
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

July 2026

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

RURITAN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JULY 4 -** RURITAN CELEBRATION AT YELLOW
SPRING (SEE ARTICLE)
JOANN THOMPSON'S BIRTHDAY
- JULY 5 -** SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
MIKE WATERWORTH B-DAY
- JULY 6 -** NO BIBLE STUDY
- JULY 7 -** HEIDI VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
- JULY 11 -** NO MEN'S BREAKFAST
- JULY 12 -** SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
ERIC & SUZANNE REID'S ANNIVERSARY
- JULY 13 -** BIBLE STUDY 10:00-11:30 AM
- JULY 16 -** PRAYER MEETING AT CHURCH 6:30-7:30 PM
- JULY 18 -** LADIES FELLOWSHIP AT TWISTED TIMBERS
12:00-1:30 PM
- JULY 19 -** SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE
- JULY 20 -** BIBLE STUDY 10:00-11:30 AM
CAPON BRIDGE VBS BEGINS 6- 8:15 PM
(SEE ARTICLE)
- JULY 24 -** LAST DAY VBS (SEE ARTICLE)
- JULY 26 -** SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- JULY 27 -** BIBLE STUDY 10:00-11:30 AM
- JULY 30 -** PRAYER MEETING AT TOM & NANCY'S 4:00-
5:00 PM

The annual Ruritan Fourth of July Celebration will be held on the 4th beginning at 11 am at Ruritan Park in Yellow Spring. Anyone who would like to volunteer to serve food or help with the auction would be greatly appreciated.

CAPON BRIDGE VBS

Vacation Bible School at the old Capon Bridge School will be held from July 20 thru July 24, with our church preparing and serving the meal on Friday. If you wish to help with the meal, preparation may begin at the church and then served at the school from approximately 5:30 - 7:00 pm on Friday. Also, volunteers are needed for each night of VBS. Please contact Pastor Mike or Jeanie Spaid for further details.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL/HOMECOMING SERVICE

Our annual Memorial/Homecoming Service was held on June 21. Pastor Mike brought us an inspiring message and the Trustees reported that the "Restoring Americas Cemeteries" demonstrated last year on June 3rd was very enlightening and has prompted an in-house project to at least clean and possibly repair stones in our cemetery. In addition, the project to identify the gravesites in the cemetery in an electronic format for future reference and preservation of data is nearing completion. Any help with these projects would be greatly appreciated.

Next ladies fellowship will be July 18, mark your calendars.

We welcome any articles, comments or suggestions.
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True Identity

It doesn't matter if you're thirteen, thirty, or ninety-three. The one question we always have is, "Who am I?" We may wonder about it in different ways, but it is a question we ask throughout our lives. When we're thirteen, we wonder who we will be when we get older. We want to stand out from the crowd, making ourselves distinct in some way, yet we're too insecure to be ourselves. When we're thirty, our character is more established. At this point, life is more settled. We might act closer to who we really are, yet decisions about family and career make us wonder whether we are who we expected to be at thirteen. By the time we get to be ninety-three, we find ourselves asking the question this way, "Who was I?" Since identity is a question that affects every stage of life, it is important for us to understand our True Identity, as it never really changes.

For each of us, from the time we're born until we die, we can be sure at every moment our true identity is, and always will be, grounded in the fact that we are created in the image of God. In Genesis chapter one, we read that God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." This has far-reaching significance for every age of life. It's a reminder that from childhood to retirement, in school or at work, in marriage or singleness, we display the image of God in life.

Because you display the image of God, you have meaning and purpose. You're not here by accident! God didn't create you willy-nilly. He had a definite desire to have 'you' as part of His creation. We could say that without your creation, the world would not be complete! In addition to giving you meaning, He also created you with purpose. The last part of Genesis 1:26 reads, "And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

You were created to reign and have dominion over God's creation. This is true now and will be true in the New Heavens. It doesn't matter if you are thirteen or ninety-three. God created you in His image with meaning and purpose. That's good news for all of us, because it's true every day. We don't have to search for our identity outside of Christ. In fact, only in Christ will we find our True Identity. So, look to Christ and trust that He has created you perfectly for His creation. Let your identity be found in Him, and you will have meaning and purpose.

~Pastor Mike