



Timberlake Christian Church

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Minister's Moment

I am not happy with Mother Nature. And I may not be the biggest fan of certain local weather predictors. Our Board and Congregation Chair, Woodrow Mullins, and I were keeping a close eye on the forecast leading up to Palm Sunday. On Friday night the local folks said, "It's gonna snow." So Woodrow and I agreed that we needed to go ahead and cancel our Sunday morning services. Ann sent out an email. She put the notice on our sign. We even had little signs on the front doors.

And as you know...there was no snow.

I was upset. I never like to cancel worship, but Saturday snow will almost always be an issue for us, unless it quits in time to get the parking lot cleared. So there we were Sunday morning, no snow, and no church. I was upset.

Thankfully, we were able to get back in business by late afternoon. The Administration/Finance Committee met at 4:30 with all members present, and we had youth supper/groups and the adult discussion group on Mark that evening. And if I might be pardoned for bragging on my wife, she came up with the idea of having worship on Monday evening.

I ran that by Woodrow and Ann and we agreed to give it a shot. Ann made sure we would have the people we needed, like an Elder and greeters and such, and fortunately, even though Ruth had another commitment, the Fear One Band was available. So as I write this I'm about to start reading over what I was going to preach yesterday morning. Nothing like having Palm Sunday worship on Monday evening!

It's an awkward week to be doing the newsletter, because we're preparing it during Holy Week, knowing some of you will not be reading it until Easter or after. If you're reading on Thursday, remember the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, the Holy Saturday prayer vigil, and the Easter egg hunt (also on Saturday). Then we hope to see you Sunday, starting with the sunrise service at 7:30, followed by breakfast at 8:00, then our regular Sunday morning schedule.

If you're reading this on Easter or afterwards, I hope your observance of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, was helpful in renewing your faith and deepening your connection with God through Jesus Christ. I hope this most holy season has been a blessing to you.

As we move on, we do so anticipating the latest arrival to our church family, Skyler Shepherd! Perhaps depending on when you are reading this, Skyler may or may not have made his appearance. Certainly our thoughts and prayers are with Ann, Kirk, and Blaklee in the days and weeks to come. Our maternity leave policy allows for an eight week time off for Ann, so we will look forward to having her back around the middle of June. Until then, please direct all questions, complaints, comments, etc. to me and Melinda.

Facilities improvement-wise, the new family bathroom is nearing completion, the installation of the elevator is scheduled to begin in May, and we continue to creep up toward our goal of \$117,000 in gifts/pledges to complete all of the projects on the list. Pledge cards are available on the table under the bulletin board in the gathering area.

Lots going on at TCC! So thank you for your commitment and dedication to God and to this congregation. We've much to look forward to!

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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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

4 week Study after Easter, at TCC

For the 4 Sundays after Easter we plan to start a “study” of progressive Christian subjects. We will meet for 4 weeks in April, take a break, and then meet for 4-6 weeks again. Each study will have a guest leader and explore different avenues of the Christian faith.

The first 4 studies, April 8, 15, 22 & 29 will be led by Richard Jones. We will be talking about different views as told by Rob Bell; author, speaker, and minister from Michigan... If you want to read ahead, pick up one of his books.... *Love Wins*, *Velvet Elvis* or *What We Talk About When We Talk About God*.

-We will meet at 10am and finish up by 10:50am.

-These studies will start with a short video.

-The nursery is available for smaller children, and we will host popcorn and video time for older kids not in the nursery.

-We hope you can be there all 4 Sundays, but each study stands on its own, so come when you can.

-For this study we are inviting folks in their 20's and 30's.....early 40's.

-We plan to keep the discussion moving and upbeat for the 50 minutes.

Sure hope you can make it for discussion and fellowship.

Prayer List

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

Linda Gogan; Kim Falinski; Jack Johnson; Dana Kidd; Dennis Montgomery, Wanda Garner's brother-in-law; Garland Williams, Nancy Cassidy's cousin.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Nancy Jamerson's supervisor's mother, Mrs. McGinnis.



Welcome New Members

It is a joy to welcome Austin and Elizabeth Pankey to membership at TCC. They were long-time members of Euclid Christian, which closed its doors at the end of 2016. Since then, they have been faithful attendees here. Their address and contact information is in the new directory.



Welcome
Skyler Shepherd
born March 29
Congratulations to
Ann, Kirk
and
'big sis' Blaklee

BE ^{THE} Church!

The Social Justice Mission Team is hosting Don't Just Go to Church...Be the Church Sunday on Sunday, May 6. We will gather at 8:30am for blessings and sending forth, then go all over Lynchburg and Campbell County to serve our community. You will

be able to sign up for the mission opportunity you would like to be a part of after Easter. We are asking that everyone wear a TCC t-shirt that day. We will have some available, if you need one to wear. For more information, contact Resa Payne.

One of the projects we will be working on for *Be the Church Sunday* is putting together kits for Homeless Female Vets. We will be collecting items to put in these kits throughout April. Please donate the following items:

- Granola bars
- Chapstick
- Facial Wipes
- Small Packs of Kleenex
- Heat Pack
- Tampons
- Ibuprofen
- Shampoo
- Restaurant Gift Card
- Pen
- Nail Clipper
- Mints
- Moisturizer
- Q-Tips
- Multi-purpose wipes
- Compact First Aid Kit
- Maxi Pads
- Hand Sanitizer
- Comb
- Prepaid Phone Card
- Bus Pass



In January, Mom (Hazel Palmer) gave you some of the factual history of our church. I'm going to talk a little about our church in the beginning from a 14yr old's perspective. But first, I need to tell you a little of my history. My mom's parents had a working farm with chickens, pigs, bees, apples trees and a big garden. There was nothing more fun for me than spending 2 weeks every summer with them. During these 2 weeks, we would always go to Bible School at their church. Mountain View Mennonite Church. That is where I learned a lot about the Bible from completing workbooks to memorizing Bible verses to reciting those verses at the Program held at the end.

I had always attended Fairview Christian Church with my mom & dad. Because of what and how much I had learned in Bible School my grandparents, the other kids in Sunday School would give me a hard time. Plus the fact that I was not attending with the kids I went to school with made me a little more uncomfortable. And as you know, teenagers don't like to be singled out or made fun of.

When mom and dad took me to the first meeting of Timberlake Christian Church at Brookville High School (Sept 1968), I was very excited to see some of the kids I knew from school. We started attending every Sunday and I was feeling very much "at home" with everyone. The classrooms at school were transformed to classrooms for church and the auditorium was transformed into our church sanctuary. When January of the next year rolled around and the charter for TCC was going to be closed, I knew where I wanted to go to church. I had no idea what mom & dad were planning on doing, but I told them that my name was going on that charter. I didn't care what they did, this was where I wanted to be. Fortunately, they followed me. Youth groups started up taking turns meeting in each other's homes. We, also, had a youth choir.

I was a senior in high school when we had the ground breaking hear at this location and was very excited to be getting our own place to meet. Once we were in our church building, Gerald and I (with the help of mom & dad) purchased several wooden benches for the youth classroom which we had to stain and finish. I think there is still one of those benches left downstairs in front what used to be the bell room.

From the time I was 14 until even now, I have always and continue to feel like this place is home.

I am very excited about our plans for our 50th anniversary celebration. We are planning dinners and activities for the whole weekend. If you know of anyone who should be a part of this celebration, please call the church office with names and contact information. So, I hope you will keep Sept 7, 8, & 9 available to celebrate with us.

Joyce Mays



SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School
 Sunday, June 24—Thursday, June 28
 5:30pm-8pm each night
 For Nursery to 8th grade and adults.



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

“Red Letter Revival Coming to Lynchburg” - April 6th & 7th

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



50th Anniversary Ornament Pre-Order Form

Each ornament is handmade by a local artisan out of wood and cost \$8. Pre-Ordering an ornament will guarantee you receive one.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Number of Ornaments being ordered _____ x \$8.00

2018 Easter Special Offering



About This Offering

The grace of God is overflowing in the gift we have in Jesus the Christ. God walked among us in the person of Jesus and God continues to give us treasures unbounded through the Holy Spirit. Our response to this great generosity of God is overflowing compassion, joy, faith, gratitude, and love.

Supporting the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), by giving to the Easter Offering, is one of the many ways you share your response to God's generosity. The work of these ministries overflows "from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth."

Your gift to the Easter Offering helps bring life, love and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ministries that receive funding from the Easter Offering include: the [Center for Faith and Giving](#), [Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries](#), [Communication Ministries](#), [Council on Christian Unity](#), [Disciples Church Extension Fund / Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation](#), [Disciples of Christ Historical Society](#), [Disciples Home Missions](#), [Disciples Women](#), [Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries](#), [Higher Education and Leadership Ministries](#), [National Benevolent Association](#), [National Convocation](#), [North American Pacific/Asian Disciples](#), and [Treasury Services](#).

Personnel Committee Update

The TCC Personnel committee had its first meeting of 2018 in March.

1. We had an open discussion of issues at the church.
2. We set priorities for the rest of the year.
3. We plan to survey the congregation in order to gather your input of how the church doing. Look for that this spring.

Richard Jones, Personnel committee coordinator

Save the Date for Regional Assembly

Every other year the congregations of the Christian Church in Virginia gather at Lynchburg College for fellowship and inspiration. This year's assembly will be May 31-June 3. Talk to Bob or Melinda for more information.

Nine Reasons Small Churches Thrive (Bixby Knolls CC)

- 1 Small churches are particularly authentic.
- 2 There's always time for prayers for the people.
- 3 Small churches stay connected to the community around them.
- 4 People can build genuinely loving relationships.
- 5 Lay leaders are active and ready to help out.
- 6 Small churches give the biggest welcome.
- 7 People keep believing in their ministries, even with small numbers.
- 8 People are in touch with each other's spirits and the Holy Spirit.

In the Mail

We heard from:

- Ann Ronk sent a note saying, "I am so thankful for all of you. I appreciate the prayers, cards, food, visits and phone calls during my recent illness. I am doing much better and really appreciate everything you did for me.
- Jack and Mary Johnson would like to extend their deepest appreciation for the many visitors, cards, and gifts Jack received while at Lynchburg Rehab. This brightened his day. Jack is going home Sat. March 31.

Mission Opportunity:

PCIO- Wednesday 9:30am

Daily Bread - 1st & 3rd Friday of each month, 9:30am till 12:30pm, contact Richard Jones or Ed Parrish

Gateway Shelter -3rd Monday of each month, provide dinner, 5:30pm, contact Jonathan Sledge

T.E.A.M. Food Pantry— once of sixth week. Contact Lynn Maddox

West Virginia Adult Mission Trip- May 13-18 — See Bob Mooty

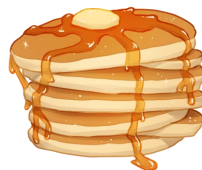
Thank
you



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Youth Group Yard Sale on March 24. We raised more than \$1800 for the Youth

Group Mission Trip this Summer to Black Mountain .

BTVFD Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



***April 21st
8am -noon
\$7.00 per person
ages 3 and under free***

Location TCC Fellowship Hall

**Recycled Youth
April 10th
bus trip to Red Hill
Lunch will be at the
drug store in
Brookneal**

**Adult discussion group
on Gospel of John
begins Sunday, April 15 at 6pm**



MEN'S GROUP

Reminder
Monthly Breakfast
April 14, 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.

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7pm Bluegrass 7:15pm Chancel Choir	4 6:15pm Bell Ensemble 7pm TCC Ringers	5	6 Daily Bread	7
8 8:45am Worship 10am Sun. Sch. 11am Worship 5:30pm Youth Supper	9 6:30 Civil War lecture/discussion	10 Recycled Youth to Red Hill 7pm Bluegrass 7:15pm Chancel Choir	11 6:15pm Bell Ensemble 7pm TCC Ringers	12	13	14 Men's Breakfast at Country Cookin 8am
15 8:45am Worship 10am Sun. Sch. 11am Worship Elders mtg 12:15 Facilities mtg 4:30 5:30pm Youth Supper 6:00 Adult discussion group	16 Gateway—Pasta 6:30 Civil War lecture/discussion	17 7pm Bluegrass 7:15pm Chancel Choir	18 6:15pm Bell Ensemble 7pm TCC Ringers	19	20 Daily Bread	21 BTVFD Auxiliary pancake fundraiser 8am -noon in Fellowship Hall Library reserved 10-2
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4 Chris Mays
4 Christi Horning
5 Graham Thompson
7 Gavin Thompson
7 Tabatha Maddox
9 Tod Whitehurst
10 Amy Maddox Galliher
11 Kristin Hudson Reese
13 Rick Coe
14 Tim Patterson
15 Jerry Mullins
16 Carroll Amiss
16 Helen Beth Mooty

18 Benjamin Maddox
19 Ashlee Hicks
19 Ashley Hill
19 Todd Smoot
21 EmieLou Croom
22 Joel Everhart
23 Bettie Lindsoe
24 Jordan Falinski
27 Michael Brooks
27 Keith Dalton
27 Sandra Parece
27 Linda Gogan
28 Tracy Stinnett
30 Teresa Graham
30 Danny Marshall
30 Nancy Marshall



2 Nancy & Junior Kendrick (1966)
7 Cathy & Craig Brewer (1984)
9 Louise & Raymond Leech (1955)
9 Jason & Kian Jennings
16 Bill & Teresa Graham (2011)
17 Glen & Brenda Shrewsbury
17 Mike & Wendy Cassidy (1993)
20 Brad & Jessica Carson (2013)
29 Paul & Betsy Jones (2006)
30 Dawn & Hossein Rezaei

Miracle Jars

In April we will be collecting for PCIO Children's Programs (for at-risk children in Campbell Co.).

March we raised \$349.00 for Nature Camp.

Scripture Readings and Sermon Texts for April

sermon texts are underlined

1 - Easter Sunday - Acts 10.34-43 or Isaiah 25.6-9, Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, Mark 16.1-8 - We have to finish the story.

8 - 2nd Sunday of Easter - Acts 4.32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1.1-2.2, John 20.19-31 - Christians do some strange things.

15 - 3rd Sunday of Easter - Acts 3.12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3.1-7, Luke 24.36b-48 - Now we're the witnesses.

22 - 4th Sunday of Easter - Acts 4.5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3.16-24, John 10.11-18 - Jesus still brings healing and salvation.

29 - 5th Sunday of Easter - Acts 8.26-40, Psalm 22.25-31, 1 John 4.7-21, John 15.1-8 - It's a good idea to listen to the Spirit.

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