
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

May 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAY 3 - 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
- MAY 4 - PACK BACKPACK BUDDIES AT 9AM**
10 AM BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 7 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**
- MAY 9 - MEN'S BREAKFAST AT CHURCH 8 AM**
TO PREP FOR MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
(SEE ARTICLE)
MOUNTAIN TIME JESUS JAM 1-5 PM IN
CAPON BRIDGE
- MAY 10 - MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 8:30 AM**
(MEN ARRIVE AT 7 AM)
10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
- MAY 11 - 10 AM BIBLE STUDY**
- MAY 14 - PRAYER MEETING AT CHURCH 6:30-7:30 PM**
- MAY 17 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
DEACONS MEET AFTER CHURCH
- MAY 18- 10 AM BIBLE STUDY**
- MAY 19- 10 AM BIBLE STUDY**
- MAY 21 - PRAYER MEETING AT LARUE'S 4 - 5 PM**
- MAY 22 - PASTOR MIKE & LORRI'S ANNIVERSARY**
- MAY 24- 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
TRUSTEES MEET AFTER CHURCH
- MAY 25 - NO BIBLE STUDY - HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY**
- MAY 28 - VBS MEETING CBCC 6 PM**
BRYAN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
- MAY 31 - 10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**
11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

BACKPACK PREPARATION

Preparation for our rotation of the Backpack Ministry will be on Monday, May 4, beginning at 9 am. The plan is to prepare all three weeks on that date and delivered accordingly. Any help and extra plastic bags are always appreciated.

MOTHERS DAY SERVICE

As part of our Mother's Day celebration on May 10, we will be having our annual Mother's Day Breakfast beginning at 8:30 am. The men who will be preparing the meal will need to be there by 7 am. For the worship service, we will continue our tradition of placing flowers in the sanctuary in memory or honor of our mothers. If you wish to participate in this tribute to our mothers, please contact Lynne at church, by email or by phone as listed below by May 9, so that we may include it in the bulletin for that Sunday.

MENS GROUP PROJECTS

The Men's Group is planning to prepare the Mother's Day breakfast and will meet at the church on May 9 at 8 am to fix their own breakfast and prepare for the Mother's Day breakfast the next day. Please be at the church on Sunday by 7 am if you are planning to help with the breakfast.

Happy Memorial Day

The next ladies' luncheon is scheduled for July 18 at Twisted Timbers Café in Capon Bridge at 12 pm

We welcome any articles, comments or suggestions.

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Living in the World

The opening verses of the Bible tell us, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” The next few chapters describe, in detail, all that entails and conclude that it was all “very good.” Although the “all” of Genesis 1 includes the Universe as well as earth, we have a term for all that was created on earth: “The world.” What’s interesting is that scripture uses the term “world” in two senses. In one sense, the world is simply a location. We live in this world, not on another planet or in the heavenly realms. But scripture also uses the term “world” to describe a mindset opposed to God. To be of the World is to be against God.

In John chapter 17, beginning in verse 11, we find Jesus using these two ideas for the term world as He prayed to His Father before He went to the cross. Jesus prayed, “And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. Jesus states that He will no longer be “in” the world like they are. This is a term of location. After the ascension, Jesus will be at the right hand of God the Father while the disciples remain on earth, in the world.

In verse 14, Jesus then prays, “I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.” Here, Jesus uses the other sense of the term world. Even while Jesus is located in the world, He is not of the world. He is for God, not against Him. He has His thinking aligned with God’s will and Word. In John 17:15, Jesus then shows us how these two definitions are tied together: “I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.” Jesus is not asking for the location of the disciples to change, but that they would be protected from the worldly thinking of the evil one who sets himself against God and all that God ordains as good.

Finally, in verses 16-19, Jesus makes it clear that we are to be in the world but not of it as He prays, “They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.” The wicked and the righteous live together in the world. It is the location where we are expected to do the work of the Kingdom. We are not to be like the world. Our attitude toward God must be different. Our attitude toward the world’s thinking must be different. But we must still live in the world!

As the Bride of Christ, we are preparing for the coming of the Groom, Jesus Christ. When He comes, we will be in the New world and of the New world, for all things will be perfect in Him. Until then, the Bride must be busy with her work. We must be in the Word and praying daily. We must be studying the gospel and working to understand how to live and think differently. We must be sharing the gospel, calling for repentance, and offering forgiveness through Jesus. Our neighbors need to hear the gospel, our community needs to hear the gospel, and you and I need to hear the gospel. Of course, that is exactly what Jesus is praying for when He prays for us – that we would know the truth of the gospel. Make the most of the time in this world by living in it but not being of it.

~ Pastor Mike