

TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

May 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 1 -	10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
MAY 2 -	9 AM BACK PACK PREPARATION
	(SEE ARTICLE)
	10 AM BIBLE STUDY
	DWAYNE SELDON'S BIRTHDAY
MAY 8 -	8:30 AM MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST
	(SEE ARTICLE)
	10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
MAY 9 -	10 AM BIBLE STUDY
MAY 15-	10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
MAY 16-	10 AM BIBLE STUDY
MAY 21 -	10 AM – 12 PM LADIES BRUNCH
	DETAILS TO FOLLOW
MAY 22 -	10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
	PASTOR MIKE AND LORRI'S WEDDING
	ANNIVERSARY
MAY 23-	10 AM BIBLE STUDY
MAY 28 -	BRIAN SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
MAY 29 -	10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
	HOME MISSION OFFERING
MAY 30-	MEMORIAL DAY
	NO BIBLE STUDY
JUNE 12 -	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

CAN YOU ANSWER ALL SEVEN OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH THE SAME WORD?

1. The word has seven letters . . .
2. Preceded God . . .
3. Greater than God . . .
4. More evil than the devil . . .
5. All poor people have it . . .
6. Wealthy people need it . . .
7. If you eat it, you will die .

This question from last month's newsletter was given to us by Joan Whitacre and was answered correctly by:

Charlie MacComber, Barbara Haeussler, Dawnna Seldon, Cindy Campbell, and Susan Clark.

The correct response was NOTHING

BACKPACK PREPARATION

Preparation for our rotation of the Backpack Ministry will be on Monday, May 2nd beginning at 9 am. The plan is to prepare all three weeks on that date and delivered accordingly. Any help is greatly appreciated.

MOTHERS DAY SERVICE

As part of our Mother's Day celebration on May 8th, we will be having our annual Mother's Day Breakfast beginning at 8:30 am. The men who will be preparing the meal will need to be there by 7 am. For the worship service, we will continue our tradition of placing flowers in the sanctuary in memory or honor of our mothers. If you wish to participate in this tribute to our mothers, please contact Alan or Ginger, at church, by email or by phone as listed below by May 6th so that we may include it in the bulletin for that Sunday.

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

Spiritual Renewal

As flowers emerge from their long winter nap and the grass begins to turn a vibrant green, we are reminded that springtime renewal brings life and new growth. God built this cycle of dormancy and rejuvenation into the pattern of creation. In Genesis 8:22, God pointed to the constancy of the seasons in His promise to never use a flood to destroy the earth again. "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." This baked-in cycle of renewal is part of us. It goes beyond nature as we see our need for spiritual renewal in the scriptures. It's a call from our creator to submit to His design, trusting the Holy Spirit while seeking to be transformed into the image of Christ.

Titus 3:5 reads, *"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit."* From the beginning, salvation is from the Lord. No one earns the right to be called a child of God. Instead, the Lord brings renewal through the work of the Spirit. We were dead in sin, and God made us alive, renewing our spirits in the knowledge of Jesus as Savior. Next, God calls us to renew our minds and prepare for practical ministry in His kingdom.

Romans 12:1-2 reads, *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* New growth begins by allowing your mind to be transformed by the Word of God, putting off the mindset of this world, and setting your sight on eternity. However, it would be best to keep in mind that the knowledge of your eternal destination is meant to make you useful in the here and now. You were created to accomplish God's work.

Ephesians 2:10 reads, *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* As great as eternity will be, united with Christ and in His presence forever, we were created to be useful now as well. The Christian life isn't only about knowing God. Although the renewal of the mind is essential, the result of that renewal must be action. A flower bulb that feels the sun's warmth heating up the ground, announcing the arrival of Spring, and yet refuses to emerge from its winter slumber, that flower bulb will die. God created you for work, and He is using that work to renew you in His image.

Colossians 3:10b *"put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator."* As God renews you in His image you will experience growth. Allow springtime to remind you of God's work to renew you in His image. Take in the sights of new growth bursting forth from the deadness of winter. And be encouraged by knowing that God is willing to perform this same renewal in you. This Spring may your whole being (mind, body, and soul) be made new as you grow in your knowledge of God and the work He has prepared for you.

~ Pastor Mike