
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

August 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG 1- ALAN & GINGER BRILL'S ANNIVERSARY

MIKE VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY

CARROLL LONG'S BIRTHDAY

AUG 4- SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM

HOMECOMING SERVICE AT WILLOW CHAPEL

CHURCH 10:00 AM

AUG 6 - HEATHER REID'S BIRTHDAY

JEAN KENNEY'S BIRTHDAY

AUG 8 - ADDYSON BRILL'S BIRTHDAY

AUG 11 - SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHURCH PICNIC

RUBY'S FARM HOUSE (SEE

ARTICLE)

DAN DONAVAN'S BIRTHDAY

AUG 12 - DAWNNA SELDON'S BIRTHDAY

AUG 16 - BRIAN & AMY BRILL'S ANNIVERSARY

AUG 17 - VANESSA WALKER'S BIRTHDAY

AUG 18 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM

LADIES FELLOWSHIP MEETING

AUG 25 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM

AUG 28 - NATALIE OAKES BIRTHDAY

ELIZABETH WINGFIELD'S BIRTHDAY

AUG 30 - HENRY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY

Sunday School and Church Picnic

Our annual Sunday School and Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 11th beginning at 11:15 am. Again this year, Ruby has graciously invited us to the farmhouse, which is located about 3 miles from Shiloh United Methodist Church on Back Creek Road. Meat and drinks will be furnished, but please bring your favorite covered dish to share. Directions are as follows: Take Back Creek Road 23/3 and at the Shiloh Cemetery go down the hill to a "T" in the road. Stay on the paved road. At the "T" go right, continue for about a mile, and the farm house is on the right. It is a two story white house with upper and lower porches. It sits off the road with walnut trees out front. Everyone is invited and we hope that you can bring a friend or two. Bring a lawn chair and plan to have a good time! In the event of rain, the picnic will be moved into the basement of the Parish Building.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study group continues to meet on Monday mornings at 10 am. Please feel free to join with the group as you are able.

WARD SALE REMINDER

Just a reminder that we will be having our annual Ward/Soup Sale on September 6th and 7th. You can start laying aside items for the sale and please do everything you can to get the word out. We will be providing more information and posting a date for delivery of items to the church at a later time. This year, we will not be accepting unfolded clothing in large bags, but rather would like to have them folded and ready for display, since that is the most time-consuming part of the project.

We welcome any articles, comments or suggestions.
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PASTOR'S PEN

Trust & Obey

Trust and Obey; it's the title of a well-known hymn that you've probably sung many times over the years. It's a simple title with just two main words. They are understandable words, everyday words. However, these two words call you to perform the most challenging task. That makes me ponder the reason behind the difficulty. This hymn is easy to sing ... "trust and obey for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." But, actually trusting, and truly obeying, are way more complicated than just singing.

When you look at the verses to this traditional hymn, you see four avenues for growing in your ability to Trust and Obey. First, you must understand the Lord's way is the best way. When you walk in His way God walks with you, He abides with you, and you receive blessings. The world longs for you to turn from the Lord's guidance and seek a different path. But this path only leads to destruction. Second, when you follow God's way, it will lead you to action. You will find that God's call includes kingdom work for you to accomplish. This work may be difficult. It may cost you a lot of money or time or sleepless nights. But working for the kingdom also brings joy, satisfaction, and peace. God has promised you that He will bless your work. Third, is commitment. You must be whole-heartedly committed to the kingdom. You cannot serve two masters. God must be first in your life, and you must be willing to lay all at His feet. Lastly, you must know that this is only possible because God loves you. Without a clear understanding of God's love, everything will be burdensome. But the last thing in the world the hymn Trust and Obey expresses to us is the idea of burden. The chorus declares the opposite ... "trust and obey for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Happiness in the Christian walk begins by trusting God and then obeying His commands. In Jeremiah 17:7-8, we read, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. 8 He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." You may think that trusting in the Lord, giving your all to the Lord, and believing that the Lord's way is the best leads to hard work, heartache, and disappointment. But the Lord's promises never fail and when the day of trouble comes those who have their roots planted near the stream of God's living water will flourish despite adversity.

Are there areas in your life this year where you have had to face adversity, doubts, or fears? When those times come, it can be easy to think that the simple hymn title Trust and Obey is only a reminder that we should be good Christians. But it's more profound than that. When the hymn-writer speaks of Trust and Obey, he writes about the confidence we can have in the promises of God. God provided you His only Son so that you could have salvation. God provided you His only Son so that you could be redeemed and made an heir of the kingdom. Since God has given you so "rich a salvation," you can whole-heartedly trust Him, you can willingly obey Him. And when you do, you will find that during the dry times, you will still be able to bear fruit. Trust and Obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to Trust and Obey.

~ Pastor Mike