



3timbers CHURCH

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ISSUE 9

*Connecting
people to the
transforming &
redeeming love
of Jesus Christ
through*

*PASSION,
POWER,
and
PRESENCE*

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**WORSHIP WITH US!**

**SUNDAY 10 A.M.**

**In the Upper Room at  
NATE'S STUMBLE INN**

**15409 S 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
BENNINGTON, NE**

**OR**

**FACEBOOK**

**SEARCH FOR**

**THREE TIMBERS CHURCH  
THEN 'VIDEOS'**



## Equip & Engage - In Motion

3tc family,

Isaac Newton's first law of motion states: *"An object at rest stays at rest and an object in motion stays in motion."* We are all about motion this fall, we have so many opportunities to become more equipped by God's Word and to engage in the ministry of discipleship. But here is the key, we must be in motion when it comes to worship, life groups, men's ministry, Soul Sisters kids, youth and children's ministry. That is what the early church did, they were in constant motion, and God richly blessed them.

*<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.- Acts 2:42-47*

We all know what it is like to be busy with life, work, school, youth sports, activities, and family. But where does God fit on that list, if He is even on the list? We often tend to "rest" from spending time with God in worship. We pause prayer and being in His Word and keep moving in other area of our lives. What if we switched that? What if we were in constant motion with our faith? What if we began our day with God in prayer and quiet time? What if we listened to a Christian podcast over lunch? What if we planned our weeks around worship and bible studies? How much different would we feel, how much more balance would we have? How much more rest would we find? It is about developing good habits, just as we read in Hebrews.

*<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

*-Hebrews 10:24-25*

Life is all about being in motion and being at rest. We know how to do both, but maybe we are in motion with the wrong things. Maybe we are resting from the wrong thing. I want to encourage you to look at all the offerings we have for the fall, make them the first thing you put on your calendars and watch God work in you and through you.

Blessings, *Pastor Jeff*



## Equip & Engage - In Motion



Sunday School  
**A Spotlight on Philippians**  
*Invitation to Joy*

Ministry Center  
September 11th - October 30th  
9:00 AM-9:50 AM

### Sunday School is Starting Again Soon!

Join us for Sunday School with Pastor Tim from September 11th through October 30th as we take a deeper dive into Philippians and grow in our knowledge of scripture and faith together! We can't wait to see you there.

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#### *What did your life group do this summer?*



"We had a social get together with another life group."

"We did a 30 day squat challenge."

"We watched the Jeremy Camp movie, *I Still Believe*."

"We started a study about marriage."

"We finished our study and then took a break."

"We provided meals for a family."

Life groups were busy doing life together this summer, and now they are gearing up for fall. Some groups are ready to start a new study and are looking to add more members.

We are also looking to form new groups. Are you ready to join the fun and fellowship?

Contact Lori Liffing (402-618-5892) to find out more or get plugged in. You can also send an email to [info@threetimbers.org](mailto:info@threetimbers.org).

***THERE'S A PLACE WAITING FOR YOU IN A LIFE GROUP.***



## Worship & Creative Arts Ministry ~ In Motion

Grant Riesen [grant@threetimbers.org](mailto:grant@threetimbers.org)



While some may view the falling of the leaves as the first indicator of fall approaching and others may view college football kicking off as a sign that fall is here, few signs are truer indicators of the advent of the fall season than our schedules.

And while this is true across all walks and all facets of life, we must remember that it is also true within the life of our church. As we approach the final few months of the year we are blessed with the opportunity to be in fellowship and service with the body of believers all the more as the calendar year begins its ending.

Three Timbers has some truly incredible ministries starting up again and we'd absolutely love to have YOU involved. Below are some great ones to get on your calendar.

- **September 7<sup>th</sup>** - Treehouse Kids and Brews & Q's
- **September 11<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday School, Pursuit Middle, and Pursuit High
- **September 12<sup>th</sup>** - Men's Ministry Monday Night Football Event
- **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Soul Sisters Choose Conference

For more information on any of these events feel free to reach out to any staff or session member and we'll be sure to provide you with more information.

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As you begin to settle into your fall routine again, I'd also like to take this opportunity to encourage you to evaluate the gifts God has given you and get plugged into a ministry that you can serve in. Whether it is Worship Team, Tech Team, Children's, Youth, Soul Sisters, Men's or something else, God has equipped you for this time and place to serve your local church.

Specifically, for the Worship Ministry, we are looking for musicians (drums, guitar, keys, bass, etc.) and vocalists (bass, tenor, alto, soprano)

For the Tech Team we are looking for more depth in both Sound and Slides to make sure our current team is getting time to recharge throughout the month.

If you have any of these skill sets or know someone who might be interested, please reach out to me at [grant@threetimbers.org](mailto:grant@threetimbers.org) and I'll be sure to get you plugged in!

Summer may be coming to a close and the changing of the seasons may throw our calendars for a bit of a loop...but as we adjust to our new fall calendars let us not forget that we are called to honor and serve Jesus every day of every year. It is my prayer for you that in all the craziness that this life can bring, you can find peace, calm, routine, and time to serve this fall season.

***To my volunteers that serve so diligently, thank you for all that you do!***





## Children & Youth Ministries - In Motion

Garrett Worner [garrett@threetimbers.org](mailto:garrett@threetimbers.org)

Britney Scheetz [britney@threetimbers.org](mailto:britney@threetimbers.org)



*Wednesday*  
Treehouse Kids- 6:00 - 7:30  
Light Meal Provided  
Ministry Center

*Sunday*  
Pursuit Middle: 4:30 - 6:00  
Pursuit High School: 6:30 - 8:00  
Both located in the Ministry Center

*Branches is Back!*



### Branches is Coming Back!

**Treehouse Kids:** Starting Wednesday, September 7th, Treehouse Kids will be back in full swing! Join us at the Ministry Center from 6:00-7:30 for worship and fellowship. A light meal is provided from 6:00-6:30.

**Pursuit:** Starting Sunday, September 11th Pursuit Middle and High will be firing back up! Join us for worship, fellowship, and fun every Sunday during the school year.

Pursuit Middle will be meeting from 4:30-6:00

Pursuit High will be meeting from 6:30-8:00

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**BREWS AND Q'S**

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
6:15-7:15  
NATE'S STUMBLE INN

### Brews and Q's is Coming Back!

Looking for a great Bible Study? Starting Wednesday, September 7th you can join Pastor Jeff at Nate's Stumble Inn for an hour long Bible study and fellowship. Be sure to head over and enjoy some great fellowship and an awesome Bible study.





## Financial Corner - In Motion

Rick Blunk, Business Manager



Finance Report as of July 31, 2022

|               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Contributions | \$119,976.74        |
| Expenses      | <u>\$145,493.27</u> |
| Net           | (\$ 25,516.53)      |

This results in us being behind forecast by \$7,027.66.

You may recall we were ahead of forecast with the April 30 reporting in the prior newsletter. Some of the slippage can be attributed simply to timing, and part is giving has softened.

Historically, the church takes in the majority of its contributions in the second half of the year and especially in December.

We are so thankful for everyone who contributes to God's work through Three Timbers Church. Please continue to keep His church in your thoughts, prayers, and actions. God Bless.

Malachi 3:10 "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test" says the Lord of hosts, "see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."

### 3 Ways to Give:

- ⇒ Online at [threetimbers.org](http://threetimbers.org)
- ⇒ In Person on Sunday Morning
- ⇒ Mail in to:

PO Box 282  
Bennington NE 68007



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## Women's Ministry - In Motion

### Soul Sisters

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourself." Romans 12:10

All women are welcome to participate in any or all activities. Always feel free to bring a friend! If you want to share ideas or have a suggestion for an event let us know! ~ Felicia Tweedy

*Our first book club meeting is **September 6th, at the Ministry Center, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** The book: **Life is SO Good** by **George Dawson and Richard Glaubman**. Don't worry if you don't get it read - come for the fellowship! Feel free to bring your friend and we look forward to seeing you!*

#### Schedule:

October 4th: **Bad Girls of the Bible** by Liz Curtis Higgs  
 November 1st: **Slow Brewing Tea** by Randy Loubier  
 December: No Meeting  
 January 3rd: **Mere Christianity** by CS Lewis  
 February: Game Night (date/time TBD)  
 March 7th: **Stay** by Dave Burchett  
 April 4th: **The Poisonwood Bible** by Barbara Kingsolver  
 May: Fun Activity (date/time TBD)



*Soul Sisters met for a brunch at Blunk's cabin in July. Eighteen women shared food, fun and fellowship! Felicia shared a beautiful meditation, followed by Pam Mitchell's poem written for the occasion:*

#### Sisterhood by Pam Mitchell

Here we all are on this warm summer day,  
Laughing and gabbing as we dine by the lake  
on french toast and fruit and eggs that were baked...  
We are blessed by our sisterhood.

We burst out in laughter, as if right on cue,  
Sharing with old friends and those who are new.  
Finding something in common as women will do...  
We are blessed by our sisterhood.

We don't think about what we have to do later  
We just sit in the yard with the peace of the water;  
And our hearts are refreshed by our Heavenly Father...  
We are blessed by our sisterhood.

Women together, it's special, we know.  
We lean on and lean in, helping each other grow.  
And the smiles and the hugs say *it's well with my soul...*  
We are blessed by our sisterhood.

*(Note: at the end of this reading, a spontaneous rendition of "It Is Well With My Soul" broke out amongst the women. It was a touching and holy moment.)*



*Join us for the "Choose" event on October 22nd... details on the next page!*





## *Soul Sisters - SPECIAL EVENT!*

*Bring a friend!*



*choose*  
*Hope*

## **Women's event!**

Faith, fun, time with  
friends...**and chocolate!**

*All are welcome!*

Featuring:



Laura Pedersen  
Sioux City



Rachel Scott  
Omaha



Jill Miller  
Sioux City

Worship, storytelling, laughter and God's Word!

**OCTOBER 22 - 9:30 TO 12:30**

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
322 N MOLLEY STREET, BENNINGTON**

Tickets only \$25 - Available online at [www.chooseministry.com/tour](http://www.chooseministry.com/tour)  
or at St. John's Lutheran Church





## Men's Ministry - In Motion



### 3TC Men

Come hang out at the Ministry Center on Monday, September 12th as we watch **Monday Night Football** together. This event will be a blast and is such a fun time of fellowship, football, and incredible food. Be sure to stop by!

Mark your calendars NOW and watch for further details for the **Men's Bible Study** being held from October 17<sup>th</sup> - November 21<sup>st</sup>. Join in this opportunity for fellowship and growth as men of God.

### ~ 3TC UPCOMING 2022 EVENTS ~

*September 7 Branches Kicks off*

*September 11 Pursuit Kicks off*

*September 12 Men's Monday Night Fellowship*

*October 10 Men's Monday Night Fellowship*

*October 17-November 21 Men's Bible Study*

*October 22 Woman's Choose Ministry*

*October 30 Trunk or Treat*

*November 14-21 Operation Christmas Child- Collection Week*

*December ? Community Engagement Event*

*December 18 Children's Presentation*

*December 24 Christmas Eve Service (5:00)*

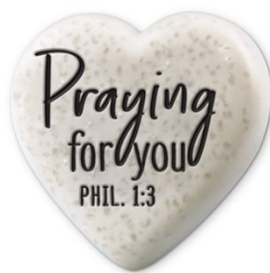
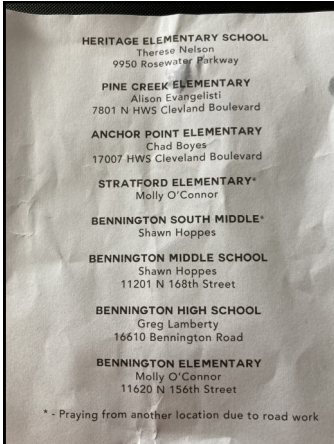




## Equip & Engage ~ In Motion

### Prayer for Schools

Three Timbers Church once again prayed for teachers, students, administrators, and support staff at each of the Bennington Schools and District Office before the first day of school. May God provide a rich environment for learning and growing in all schools this year.



Have you **moved**?

Do you have a **new phone number**?

Have you opened a **new email account**?

Are you **new to 3tc**?

So we can keep you up to date, please keep us up to date!

Let us know if you've had changes to your contact information:  
[rick@threetimbers.org](mailto:rick@threetimbers.org) and [newsletter@threetimbers.org](mailto:newsletter@threetimbers.org)

*Stay Connected...*





# Local Mission Trip ~ High School June 2022

Rooted - Luke 19:1-9

Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but because he was too short, he needed to climb a tree. The tree helped him see Jesus; we need to be like the tree for people in our own life.

We were rooted in Omaha, growing our own roots from the seeds others have planted in our life. We stood tall like the visible serving tree while we worked with God to impact His kingdom.



Praying over Food Bank for the Heartland



Ready to go!



We got done early and got to work on putting food labels on bags



Fun and games after a day of serving, study, and supper.



At a coffee shop to make bracelets for children in Brazil



Praying over the those who will receive these bracelets



Supper time!



Celebrating the end of our Mission week with a day of R&R at Worlds of Fun.



← Britney and Sabine... Guess who isn't a fan of roller coasters?

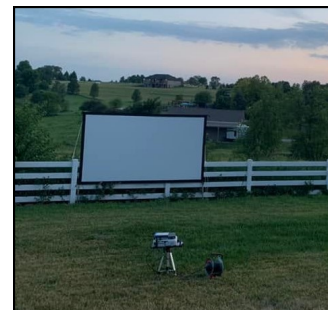
From preparing and packaging food for the hungry in our community, to making prayer bracelets for children in another country, to daily devotionals, recreation and sharing meals, this group was ROOTED for a higher purpose.





# Pursuit Summer Party

## July 2022



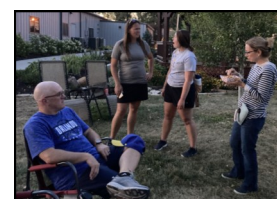
## Friday Night Flix August 2022



Food by BVM the Fries Guys!



Bennington Fire Dept. helps with set-up!





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*When finished with your newsletter, please consider sharing it with someone else! ♥*