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TIMBER LAKE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

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*Welcome to the Sunday Morning
Gathering at Timber Lake!*

We are glad you're here today! Please fill out the attendance sheet inserted in Connections and place it in the offering as it is passed.

**"Victories and Failures in Numbers -
What's the Difference?"**

Numbers 21



Use your smart phone to see this week's CARE sheet or visit dougdelp.wordpress.com.



SUMMER SERMON SERIES

As the traditional view of the family continues to blur on the national level, we at Timber Lake Christian Church will seek to refocus our view on the Biblical patterns set forth by God in his word. We intend to more clearly communicate our intentions to support the family, encourage spiritual growth, and create Synergy between the church and family relationship. The summer's sermons will be taken from Genesis in June - "*Family: The Beginnings*", Ephesians in July - "*Family: The N.T. Pattern*", and Proverbs in August - "*Family Wisdom*". Many of the Adult Bible Fellowships will focus on family friendly topics. Watch the bulletins for more information or go to dougdelp.wordpress.com/collaborate-family-church/.

from the leadership

This past spring's sermons, "Who Can You Count On?" (Mark 9:30-41), "Holy Defiance" (Acts 4:19 & 23:5), and "Whose In Charge?" (Numbers 11 & 12; He. 3:7,17; 1 Tim 5:19-20), provide a thread of thought that is counter to our current culture of entitlement and victimization. It has been said that when a person has within their character both a sense of entitlement (everyone owes me) and an attitude of victimization (everyone is after me) then there is little hope of growth or maturity. What does that tell us about a culture?

Spiritual authority is at a low in our culture. Christian America in 2012 has become subtly addicted to our individuality and naturalism. Everybody has an opinion and for the past 50 years they have been told they deserve the right to have that opinion dictate every decision they make. That is individualism, initially, and matures into social chaos. Most people have been profoundly affected by the endorsement of the scientific theory (maybe more accurately described as philosophical religion) called evolution. Even many Christians subtly embrace a process of change that we think should promote us into a better life circumstance. Consequences are not considered reasonable. The end result is a group of loosely bound Christian individuals which think they are a Church. In reality they are fragmented families, bent on doing religious things the way each individual thinks they should be done. There is respect for authority only when it addresses their prefer-

ELDER EXHORTATION

Live Like That—Dale Samp

One of my favorite songs right now is "Live Like That" by Sidewalk Prophets. I'm sure many of you are familiar with the song if you listen to contemporary Christian Music. For those of you who may not be familiar with the song, here are the lyrics.

"Live Like That" by Sidewalk Prophets

Sometimes I think, what will people say of me when I'm only just a memory, when I'm home where my soul belongs?

Was I love when no one else would show up? Was I Jesus to the least of us? Was my worship more than just a song?

Am I proof that You are who You say You are? That grace can really change a heart? Do I live like Your love is true?

People pass, and even if they don't know my name, is there evidence that I've been changed? When they see me, do they see You?

ences. There is more bickering than co-operation, less peace and more campaigning.

The Bible outlines a respect for God which should help us respect even people we don't know (Mk 9:34-41), look to the preferences of our brothers and sisters in Christ (phil. 2:3), and respect all those in authority over us (Heb. 13:7). Scripture even outlines a respectful process of confronting the authorities with which we disagree (1 Tim 5:19-21; Acts 18:24-26; Matt 18:15-17; 2 Thess. 3:14-15; 3 John 9-10). Rarely do we see this process lived out, even in churches and para-church organizations. The result? Bitterness, discord, and decline. In a toxic environment, arrogant people that know the expectations of God and the authorities over them just excuse themselves into self preservation, and idolatry. In the Old Testament God called those people "stiff-necked people." It's not a good prognosis. (Jer. 7:24-28)

In the New Testament we are warned: "*Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.*"¹³ *But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*"¹⁴ *For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.*" See *You Sunday!* - Doug

I want to show the world the love You gave for me. I'm longing for the world to know the glory of the King.

I want to live like that, and give it all I have, so that everything I say and do, points to You.

If love is who I am, then this is where I'll stand, recklessly abandoned, never holding back.

I want to live like that. I want to live like that.

When I hear those lyrics I have two thoughts. Who are the people in my life, past and present, who I can say, "I want to live like that"? The other thought is, "Can anyone say that about me?" We are constantly being a witness to someone. Are the people we come in contact with every day seeing those virtues described in the lyrics of this song? What about our spouses, our kids, our grandkids, and all the other people in our lives who we love? When they see us, do they see Christ living in us? Do they look at the way we live our lives and say, "I want to live like that"?

children's and youth ministries

AWESOME GOD

—*Mary Rosado*

I have always enjoyed being outside in the amazing world that God has created. I can see His hand in His creation and it causes me to wonder and appreciate Him. This summer, two of our children's activities will be looking at God's creation through a magnifying glass.

Camp Timber Lake, our summer Sunday learning time for children entering grades 1-5, will focus on outer space and the wonders found there and connecting them to Bible truths. Kids should dress comfortably and be ready for some fun! Camp Timber Lake will be held in Room 204 and will run from 9:45 a.m. to noon.

Camp sessions at White Oak Christian Camp will be looking at Job chapters 38-41. These chapters look at the amazing things that God has created and how they demonstrate His power and creativity. Brochures in the church lobby detail dates, deans and ages.

Don't miss out on the incredible experience of church camp. If you have questions, call the church office at 660.263.4168.

*When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
the son of man that you care for him?*

Psalm 8:3 & 4

Reminder

Sunday, June 17, 2012, we will be celebrating parents who choose to rear their children in the Lord with a special recognition during the 10:45am service. If you have a baby and would like to participate in this celebration, please contact Anne Cousin at adamanecousin@hotmail.com.



BREAK THE MOLD OR ADD FRUIT

- *Allen Todd*

If your Jell-o mold is a shape that you don't like, you have to break the mold and get a new one. But if you like your Jell-o mold, but want to add a new texture or flavor, then you just add your favorite fruit.

Some people don't like youth ministry and want to break the mold because they claim there is no example of youth ministry in scripture. They claim the church has divided the family and segregated the young from the old resulting in damage to the family.

I like youth ministry and the rewarding moments of helping teens grow and serve the Lord, equipping them to develop spiritually and encouraging them to remain faithful. And I believe there are many examples of youth ministry in scripture. But there have been times that, as a church, we haven't been intentional in including parents and families in our planning and programming, so it is time to add fruit.

Over the next year, we will be re-evaluating our youth programming and intentionally making adjustments to be more family friendly, affirming parents as the spiritual leaders, providing opportunities for parents to participate and interact in ministry with their children. We will continue to focus on ministry to youth, but will also provide materials and resources for parents who desire to impact their sons and daughters for the Lord.

Youth Events Coming up...

May

- 19 Camp Work Day at White Oak
- 21 Youth Mission Trip Meeting 5:30pm.
- 25 Youth Mission Trip to MS/LA/TN

June

- 3 Camp Kick-off 4:30 potluck, 6:00 service.
(Eric Norbury leading worship!! I gotta see that!!)
- 10 Timber Week Ages 15-18, \$120.
- 17 Wildwood Week Ages 12-14, \$120.
- 24 Sapling Week Ages 9-11, \$120.

more articles and announcements



TAKE NOTE

The Total Worship Experience

—by Brian Sevits

It is important to recognize the fact that different people connect with God in different ways. For instance, some will enjoy the experience of hearing a lengthy sermon. Others may prefer to spend the bulk of our time in the assembly singing praises. And then there are those who find solace in the quiet times of prayer and reflection. When we come together, it is a time to put aside personal preference and enjoy the gathering of our diverse church family.

According to Jane Rogers Vann, the “total worship experience” has many dimensions¹. In the physical/sensory dimension we experience God in a tangible way. We shake hands and share hugs. We interact with the elements of the Lord’s Supper and the offering. We participate physically in the service. The participation should be tied to the affective dimension. This is our emotional response to what the Lord’s has done in and through us. When we reflect on God’s grace, we should be emotional. Vann said that worship in the assembly “elicits from God’s people a broad sweep of emotion, from ecstasies of praise to the sorrows of lamentation.”

Emotion must be balanced with thought (doctrine). Don Saliers talked about this balance in saying that “there is no religious life without our being profoundly affected: doctrine without experience is empty; religious experience without doctrine is blind.” That brings us to the cognitive dimension. One of my professors began the first day of each course with some phrases that I now also

use in my classes. One of them was “a true worship leader must be a theologian.” I think this really applies to *all* worshippers. Our emotional response pours out of our understanding of who He is and what He has done.

We talk a lot about “community” in the church. This is the social/relational dimension. The fellowship of believers is very important because we encourage one another, strengthen one another, share our talents, hold each other accountable, etc. The Christian life is not one to be lived in isolation so we must do everything possible to maintain fellowship and unity. There is also an imaginative/creative dimension in which believers experience the presence of God. Imagination can be dangerous, and it can be used in unfaithful ways, but “when worship’s natural imaginative dimensions are allowed to flourish through Scripture and storytelling, through poetic and metaphorical language, through gesture and enacted praise, through robust use of the church’s own symbols, human imagination can be faithfully shaped in ways that give expression to deepening relationships with God.”

Finally, the narrative dimension is related to all others. In fact, it almost summarizes the whole purpose for the gathering. God’s people have always been involved in storytelling. Remember, though, that “story” cannot be confused with “fable.” We are not talking about a made-up fairy tale. This is the very real story of God’s plan of redemption. The Gospel story is told through *everything* we do in the assembly... and the challenge as we come together each week is for you to recognize how your small story collides with God’s big story.

¹Vann, Jane. *Gathered Before God*. Louisville: Westminster, 2004.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The warm welcome of our fellowship is extended to this new family member!

Josie Wilson was immersed into Christ on Sunday afternoon of May 13. Josie is the 9-year-old daughter of Alan and Carlie Wilson and sister of Molly and Justin. We’re pleased to welcome Josie as our sister in Christ!

FROM THE MAILBOX

I wish to thank all those who brought food, sent cards, visited, and most of all thank you for your prayers when I recently had knee replacement surgery. It’s great to be in the family of Timber Lake.

- Karen Richardson

announcements

CAMP KICKOFF

White Oak Christian Camp will have the annual Kickoff on Sunday, June. The afternoon begins at 4:30 with a carry-in meal in the camp mess hall followed by the evening service at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. Eric Norbury will be leading the worship and Dave Mackey is speaking. A special offering for the camp will be taken during the service. Everyone is invited to join in starting off the camp season.

LIBRARY NEWS

A couple of years ago our library sent a monetary gift to open door libraries, an international Christian library ministry established in 1999 to open doors to an understanding of God in countries where He is not readily proclaimed. Libraries now exist in Prague, Budapest, Berlin, and Amman. Programs for children are especially emphasized, and you may see pictures and information about them on our library window. Anyone interested in supporting this ministry can see Sharon Schantz.

SAUCE REMIX CONCERT

Sauce Remix, a rap artist out of Kansas City, will be performing live at Timber Lake on June 13 at 7:30 p.m. This is in conjunction with Timber Week of camp at White Oak and the public is invited. Admission is free and a love offering will be taken.

MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Male or female volunteers are needed to mow the church property. If interested, please contact Chris Morrison at 263-8409.

LIFE NETWORK BABY BOTTLES

Bottles were distributed on Mother's Day to be filled with change (cash, checks) for Life Network. Bottles are still available in the foyer if you missed out. We'll start collecting them on June 3 so that they may all be returned to Life Network by Father's Day.

CARE GROUP TRAIN STATION

CARE Group leaders and hosts, as well as adult Bible Fellowship leaders, are reminded of the next CARE Group Train Station. It will be held Sunday, May 27, at 8:30 a.m. in room 405. Other summer dates include June 24 and July 8.


SUMMER ACTIVITIES

More information will be given about the following events as they draw nearer, but we wanted you to be able to mark your calendars for the coming summer activities.

May 25-June 2: Youth Mission Trip (Pearlington, MS)

May 27: Brian Sevits Preaching

June 2: Acorn Day at White Oak Camp (ages 5 & 6)

June 3: Camp Kickoff (Meal 4:30 pm, Service 6:00 p.m.) 

June 8,9: Seedling Camp (ages 7 & 8)

June 10-15: Timber Week (ages 15-18)

June 13: Sauce Remix Concert, 7:30 p.m.


June 17-22: Wildwood Week at Camp (ages 12-14)

June 25: Sapling Week at Camp (ages 9-11)

July 11-14: Jr. High JAM


July 10-13: North American Christian Convention (Orlando, FL)

July 16-20: Vacation Bible School, 9:00 a.m to Noon

July 20: VBS Closing Activity in PM 

July 20-27: Sr. High CIY Trip, Osage Beach

July 29: Rob Branham preaching

August 26: Summer Finale, Outdoor service at 10:00 a.m. with Potluck Meal and games to follow. (Indoor service available at 8:30 a.m.) No Bible Fellowships. 

people and prayer requests

CELEBRATIONS

June Birthdays

3-	Ross Walden	
5-	Owen Thornburg	
6-	Linda Dumm	
7-	Courtney Botkins	
9-	Preston Sevits	
10-	Tracy Roach	
11-	Taylor Alverson	
	Kyle Samp	
	Emily VanJura	
12-	Steve Pittman	
	Andrew Wilhite	
13-	Dawn Beaverson	20-
	Robyn Myles	21-
	Lloyd Pelfrey	21-
	Alan Wilson	21-
14-	Shane Hatfield	21-
	Dustyn Sears	24-
	Diane Thornburg	24-
16-	Aaron Richardson	25-
	Chyna Stuart	25-
17-	Joe Bonnarens	27-
	Margie Watson	27-
	Alaina Williams	28-
18-	Corey Stuart	28-
19-	Charles Crutcher	29-
	Virginia Harley	29-
19-	Ryan Peters	30-
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		Debbie Mott
		David Todd
		Bethany Barkey
		Jeremy Herrin
		Cameron Lawrence
		Seth Simmerman
		June Davis
		Maria Sowers
		Leah Collins
		Macie Harman
		Jack Franklin
		Aaron Couture
		Maggie Myles
		Paul Shriver
		Nathan Wallis
		Rena Lang



June Anniversaries

1-	David & Rose Crutcher
2-	Ronald & Shirley Snodgrass
3-	Kevin & Theresa Bartholmey
	Kyle & Chrissy Dignan
	Ben & Melissa Williams
4-	Matthew & Amy Sears
	David & Brenda Sowers
	Frank & Margie Watson
8-	Elwood & Patty Agee
9-	Karl & Sharon Haak
	Jack & Debbie Mott
10-	Steve & Jackie St. Clair
11-	Nathan & Jennifer Gelina
	Jeff & Lara Lawrence
12-	Frank & Janet Cousin
13-	David & Becky Flood
14-	Brian & Jessica Sevits
	Mark & Beth Wilson
17-	Mark & Sherry Russell
18-	Kevin & Gina Edwards
	Gary & Julie Hargis
19-	Matt & Diane Thornburg
22-	Greg & Debi Wybert
23-	Corey & Priscilla Mehaffy
24-	Dennis & Lori McCarter
28-	Kyle & Marlisa Samp
30-	Mark & Rhonda Dunham
	Robert & Vickie Mallory

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember these in prayer...

Kevin Bartholmey, Garrett Braman, Nancy Braman, Lori Brown, Gary Collier, Barb Collins, Woody Coonce, Mary Dicken, Bob Franklin, Karen Franklin, Regina Green, Melvin Gregory, Shirley Henderson, Carolyn Herron, Dale Jasper, Jim Johnson, Tom Kaser, Vivian Kilgore, Donna Marshall, Dennis McKeown, Donna McKibben, Anne Menear, Jim Meyer, Jim Morgan, Paulette Morgan, Bob Ollmann, Gail Peterson, Dorothy Pittman, Marilyn Pittman, Timothy Pittman, Trent Putnam, Frank & Margie Richardson, Charlie Switzer, Naomi Thompson, Jo Watkins, Alice Weaver, Clyde Williams

Those in Nursing Homes or Care Centers...

Bluff's Nursing Home, Columbia—Catherine Williams; Cameron Manor—Anna See; Loma Linda—Dan Dolan, Betty Dunwoody, Delesa Frantzen; Mark Twain—Lillian Collins; Moberly Nursing & Rehab: Lina Peters; Ravenwood Terrace—David Brown, Dorothy Fausz, Mary O'Neal

Those in the Military...

Afghanistan: Bert Badgett, Bobby Bulens, Grant Glover, Daniel Hayden, Jerad Stokes; Alaska: Josh Conklin; California: Rafe Kossak; Cambodia: Grant Glover; Iraq: Lawrence Trowbridge; Germany: Bryan Ralls; Missouri: K.D. Burkhart, Jeff Taylor; Nebraska: Gerrett Vessar; New Mexico: Jacob Dykstra; North Carolina: Travis Bash, Justin Lewis; Pennsylvania: Travis Harvey; Reserves: Nicholas Clear, Drew Stice; U.A.E.: Adam Cousin; Washington—Isaac LeGrand



statistics and serving schedules

	4/22	4/29	5/6	5/13
ATTENDANCE				
TOTAL Sun. Sch.	237	202	203	196
1st Worship	102	110	116	104
2nd Worship	238	263	238	212
Children	82	34	75	75
TOTAL Worship	422	407	429	391
OFFERING				
General	\$8,670	\$7,129	\$10,805	\$9,064
Designated	366	3,699	1,688	693
TOTAL Offerings	\$9,036	\$10,828	\$12,493	\$9,757

YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS

Worship Average:	433
Sunday School Average:	214
Total Offering Received:	\$187,974
Average Weekly Offering:	\$9,399
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$9,901

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>YTD</u>
INCOME	39,266.26	160,560.30
Staff	15,999.14	71,314.89
Operational	2,978.00	19,976.10
Children	-968.02	69.64
Youth	616.00	2,130.24
Adults	-345.49	1,043.96
Missions	4,000.00	16,000.00
Debt	12,078.49	48,313.96
TOTAL EXPENSES	34,358.12	158,848.79
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	-1,479.09	1,711.51

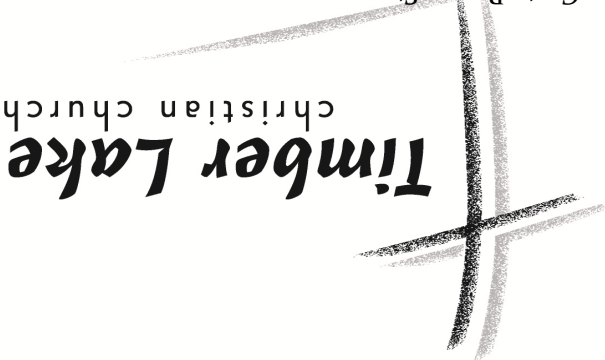
	May 20	May 27	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Greeters	Norman & Micky Lavinder Kirk & Terry Hatfield	Darold & Cathy Evans Jan Sears Dawn Beaverson	Chris & Rachel Harman Trisch Vessar	Shirley DeVos Linda Hubin Jack & Karen Richardson	Earl Crutcher Harley & Charla Funk	Delesa Frantzen Jerry Carroll Brenda Hubert
Visitor Greeters	Dan & Barb Dennis	Jeff & Lara Lawrence	Ray & Lorraine McCully	Joyce Haller Rena Lang	Dawn Beaverson	Dan & Barb Dennis
Shut-in Communion	Jack Richardson Harley Funk	David Sears Ron Self	Fred Green	Doug Delp Doug Henry	Jack Richardson Harley Funk	David Sears Ron Self

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Worship services.....8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
 Bible Fellowships9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Night C.A.R.E. Groups (Sept.—April)
WEDNESDAY (Sept.—April)
 C.A.R.E. Groups(times to be set by group)
 Adult and Children's Programming
 for Age 2—Grade 12.....6:30-8 p.m.

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- 2- Acorn Day (WOCC), Ages 5 & 6
- 3- Camp Kickoff; Meal-4:30 & Service-6:30 p.m.
- 8,9 Seedling Camp, Ages 7 & 8
- 10-15 Timber Week at WOCC, Ages 15-18
- 13- Sauce Remix Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 17- Baby Recognition
- 17-22 Wildwood Week at WOCC, Ages 12-14
- 24- CARE Group Train Station, 8:30 a.m.
- 24-29 Sapling Week at WOCC, Ages 9-11



- Recurring Events**
- Sunday Worship service, 8:30 a.m.
Bible Fellowships, 9:45 a.m.
 - Tuesday Worship service, 10:45 a.m.
 - Wednesday NAMI—7:00 p.m.
 - Thursday Classes dismissed till Fall
Worship Team—6:30 p.m.
GriefShare—6:30 p.m.

- Upcoming Sermons:**
- 5/20— “Victories & Failures in Numbers—What’s the Difference?” Numbers 21
 - 5/27— “Don’t Forget” by Brian Sevits
 - 6/3— “Synergy= Family + Church, Genesis: The Beginnings”
 - 6/10— “Family: The Priorities”