

TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

November, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOV 6 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
	AMY BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 8 -	ELECTION DAY
NOV 11 -	VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY
NOV 12 -	TIM WINGFIELD'S BIRTHDAY
	RURITAN VETERANS BREAKFAST
	8 - 10:30 AM
	HEBRON CHURCH OYSTER DINNER
NOV 13 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
	LAST DAY FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
NOV 20 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	7 PM -COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
NOV 21 -	LOGAN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 23 -	TOM PUGH'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 24 -	HAROLD & SHELVA SWITZER'S
	ANNIVERSARY
NOV 27 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	DECORATE SANCTUARY (SEE ARTICLE)
	SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
NOV 28 -	GALEN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 30 -	ED & JANET KLINE'S ANNIVERSARY
	TOM & SHARON JENKINS' ANNIVERSARY

TURKEY & OYSTER DINNER REPORT

Our annual Turkey & Oyster dinner was quite a success. We served around 310 meals and made approximately \$3,000. Everyone seemed to have a good time in spite of all the hard work and we thank everyone for all of their efforts.

VETERANS DAY

On November 11th 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 members of our congregation who we would like to recognize as veterans:

Grady Bradfield (USN) Jonathan Brill (USA)
 Art Lafollette (USAF) Steven Szelmecki (USN)
 Thomas Pugh (USA) Randall Brill (USA)
 Galen Spaid (USA) Gerald Whitacre (USA)
 Harry Spaid (USA) Tim Wingfield (USAF)
 Harold Switzer (ANG)

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.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child has started and will end on November 13th. Please prepare a shoebox containing needed items for children for Christmas (as outlined on the list) by November 13th. The boxes should be wrapped in Christmas paper (lid wrapped separately), and a label affixed to the box indicating whether the box is for a boy or girl. The Mission Committee will pay for the postage.

CALLING TREE UPDATE

We will be updating the calling tree soon. If you would like to be on the calling tree, please fill out the form attached to the back of the newsletter and return to Ginger Brill by November 27th.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

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 27th following the worship service. We are planning to have a soup and sandwich lunch prior to decorating. If you wish to furnish something for the lunch please let Ginger Brill know what you will be bringing by November 20th.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Forms have been placed in the pews for the purpose of having items placed into the monthly newsletter. This would include birthdays and anniversaries that we do not already have and also any events and newsworthy items that should be included. If you have any items to include, please complete the form and place in the offering plate or give to Alan or Ginger. The reverse of the form also includes a prayer request and a removal from the prayer list section.

<h1>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</h1>

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PASTOR'S PEN

As we prepare to go to the ballot box this November, I thought it would be wise for us to do so with a healthy corrective about what our calling as citizens of Christ's Kingdom truly is. The following is an excerpt from an article by John MacArthur Jr. (founder of 'Grace to You' Ministries) that speaks about a Christians obligations to "The Gospel and Politics". The full article is available for download under the "resource" tab of the church website.

There was a time (in the days of our Puritan forefathers), when almost every soul in America acknowledged the Ten Commandments as the cornerstone of ethics and morality. Today most Americans can't even name three of the Ten. There was also a time (not so long ago) when Americans universally disapproved of homosexuality, adultery, and divorce; they believed sexual promiscuity is absolutely wrong; they regarded obscene language as inappropriate; they saw abortion as unthinkable; and they held public officials to high moral and ethical standards. Nowadays, most of the behavior society once deemed immoral is defended as an inalienable civil right. How times and the culture have changed! The strong Christian influence and scriptural standards that shaped Western culture and American society through the end of the nineteenth century have given way to practical atheism and moral relativism.

What are Christians to do about it?

Many think this is a political problem that will not be solved without a political strategy. During the past twenty-five years, well-meaning Christians have founded a number of evangelical activist organizations and sunk millions of dollars into them in an effort to use the apparatus of politics—lobbying, legislation, demonstration, and boycott—to counteract the moral decline of American culture. They pour their energy and other resources into efforts to drum up a "Christian" political movement that will fight back against the prevailing anti-Christian culture. But is that a proper perspective? I believe not. America's moral decline is a spiritual problem, not a political one, and its solution is the gospel, not partisan politics.

This is a lesson evangelicals ought to know from church history. Whenever the church has focused on evangelism and preaching the gospel, her influence has increased. When she has sought power by political, cultural, or military activism, she has damaged or spoiled her testimony...My point is not that Christians should remain totally uninvolved in politics or civic activities and causes. They ought to express their political beliefs in the voting booth, and it is appropriate to support legitimate measures designed to correct a glaring social or political wrong. Complete noninvolvement would be contrary to what God's Word says about doing good in society: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10; cf. Titus 3:1-2). It would also display a lack of gratitude for whatever amount of religious freedom the government allows us to enjoy. A certain amount of healthy and balanced concern with current trends in government and the community is acceptable, as long as we realize that that interest is not vital to our spiritual growth, our righteous testimony, or the advancement of the kingdom of Christ. Above all, the believer's political involvement should never displace the priority of preaching and teaching the gospel.

By means of faithful preaching and godly living, believers are to be the conscience of whatever nation they reside in. You can confront the culture not with the political and social activism of man's wisdom, but with (living out) the spiritual power of God's Word. — John MacArthur Jr.