
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

March 2022

BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWER

The answer to last month's Bible Trivia Question was David's son, Absalom found in 2 Samuel 15. Ruby and Joan provided us with the correct answer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR 1 -	BECKY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 2 -	ELIAS BRILL'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 3 -	PRAYER MEETING 6:30-7:30PM
MAR 4 -	CODY SMITH'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 6 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
MAR 7 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
MAR 11 -	PREPARE FOR BREAKFAST 6:30 PM
MAR 12 -	HOSPICE BREAKFAST 7:30 – 10:30 AM
MAR 13 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
MAR 14 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
MAR 15 -	MABEL DAVIS'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 17 -	PRAYER MEETING 6:30-7:30PM
MAR 18 -	COLTON SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 20 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE
MAR 21 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
MAR 23 -	BETTY LARRICK'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 25 -	MARY BILLINGS'S BIRTHDAY
MAR 27 -	SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
	HOME MISSION OFFERING
MAR 28 -	BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
	GREG KENNEY'S BIRTHDAY
	CHRIS & LUCY ORNDORFF'S ANNIVERSARY
MAR 30 -	COURTNEY MEADOWS BIRTHDAY

BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT HOSPICE OF THE PANHANDLE

On Saturday, March 12, from 7:30 am – 10:30 am, the deacons will be having a Pancake breakfast, where all the receipts will benefit Hospice of the Panhandle. We will be serving both buttermilk and old fashioned buckwheat pancakes, bacon, sausage, sausage gravy, fresh fruit and applesauce, coffee, juice, cocoa, etc. Carry out will be available. Representatives from Hospice will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on services offered by them. The cost for the breakfast will be a donation to Hospice. We welcome anyone from the congregation who would like to help. We will be gathering on Friday evening, March 11th, around 6:30 pm to prepare for the next day and again at 6:00 am on Saturday, March 12th.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Quarterly Church Council meeting will be held on March 20th. 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 Pastor Mike by March 16th. For consistency, the treasurer's reports should be a year-to-date accounting through February 28th. They can be emailed to the church at timberidgechristianchurch@gmail.com or hand delivered. The meeting should last no longer than an hour.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.
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PASTOR'S PEN

Knowing You

Whenever we meet a new person, we begin getting to know them. This takes time. Of course, you only get to know the things they reveal, and much of that comes slowly over time. We are careful to reveal something about ourselves. We don't want anyone to know too much. That's why it can be scary to understand that God knows us intimately. But it shouldn't be.

In Psalm 139, we get a clear picture of just how fully God knows us. I would ask you to read that Psalm right now. In V13, you find out that God has formed your inward most being. You are not able to hide anything from your maker. Verse one tells you that God knows all about your activity in the world. Think about how many times you sit down or stand in one day. God knows every time. He knows your thoughts, too, V4. On top of that, he is always watching out for you. You can't ever hide from Him V7. What's even more impressive is that God thinks about you, V17. Just think about what that means for you. The God of the universe not only created you but thinks about you all the time. The Psalm closes by asking God to lead you to eternal life.

You may have secrets you keep from family and friends, but you can't keep secrets from God. And despite what you think, this is good news. It's good news because nothing surprises God. Not your failure, not your frustration, not your sin. He knows it all and still loves you. He knows it all and still sent His Son to save you and bring you to glory. So as much as it might surprise you to know that God loves you despite your secrets, it should be just as surprising that God allows you to know Him intimately as well.

Although God is transcendent (superior to us), He has made it possible to know Him. God has revealed Himself in creation, scripture, and through Jesus Christ. Psalm 19 tells us that the heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. Everyone sees the work of His hand. And it reveals just how powerful and majestic He is. The bible also tells us about God. 2 Timothy 3:16 declares, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and training in righteousness." As you get closer to a new friend, you get to learn more about them as you prove yourself a safe person. But God is not like that. He wants you to know Him. So, He reveals who He is in history. But even that wasn't enough. In the final period of the plan of redemption, He has shown you who He is in His Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 4:9 reads, "In this, the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him." In creation, scripture, and through Jesus, we get a picture of God that includes justice, mercy, grace, and love. Jesus reveals the love that God has for you. And this love is given while God knows your most intimate secrets. You don't have to wait to see if God is safe. In Christ, God the Father has proved He is. "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will have not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see Him as he is." God knows you and allows you to know Him. Let these two facts encourage you to deepen your relationship with Him.

~ Pastor Mike