

TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

January 2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN 1 -	HAPPY NEW YEAR
JAN 3 -	JOSEPHINE WHITACRE'S 94 TH BIRTHDAY
	COMMUNION SUNDAY
	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
JAN 10 -	BRIAN BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
	FOLLOWING 11 AM SERVICE
	CAPON VALLEY RURITAN SENIOR HOLIDAY
	PARTY 2 PM
JAN 12 -	MOLLY MCVICKER'S 9 TH BIRTHDAY
JAN 17 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
JAN 21 -	GALEN AND JEANNIE SPAID'S
	ANNIVERSARY
JAN 23 -	JONATHAN BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
JAN 24 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	HOME MISSION OFFERING
JAN 29 -	ANGELA WALKER'S BIRTHDAY
JAN 31 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	COVERED DISH LUNCH (SEE ARTICLE)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting of the church will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2016. At this meeting, we will be receiving reports from the various entities within the church and creating a committee of persons to begin the process of discussing changes to our constitution as outlined in the letter to members.

RURITAN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The Capon Valley Ruritans will be holding their annual Holiday Party for Senior Citizens on Sunday, January 10th at 2 pm at the Ruritan Park in Yellow Spring. There will be refreshments, entertainment and door prizes. This is something you do not want to miss!

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

We wish to extend a **Very Special Happy 94th Birthday** to Josephine Whitacre on January 3rd. If you wish to honor her with a card, her address is: Spring Arbor, 2093 Northwestern Pike, Apt. 136, Winchester, VA 22603. May God bless her with many more.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.
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PASTOR'S PEN

As a new year dawns, we often wonder what the next year will have in store for us. As we do so, it is common for us to make resolutions about what we hope to accomplish in the year to come. Resolutions can be a productive, but they can also be problematic. Why? Because as we look with rose-colored glasses about the year to come, we bemoan all that went wrong in the prior year and hope that those things do not repeat themselves in the future. Yet, how much have we grown through those trying times in the past year? In most instances, the answer to that question is a lot. Do not make your resolution about something you want to see happen in the year to come; make it about what He wants to see happen in the year to come. What is it that He wants to see in us? He wants us to grow in our sanctification and in our love for Him and our fellow man. Such growth can only come about with a mixture of good and bad times in life. As your pastor, my prayer for you is that you would grow in your love for God in all circumstances of life. There is no better way to summarize this than by echoing the words of the Apostle Paul to the church at Colossae:

"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light." (Colossians 1: 9-13)

As Christians, we are a work in progress. Perfection does not lie in the year to come. It lies in the new heavens and the new earth, yet we are told in Scripture to strive after holiness and godliness in this life. May your 2016 be a more blessed and sanctified year in the Lord than last year, and by His grace, may you see in all your failures of 2015 how much He actually used them to grow you along the way.

FIFTH SUNDAY COVERED DISH LUNCH

On Sunday, January 31st, following the morning worship service, we will have our fifth Sunday covered dish lunch. The church will furnish the meat. Everyone else is asked to bring a favorite covered dish. Don't forget that we will also need deserts and drinks.