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# TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

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November 2025

### Happy Thanksgiving!

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- NOV 1 - LADIES MEETING AT TWISTED TIMBERS, 12:00  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- NOV 2 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- NOV 3 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- NOV 6 - PRAYER MEETING AT CHURCH 6:30-7:30  
AMY BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
- NOV 7 -8 PASTOR AT PRESBYTERY RETREAT
- NOV 9 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- NOV 10- BIBLE STUDY 10 AM  
SETH VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
- NOV 11 - VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY
- NOV 12 - TIM WINGFIELD'S BIRTHDAY
- NOV 13 - PRAYER MEETING AT LARUE'S 4:00-5:00
- NOV 15 - MENS BRKFAS AT CAPON VALLEY RURITAN 8 AM
- NOV 16 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM  
LAST DAY FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
- NOV 17 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
- NOV 20 - AMBER CAMPBELL'S BIRTHDAY
- NOV 21 - LOGAN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
- NOV 23 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM  
COMMUNITY SERVICE 6 PM (SEE ARTICLE)  
TOM PUGH'S BIRTHDAY
- NOV 24 - NO BIBLE STUDY
- NOV 27 - THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY
- NOV 28- GALEN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
- NOV 30 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM  
DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS  
TOM & SHARON JENKINS' ANNIVERSARY

#### VETERANS DAY

On November 11<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Veterans Day. This is a time when we remember those who have served our country in the armed forces. There are several folks associated with our congregation who we would like to recognize as veterans:

Michael VanDerLinden (USAF)  
Steven Szelmeczki (USN)  
Chris Orndorff (USA)  
Thomas Pugh (USA)  
Jim Campbell (USA- Rangers)  
Galen Spaid (USA)  
Gerald Whitacre (USA)  
Harry Spaid (USA)  
Tim Wingfield (USAF)  
Charles Macomber (USN)  
Jonathan Brill (USA)

Please remember to thank those who have served our country for their service and dedication to the principles upon which this country was founded.

We apologize if we missed including anyone on the listing. We are maintaining a list of veterans, who are also church members, so please let us know if there are others that we need to include.

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Sunday School will once again be collecting shoe box gifts in association with Samaritans Purse. These gifts are distributed to children in need in this country as well as remote areas around the world. Collections will end on November 16. The Mission Committee will be paying for the postage again this year. For more information contact Jeanie Spaid.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.  
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### **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

This year we will be joining Capon Bridge Christian Church on November 23, for the community Thanksgiving Service beginning at 6 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. If you would like to sing with the choir, please let Ruby know. Choir practice will be held at Capon Bridge Christian Church on November 11 at 6pm.

### **RURITAN VETERAN'S BREAKFAST MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Ruritans will be serving a veteran's breakfast on Saturday, November 15 beginning at 7:30 am. The breakfast will be free to all veterans and spouses. A free will donation will be accepted from all others. The Men's Group will be attending the veterans breakfast as their November breakfast date at 8:00 am.

### **DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

As has been the case for the past several years, we will be decorating the church and Parish Hall for the Christmas season on the first Sunday in Advent, which is November 30 following the worship service. Everyone is asked to bring their own lunch.

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### **A Thankful Mindset**

No matter how good life is at times, we're typically not thankful for everything that happens. If you're running late for an appointment and then get a flat tire, it's not easy to be thankful. Yet, the Bible testifies that in all things, we, as Christians, should be thankful. In Colossians 3:12-15, Paul writes, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Although the word 'thankful' is at the end of this verse, it's not tacked on as an extra. Being thankful is an integral part of the Christian life. If you look up "give thanks" in the ESV bible, there are a total of fifty-nine verses where these words occur together. Forty-five of them are in the Old Testament, with the remaining fourteen in the New Testament. I only point this out to show that thankfulness is part of the very foundation of what it means to be a child of God.

What does the word thankful mean? In Greek, the word denotes appreciation and gratitude. Since Pastor's Appreciation Month was in October, I can personally attest that this church demonstrates its appreciation well. You do this with words of affirmation, cards, gifts, and yes, even some money. It's a sign of your gratitude. It would be impossible to be genuinely thankful without gratitude. This means that gratitude must be part of the Christian mindset, fostering thankfulness. Are you grateful for the things God has done in your life? My experience is that we're grateful for what we think are blessings and not so grateful for what we deem a trial.

Reread Colossians 3:12-15. While you do that, think about what you appreciate about God in those verses. Meditate on why you should be grateful. Do you see the reasons Paul gives? As a Christian, you are chosen. You are holy and beloved. God loves you, and He proved that love by sending you Jesus so that you could receive eternal life. Because of this, you can put on, which means live out, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. You can bear with one another, forgive, and love one another, which all lead to godly peace. And when you have godly peace, you will be thankful. And that thankfulness will be a mindset that people can see. It's one way to show others the love of Christ.

~ Pastor Mike