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# TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

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October 2025

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- OCT 4 - MEN'S BREAKFAST AT HAYFIELD 8:00 AM
- OCT 5 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM, COMMUNION  
SEE ARTICLE  
BARBARA HAEUSSLER'S BIRTHDAY
- OCT 6 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM  
CHASE ALAN BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
- OCT 10 - GRACE VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
- OCT 12 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- OCT 13 - NO BIBLE STUDY – COLUMBUS DAY
- OCT 17- OWEN GAVER BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
- OCT 18- CEMETERY WORK DAY 8:30 AM UNTIL NOON
- OCT 19 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM  
QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEE ARTICLE
- OCT 20 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- OCT 22- SUZANNE REID'S BIRTHDAY
- OCT 23 - PRAYER MEETING (LARUE'S) 4-5 PM
- OCT 24- HARVEST PARTY GAME NIGHT 6:30-?? PM  
SEE ARTICLE
- OCT 26 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- OCT 27 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- OCT 28- TOM & NANCY PUGH'S ANNIVERSARY  
ABIGAIL SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
- NOV 2- BEGIN COLLECTION OF OPERATION  
CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

HEADS UP "DAYLIGHT SAVINGS" ENDS 11/2

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will be celebrating the Lords Table on Sunday, October 5 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 19 following the worship service. Please provide reports to Pastor Mike by October 15. For consistency, the treasurer's reports should be a year-to-date accounting through September 30. They can be emailed to the church at [timberridgechristianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:timberridgechristianchurch@gmail.com) or hand delivered. The meeting should last no longer than an hour.

### COLLECTION FOR AMAZING GRACE FOOD PANTRY

We want to thank each and everyone who contributed to the food drive. Remember you have until Monday at 11:30 am to make a donation. 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 2 and will end on November 16. 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 60 boxes. we will also be pre-purchasing some items for boxes (ie. deflated soccer balls and air pumps) expect a list of available items soon. For more information contact Jeanie Spaid.

### Harvest Party Game Night

Join us on October 24 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.  
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### *PASTOR'S PEN*

#### **When Muslims Read the Bible for the First Time What Surprises Them Most?**

What does reading the Bible with Muslims who have never read it look like? It comes with a lot of questions, and some pretty astute revelations.

- "The world still has problems. So who's our Savior?"
- "What is it with sacrifice? Abraham, Moses, and here in this passage [Isaiah 53], every other phrase talks about sacrifice and someone dying for someone else!"
- "I looked at that man and thought he was bad. But after last week [when I learned that Jesus said, 'I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.'], I realized I am worse."
- "If we're trying to be satisfied in anything else other than the living water He talks about, it will never work."
- "It seems like the two thieves on either side of Jesus represent all of humanity. Everyone has the same problem, but there is one big difference. One recognized it but the other didn't. And there is God in between them."

Each one of these was spoken by a Muslim in our unreached people group as they encountered Bible stories from Genesis to Jesus. Each of these came from someone who had never read the Bible before meeting us. Each of them is from a context in which societally it has been frowned upon or forbidden to read the Bible. And yet, weekly, nearly 10 Muslims who do not yet know Jesus gather to read the story of redemption.

Why? Why do they show up and why does that shape our ministry?

Millions of people live here, and we have no locally-led churches. If we accept "less than 2% believers" as a rough benchmark for whether a people group is considered unreached, this people group is closer to 0.0002%. We have never met another professing Christian where we live. Where do you start in that kind of place?

While we are engaged in lots of activities to aim at establishing churches, we've decided as a team that our key focus is to invite people to participate in small group Bible discussions going through the story of redemption. We organize these studies in such a way that if people come to faith, the patterns set would allow the group to transition toward the seed form of a church.

Read the full article at <https://mtw.org/stories/read/>

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