

The Living Light

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Better Together

So many things in our world divide us: political views, sports allegiances, social media rants, age, race, gender, time and space, personalities, temperaments, anger styles, work out routines, dietary restrictions, etc. It's easy to become pretty isolated. But what if the way to a better "ME" was through "WE"? What if you and I truly are better together? What if life could be better together? Most of us recognize that God created us to be with others, but too often we walk through this world alone.



A recent study revealed that the number of Americans who say they have no close friends has roughly tripled in the last two decades. "Zero" is also the most common response when people are asked how many confidants they have.

That may seem strange in the era of Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and boundless digital connectivity. But the "friends" orbiting at the farthest reaches of our digital galaxy aren't the ones that matter when it comes to our happiness and sense of wellbeing.



Because we're made to be with others. In person. Scripture tells us that we're better together. There is a letter in the back of the Bible that is written to a church in the first century. In the letter of Hebrews, the author keeps using the phrase "Let us."

- **Let us** then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16
- Therefore **let us** leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity... Hebrews 6:1
- **Let us** not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25
- **Let us** fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Hebrews 12:2 (continue to page 2)

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Following Jesus is not a solo sport!



Starting on September 9, TLC will begin a journey exploring how we are “Better Together.” In this sermon series we are going to learn just how we are better together.

- Together we connect with God better
- Together we heal better
- Together we overcome fears, raise families, fight temptations, and bless the world around us better.

These are just of a few of the topics we explore. Please join us for this important series. Bring a friend with you, or meet a friend in worship. Let us figure this out. Together.

In Christ,

Pastor Andy



In his book *The Four Loves*, C.S. Lewis writes,

“Friendship arises out of mere Companionship when two or more of the companions discover that they have in common some insight or interest or even taste which the others do not share and which, till that moment, each believed to be his own unique treasure (or burden). The typical expression of opening Friendship would be something like, “What? You too? I thought I was the only one.”

In a recent, casual conversation, Joyce Riley and I discovered that we share a love for the board game Monopoly. What’s more, we share a fierce competitive spirit! As I’m sure you can imagine our conversation ended in a challenge to play each other to determine who is the ultimate Monopoly champ. We got to thinking: surely, there are others at TLC who enjoy board games and some healthy competition. If that describes you, please join us for fun afternoon of board games in the gym on **September 30 at 2:00 pm**. Bring your favorite board game - and maybe even challenge a friend! Drinks will be provided, but we ask you to bring a snack to share.

After all, we are Better Together! Joyce and I encourage you to take this opportunity to meet new friends, to socialize with your church family, and to be bold in fostering a new inter-generational relationship! -Kyle Lang

September Announcements

Monday Night Bible Study: will be starting this fall on September 10 in the Youth Room from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Our first study will be *Psalms: Prayers of the Heart*. This group is open to all and we would love to have you join us. If you have any questions call Jeanne Colosetti at 330-671-1555 or Sandy Dixon at 330-688-6258.

Aspire Women's Conference: Women's Ministry event! Women of TLC, join us for the Aspire Women's Conference on Saturday, September 29. Aspire is a one night, three hour event just for women full of laughter, learning, stories, and music. It's like a weekend retreat packed into one evening with national speakers, authors, comedians, and worship. Sandy Dixon and Hannah Lang are organizing a group to carpool and leave from TLC at 4:45 pm, experience Aspire in Canton, then arrive back to TLC before 10:00 pm. Tickets are \$20. For more information or to sign up, find the flyers near the mailboxes.

Calling All Women The Akron-Youngstown LWML Zone is having a Fall Retreat, September 29 at Birch Hill Cabin in the Mill Creek Park in Youngstown. Cost is \$10.00 per person. A light breakfast will start at 8:45 am. Ingathering will be school supplies for H.A.R.P. Missions (Helping Appalachian Rural People). We will have a servant event of making paper dolls for the children in El Salvador. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP no later than Sept 25 to goldenret45@aol.com or call 330-221-8859. Directions to Birch Hill Cabin are located on the flyer on the LWML board across from Pastor's office. A box for the donation of school supplies will be in the area of our church mailboxes.

LWML Sunday: The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observance of LWML Sunday every year. The theme this year is "Our Rest In A Changing World" from Psalm 62. It will take you through worship to the sermon titled "The Rest We Share" giving pause and insight in seeking that rest. MITES will be collecting in both services this day, October 7.

Wise Owl Fund Raiser: Larry and Fae Broemsen, with the help of the Wise Owls, will be hosting a Swiss Steak Dinner on October 7, following the late service. The proceeds from this dinner will be used to benefit the Wise Owls and the Agape Fund. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$25.00 for a family. Carry out will also be available. Tickets can be purchased between services on September 2, 9 and 16. The menu will include Swiss Steak, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Gravy, Salad, Desserts and Beverages.



2018 MOPS Meetings

Thursdays, 9-11:30am

September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13
January 10
February 14
March 14
April 11
May 9

Mondays, 6-7:30pm

September 24
October 29
November 26
TBD

Book Study, Thursdays 9-11:30am

October 4
November 1
December 6
January 3
February 7
March 7
April 4
May 2



FIND YOUR FIRE

CHURCH: How can you support this important ministry?

- Do you know a young mom who is yearning for friendship and community? Invite them try our group!
- Provide dinner for our MOPS@Night group
- Mentor young moms by attending the parenting book study
- PRAY that the Lord would use this ministry to transform hearts and lives!

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers (by “preschoolers” we mean infancy through kindergarten – expecting moms are invited too!) Each month’s meeting theme is unique, but Moms can always count on insightful speakers, fun crafts, small group conversations, praying for each other – and of course, we provide brunch and childcare! **Our gatherings are where moms can meet to share their hopes, fears and insights, in a format that works with their schedules, that doesn’t neglect their faith nor their womanhood, their motherhood nor their purpose, their heart nor their mind.**

NEW this year, we are offering an evening meeting to better serve working Moms. MOPS@Night meetings will begin with dinner served at 6pm, and the meeting beginning at 6:30pm.

MOPS@Night will have an informal, relaxed feel. Moms are encouraged to bring their older children along as well!

This year’s book study: **Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family**

Questions? Brooke Michlberger and Hannah Lang would love to share more about this ministry with you.

The Wise Owls: Baseball, Beards & the Bible

On Saturday, August 18, members of the Wise Owls group enjoyed a wonderful lunch catered by Fae and Larry Broemson and family; followed by a program by Pastor Zachrich about the “Israeli House of David” located near Benton Harbor, Michigan. Pastor “Z” explained the leaders of this group choose many ways to bring people to their facilities in hopes of converting them to their religious beliefs. These included building an amusement park, having musical concerts and their own baseball team which would play games against many of the current teams like the New York Yankees. At one time there were thousands of people attending these events. Like so many groups there was a scandal and dissention and the “House of David” was divided. Because of this and their belief in the practice of celibacy their numbers dwindled. There are now two “House of David’s” operating in Benton Harbor with little following.

Visit the Wise Owls next on September 19 when Pat Pakan will speak on aging. She always has everyone laughing with her amusing talks!

We hope to see you at the next event! New members bring new life and new ideas to a group and we look forward to seeing what you would like do as part of the group. (Article written by Wise Owl member, Pam Klicman)

TLC Annual Church Picnic

Thank you to everyone who participated in TLC's Annual Church Picnic!
A great turn out with good food, great friends and fellowship.



Ministry Fair

SEPTEMBER 9TH
9:15-10:15AM

- Browse ministry booths
- Sign up to serve
- Discover and join new Bible studies
- Enjoy ice cream sundaes

We're Better Together!

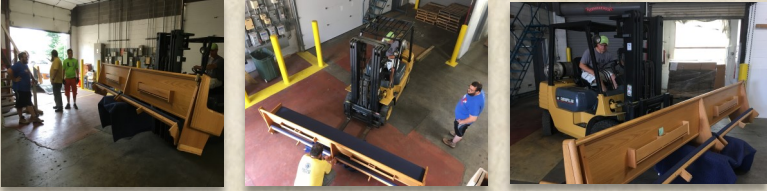
TLC Building Projects:

Your financial gifts help us care for God's House.

Thank you!

Moving & Storing Church Pews

Pictured: Kyle Lang, Andy Wahl, Isaac Craddock & Chris Tywon



A/C & Boiler Repair

Pictured: Pastor Andy & Aaron from EMS



Ceiling Repair

Brian Kuntz



Parking Lot Repair, Paving & Striping.

Pictured: Tallmadge Asphalt



Fellowship Hall Floor

Pictured: Ben & Val Jews



Tallmadge Christian Preschools Classroom Painting



Re-Roofing Day

Saturday, September 8

All are welcome and invited to help out from dawn until it is done. Even one or two hours of work is helpful. Call or text Brian Kuntz 330.550.7855 for more information.

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Music Ministry News

Saturday, October 6

Stow Symphony Orchestra
Darrell Lee Music, Conductor
7:30pm at Tallmadge Alliance Church
Tickets: 330-672-2787

Saturday, October 20

TLC Music Ministry Concert
Celebrating God's gifts and messages to us through musical worship
Featuring ensembles & performers of all ages from the Music Ministry and community
7:00pm at Tallmadge Lutheran Church
Suggested Donation: \$5.00

Sunday, October 28


Kent State University Chorale Concert
Scott MacPherson, Conductor
7:30pm at Cartwright Hall
Tickets: 330-672-2787

Sunday, November 4

"In the Spirit!"
A collaborative choral concert, featuring original arrangements of spirituals
Durrell LeGrair and Bryon Black II, Conductors/Arrangers
4:00pm at Faith Lutheran Church (Akron)
Part of the FLC "Faith at Four" Series
Free admission

Friday, November 9

Kent State University Men's & Women's Concert
Bryon Black II and Deborah Devore, Conductors
7:30pm at Cartwright Hall
Tickets: 330-672-2787



Back to School

School has started and everyone is happy to be back!

Thank you to everyone who helped paint the classrooms! The kids loved the surprise!



Check back next month to see what Tallmadge Christian Preschool was up to in September!

Youth Group Corner

Kyle Lang, Director of Youth and Outreach Ministries

Circle Fest & Parade of Lights



Thanks to all those who helped build the float, helped in the booth, and walked in the parade of lights. This was a great way for TLC to be represented in the community and share the love and joy we all feel being part of the TLC family!

Second Saturday Serve



July's Second Saturday Serve was spent at The Miller House, located in Kent, The Miller House is an emergency shelter to Portage county adults and children in a housing crisis.

Upcoming Youth Events

- Sept 8 Second Saturday Serve: Re-Roofing Day
- Sept 9 Ministry Fair & Rally Day, Youth Group
- Sept 23 Youth Group
- Sept 30 Game Night
- Oct 13 Second Saturday Serve
- Oct 14 Youth Group

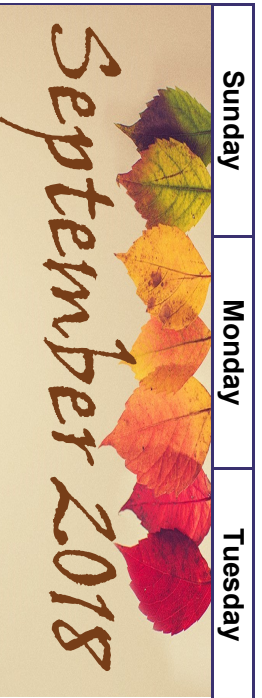
In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

Ministry Spotlight

Youth Group Initiation Night



We had an awesome and slightly messy time at our annual Youth Inanition Night. The youth board and I are excited for another fun year of youth ministry. Make sure to check out our Facebook and Instagram page for photos of the night. -Kyle Lang



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	3 Church Office Closed Labor Day	4 9:00 AM Preschool Begins 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Private Music Event (Rm 12) 7:00 PM Board of Elders 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Jubilate Ringers	5 6:00 PM Bible Study (Rm 12, Youth Rm) 6:00 PM Lego Club (Preschool Rm) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation (Rm 5) 6:30 PM Family Night (Rm 12) 7:00 PM Property Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 1:00 PM American Sewing Guild (Rm 12)	7 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting (Youth Room)	8 Re-Roofing Day 12:00 PM Second Saturday Serve
9 TLC Ministry Fair & Rally Day 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Jr. / Sr. Youth Groups	10 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00 PM Board of Directors	11 Patriot Day 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Private Music Event (Rm 12) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Jubilate Ringers	12 6:00 PM Bible Study (Rm 12, Youth Rm) 6:00 PM Lego Club (Preschool Rm) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation (Rm 5) 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	13 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM MOPS (Rm 12) 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM Kids Beach Club	14	15 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Kids Beach Club Training (Rm 12) 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Wise Owls
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Birthdays

- 2 Annie Alberts
 - Tom Strand
 - 4 Trina Carter
 - Molly Kuntz
 - Ruth Lynch
 - 5 Sara Vanaman
 - 9 Marissa Evanoski
 - 10 Paul Dussel
 - 13 Ray Carmen
 - Leslie Dougherty
 - 14 Mark Ruesch
 - 17 Karen Reschke
 - 17 Bill Graf
 - Pam Kress
 - 18 Sandy Dixon
 - 19 Barbara Moyer
 - 21 Kasey Parmelee
 - 23 Carol Zager
 - 24 Eva Rettig
 - 26 Richard Himmelreich
 - Mary Huck
 - 28 Myra Barrett
 - Keith Dixon
 - Walter Ruggles
- Anniversaries**
- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Dick Haller
 - Mr. & Mrs. Rick Kellar
 - 4 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sandmann
 - 6 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kress
 - 7 Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Lang
 - 7 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Scheck
 - 10 Mr. & Mrs. Walt Satterfield
 - 16 Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Bulgrin
 - 24 Mr. & Mrs. Paul LeVan
 - Mr. & Mrs. Bob Ray
 - 26 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pifer
 - 27 Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Cipa
 - 28 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Holzer



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