



Timberlake Christian Church

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Minister's Moment

We are closing in on the halfway point of Lent. Are you preparing for Easter? Reading a Lenten devotion every day? Keeping whatever Lenten discipline you chose? No, Lent is not a test. There shouldn't be a scorecard. But it is important that we do what we can to be prepared for the great celebration of Easter, which is now only a month away, on April 1 this year.

Granted, Lent is a strange season. During Lent we are encouraged to do things like own up to what kind of person we are, be honest with ourselves about where we are in our faith journey, and undertake some sort of discipline like fasting. Not exactly part of the normal routine for most of us.

But the reason for this sort of undertaking is really rather simple. Easter is all about celebrating God's gift to us of new life in the risen Christ. If we have no sense that we need new life, or if for some reason we do not feel like we need new life, Easter will be just another Sunday, or just another day. Lent is the time for us to prepare to receive this wondrous gift, the love and forgiveness we experience when we claim and follow Jesus as our Savior.

So I hope you are giving Lenten discipline a try. It may be adding daily reading of scripture - try the Gospel of Mark (it's short) or the Psalms - to our daily routine. It may be observing a period of silence every day, even just for a couple of minutes. Or we might make an extra effort to reach out to someone in need. There are a lot of options.

I also want to invite you to come to our Holy Week services. We will observe Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, both at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall, on March 29 and 30. On Maundy Thursday we step back in time to join Jesus and his disciples in the upper room at the last supper. On Good Friday we journey to the cross. Both of these services remind us that we rejoice in an empty tomb on Easter only because the tomb was not empty on Friday evening. They remind us that God brings us life from death.

We will also observe our Holy Saturday prayer vigil. On that day, the 31st, you have the opportunity to pray in the sanctuary for thirty minutes, then wait in the gathering area for another thirty minutes as the next person prays. The sign up sheet for this prayer vigil will be making the rounds in worship soon.

All of this is intended to prepare us for Easter morning. We will begin that day with a sunrise service at 7:30 (probably in the back parking lot, weather permitting) and breakfast at 8:00, followed by our normal routine of early service at 8:45, Sunday School at 10:00, and traditional worship at 11:00. I get excited just thinking about it.

In the meantime, make sure you read Rick Coe's article, updating us on the progress in our facilities improvements. There's exciting stuff going on! And come in worship on Sundays, the Gospel of Mark discussion on Sunday evenings at 6:00, and the various other activities going on in March.

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

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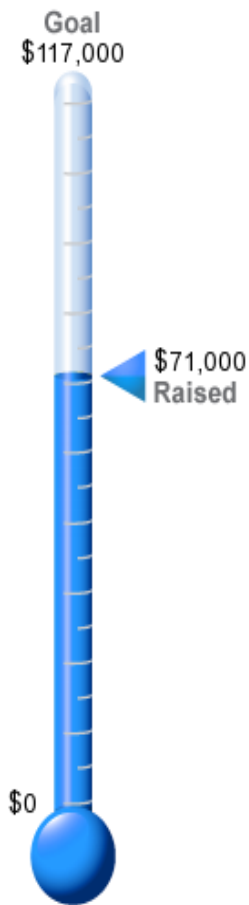
Melinda—Monday: 8:30am-12pm
Tuesday: 8:30am-11am
Thursday: 8:30am-1:30pm
Friday: 8:30am-12:30pm

Bob—Monday to Friday,
9am to 12pm

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



Facilities Update



Construction of the new family bathroom is nearly complete. Stop by and take a look next time you are in the fellowship hall. This project was a gift from two church families and we are very grateful to them for their generosity in stepping forward to fund this much needed improvement. Because it is a separate gift, it is not included in our Facilities Improvement Campaign goal of \$117,000 and none of the \$71,000 in funds raised to date have been spent on the family bathroom. We have spent \$14,000 of the campaign funds for the initial deposit on the elevator. Construction is expected to start in May and be complete in time for our 50th anniversary celebration in September.

The campaign, approved by the Board of Directors, seeks to make improvements in several specific project areas including adding an elevator, upgrading nursery rooms, adding a Chi-Rho middle school classroom, adding a storage unit, adding video equipment to the sanctuary, and upgrading the annex for our high school youth. As indicated, we have raised about 60% of our needed funds. We still have about \$12,000 to go to fully fund the elevator plus an additional \$34,000 to complete all of the other planned projects. We have created a "big thermometer" located in the gathering area to track our fund raising progress. If you have not yet made a pledge or given a gift toward this worthy effort, please consider doing so to help make our worship experience more welcoming for all present and future members. These are exciting times at Timberlake Christian Church. Make the thermometer go up, up, up.

Rick Coe
Implementation Team Chair

Prayer List

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

James Brenton, Ann Ronk's brother; Linda Gogan; Gary Hammond; Jack Johnson; Sylvia Jones; Kelly Mason, friend of the Rezai family; Ann Ronk; Beckey Rosser; Tom Wade, friend of Pat Patterson.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Marian Brooks, Nancy Jamerson's aunt, and Mildred Niemeyer, Joyce Smith's sister.

Annual Youth Group Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, March 24

7am-1pm

Set up Days are Sunday, March 18 from 5:45pm-7pm, Thursday, March 22 from 6pm-7:30pm, and Friday, March 23 from 5:30pm-8pm.

Bring anything you want to get rid of and we will sell it for you!

YARD SALE



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. We are looking at the middle of May as the time for the trip. Contact Bob if you are interested in going or have any questions.



Holy Week

Sunday, March 25	Palm Sunday	Services at 8:45am & 11am
Thursday, March 29	Maundy Thursday	Service at 7pm
Friday, March 30	Good Friday	Service at 7pm
Saturday, March 31	Prayer Vigil	8am-8pm
	Easter Egg Hunt	10am-12pm
Sunday, April 1	Easter Sunday	Sunrise Service at 7:30am Breakfast at 8am Worship at 8:45am & 11am



Saturday, March 31
10am-12pm

Bounce House, Easter Bunny, Crafts, and (of course) the Easter Egg Hunt itself! Invite your friends! This event is for children up through 5th grade.



It's Our Anniversary Year and we have a lot to do to get ready!

As part of our celebration, we will be selling several items. We have contracted with local artisan, Jim Whitaker, to create handmade, laser engraved, wooden Christmas ornaments. We will soon have samples available and will be taking pre-orders. Each ornament will be \$8, with the proceeds helping to pay for our celebration weekend.

We will also be ordering shirts for people to wear year round to celebrate our 50th anniversary (with a special logo). We are looking to have the shirts embroidered, so people will be able to order golf shirts, jackets, button ups, and much more! We will be getting more information out soon on these products as well!

Make sure you save the date for our Anniversary Celebration! We will have events Friday, September 7, Saturday, September 8, and Sunday, September 9!

And, if you know of anyone who we should send a note to inviting them to attend our festivities, please call the office and give us their name and address!

RED LETTER REVIVAL

LYNCHBURG, VA

A Revival of Jesus & Justice.
APRIL 6-7, 2018

“Red Letter Revival Coming to Lynchburg”

Do you remember a time when the words of faith spoke so clearly to the challenges that were going on in your life? It could have been at an innocent time in your youth. It could have been at a confusing time in your young adulthood. It could have been at a time when your spirit was thrown on the devastating rocks of life.

Then there was a word, a person, an event through which your faith was sparked and warmed and through which hope and a strange, wonderful peace came to you about your life and direction. You might remember that time as a “Red Letter Day” in your life – when things got turned around and headed in the right direction.

Someone asked me what the speakers for this “Red Letter Revival” were like. I said they were like combinations of Rev. Billy

Graham and Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. – solid Bible people with the experiences and words of inspired faith. They focus on the “Red Letter Words” of Jesus.

They are coming to E. C. Glass High School in Lynchburg on April 6 and 7! There will be two “Church-at-Night” experiences of Worship, Word and Witness on Friday and Saturday evenings with inspiring workshops during the day Saturday. Specific times and arrangements are being worked out, and will be in place soon.

But “Save the Days,” and while you are at it, Google Rev. Dr. William Barber, Shane Claiborne, Rev. Dr. Tony Campolo. And pray and prepare for another “Red Letter Day” in your life – maybe two of them!

- Ed Parrish



Painters, Cooks, Helpers Wanted

We are at it again, “Being the Church” right here at home. We will be painting the kitchen, ladies bathroom, and family bathroom in March. Please set these dates aside so you can help.

Friday, 3/9/18- Prep work – 9 am to 4 pm.

Need workers, crock pot soups or chili, finger foods, cheese, crackers, drinks etc.

Saturday, 3/10/18 - Painting – 9:30 am to 4:30 pm or till done.

Finish final coat painting to kitchen, family restroom and ladies restroom.

Lunch will be served: Crock Pot Barbecue pork sandwiches (Gary Payne). Need about 32 rolls, chips or potato salad, coleslaw, pickles, desert, drinks. (ovens will not be used-all food either cold or in crock pots). Email what food you wish to donate and on which day to Gary at drbostont@yahoo.com.

See you Friday and Saturday. Gary Payne

Annual Report of the Timberlake Christian Church
Permanent Fund as of December 31, 2017

The Permanent Fund was formed March 18, 2007. All assets received are considered permanent and endowed funds. All gifts to the Permanent Fund shall be \$1,000.00 or more. Annually, an amount from the income is spent according to the donor's instructions if the gift's income is designated. If undesignated, the amount from the income is spent according to the Permanent Fund policy. The fund is managed by the TCC Trustees.

To date, we have four gifts, the Betty Flaughter Memorial Fund, the Dylan Brewer Memorial Fund, the Cappy and Shadow Nelson Memorial Fund, the Carol Haertel Memorial Fund, and the John W. Johnson Honorary Fund. We welcome and encourage new gifts.

Betty Flaughter Memorial Fund

Total Fund value as of 12/31/16	\$ 2,996.36
Increase in value from Christian Church Foundation 1/1/17- 12/31/17	+387.60
Annual expenditure for Youth activities, as designated	<u>-117.31</u>
Total Fund value as of 12/31/17	\$ 3,266.65

Dylan Brewer Memorial Fund

Total Fund value as of 12/31/16	\$ 4,225.17
Increase in value from Christian Church Foundation 1/1/17 - 12/31/17	+546.83
Annual expenditure for Youth activities, as designated	<u>-165.50</u>
Total Fund value as of 12/31/17	\$4,606.50

Cappy and Shadow Nelson Memorial Fund

Total Fund Value as of 12/31/16	\$ 11,252.21
Increase in value from Christian Church Foundation 1/1/17 - 12/31/17	+1,456.19
Annual expenditure per Permanent Fund Policy for undesignated funds:	
50% to Outreach	223.52
20% to Capital or Improvement Needs	89.41
10% to General and Regional church causes	44.71
10% to General fund	44.71
10% to Property Maintenance equity fund	44.71
Total annual expenditure	<u>-440.74</u>
Total Fund value as of 12/31/17	\$ 12,267.66

Carol Haertel Memorial Fund

Total Fund Value as of 12/31/16	\$ 2,815.00
Increase in value from Christian Church Foundation 1/1/17 - 12/31/17	+364.18
Annual expenditure for music activities, as designated	<u>-110.23</u>
Total Fund value as of 12/31/17	\$ 3,068.95

John W. Johnson Honorary Fund

Amount of New Fund 12/20/17	<u>\$ 1,250.00</u>
Total Fund value as of 12/31/17	\$ 1,250.00

Total Funds Value as of 12/31/17 **\$ 24,459.76**

Preston Davis, Trustee Chair

In the Mail

We heard from:

- Bev Maslow - "Dear TCC Family, I couldn't find a card that said my heart is filled and warmed by the thoughts of my church family but please know, mine really is! I appreciate so much your prayers, calls, texts, and meals! It has meant so much to me! I don't know how people do it without a church family because it makes a big difference. Thanks for making a difference!"
- Greater Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity's Executive Director Donna Vincent (who happens to be Don & JoAnne Cole's daughter) - "Thank you so much for your recent contribution in the amount of \$64.00 (miracle jars). Your gift will provide a hand up to low-income families who work hard to provide for their needs. Because you acted, another opportunity is available to ease a family's stress and financial struggles."
- Kids' Haven's Board President Dawn Compton - "Thank you for your generous support of Kids' Haven! Through Kids' Haven, children and their families find hope, healing, acceptance, and ultimately learn to find peace again. Because of you, families receive our grief support services at absolutely no cost." We donated \$298.50 (miracle jars).
- Executive Director of Camp Kum-Ba-Yah Tasha Gillum - "Thank you for your gift of \$182.00! Camp Kum-Ba-Yah is a unique place that allows children to discover who they are all while having fun."

Also...

- We contributed \$1700 to Warm Streets, a ministry which works with the homeless in Lynchburg, representing the proceeds from the chili cook off.
- We are invited to a free community education event, "Changing the Culture Around Grief", to be held at Lynchburg General on March 8. There will be a reception with light refreshments from 6:30-7:00, and a presentation by Andrea Lurier, PhD, from 7:00-8:00. Call 200-4447 to register.
- Timberlake United Methodist is offering a grief support group on Thursdays from 2-4, beginning March 15 and running through April 19. Call 239-1348 for further information.



MEN'S GROUP

Reminder
Monthly Breakfast
March 10, 2018,
8:00am
Country Cookin'
on Timberlake Road

All Men are invited to attend and be part of future service project for our church and the community.

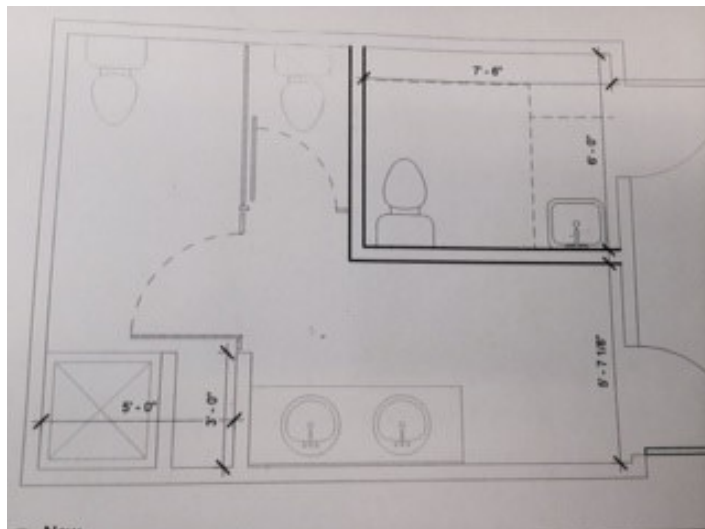
*Thank
you*



Thank you to Clyde Smith Plumbing for doing repair work in our upstairs bathrooms. We're not leaking any more!

And thank you to Ken and Kendall BeCraft, Robert Maslow, and Clyde Smith for creating our new family bathroom in the fellowship hall. Check out the progress! It should be operational in the next month or so.

Floor Plan for the new family bathroom and women's bathroom.



Helping Hands Clothes Closet



"3 Bucks-a Bag" Sale
Saturday, March 3, 2018
7:00 am—12:00pm
Cauble Hall
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Snow Date: March 10, 2018

Stuff a bag for:
\$3 per bag for adult clothing
\$5 per bag for infant/children's clothing
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
7336 Timberlake Road
Lynchburg, VA 24502
434-239-2102

Must use bags provided at the sale!

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>Daily Bread</i>	3	
4 8:45am Worship 10am Sun. Sch. 11am Worship 12:15pm 50th Ann. Planning Team 5:30pm Youth Supper 6pm Groups 7pm Board	5 6:30 Civil War lecture/discussion	6 7pm Bluegrass in Fellowship Hall 7:15pm Chancel Choir	7	8 6:15pm Bell Ensemble 7pm TCC Ringers	9 Painting Prep Work 9am-4pm	10 Men's Breakfast at Country Cookin 8am Painting Kitchen, Ladies & Family Restrooms 9:30-4pm
11 8:45am Worship 10am Sun. Sch. 11am Worship 12:15 Elders 5:30pm Youth Supper 6pm Groups	12 6:30 Civil War lecture/discussion	13 12pm Recycled Youth BYOL & Presentation 7pm Bluegrass in Fellowship Hall 7:15pm Chancel Choir	14	15	16 <i>Daily Bread</i>	17
18 8:45am Worship 10am Sun. Sch. 11am Worship 5:30pm Youth Supper 6pm Groups	19 6:30 Civil War lecture/discussion Gateway	20 7pm Bluegrass in Fellowship Hall 7:15pm Chancel Choir	21 6:15pm Bell Ensemble 7pm TCC Ringers	22 6pm Women's Mission Group	23 5:30pm Set up for Yard Sale	24 7am-1pm Youth Group Indoor Yard Sale
25 8:45am Worship 10am Sun. Sch. 11am Worship 5:30pm Youth Supper 6pm Groups	26 6:30 Civil War lecture/discussion	27 7pm Bluegrass in Annex 7:15pm Chancel Choir	28 6:15pm Bell Ensemble 7pm TCC Ringers	29 7pm Maundy Thurs- day Service	30 7pm Good Friday Service	31 10am Easter Egg Hunt



- 1 Dawn Rezai
- 2 Cara May
- 3 Mike Mays
- 4 Rebecca Knott
- 7 Jeremy Coe
- 7 Dale Maddox
- 7 Cheryl Samples
- 8 JD May
- 9 Silver Jones
- 11 Glenda Thompson
- 13 Scott Garner
- 14 Randall May, II

- 15 Heather Williams Keyes
- 15 Danny Franz
- 16 Betty Jean Stinnett
- 19 Becky Childress Fritz
- 20 Daniel Everhart
- 20 Jessica Jones Carson
- 21 Tammy Coleman
- 22 Glen Shrewsbury
- 23 Makayla Agee
- 23 Carole Amiss
- 24 Laverne Everhart
- 26 Ethan Horning
- 28 Bettie BeCraft
- 28 Korey BeCraft
- 29 Nancy Jamerson
- 31 Jonathan Coe



- 8 Rod & Elsie Lemke (1985)
- 15 Gary & Debbie Hammond (1971)
- 16 Bev & Pedro Maslow (1974)
- 20 Rita & Mike Hartless (1983)
- 27 Blake & Erica Hudson (2009)
- 29 Tina & Ken BeCraft (1980)

Miracle Jars

In February we will be collecting for Nature Camp.

February we raised \$267.00 for Special Camp .

Scripture Readings and Sermon Texts for March

sermon texts are underlined

- 4 - Third Sunday in Lent - Exodus 20.1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22 - The ten commandments help us.
- 11- Fourth Sunday in Lent - Numbers 21.4-9, Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2.1-10, John 3.14-21 - Choose light over darkness.
- 18 - Fifth Sunday in Lent - Jeremiah 31.31-34, Psalm 51.1-12 or Psalm 119.9-16, Hebrews 5.5-10, John 12.20-33 - Ann preaching—Anointed
- 25 - Palm Sunday - Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29, Mark 11.1-11 - God anticipates what we need.

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