

# The Living Light

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## Freedom in Christ



Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

As Americans, we value freedom. Our nation was founded on the principle of "liberty and justice for all." Our First Amendment guarantees freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to assemble, and freedom to petition the government for redress. This freedom isn't free – it was paid for by the blood of those who fought for our country.

Political freedom is a wonderful thing, but spiritual freedom is even better because you can experience it no matter what sort of government you live under. Spiritual freedom in Jesus Christ lasts forever. But what is spiritual freedom?

Jesus explains in John 8 that even though the Jewish leaders don't see it, they are actually enslaved to sin. He shows them (and us) the way to true spiritual freedom:

**True freedom comes from knowing Christ through faith and abiding in His word.**



Jesus offers us an invitation (John 8:36), "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." He's saying, "Come to Me; I will give you true freedom." Our freedom in Christ has been paid for by His innocent suffering and death on the cross. By following Jesus, we are free!

This month of July, TLC will be exploring the FREEDOM we have received through faith in Jesus Christ. Be sure to make worship on Sunday mornings or on Monday nights a priority for this sermon series. (continue on page 2)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Summer Worship:** TLC is offering an evening worship service on Monday nights at 7:00 pm during the summer months. This Monday night worship is a casual, come-as-you-are service where the sermon from Sunday morning is repeated. Pastor Andy is looking for members to help greet, read scripture, and usher. Please sign up by the mailboxes if you would be willing to help with the Monday night worship services.

**Prayer Shawl** meets in the youth room the first Friday of each month from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm in the Youth Room. New people are ALWAYS welcomed! Mark your calendars for future meetings. July 13, August 3, September 7, October 5 and November 2 .

**Save the date for the Wise Owl Picnic!** The Wise Owl Picnic will be at The Lehner Community Center, 35 South River Road, Munroe Falls, Ohio on July 21 at 12:00 pm

A sign-up sheet for your name as well as for what you would like to bring to the picnic is by the mailboxes. If all items are taken, then bring your favorite dish to share. Next to the sign-up sheet will be directions to The Lehner Community Center. If you have any questions, please call Sandy at 330-688-6258.



**FREEDOM Series**

- July 1: Free to be Free
- July 8: Set Free from Fear
- July 15: Set Free from Worry
- July 22: Set Free from Doubt
- July 29: Set Free to Serve

(continue from page 1) In John 8:31, Jesus says, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine." Part of our mission at TLC is to **GROW** as disciples of Jesus. I believe that at the heart of growing in faith is to continue, or abide, in Jesus' word. To continue in Christ's Word means to be at home in His Word and to obey it continually. You don't just visit God's Word as an occasional guest, you move in and live there. You wake up there and you return there every night. God's Word shapes how you see the world. It governs and guides your thinking, your attitudes, your speech, and your behavior.

I challenge you this month of July to experience real freedom by turning off your TV, computer, and phone for between thirty minutes and one hour each day and spend the time reading, meditating on, and memorizing God's Word with the prayer that you might know Christ better. Together we will celebrate the FREEDOM we have in Jesus Christ!

Set Free by His Power,

Pastor Andy



Congratulations  
Zoe Mireille Voelker on  
your Confirmation  
Sunday, June 24, 2018



# Music Ministry News

## Schimmel Grand Piano

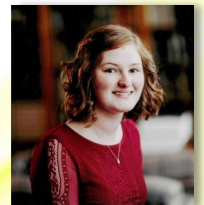
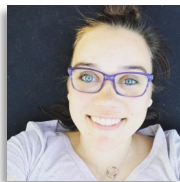
Thanks to Mary Ellen and Harry Kepler for the generous gift of our new Schimmel Grand Piano! Praise God for this beautiful donation. We are greatly looking forward to incorporating the piano into our worship services.

Jones Delivery provided truly excellent service for us as they transported the piano with great care. Many thanks also to Clive Moggridge & our awesome TLC staff for assisting with the pew removals and various aspects of this transition. Thank God for a great team!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bryon Black II or any Music Ministry staff ([music @ tlcoh.org](mailto:music@tlcoh.org)).



## You did it! *Congratulations* Graduate Class of 2018



**Isaac Craddock, Stacey Taiclet, Miranda Fothergill, Abbey Garred, Jared Shoup, Kasey Parmalee,  
Olivia Hedderly, Marissa Evenoski**



# VBS 2018

Friends,

I almost don't have the words to describe how amazing our Vacation Bible School was this year. I could talk for hours about God's providence, His grace, and His Spirit working faith. I could share dozens of sweet stories from the children who experienced the Gospel message. I could share kind words of thanks that we received from parents and beautiful stories from our volunteers. Though I don't have the space in this medium, I encourage you to ask me personally! Ask a volunteer! Let us share God Sightings and our experiences with you! Ask a child about their favorite part of VBS! Be on the lookout on our church blog and social media for more photos and stories. In the meantime, enjoy **VBS By the Numbers:**

**1300** – Number of napkins we used throughout the week for snack time!

**\$1000** – Amount of money raised for the Christian Children's Home of Ohio with our daily offering. When CCHO reached out and asked for help funding a playground for their residential facility, I knew we could help! With generous offerings from the kids, and special gifts at the end of the week, we were able to give CCHO \$1000 to share Jesus' love with kids right here in our own community!

**715**– Number of feet of plastic tablecloth used for our decorations. A BIG SHOUT OUT belongs here to Christy Wahl, who designed and orchestrated all of the décor for VBS this year! Thank you!

**450** – Number of green, paper leaves hand-cut by volunteers!

**250** – Danny Boys generously gave us enough pizza to feed 250 people at our Friday pizza party celebration!

**169** – Total number of children that joined us for Shipwrecked VBS! Wow, Praise God!

**160** – Number of black silhouette animals hand-cut by volunteers to decorate our hallways!

**63** – Approximate number of cups of coffee that I consumed over the last three weeks.

**55** - Number of volunteer helpers that gave of their time and energy during VBS week. One told me, "It's the longest week I've ever lived!" It was tiring for sure, but every single person showed patience, love, understanding, and joy as they served all the VBS families!

**7** – Number of community businesses that supported our VBS through donations! Thank you to SignGypsies for a big discount on our welcome sign! Thank you to Walmart, Giant Eagle, Crimson Cup, and Jubilee donuts for donating breakfast for our volunteers! Thank you to Danny Boys and Gionino's for donating all the pizza for our celebration on Friday!

**2** – Number of preschoolers that peed their pants.

**0** – Number of kids that puked. THANK GOD!

I also want to write a special thank you to YOU – the countless number of TLC members that supported this ministry through donations, through prayers, through volunteering to prep crafts, Jell-O, and decorations. My heart is so happy, knowing that this entire congregation wants to invest in the faith of the next generation. Please join me in PRAISING GOD for blessing every aspect of this ministry!

In the Joy of Jesus,

Hannah Lang

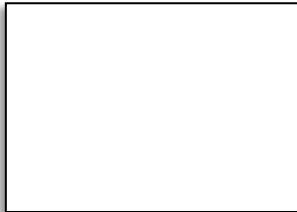
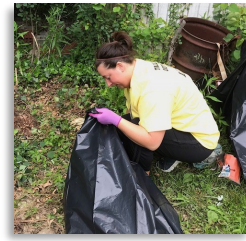




# Youth Group Corner

Kyle Lang, Director of Youth and Outreach Ministries

## TOOL Day



Words cannot express how grateful and proud we are of our members & volunteers who participated in TOOL Day. It is wonderful what we can accomplish when we all come together as one servant heart. Thank you to everyone who participated in this amazing & successful ministry opportunity. Your work is greatly appreciated by those that you helped! Please take some time to look at all photos to get a small glimpse of all that was accomplished in one day!

### Upcoming Youth Events

- July 8 Youth Group
- July 21 Cedar Point
- August 12 Youth Group Initiation Night
- August 18 Circle Fest

## Ministry Spotlight

### Youth Mission Trip: Grand Rapids, MI



Thank you for all the love and support that TLC shows our youth. In addition, a big shout out to all the adult leaders that accompanied us to Grand Rapids, MI and modeled what it looks like to put your faith into action.



I encourage everyone to seek out the youth that attended the mission trip and ask them about their experiences, and make sure to check out our social media page to see all the photos!

-Kyle Lang





**DON'T MISS THE  
PRESCHOOL TRAIN!**

**Class spaces still available in:  
Me & My Grown Up  
3-4's Wed./Fri.  
Pre-K Mon.-Fri.**

**Call now to schedule a tour!!**



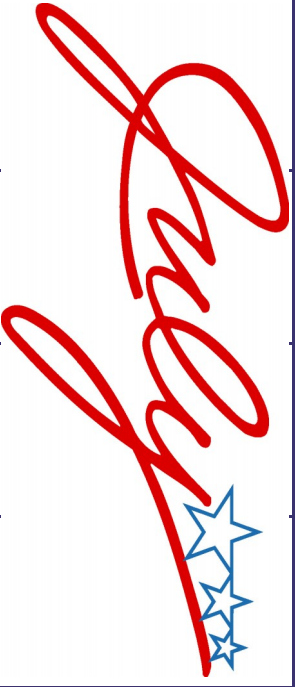
## King's Kids Field Trips



Swimming at Kent State, Boettler Park, Akron Zoo and Skymax  
Summer is off to a great start!!!!



**Check back next month to see what King's Kids were up to in July!**

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday                              |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1<br>8:00 AM Worship<br>9:15 AM Sunday<br>School<br>10:30 AM VBS<br>Families<br>10:30 AM<br>Worship                        | 2<br>7:00 PM Worship  | 3<br>9:00 AM Staff<br>Meeting  | 4<br>Independence<br>Day<br>Church Office<br>Closed<br>No King's Kids             | 5<br>1:00 PM<br>American Sewing<br>Guild (Rm 12) | 6  | 7                                     |
| 8<br>8:00 AM Worship<br>9:15 AM Sunday<br>School<br>10:30 AM<br>Worship<br>6:00 PM - 8:00<br>PM Jr. / Sr.<br>Youth Groups  | 9<br>7:00 PM Worship  | 10<br>9:00 AM Staff<br>Meeting<br>10:00 AM Bible<br>Study (Rm 12)                                | 11<br>6:00 PM Lego<br>Club  | 12   | 13<br>1:00 PM - 3:00<br>PM Prayer Shawl<br>Meeting<br>(Youth Rm) | 14<br>Second Saturday<br>Serve        |
| 15<br>8:00 AM Worship<br>9:15 AM Sunday<br>School<br>10:30 AM<br>Worship   | 16<br>7:00 PM Worship   | 17<br>9:00 AM Staff<br>Meeting<br>10:00 AM Bible<br>Study (Rm 12)                                | 18  | 19   | 20   | 21<br>12:00 PM - 2:00<br>PM Wise Owls |
| 22<br>8:00 AM Worship<br>9:15 AM Sunday<br>School<br>10:30 AM<br>Worship<br>6:00 PM - 8:00<br>PM Jr. / Sr.<br>Youth Groups | 23<br>9:00 AM August<br>Newsletter<br>deadline<br>7:00 PM Worship | 24<br>9:00 AM Staff<br>Meeting<br>10:00 AM Bible<br>Study (Rm 12)                                | 25<br>6:00 PM Lego<br>Club  | 26   | 27   | 28                                    |
| 29<br>8:00 AM Worship<br>9:15 AM Sunday<br>School<br>10:30 AM<br>Worship   | 30<br>7:00 PM Worship   | 31<br>9:00 AM Staff<br>Meeting<br>10:00 AM Bible<br>Study (Rm 12)<br>7:00 PM Property<br>Meeting |  |  |  |                                       |

**Birthdays**

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Isalah Alberts   | 14 Paul Davis         |
| Eden Parmelee      | Alec Wilkins          |
| Butch Reschke      | 15 James Knepper      |
| Lillian Whipple    | 16 Michael Dailey     |
| 2 Aaron Ferrell    | Ed Redman             |
| Bob Knepper        | 17 Megan Griffin      |
| Alexis Zehner      | 18 Robert Zofcnak     |
| 3 Heather Ross     | 19 Karen Satterfield  |
| 4 Eric Heilmeier   | 20 Nicolas Ross       |
| 5 Sophia Kellar    | 21 Brittany Henderson |
| Vyktorya Reynolds  | 22 Elaine Bloom       |
| Matthew Roy        | Beth Hauser           |
| 7 Rick Reynolds    | Gail McAlister        |
| 10 Mary Ann Kaiser | 23 Daniel Stillwell   |
| Lisa Smith         | 28 Bryon Black II     |
| 11 Isaac Alberts   | 30 Tyler Olds         |
| Lisa Heilmeier     | 31 Morgan Alleshouse  |
| Erin Sterling      |                       |
| 12 Ashley Fosnight |                       |
| Mark Richard       |                       |

**Anniversaries**

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Broemsen       | 14 Rev. & Mrs. Andy Alberts  |
| 2 Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Webb            | 16 Mr. & Mrs. Brian Kuntz    |
| 3 Mr. & Mrs. Jay Downey           | 25 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bergmann   |
| 4 Mrs. & Mr. Roger Detzel         | Mrs. & Mr. Brian Dougherty   |
| 6 Mr. & Mrs. Rich Goebelt         | 26 Mr. & Mrs. Steven Staszak |
| 9 Mr. & Mrs. Siegfried Michberger | Mr. & Mrs. Jon Vanaman       |
| 10 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Davis          | 29 Mr. & Mrs. Otto Schele    |
| 12 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kenny           | 31 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Conley     |
| Mr. & Mrs. Ray Olson              |                              |
| Mr. & Mrs. Chris Tywon            |                              |

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