



# Timberlake Christian Church

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## A word from the pastor

I have tried several ways to figure out how to begin this important message to you, and finally settled on the direct way. So, here it is: this is my last month at Timberlake Christian Church. I will end my tenure as your interim minister on Friday, October 30. I'll be in the office for a couple of hours that morning, then Renae and I will head back to Black Mountain.

Wow. I said it. While I've been thinking it for a couple of months, and discussing it with John Hicks, our Board Chair, and with Bill Spangler-Dunning, our Regional Minister, saying it like that, just SMACK in the face, hits me as hard as it is probably hitting some of you.

It's been a tough decision to make, and I hope and pray that none of you think it's been an easy one: it hasn't. We've spent a historic time together this last 13 months. Not only am I the longest-serving interim minister here, coming at the end of Bob Mooty's really long pastorate which was preceded by Jack Johnson's really long pastorate, but we had Covid-19 to share as well! In no time in our nation's history, or the world's history, or in Christian history, has anything changed how we live, how we work, and how we worship all at the same time. Actually, it has changed how we do all of church, and I foresee that many of the changes that have been made may become permanent.

That's not a bad thing at all. It just seems bad, based on all the other changes we've had to make.

There are so many things that other churches have managed to do that I have not done that I am embarrassed a little by it. Just putting together worship each week has its own challenges, from choosing music to where we'll worship to technology to safety issues to sermon writing. While I have loved staying in touch with you through my daily devotions, there are some days that I just stare at the screen, or thumb through the Bible until my eyes land on something; the weeks that I have had a theme have usually been easier, but even then, I feel like there's only so much to say. My prayer is that I have done what you needed doing most of the time: no one gets it right 100% of the time!

Trying to keep up with the latest Covid-19 wisdom has been a chore, and I'm grateful to the Elders of the church who have continually shared their individual and combined knowledge in helping me make decisions for the safest ways to be together. I'll save my thanks to everyone for later in the month: I just want you to know that I am not the only minister in this church: the place is crawling with them, and I'm not just talking about the ordained folks!

Renae and I have come to love you all so much, and we are going to miss you tons. There's so much to say that will probably come out in sermons and devotions in the next few weeks, so I won't try to say more here. Suffice it to say that I will be working hard with the Elders, Board, Search Committee, and Regional Minister to leave in an orderly way with a plan in place for whatever and whoever is next.

Renae and I will hold you in our daily prayers, as we have since we arrived.

Blessings, Peace, and Love,

*jamie*

## 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 Minister,  
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Handbell Director

Melinda Floyd, Secretary  
[tcc@tccdoc.org](mailto:tcc@tccdoc.org)

Dale Maddox, Custodian

## 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:**

- Garry Garner;
- Wanda Garner;
- Debbie Hammond;
- Ruth Foley;
- Joe Jennings;
- Bernie Miller;
- Kim Miller;
- Hazel Palmer;
- Elizabeth Pankey;
- Janet Reynolds;
- Mike Srougi;

Danny, Kim and Libby Brooks, Joyce Snead's son in law, daughter and granddaughter;  
 Jennifer Carson, friend of Kathy Englund;  
 Wanda Mitchell, Lynn Maddox's friend;  
 Brenda Nuckles, Stacey Jones mother; and Truxell family

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

Thomas Taylor, Jesse Lynch's brother; and  
 Jo Thomas, Stephanie Staton's aunt

**9:00am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall**

**11:00 Worship Service in Sanctuary**

**Please call for Reservations**

**Mask required**

**11:00 Service will be shown live on Facebook and posted on You Tube**

**Volunteers Needed**

I need volunteers to help with worship on Sundays. Here is what we need:

**For the 9:00 AM service**, either outdoors or in the Fellowship Hall (weather decides this!), we need a WORSHIP LEADER each Sunday. The responsibilities of the Worship Leader for this service are these:

1. Begin the service with a brief prayer immediately following the two "prelude" songs.
2. Do the welcome and announcements
3. Do a short devotional based on the scripture for the day. Once you sign up, we will send you the scripture on Wednesday.
4. Do the final prayer, the "benediction" or blessing after communion. We usually stand for this when I do it, so have everyone stand, then do the prayer - whatever you would like.

**For the 11:00 AM service** in the sanctuary: we need a scripture reader. By Thursday of the week prior to your reading, the office will send you the scripture. We will also print out a copy and make sure you get it as you come to worship. You will go to the lectern and read the text and go back to your seat.

Here is the schedule so far for the volunteers:

**9:00 am**

- Oct 4- Don Gleason
- Oct 11- still need
- Oct 18- still need

**11:00am**

- Oct 4 – Austin Pankey
- Oct 11– Ed Parrish
- Oct 18– Elizabeth Pankey
- Oct 25- still need

Call or email Melinda to sign up. Thank you!

## Our Church Directory is Online!

View our church directory online or via the

**FREE mobile app today.**

To view the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://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**



### **Photos for the Church Directory**

Still need to have your photo taken for the directory?

Mike Gogan will be available in between church services and right after the 11:00am service to take photos. If you are unable to come to church for a photo session, call or email Melinda. We will figure out a way to get a new photo of you made one way or the other!!!

### **Facilities Update:**

*As Fall arrives and the trees are about to burst into color, we wanted to bring everyone up to date on the Church's plan for future property and equipment needs. The Board of Directors are in the process of pricing and prioritizing items that are not currently budgeted for, and are above our day-to-day expenses.*

*Would you be willing to contribute to help us reach that goal?*

*Items on our wish list include updated Electronics in the offices, Audio and Visual Equipment in the Fellowship Hall, new Windows in the Sanctuary, replacing our Lawn Mower, and replacing existing older model HAVA systems.*

*In the upcoming Sunday worship services, the board members will present continuing conversations on raising money to keep our facilities up to date.*

*We would like to ask that you keep TCC in your prayers as we begin our pledge to update our church home.*

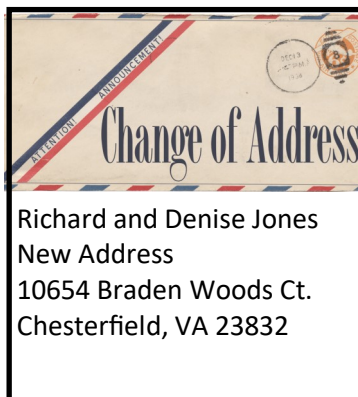
*John Hicks, Board Chair*

## Meetings:

Board of Directors  
Meeting  
Sunday, Oct 25th  
5:00pm

Constitution Review Committee  
Meeting  
Thursday, October 8th, 15th, and 22nd  
@ 6:30pm

Elders  
Meeting:  
Sunday, October 11th  
12:00



Richard and Denise Jones  
New Address  
10654 Braden Woods Ct.  
Chesterfield, VA 23832

## Outreach:

### Gateway

October 19

TCC Ringers are in charge of meal for Oct.  
Meat- Beef



**Meals on Wheels still needs you! They are looking for delivery teams for different routes around town.** The need for services has grown tremendously. In the last 6 months 200 new recipients have been added, bringing the daily total to almost 500.

#### **Consider the possibilities:**

- The Church could comment to deliver a route—perhaps in your neighbor—Once a week, once a month, twice a month, whatever schedule works for you.
- “Socially-safe” family members can form delivery teams and schedule on their own.

#### **New delivery procedures include:**

- No contact delivery
- Car-side pickup
- MOW-provided thermal transport bags, sanitized prior to each delivery, with supplemental hot and cold packs.

Routes take 45-90 minutes to complete, come with custom Route Sheet and turn by turn directions.

If interested please contact Meals on Wheels, volunteer coordinator, Andrea Plunkett at 434-847-0796 or 434-333-0818.

You can also contact Ann Hicks, TCC coordinator for Meals on Wheels.

# October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Constitution Review Committee Mtg 6:30	2	3
4 9:00am Worship 11:00 Worship on	5	6	7	8 Constitution Review Committee Mtg 6:30	9	10
11 9:00am Worship 11:00 Worship on Elders meeting 12:00	12	13	14	15 Constitution Review Committee Mtg 6:30	16	17
18 9:00am Worship 11:00 Worship on	19 Gateway	20	21	22 Constitution Review Committee Mtg 6:30	23	24
25 9:00am Worship 11:00 Worship Board of Directors Mtg 5pm	26	27	28	29	30 Jamie's last day	31



1	John Supernaw	20	Alfred Maddox
2	Bev Maslow	23	Loretta Davis
6	Tyler Smoot	26	Debbie Hammond
8	Fred Englund	26	Tru Haskins
9	Craig Brewer	26	Meg Maslow
14	Joseph Johnson	27	Ethan Hartless
16	Joe Jennings	28	Taylor Maddox
18	Bob Staton	28	Richard Woody
18	Kage Reese	29	Luke Maslow
		29	Dallas Wade



1	Luke Maslow & Justin Cullifer (2016)
4	Shelby & James Lacy (1967)
5	Bernie & Carolyn Miller (1991)
6	Pam & Bob Staton (1990)
12	John & Morgan Shelton (2013)
13	Denise & Richard Jones (1984)
18	Donald & Julie Hughes (2008)
20	Kay & Darrel Lynch (2014)
24	Joe & Tricia Jennings (1970)

## Miracle Jars

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The month of October will be collecting for Campbell County Social Services Thanksgiving Baskets.

### Lectionary Readings for October

- 4- Exodus 20:1-7; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
- 11- Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14
- 18- Exodus 33:12-33; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;  
Matthew 22:15-22
- 25- Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6,13-17;  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-36

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