETERY WORK DAY - 8AM-NOON**
(RAIN DATE WILL BE AUGUST 16)
- AUG 10 - SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHURCH PICNIC 11:15 AM**
LAFOLLETTE HOMESTEAD (SEE ARTICLE)
- AUG 11 - NO BIBLE STUDY**
- AUG 12 - DAWNNA SELDON'S BIRTHDAY**
- AUG 14 - PRAYER MEETING AT CHURCH 6:30-7:30 PM**
- AUG 16 - BRIAN & AMY BRILL'S ANNIVERSARY**
- AUG 17 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM**
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
VANESSA WALKER STARNES BIRTHDAY
- AUG 18 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM**
- AUG 22 - PRAYER MEETING 6:30- 7:30 PM (CHURCH)**
- AUG 25 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM**
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- AUG 26 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM**
- AUG 28 - PRAYER MEETING AT LARUE'S 4:00-5:00PM**
ELIZABETH WINGFIELD'S BIRTHDAY
- AUG 30 - HENRY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY**
- AUG 31 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM**
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- SEP 5 & 6 SOUP SALE/YARD GIVE AWAY**
- SEP 7 – DEACONS MEET AFTER CHURCH**

Sunday School and Church Picnic

Our annual Sunday School and Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 10 beginning at 11:15 am. Again, this year, Ruby has graciously invited us to the farmhouse, which is located about 3 miles from Shiloh United Methodist Church on Back Creek Road. Meat and drinks will be furnished, but please bring your favorite covered dish to share. Directions are as follows: Take Back Creek Road 2 3/3, at the Shiloh Cemetery go down the hill to a "T" in the road. Stay on the paved road. At the "T" go right, continue for about a mile, and the farmhouse is on the right. It is a two-story white house with upper and lower porches. It sits off the road with walnut trees out front. Everyone is invited. Bring a lawn chair and plan to have a good time! In the event of rain, the picnic will be moved into the basement of the Parish Building.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The next Ladies Fellowship meeting will be held on Saturday August 2 at Café de Sol in Winchester from 11:30 to 1:30 pm. One item is for the planning for the upcoming Yard/Soup sale which will be held on September 5 and 6. More details will follow as the date gets closer.

Cemetery Work Day

All are welcome to join us August 9 from 8 am to noon, we will be spraying and cleaning headstones, which includes scrubbing. Please come prepared such as work cloths, gloves, hat, water, sunscreen and whatever else you may need while working in the sun. Rain date will be August 16. Thank you to all who are able to come and help.

We welcome any articles, comments, or suggestions.
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Knowing The Gospel Story

We're going to make it through the book of The Acts of The Apostles! Our last sermon in Acts will be next week, August 3. It's been a journey of blessing, discovery, trial, and uncertainty. We've learned how the Lord founded the church using ordinary men and women in the first century. Some had walked and talked with Jesus. Others had heard the Good News, believed in the Gospel, and were now spreading the message of Jesus themselves.

Acts, of course, picks up the story of Jesus at His ascension. After He returns to His Father in heaven, the Apostles wait for the promised Holy Spirit. When the Spirit arrives at Pentecost, endowing them with power to preach. Many hear the Gospel in their native tongue, repent, and are saved. From there, the work begins. The disciples now spread the Good News throughout Jerusalem, Judea, and into the rest of Asia Minor.

Peter is the first to announce the Good News to the Gentiles as he goes to the house of Cornelius. However, Paul becomes the central figure in the Acts of the Apostles. Converted on the road to Damascus, Paul, a hater of "The Way," now refutes anyone who would deny that Jesus is the Messiah. From Acts 14 to the end of the book, we read Luke's account of Paul's missionary work.

In the last few chapters of Acts, we've seen how the Lord worked providentially to bring Paul to Rome so that he could proclaim the Gospel. This has been and continues to be the work of God's kingdom in the world. As much as Paul was instrumental in the beginning of that work, you, too, are part of the work God is doing to continue to bring people to faith. Somebody may not beat you for your faith. You may not face shipwreck, but you are a vital part of the ongoing story that we first read of in Acts. May the power of the Gospel we saw in these pages still be seen at work in us.

With Acts completed, we're about to start a new sermon series called Familiar Bible Stories. Of course, some of these will be well-known accounts of how different people in the Bible interacted with their world. Other accounts may be less well-known; however, their message will be the same. That's because the message of the Bible never changes. The accounts of people in the Bible are often more about what God is doing than about what the individual is doing. That will be our focus. The questions we will strive to answer are, "What is God doing? Why is God working in this way? And, How does He want us to respond to His work?"

As we examine how God worked in the lives of various biblical characters, from Adam & Eve to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, we will look for God's faithful presence at work in every situation these people encounter. The promise of redemption is found in the account of Adam and Eve, and the Old Testament traces the unfolding story of this promise. Each character we encounter will point to God's work to bring us to the cross. We'll finish the series looking at Jesus in the New Testament. I'm eager to begin this new series. I pray that you will view these stories through the lens of the Gospel and, with fresh eyes, see how God is at work in your life as well.

~ Pastor Mike