
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

November 2020

Happy Thanksgiving!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOV 1 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
NOV 6 -	AMY BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 8 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
NOV 10 -	SETH VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 11 -	VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY
NOV 12 -	TIM WINGFIELD'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 15 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	LAST DAY FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
	(SEE ARTICLE)
NOV 20 -	AMBER CAMPBELL'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 21 -	LOGAN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 22 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	7 PM -COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
	(SEE ARTICLE)
NOV 23 -	TOM PUGH'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 24 -	HAROLD & SHELVA SWITZER'S
	ANNIVERSARY
NOV 28 -	GALEN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
NOV 29 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	DECORATE SANCTUARY (SEE ARTICLE)
NOV 30 -	ED & JANET KLINE'S ANNIVERSARY
	TOM & SHARON JENKINS' ANNIVERSARY

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 folks associated with our congregation who we would like to recognize as veterans:

Dan Donovan (USMC) Jonathan Brill (USA)

Steven Szelmeczki (USN)

Thomas Pugh (USA) Randall Brill (USA)

Galen Spaid (USA) Gerald Whitacre (USA)

Harry Spaid (USA) Tim Wingfield (USAF)

Harold Switzer (ANG) Jim Campbell (USA- Rangers)

Mike VanDerLinden (USAF)

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Sunday School will once again be collecting shoe box gifts in association with Samaritans Purse. These gifts are distributed to children in need in this country as well as remote areas around the world. Collections will begin on October 25th and will end on November 15th. The Mission Committee will be paying for the postage again this year. For more information contact Harry Spaid.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.
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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by Ebenezer Christian Church and will be held this year at Giffin Funeral Home in Capon Bridge on November 22nd, beginning at 7 pm. There will be no refreshments and no choir. Instead, someone will be performing special music.

THANK YOU!

Thank everyone for all the ways you have shown your appreciation for me this past month. From the Sunday school and church body, to all the affirmations offered by individuals, I am truly touched by all.

Thank you ~ Pastor Mike

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.

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 29th following the worship service. Due to the pandemic, everyone is asked to bring their own lunch. However, the church will furnish prepackaged snacks and beverages.

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.

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PASTOR'S PEN

Almost Everything Changes

I've spent the last few weeks in High View watching the leaves turn all sorts of beautiful colors. I like to sit out on the front of the Sunday school building steps and eat my lunch. The view of the church is spectacular as the sunlight highlights the vibrant red, orange, and yellow leaves of the trees across the road. There's only one problem. As I sat eating my peanut butter and jelly sandwich this past Thursday, I kept hearing a soft sound that made me think a squirrel was darting around. It wasn't an animal at all. As I studied the sound more closely, I realized it was the sound of leaves landing on the ground. It won't be long before the barrenness of leafless trees replaces the view I am currently enjoying. I'm not ready for things to change even though it happens every year.

Life is like that more than we care to admit. Nothing seems to stay the same. The car we loved so much comes out in a new model. It's not the same, but it will have to do. Our favorite products at the grocery store change. Nothing seems to stay the same. Can you remember when ice cream was sold by the gallon, and coffee came in a package that was 16 ounces? Life changes around us every day. When you look in the mirror or at your children, grandchildren, or friends, you wonder where the years have gone. You see grey hair and wrinkles and young people growing into adults. When you travel around, you find dirt roads paved over and old houses replaced with developments. You often can't even recognize places you once knew well. Yes, nothing stays the same. Well, almost nothing.

Scripture tells us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever! (Hebrews 13:8) What does that mean for us this November? It means that we can rest in the knowledge that God is in control even with so many changes happening around us. God was reigning at the beginning, and He is in control now. He will be the one in charge tomorrow and forever because He does not change. The leaves will change color and fall to the earth. Generations will be born, live, and die. While all of this is taking place, Jesus remains the same. He is the bedrock of our faith, making it possible for us to be united with believers of every age.

This is really good news for us. When trial, turmoil, or uncertainty comes, God is always the same. Through the good times and the hard times, God does not change. When you were born, when you were a teenager, the day you got married, or celebrated your 50th wedding anniversary, God was the same. Whether you are taking a hard examination in school, running the bases for your softball team, or enjoying a backyard volleyball game, Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is the Alpha and the Omega... who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." That permanence is something to celebrate!

Take time this November to celebrate the fact that God does not change. The offer of the gospel that went out to Saul is the same offer God gave you. The salvation that turned a murderer into a beloved Apostle is the same salvation that God gives to everyone who calls on the name of Jesus. The promise Jesus made to His disciples, to be "with them always, to the end of the age," is for you too. Enjoy the changing color of the leaves while rejoicing that God remains the same.

~ Pastor Mike