
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

June 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 6 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
JUNE 7 -	NO BIBLE STUDY
JUNE 13 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
JUNE 14 -	10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
	SHARON JENKIN'S BIRTHDAY
JUNE 15 -	REPORTS DUE FOR COUNCIL MEETING (SEE ARTICLE)
JUNE 20 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	11 AM ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE FOLLOWED BY COVERED DISH LUNCH (SEE ARTICLE)
	FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 21 -	10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
	JENNIFER REID'S BIRTHDAY
JUNE 23 -	KATE VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
JUNE 27 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE
	JACK & MARLENE CORNWELL'S ANNIVERSARY & JACK'S BIRTHDAY
	DWAYNE & DAWNNA SELDON'S ANNIVERSARY
JUNE 28 -	NO BIBLE STUDY

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Quarterly Church Council meeting will be held on June 27th. In our effort to standardize reports and to create a single set of reports in advance of the meeting, treasurers and chairpersons are being asked to provide their reports to Mike by June 15th. They can be emailed to the church at timberidgechristianchurch@gmail.com or hand delivered. The meeting should last no longer than an hour.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Our annual Memorial Day Service will take place on Sunday, June 20th. Pastor Mike VanDerLinden, will be delivering the message. During the 11 am service we will remember those who have passed away during this year. As usual, a covered dish lunch will follow. Let's not forget that it is also Father's Day!

For the past eleven years, the Deacons have been producing a monthly *Newsletter* of the events that take place in our community and at the church. It is part of the bulletin on the last Sunday of each month. Also, we produce a CD of the weekly church services for anyone who is unable to attend church regularly. If you would like either of them, or know anyone else who would, just provide us with the e-mail or mailing address and we will be happy to send them. You can also keep up with us at our church website - timberidgechristianchurch.com. The site contains information about the church and church activities, as well as audio files of the Sunday morning sermons and daily devotions. You may also email us at timberidgechristianchurch@gmail.com.

The watercolor prints of the church by local artist, Eugene Smith, will be available for purchase at a reduced price of \$30.00 each. The paperback book history of the church that was produced for our 200th anniversary will also be available for purchase at \$15.00 each.

In these times of lower than usual returns on our investments, the Trustees have fewer funds to spend in the cemetery, even though costs continue to rise. For that reason, a donation to the cemetery fund would be greatly appreciated. Many contribute regularly, and we thank you for your ongoing support.

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

A Three Stranded Chord of Truth

Truth sometimes seems elusive. Like trying to follow the shadow cast by your car on the shoulder of the road as you drive down the highway, society's idea of truth gets twisted against the backdrop of personal value. When terms are redefined, history reinterpreted, and standards reevaluated, truth, as it were, is taking a beating. To combat these attacks, a believer must know the truth, believe it's reliable, and live it out.

This battle for truth isn't new. In Acts 17:17-20, we find that while the Apostle Paul was in Athens, *"he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. 18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babblers wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. 19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean."*

Paul was preaching the truth of the gospel, which he found even in the Old Testament scriptures. He took time to study the scriptures and piece prophecies together, which led him to the truth. The Apostle had to act with diligence, effort, and time. The result was incredible. In Damascus, Paul *"confounded the Jews, proving that Jesus was the Christ."* (Acts 9:22). God wants you to know the truth. That's why He gave you, His Word. Not everyone has to be a bible scholar but to reach those around you with the gospel, you need to understand the message, and why you know it's true.

Knowing that the bible is true also has another benefit; it helps you to believe that the truth found in your bible is reliable. From the very beginning, the truth of God's Word has been challenged. The sowing of doubt over the accuracy of God's Word causing untold damage to individuals and the world (think Adam & Eve). Knowing the facts is good but being convinced they are true and reliable is better. If you don't believe that the bible is true, you will also be open to doubt. I would encourage you to read something on the evidence for the reliability of scripture. Three good sources would be, Evidence that Demands a Verdict (There are two volumes), Forensic Faith, and The Language of God. There is a copy of each of these in the church office; let me know if you would like to borrow one. (I'll make a waiting list).

Finally, knowing the bible is true and believing it is reliable will make you ready to live out the biblical examples God calls you to follow. Not because you'll automatically be a more obedient person, but because you'll know the correct standard AND have the proper incentive for obedience. In the passage from Acts 17, some of the Athenians questioned the resurrection of Jesus. Paul's knowledge of the resurrection and his ability to discuss the reliability of the eyewitness accounts helped him share what happened with others. He was also able to share in a convincing way. Knowledge of the truth of scripture, and its reliability, changed Paul and those who met him. And when your study changes you, it will affect those around you as well.

~ Pastor Mike