



Timberlake Christian Church

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Minister's Moment

Happy New Year! I hope you agree with me that 2017 was a good year for us at TCC. I hope it was a year of growth for you in your relationship with God through Jesus Christ and a year of growth in doing our part of the mission and ministry God has entrusted to us. And I hope you are looking forward to carrying on in the footsteps of Jesus in 2018.

2018 is going to be an exciting year! Work is already underway on some of the projects on the facilities improvement list. We are fortunate to have the generous donation of a gift in kind to make a corner of the upstairs women's restroom into a family bathroom. The Children Worship and Wonder room and the Bethany Class rooms have been switched in anticipation of the installation of an elevator. The handbells have been moved to the sanctuary, clearing the way for a dedicated Chi Rho (our middle school youth group) room in what was the bell room. Isn't it fun to see progress?

Before Christmas we all received a letter asking us to make a gift and/or pledge to underwrite the cost of these projects. I hope that you have already responded, but if not, please do so by January 14. The Facilities Implementation Team meets that afternoon to assess where we are and decide on the next steps. I hope that at that time they will be able to say, "Let's get going on the rest of the projects!"

Remember that we have through the end of 2019 to complete our gifts to this campaign. So if you have already made a gift, feel free to contribute again as you are able! Also remember that these gifts need to be in addition to our regular giving to the general fund, and not a shift from one to the other.

Then, this Sunday, the 7th, we kick off our 50th anniversary year. Every month we hope to have someone present a brief remembrance of how TCC began and how we came to be the church we are today. It has been said that those who do not remember the past are destined to repeat it. While repeating much of our past would probably be a good thing, we also know we need to continue to look to the future, even as we remember the past with gratitude.

The tentative plan for the big anniversary celebration weekend looks like this:

Friday evening, September 7 - dinner, focusing on our first 50 years

Saturday the 8th (the actual anniversary day) - open house for everyone to see our facilities, inside and outside

Sunday the 9th - special worship, focusing on where we go from here

Just to whet your appetite even more, Mark Benson says he and at least some of his family will be here to help us celebrate! Mark was our Associate Minister way back when, and we might even give him a chance to reminisce a little about his time with us. We of course are inviting other former staffers and members who have moved away to be with us, to make it something of a homecoming.

Meanwhile, our "regular" work in Jesus' name goes on. We will worship every Sunday (unless the snow is bad). We are beginning Winter Bible School January 7. We are continuing to pack backpacks at PCIO and serve lunch at Daily Bread and dinner at The Gateway and take our turn at the TEAM Food Pantry and the Helping Hands Clothes Closet and deliver Meals on Wheels. And who knows what other opportunities from mission and ministry will come our way this year? Stay tuned...

Bob

Our Mission

To grow and share our relationship with God through Christ

Our Vision

Reflecting the love of God through welcome, worship, and witness

Our Core Values

Welcoming
Companionship
Growth
Respect
Caring

Our Bedrock Beliefs

Open Communion
No Creed but Christ
Spiritual Environment
Service
Love God/Love Neighbor

Our Staff

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Office Hours

Melinda—Monday: 8:30am-12pm

Tuesday: 8:30am-11am

Thursday: 8:30am-1:30pm

Friday: 8:30am-12:30pm

Bob—Monday to Friday,
9am to 12pm

Ann—Monday to Thursday,
9:15am– 12pm
1pm-2:45pm



Winter Bible School for PreK to Adults

Sunday nights—Jan 7, 14, 21, & 28
from 4:30pm to 7pm

Dinner provided each night!

Come and bring your friends!



Interested in a Mission Trip to West Virginia?

Contact has been made with the person who is coordinating rebuilding work in Clay County, West Virginia, north of Beckley. West Virginia experienced serious flooding in 2016 and 2017, and as we have learned over the years, recovery and rebuilding after such events takes a very long time.

We have been assured that there is plenty of work to do to help people move back into their homes. So let Bob know if you are interested in being a part of this trip, and we will work out a date.

Prayer List

The following people have been on our prayer list since the last newsletter:

Jack Johnson, Jacob Cassidy, Bev Maslow, Gary Hammond, Linda Gogan, Martha Patterson, Dale Maddox, Pam & Nora Maddox, friends of the Statons & BeCrafts, and AnaGrace Campbell, friend of Resa Payne

Congratulations to the Sledge family on the arrival of Parker Adam on Dec. 5

Our sympathy is extended to Stephanie Staton and family in the death of her sister, Valerie Tyree and to Junior Kendrick in the death of his mother, Lois Kendrick.

Change, it'll do you good!

Come as you are

The 8:45 am, "Come as you are" Service has always been a happening and changing service, and in 2018 you will see a few new things. An expanded bulletin some Sundays, more music before and after the service, "Special" special music, more worship leaders,

unique morning prayers, more focus on mission opportunities, not to mention new paint, curtains and an AV table. As always, thanks for your support and patience as we look to make that service an important part of everyone's spiritual journey.

Early Service Planning Team

WANTED



GOOD CHILI COOKS!
January 27

THE HEART OF THE COOKOFF FUNDRAISER AT TCC IS THE WONDERFUL COOKS WHO DONATE THEIR SKILLS AND A LARGE POT OF CHILI FOR THE DINNER. PLEASE SEE RICHARD JONES OR JONATHAN SLEDGE TO ENTER THIS YEAR'S COOKOFF. WE ASK THAT THE POTS BE AT THE EVENT BY 4:30PM SHARP. THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO COOK.

Civil War

Lecture and Discussion

Begins Monday, January 8th
Join us every Monday at 6:30 pm
in the Library
All are welcome.

To the Church and grounds workers,

I want to thank you for your help during 2017. Without your help this wouldn't be possible. From weeding flowers to church decorations and all other things that need doing.

I hope our yard crew can continue in 2018. If not call me at home, 434-237-0620, to let me know.

Thank you,
Carroll Amiss

Women's Mission Group
Thursday, January 25
6pm
Mission Project for
Cranio Care Bears

Megan Knott was born with a condition called craniosynostosis that required her to have surgery in December 2015 at the age of seven months to reshape her skull. Prior to Megan's surgery, the Knotts received a package from Cranio Care Bears, which included items for the child & family to help relieve some of the stress accompanying this very serious surgery.

The care packages are hand packaged with love and encouragement for families facing craniosynostosis surgery. They include items that will be both comforting and useful before, during, and after surgery. They do vary depending on age, size and gender of the child, but most packages contain handmade comfort blankets that are so soft and cuddly, handmade hats to fit those beautiful new heads and keep fingers from scratching at the scars, socks for mom and child, a toy or teether, snacks to give you energy while waiting for your precious baby to come out of surgery, chap stick, toiletries, bibs, etc. If the child is older, a few items are substituted and include a fun toy they can play with while recovering.

One of the most of the most important pieces of the care packages is a **prayer chain**. Families hang them on the baby's crib or bed while at the hospital and it is something they can cherish forever. Each prayer chain is made of about 15 ribbon links. Each link has words of encouragement written on it - scriptures, motivational sayings, etc. The January activity for the Women's Mission Group will be to make these ribbons. We need volunteers to bring 1.5" wide ribbon - any color, pattern, or material is fine. Example sayings to write on the ribbons will be provided.



Support the Warm Streets Program and Timberlake Christian Church Youth

20261 Lynchburg Highway (Hwy 460W, across from 7-11 store)

Sat., January 27, 2018 4:30-6:30 P.M.

Help THE LOCAL HOMELESS

\$10 tasting ticket,
\$5 raffle ticket

Tasting tickets include a raffle ticket, chili tastings and a bowl of your favorite with bread, drink, and desert.

All tickets will be put in raffle drawing for prizes!

Live, Local, Music

Award categories: Hot Stuff, Best Poultry, Best Named, Meatiest, Best Overall Chili

Tickets available in advance and at the door.(434-525-2167)

Email tcc@tccdoc.org or call 434-525-9132 or see a church member.



We are repainting the Fellowship Hall!

Friday, January 12 10am-2pm (wall preparation)

Saturday, January 13 9:30am to 5:30pm

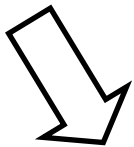
Lunch will be provided both days.

We will need people to bring step ladders, hand sanders and sand paper, rollers and roller handles, paint brushes and a portable vacuum.

If you have any questions, contact Gary Payne.

FOR SALE

2 Pews & 2 Solid Wood Bookcases
Best Offer Taken
Contact Ann or Bob with questions.



We are updating the church directory for 2018! Please fill out the information below and return it to the church office by January 28. Thank you!

Update to the Church Directory

Family Name _____ Adult 1 _____

Address _____ Adult 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Child 1 _____

Home Phone _____ Child 2 _____

Cell Phone 1 (with name) _____ Child 3 _____

Cell Phone 2 (with name) _____ Child 4 _____

Email 1 (with name) _____

Email 2 (with name) _____

A Few Thank Yous

- Thank you to Rick Coe and Roger Park for helping to swap the Bethany Classroom and the Children Worship and Wonder Room as we move towards renovations this year.
- Thank you to Cathy Truxell, Virginia Pulley, Kay Green, Sarah Jones, and JoAnne Cole for all the hard work they put in to the Children's Christmas Program.
- Thank you to Sis Marshall, Joyce Mays, and everyone who helped to decorate and undecorated the church for Advent and Christmas.
- Thank you to Ryan Knott and Brian Horning for fixing the new Advent Wreath that is being used in the Early Service.



TEAM Food

Pantry Needs

**meals in a box,
pancake mix
syrup**

*Thank you
for your support!*

In the Mail

- From Donna Vincent, Executive Director of Greater Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity, "Thank you for your recent contribution made on 10/19/2017 of \$298.65 [budget]...We appreciate your long support and every gift!"
- From Beth Doncelte, a member of the Board of Directors of the YWCA, "On behalf of the YWCA of Central Virginia, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your lovely donation to our organization [miracle jars]. With your help, we will help women, children, and families build bright futures free from violence."
- From Garry Garner, "I'll always be grateful for your thoughtfulness. The real gift you have given me is a caring family to love."
- From Rise Against Hunger, "Giving thanks for putting food on the tables and smiles on the faces of families and children around the world. With your help, we are one year closer to our mission of eliminating world hunger."
- From Austin Pankey, "Thanks to all for the cards, calls, well wishes recently when I had an eye problem. Special thanks to Bob for his visit to me in the hospital."
- From Tracey Dixon, a member of the Board of Directors for Daily Bread, "Your gift [budget] will help us reach the growing number of hungry families throughout Central Virginia...Thank you for your generous past support! Merry Christmas!"
- From April S. Clark, program coordinator for the Campbell County Department of Social Services, "CCDSS would like to thank you for the donation you made to the Christmas project...Over 500 low income families received food/toys. You are truly making a difference in the lives of others."
- From Larry Comptor, Executive Director of Compass Marriage and Relationship Services, "Thank you so much—we appreciate your support!" (in acknowledgement of a donation of \$67.50 from the budget)
- From Kris Shabestar, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels of Greater Lynchburg, "Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$312.50 [budget]...Your gift will provide food, friendship and other critical services to our neighbors who are struggling to prepare or obtain a healthy meal."

We Received Christmas Cards from

- Gleaning for the World
- Ken & Sheila Garren (Ken is the President of Lynchburg College)
- Bread for the World

**Thank you so much
for your generosity to
us during this Advent
and Christmas season! We
truly appreciate our
Christmas gifts!**



**Thanks,
Bob, Ann, Melinda, Ruth,
Mari, Dale, Kim, and
Aubrey**



January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 <i>Daily Bread</i>	6	
7 8:45am Worship 10am Sun. Sch. 11am Worship 4:30 Winter Bible School	8 6:30 Civil War lecture/discussion	9 7pm Bluegrass 7:15pm Chancel Choir	10 7pm TCC Ringers	11	12 10am Prepping the Fellowship Hall for painting	13 8am Men's Group Breakfast @ Country Cookin' on Timberlake Rd. 9:30am Painting the Fellowship Hall
14 8:45am Worship 10am Sun. Sch. 11am Worship 12:15 Elders 3:30 Facilities Implementation team mtg 4:30 Winter Bible School	15 6:30 Civil War lecture/discussion	16 12pm Recycled Youth Planning Lunch at Church 7pm Bluegrass 7:15pm Chancel Choir	17 6:15pm Bell Ensemble 7pm TCC Ringers	18	19 <i>Daily Bread</i>	20
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4 Kendall BeCraft Jackie Maddox	13 Julie Everhart Hughes Robert Maslow	26 Louise Leech
5 Nancy Cassidy Joseph Cross	15 Ann Hicks Jimmy Ferguson	27 Casey Engledove Morgan Staton Jack Hutcherson
8 Chandler Alec May	Justin Wade	28 Sarah Jones
9 Alan Maddox	21 Jennifer O'Brien	29 Kaleigh Patton
11 Nancy Kendrick Geoffrey May Gary Payne	Betty Mullins 23 Renee Smith 24 Lynn Maddox	30 Rachel Sledge 31 Woodrow Mullins



24	Jimmy & Kay Green— 1970
30	JoAnne & Don Cole—1959

Miracle Jars

In January, the first two Sundays we will be collecting for Craig Springs.

The third and fourth Sundays we will be collecting for Camp Kum-Ba-Ya.

As of December 24th we raised \$ 427.00 for Greater Lynchburg Habitat of Humanity

Scripture Readings and Sermon Texts for January

sermon texts are underlined

7 - 1st Sunday after Epiphany - Genesis 1.1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19.1-7, Mark 1.4-11 - The Spirit (wind) of God is at work.

14 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany - 1 Samuel 3.1-10 (11-20), Psalm 139.1 -6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6.12-20, John 1.43-51 - We will see greater things.

21 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany - Jonah 3.1-5, 10, Psalm 62.5-12, 1 Corinthians 7.29-31, Mark 1.14-20 - God does what?

28 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany - Deuteronomy 18.15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8.1-13, Mark 1.21-28 - The Lord has...

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