



# Timberlake Christian Church

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## A word from the pastor

Can it be that 10 months have come and gone since I first came to Timberlake Christian Church? Back in March, the Month That Seemed To Never End, I thought it felt more like a year and a half! When everything ground to a stop and every move we made had to be considered and reconsidered, my life seemed to slow down to an almost-stop. Yours, too, I'm sure.

Now, we are entering Phase 3 of the Governor's "reopening" plan. I'm still working on Phase 2, and here at TCC we are staying the course in terms of most things we have done since early June. Masks are prevalent among most of us, although a few have to rush out after worship to gasp a bit of unmasked air. I admit that by the time I get home on Sunday afternoon, it feels like the mask has become a permanent part of my face! But we are keeping each other safe. In NC, masks have become "mandatory" for anyone in public (HA! We kept seeing people without them when we were home last in June, but I heard that "mandatory" is actually going to become a real thing in the next few weeks – we'll see!).

Once we figure out the technology, there is a lot that will be good about the new normal. It takes some time to select music for worship, let me tell you *that!* Trying to keep it interesting and spiritually meaningful takes time. I try not to impose (completely) my own tastes on you, but you found out on Father's Day that special occasions warrant special music, and I'm betting that it's been a long time, if ever, that both Harry Chapin, Dougie MacLean, and Crosby, Stills, and Nash were played in the sanctuary here!

The Friendship Sunday School Class has begun meeting on Sundays at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall, following the rules of physical distancing and masks. I'm sure they'd welcome you if you would like to drop in, but do follow the guidelines: they are promising not to get in trouble, but you know that group can be pretty rambunctious sometimes (insert smiley face here!!!!).

It's good to see people again, but I am proud of those of you who are still staying home and looking after yourselves. If you have health issues and/or worry that the rest of us are not as careful as we could be, you are doing the absolutely right thing. Some of you have found worship services at churches in their parking lots, and that's good. I pray that if some of you are visiting around and enter a church where everyone isn't masked and distanced, you will get out! Being physically present may not be the best thing in your particular situation. I have it on good authority that neither God nor any of us who *are* here feel any less love and affection for you!!!!

So, we continue in this new normal, never knowing when things will be back to some semblance of the old normal. I'm not sure it really ever needs to be back to the old ways, really. Sometimes, a change like this can help us get a real sense of identity, of who we really are. Things change, life changes, and maybe we may find ourselves better off in the long run. How? Of that, I am not certain. I am sure of this, though: whatever happens, God is with us, and when God is with us, nothing can separate us from that wondrous love.

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## Our Mission

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To grow and share our relationship with God through Christ Jesus

## Our Vision

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Reflecting the love of God in Christ Jesus through welcome, worship, and works

## Our Core Values

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Welcoming  
Accepting  
Caring  
Loving

## Our Bedrock Beliefs

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Loving God &  
Loving our Neighbor  
No Creed but Christ  
Communion Open to All

## Our Staff

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Rev. Jamie Brame, Interim  
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Handbell Director

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[tcc@tccdoc.org](mailto:tcc@tccdoc.org)

Dale Maddox, Custodian

Kim Garrett, Nursery Attendant

## Office Hours

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Jamie—Monday to Wednesday,  
9:00am—12:00pm

Melinda—Monday: 8:30am-12pm

Tuesday: 8:30am-11am

Thursday: 8:30am-1:30pm

Friday: 8:30am-12:30pm



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

Nancy Cassidy;  
Preston Davis  
Wanda Garner;  
Joe Jennings;  
Mary Frances Johnson;  
Linda May;  
Bernie Miller;  
Kim Miller;  
Hazel Palmer;  
Becky Rosser

David Biggs;  
Danny, Kim and Libby  
Brooks, Joyce Snead's  
son in law, daughter and  
granddaughter;  
Joy Herring, wife of Steve  
Herring, co-worker of  
Keith Hudson;  
Brenda Nuckles,  
Stacey Jones mother;  
Carolyn Simmons, Cathy  
Truxell's sister-in-laws  
sister;

***Our Sympathy is  
extended to the  
families of:***

Irene Motley, Vicki' mother  
and Kirk BeCrafts mother in  
law; and Marianne Scholes  
and family of Marianne's  
sister-in-law.



**Worship Times Changing!  
9:00 & 11:00am**

We will be moving to two services again on July 5! The times will be at 9:00 and 11:00. Those are the only changes to worship. The guidelines stay the same: reservations and masks. Please be sure to make your reservation with the Church Office. You CAN make a standing reservation so you don't have to call every week. We keep a separate list for each week. Visitors are welcome, but if you know someone who wants to visit, please contact the office. We have enough seats for 24 plus the ushers and Elder and minister. In case of overflow, we may ask some people to sit (physically distanced appropriately!) in the choir area.

TCC Family,

As many of you know, I have taken a new job with the Virginia Department of Corrections as the Regional Environmental Specialist for Eastern Virginia. Though I was originally supposed to report to work in March, COVID 19 changed our (and everyone's) plans. Denise and I instead moved to Chesterfield on May 31st. Denise will continue to work as a Behavioral Analyst working with children who live with autism. Her job is based from home with some travel in central Virginia. We love, love, yes really love our TCC church family! We will miss you all, but our youngest daughter, Kelsey, remains a TCC member and lives near Timberlake. Both of our mothers live in the Lynchburg area as well. We will be back often to visit. Our greatest stress when considering moving was the near impossibility of finding another church like TCC. It is so unique and special. We have lived through many changes, joys and challenges together over the past 25 years. Our hearts swell with sweet memories. The virus has sure made the past few months unbelievable, and the future uncertain. For TCC we are certain that the future is bright! Yes, it will be changed and be different. Our advice is to embrace that future! There are so many people in the area that need a church like TCC. Don't be afraid to invite them and make the changes needed to bring them into this church family. We know those changes can be scary and seem somehow an abandonment of the past, but Jesus calls exactly for that...move forward and tell the Good News. We pray that the real Good News TCC has been living for 50 years will influence others as it has our family and yours...even though it may look very different from the past.

Blessings to you all.  
Richard and Denise Jones

# Online!

## View our church directory online or via the **FREE** mobile app today.

To view the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](https://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “**Instant Church Directory**” to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

## Need help or have questions?

### Please contact **Melinda Floyd**

Our Church Directory is powered by *Instant Church Directory*.

We are still updating the online directory, but you are able to access and start using.



### **Office Closed**

The Church Office will be closed on  
Monday, July 6th,  
to observe the July 4th holiday.  
**Have a safe and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

## HVAC

### **The new unit in the fellowship hall has been installed and is working great**

The cost of the new unit and installation was \$13,938.00  
We collected \$16,345.83

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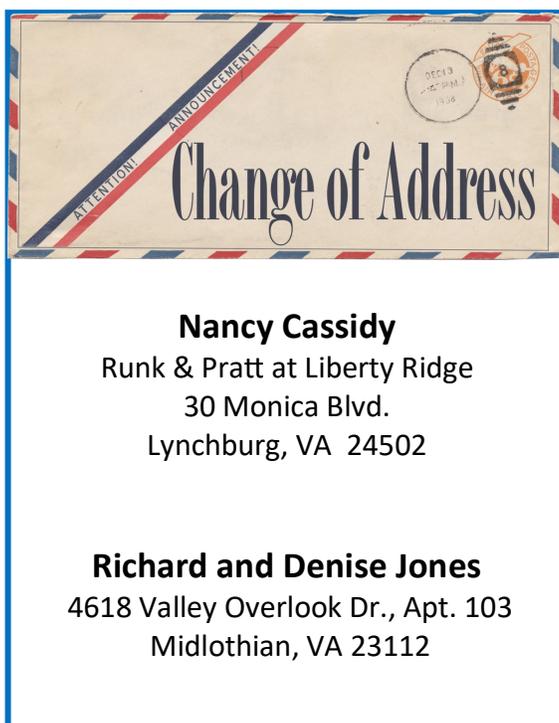


**Congratulations to  
Alfred Maddox and Kay Bolling  
for the upcoming wedding  
on Saturday July 4th .**



"Many thanks for the recent cards and phone calls and especially for the prayers. Apparently my health problems are chronic and no more than to be expected for the many years I've been around".

Thanks, Beckey Rosser



**Nancy Cassidy**  
Runk & Pratt at Liberty Ridge  
30 Monica Blvd.  
Lynchburg, VA 24502

**Richard and Denise Jones**  
4618 Valley Overlook Dr., Apt. 103  
Midlothian, VA 23112

**General Fund Offerings  
as of June 28, 2020**

**Received YTD \$ 105,813.40**

# July Calendar

**Monday, July 6th—Church office will be closed for 4th of July Holiday**

## Worship Service Schedule for July:

Sunday, 9:00 am and 11:00 am

11:00am service will also be shown live on facebook and posted on You Tube.

Remember to call church office to reserve your seating. Mask and 6 ft distancing are required.

We do have mask available if needed.

## Sunday School Schedule for July:

**Friendship Class— 9:45 am in fellowship hall**

## Meetings:

Adfi - Tuesday, July 7th at 6:30pm in fellowship hall

Board Meeting—Sunday July 26 at 5:00 pm

## Church Reserved:

**July 4, noon- private wedding in sanctuary**

## Jamie's Travel Schedule:

July 6th– 8th— leaves Tuesday afternoon for Black Mountain to take Renae to doctor's appointment.

Returns Wednesday mid-afternoon

July 20th– 22nd– leaves late Monday afternoon for Black Mountain for another doctor appointment

with Renae . Returns Wednesday mid-afternoon



1	William Kidd	15	Ethan Galliher
5	David Johnson	19	Sandra Hudson
6	Hossein Rezai	20	Tina BeCraft
6	Elsie Lemke	21	Daniel Maddox
7	Don Gleason	24	Jennifer Layne
8	Beth Anne Childress Bort	24	Carlton Gough
11	Ken BeCraft	26	Sis Marshall
11	Rita Hartless	27	Benjamin Johnson
12	Pam Wade	28	Paul Jones
13	Cynthia Hill Matheson	28	Marianne Scholes
		29	Joe Lindsoe
		31	Jamie Hartless



1	Resa & Gary Payne (1990)
10	Scott & Laurie Oliver (2010)
25	Chris & Ruth Foley

## Miracle Jars

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The first and second week of July we will be collecting for Kids Haven and WMG Pearson Center Snack Ministry the third and Fourth Sunday.

## Lectionary Readings for July

- 5- Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 56-57, Psalm 45,10-17 or Song of Solomon 2.8-13; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30
- 12- Genesis 25.19-34, Psalm 119.105-112, Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23
- 19- Genesis 28.10-19a, Psalm 139.1-12,23-24, Romans 8.12-25, Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
- 26- Genesis 29.15-28, Psalm 105. 1-11, 45b, or Psalm 128; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

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