

# connections

TIMBER LAKE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

November 2011

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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.

**Freedom or Just Free?**

**Gal. 5:13-26**



Use your smart phone to see this week's CARE sheet or visit [dougdelp.wordpress.com](http://dougdelp.wordpress.com).

**December Sermon Series:**

# brighter!



"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..." Don't you hate it when the retail stores tear out the Halloween costumes to stock Christmas wrapping paper? Forget Thanksgiving—let's start spending for Christmas! As Christmas lights go up this year, we want to begin to think about those things that are most important about the Christmas season. Jesus' birth ushered in a whole new level of brightness to a very dark world. The book of Hebrews is about people who were struggling with "Jesus fatigue." Honestly, faith in Jesus had made their lives more difficult. Persecution, abandonment, and loneliness had set in. They were beginning to recall the joy of festivals and traditions, that while spiritually empty, were at least familiar. The message of Hebrews is to keep your eye on Jesus. HE IS the brighter light! On the last Sunday of December, Christmas morning, we will have one united service at 9:45 a.m. Brian will be leading in a unique Christmas worship experience you won't want to miss!

# from the leadership

## A MESSAGE FROM DOUG

This past month's goal setting session for TLCC's leadership introduced the concept of the church's role of "collaborating" with families. In retrospect, a mistake of many of the churches in the 70's and 80's was for parents to assume the spiritual growth of their children could be delegated to the youth ministry. Since then we have seen a parade of youth leaving the church during their transition to the adult years. Young people categorized by Drew Dyck as "drifters" and "rebels" have no interest in returning to church. Somewhere between group meetings and youth rallies at church while watching their parents remain too busy to connect with them and model Christian discipleship, they have become cynical about Christianity. Do not assume that you can accuse them of being "unspiritual." They are likely very spiritual, just not the way you define spirituality.

Over the next year, we will begin introducing key spiritual principles that will help us suggest ways in which we as a church can help families grow in their understanding and capabilities to disciple their children. The family was created first, then government, then the church. The church program cannot raise children, reorder society, nor rehabilitate criminals. The gospel is the key and the church "program" is the lighthouse from which it is proclaimed. But we the people, the Church, must model it to our families, friends, and community.

(For more information, check out Doug's blog, "Collaborate: Family + Church.")

**See you Sunday!**

## ELDER EXHORTATION

*Jim Glover*

What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday? Okay, I read and then borrowed this from half a dozen of my Facebook friends. Perhaps you have seen this and thought about it too. If not, now is your chance.

For me, I thought, "WOW, I would be in trouble, today anyway." I realized my prayer time is not what it should be. The more I thought about this, the more "things" I remembered that I do not thank God for, not often enough anyway. Oh, I toss up "thank you, God, for this and that" and "Lord, be with so and so" every single day. But my prayer life could be better. Now, I am just being honest. When you honestly look at your prayer life, is it where it should be? Do we thank God often enough everyday?

Thank you God for my family, for my health. Thank you God for my friends, near and far. Thank you God for my church. Thank you for your Word. Thank you God for a car that works, central heat and air, clothes to wear, my dog (cat, eehhhh, whatever.)

If we really thought about the question, we could understand what it means to have a prayer life that is long, deep and wide. How DEEP are your prayers? A Dixie cup? A 5 gallon bucket? A 55 gallon drum? God will fill what you offer. How WIDE are your prayers? How many in your family pray—in your church group? It's "Our Father in heaven," not "my Father in heaven." How LONG are your prayers? Are they constant?

That brings us back to the original question. *"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Rom. 12:12* God wants to hear from you often. He wants to know what we are thankful for. *"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thess. 5:18*

Finally, I hope all of us have John 3:16 on our daily prayer list of thanksgiving because—What if you **don't** wake up tomorrow?

# children's and youth ministries

## LEADERSHIP

—*Mary Rosado*

One of my favorite parts of working with elementary students is watching them accept the challenge of leadership as they enter fourth and fifth grades. In Junior Worship, the “big kids” are often used as assistants to the early elementary students who are still learning to use their Bibles.

Their help is invaluable. The “big kids” lead small prayer groups, and do an excellent job. They help new friends follow along and participate. They lean over and help a first grader find the Bible verse. They whisper encouraging words to someone confused or struggling.

Recently, they asked to return to our Bible reading schedule of having daily reading assignments handed out on a monthly calendar. They described to the younger children all of the past methods we have used to encourage Bible reading, and then voted as a

group which one they would like to use next year.

I also love it when they have an idea for a service project or a fun activity. I want them to be involved in planning and leading, to experience the joys and frustrations. When you are in charge and you need help, you go to the One who gives help.

It is a huge responsibility to lead children. I want to be a good example of a leader following God. Kids are watching and learning and eager to act so let's help them accomplish what God prompts them to do.

*Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.*  
**1 Corinthians 11:1**

**No Wednesday night programming on November 23, 2011. Enjoy Thanksgiving Break!**

## MONEY MOUTH? -ALLEN TODD

Nothing says support like opening up your wallet and giving. I may say that I want Teguh to graduate from Central. I may say that boy scouts are a positive influence. I may teach that Christians should give 10% of their gross income to the local church and then give over and above that for missions and causes that they believe in. I may say that I want all our students to attend CIY and camp. But if I don't open up my wallet and give, then I am a liar. Well, I don't think any of us mean to be liars in that way, but too often we say one thing, but our actions don't back it up.

Ask yourself the same questions. Do you want Teguh to graduate from Central? Well, he needs immediate financial support or he won't be able to enroll for next semester. Do you want students to be able to attend retreats and conferences that are so integral to the life changing and spiritually challenging journey they are a part of here at Timber Lake? Then attend fundraisers and give. Make donations

over and above your 10% tithe. Put your money where your mouth (and your faith) is. Give. Support Teguh and Central. Thank you for supporting TLCC and the wonderful youth ministry here. -Allen

### ***Youth Events Coming up...***

#### **November:**

22 FCA “Fear Factor” after the Wrestling meet at MHS approx. 8:00pm. Jr. & Sr. High invited.

#### **December:**

7 REACH Night and Sr. High Coffee House.

11 Youth Soup & Chili Dinner Fundraiser at Noon.

21 Winter Break begins. No Wed. programming.

#### **January:**

8 Turn in \$25 pre-reg. for Jr. High CIY Believe.

11 Youth programming resumes after break.

15 First 2012 Youth Mission Trip Lunch Meeting.

21 Snow Day @ CCCB. \$15

29 Remaining \$35 due for Jr. High CIY Believe.

#### **February:**

5 Super Bowl Sunday! Sr. High at McCarters.

17-18 CIY Jr. High “Believe” conference in St. Louis.



# THE TIMBER LAKE CHRISTMAS SHOW

Join us this year for one of two  
evening performances!  
Saturday, December 10—6:30 p.m.  
Sunday, December 11—6:30 p.m.

### Time “Tweak” Begins in December

Remember that beginning Sunday, December 4 we will adjust our Sunday morning time schedule:

- 8:30 a.m.—Blended Service
- 9:45 a.m.—Bible Fellowship Hour
- 10:45 a.m.—Modern Service

### Thanksgiving Sunday

Next week is the Sunday after Thanksgiving. On October 30th, we challenged the congregation to consider giving a special gift towards reducing our budget deficit. We also are seeking commitments toward ministries that need more volunteer help in the next quarter. Please prayerfully consider what God is leading you to do. See the insert for more information.

### Gifts for the King

The holiday season is here... and with that usually comes lots of shopping. This year, Christmas is also on Sunday, and we hope that those of you who are in town that day will be here as we celebrate Christ’s birth together. On December 25, we are challenging you to bring some “Gifts for the King” to help the food pantry. Just pick up a few items from the list below, and drop them off on Christmas (or some other convenient time). As always, the food pantry also needs monetary donations to keep up this ministry. If you are unable (or too busy) to purchase items to bring to church, consider a year-end donation to the food pantry.

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|----------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 1. peanut butter           | 6. canned fruit                                    | 11. dried beans     |
| 2. crackers                | 7. granola bars                                    | 12. spaghetti sauce |
| 3. instant mashed potatoes | 8. instant oatmeal                                 | 13. paper towels    |
| 4. macaroni & cheese       | 9. cereal  | 14. toilet paper    |
| 5. canned soup             | 10. canned meat (chicken, tuna,<br>ham, or salmon) | 15. dish soap       |

# announcements

## THANKSGIVING BREAK

There will be no Wednesday evening classes on November 23, and no CARE groups on Sunday, November 27. The church office will be closed on Nov. 23-25, but in case of emergency, you may contact Brian Sevits at 651-4012.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Today is the library's end-of-the-year book sale, an opportunity for you to get some bargains and support our church's library. And don't forget to sign up for a free book and enjoy the treats prepared by Fran Burton, Sharon Schantz, Marlene Wilson, and Carol Wright.

## WINTER WEATHER POLICY

In case of a winter storm, information regarding changes in our schedule of any services will be announced through our website, KWIX/KRES and KOMU. As a rule, we will always have at least the late service with the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

*The warm welcome of our fellowship is extended to these new family members!*

Brooke White was immersed into Christ on Sunday, November 6. Brooke is active in our children's department and is the 9-year-old daughter of Angie Nichols.

## FROM THE MAILBOX

*Thank you for the plant you sent to us in remembrance of Mom. The cross planter is beautiful! A special thank you to Doug for his call. We appreciate all the prayers, cards, and calls from our church family.*

*Steve, Jackie, and the family of Shirley St. Clair*

*Thank you for the plant you sent to us at the death of Mike's sister. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.*

*In Christ—The Mike Mathis family*

*Thank you so much for the lovely flowers and all the help you gave us with the children. Our family really appreciated your thoughtfulness and kindness.*

*The family of Floyd Daiprai*

## XYZ TRIP

The XYZ group will travel to St. Louis to hear Ambassadors of Harmony on Saturday, Dec. 10. The group is leaving the church at 8 a.m. If you need details, you may contact Ron or Phyllis Self.

## SNACKS FOR CCCB FINALS WEEK

It's that time of the year again! December 13-16 will be the week of final exams at CCCB. Each semester we are asked to help provide goodies for the students to help them through the stressful week. Suggestions are (but not limited to): cookies, brownies, chips, dip, pretzels, cheese, crackers, little smokies, meatballs, cheeseballs, salsa, snack mix, peanuts, meat/cheese tray, peanut butter and crackers, veggies, fruit, drinks, etc. If you would like to help provide a treat, you're welcome to drop it off at Central any of those days, but please contact the office so Dawn is aware that we have enough items. You may also bring your item to church before or on December 13 and it will be delivered to the college. Thanks for helping the students!

# people and prayer requests

## CELEBRATIONS

### December Birthdays

- 2- Nick Perkins  
Joanne Simmerman  
Noah Stice
- 3- Alyse Grant
- 4- Ben Cousin  
Kathy Shriver  
Zach Williams
- 5- Stephen Couture  
Melissa Williams
- 6- Kyle Bartholmey  
Crystal Cousin
- 7- Lucy Lawrence
- 9- Amber Beaverson  
Taylor Beaverson
- 10- Roberta Crutcher  
Darold Evans  
Debi Wybert
- 11- Hannah Culbertson
- 12- Rhonda Dunham
- 14- Ian Shriver  
Marilynn Todd
- 16- Tami Beaverson  
Sarah Henry



- 17- Trevor Hatfield  
Jan Sears
- 18- Chris Morrison
- 19- Kaitlin Gelina  
Kirk Hatfield
- 20- Cathy Evans  
Ben Williams
- 21- Nellie Herron
- 24- Vickie Mallory
- 25- Linda Hubin  
Ray McCully
- 26- Melva Dunn  
Karen Wright

- 27- Becky Flood  
Brian Sevits
- 30- Ruth Dowlin  
Rick Fordyce  
Julie Lilburn  
David Rosado  
David Sears
- 31- Joy Gastler

### December Anniversaries

- 5- Wayne & Frieda McKinney
- 12- Ray & Glenda Perry
- 23- Charles & Roberta Crutcher  
Don & Carolyn Herron  
Dale & Sue Samp  
Larry & Joanne Simmerman
- 28- Sam & Diane Richardson

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### *Please remember these in prayer...*

Paul Axton, Garrett Braman, Nancy Braman, David Brown, Gary Collier, Barb Collins, Woody Coonce, Mary Dicken, Dorothy Fausz, Bob Franklin, Karen Franklin, Delesa Frantzen, Regina Green, Melvin Gregory, Susan Hall, Henry Hamblin, Shirley Henderson, Lonnie Henry, Carolyn Herron, Jim Johnson, Tom Kaser, Vivian Kilgore, Donna Marshall, Donna McKibben, Anne Menear, Jim Morgan, Paulette Morgan, Bob Ollmann, Gail Peterson, Dorothy Pittman, Marilyn Pittman, Timothy Pittman, Trent Putnam, Frank & Margie Richardson, Kim Stuart, John Stufflebean, Naomi Thompson, Karen Weatherly, Alice Weaver, Clyde Williams



### *Those in Nursing Homes or Care Centers...*

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

### *Those in the Military...*

Afghanistan: Bobby Bulens, Grant Glover, Jerad Stokes; Alaska: Josh Conklin; California: Rafe Kossak; Cambodia: Grant LeGrand; Hawaii: Justin Lewis, Jeff Taylor; Iraq: Nicholas Clear, Lawrence Trowbridge; Germany: Bryan Ralls; Nebraska: Gerrett Vessar; New Mexico: Jacob Dykstra; North Carolina: Travis Bash; Pennsylvania: Travis Harvey; South Carolina: Jordan Copenhaver; Reserves: Adam Cousin, Drew Stice

# statistics and serving schedules

	10/16	10/23	10/30	11/6	11/13
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>					
TOTAL S. S.	190	216	186	199	182
1st Wor.	105	106	107	113	93
2nd Wor.	195	258	237	256	251
Children	69	77	186	71	69
TOTAL Wor.	369	441	375	440	413
<b>OFFERING</b>					
General	\$8,956	\$10,126	\$7,852	\$10,606	\$7,356
Designated	350	314	585	401	685
TOT. Offerings	\$9,306	\$10,440	\$8,437	\$11,007	\$8,041

## OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>46,269.58</b>	<b>403,406.64</b>
Staff	18,848.56	170,039.43
Operational	4,072.27	56,532.54
Children	(690.07)	4,985.06
Youth	330.61	6,461.56
Adults	558.87	3,903.16
Missions/Other	4,000.00	35,912.26
Debt	14,578.49	145,784.90
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>41,698.73</b>	<b>423,618.91</b>
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	4,570.85	-20,212.27

## YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS

Worship Average:	406
Sunday School Average:	211
Total Offering Received:	\$455,453
Average Weekly Offering:	\$9,143
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$9,901

## COUNTY BANK LOAN UPDATE

(Through Oct. 31, 2011)

Loan Beg. Balance (1-1-10)	\$189,272.00
Debt Reducation in 2010	-118,426.35
Budgeted Prin. pmts. YTD	- 24,855.28
Designated payments YTD	- 6,486.00
<b>CURRENT BAL. (8/11/11)</b>	<b>\$39,504.37</b>
Interest paid YTD (5%)	\$ 2,644.72

## RELIANCE TRUST BONDS UPDATE

(Financing for Gratz Brown Property)

Current Bond Account Balance:

Principle	\$1,193,750
Interest	<u>284,280</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,478,030</b>

At the current payment rate (\$12,078 per month), the bonds will be paid off on October 30, 2029.

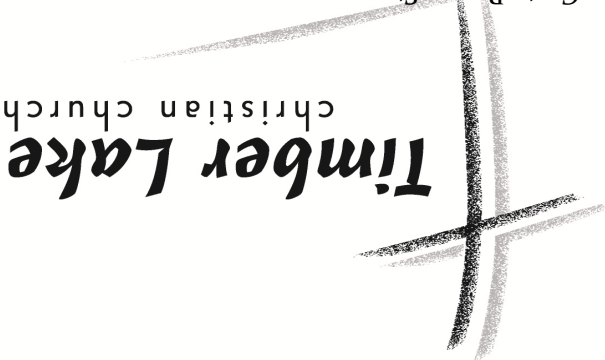
	Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 25
<b>Greeters</b>	Kevin & Theresa Bartholmey  Penny Henry	TBA	Keith & Melissa Bosch  Norman & Micky Lavinder	Glen & Michelle Herron  Kim & Keven Ridgway	Kirk & Terry Hatfield  John & Joy Gastler	Shirley DeVos Linda Hubin  Jack & Karen Richardson
<b>Visitor Greeters</b>	Dan & Barb Dennis	Dawn Beaverson	Rena Lang	Ray & Lorraine McCully	Dan & Barb Dennis	Dawn Beaverson
<b>Shut-in Communion</b>	Doug Delp  Doug Henry	Fred Green	David Sears  Ron Self	Jack Richardson  Harley Funk	Doug Delp  Doug Henry	Fred Green

**TIMES OF SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

Worship services.....8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Fellowships .....9:30 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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**DECEMBER 2011**

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- 5- White Oak Camp Board Mtg., 6:15 p.m.
- 7- Ladies' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
- 8- Food pantry
- 10- XYZ Trip to St. Louis
- 10- Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.
- 11- Youth Chili Lunch fundraiser
- 11- Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.
- 14- Final Wednesday classes for 2011
- 19- Preschool Christmas program
- 24- Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.

**Recurring Events**

- Sunday      Worship service, 8:30 a.m.  
                  Bible Fellowships, 9:45 a.m. (Dec.)  
                  Worship service, 10:45 a.m. (Dec.)
- Tuesday     NAMI—7:00 p.m
- Wednesday   Bible Bowl—3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
                  Classes—6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday     Worship Team —6:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening classes are offered for ages 2 through adults from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Both men and women's Bible studies are available as well as "The 5,000 Year Leap."