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The Living Light

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MODGIK

Almost every week in church we pray the following words: "your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). What does it mean to pray for God's kingdom to come?

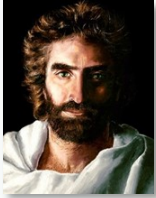
This fall at TLC, we will be exploring God's Backward Kingdom on Sunday mornings through a sermon series **MODGIK** (*kingdom spelled backward*). Jesus begins his ministry by announcing, "The time is fulfilled; the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15). Jesus says in Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations."

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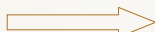
As followers of Jesus and members of God's Kingdom, how do we participate in and share the gospel of the kingdom?

When Jesus said that "The time is fulfilled; the kingdom of God is at hand," he was pointing to the promises God made in the Old Testament about the coming of the day when God would not only be the sovereign King in heaven controlling the affairs of sinful men, but would stand forth in glory and save his people from sin and misery. The day when God would defeat their enemies, and establish righteousness and peace, and set up a throne on the earth to rule in a more immediate and personal way. So when Jesus says, "The time is fulfilled; the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel," He means that the time has come for God to break into this world as never before, to reveal his glory in a personal way, to comfort his people, and to defeat their enemies. This is called "gospel" because it is such **GOOD NEWS** for all who will repent and trust in God!



Now the kingdom of God is not an abstract idea; the kingdom of God has a name and a face—it is the person of Jesus Christ. The gospel of the kingdom is the good news that in Jesus, God's kingly power and authority is breaking into the world like never before: He is ruling in a new way to save his people from their sins and deliver them from their enemies and reveal his glory and establish peace and righteousness in the earth. Jesus has established His rule through His crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus calls all those who would follow Him to surrender their lives to His Kingly rule and to participate in His Kingdom by obeying His teaching.

One of the goals of this sermon series is help God's people at TLC to know that we can be a part of something far bigger and far greater than ourselves. As individuals and as a congregation, we can experience the present, actual, and living rule of God in this life now. We can respond to God's work among us by renewing an ongoing, personal faith of surrender to the rule of Christ.

The backward nature of God's Kingdom often goes against the ways of our flesh and this world. During the months of September and October, we will explore how God has called us to join Him in his Kingdom where 

More Is Less
Others First
Descend Into Greatness
Generosity Flows
Not To Us
Inclusive
King on a Cross

May the Kingdom of the Gospel of Jesus Christ shape you and bless you!

Pastor Andy

30-Day Smartphone Family Reboot

Are you tired of not knowing how to navigate the world of smartphones and feeling like you have lost control?

Start on the right foot, and have the tools you need to build trust with your teen and create a healthy relationship with them **and** their smartphones with the **30-Day Smartphone Family Reboot** at Tallmadge Lutheran Church.

What is the 30-Day Reboot?

- **One Conversation. Every Day. For an Entire Month:** There will be more information, practical application, and encouragement along this difficult journey.
- **Smartphone Settings:** Practical guidance for how to set up your teens' smartphone for their protection and success.
- **A Family Plan:** At the end of the 30 days, you will be ready for a family meeting about smartphones.

Effective: No matter the ages this reboot will help you communicate and plan for their phones!

During the month of October, TLC will provide this resource to families as well as two times for parents to support and encourage each other as well as discuss what's working (or not working) for them. Choose either Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Youth Room or Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15 am in the Library.

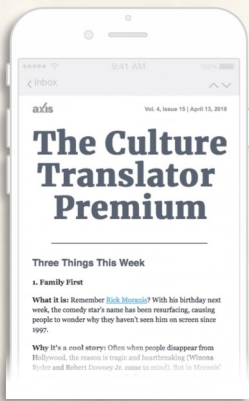
By participating in the 30 Day Smartphone Family Reboot, you will be taking the next step toward transforming your family's smartphones from a source of distraction, confusion, and conflict, into one of unity and flourishing! For any questions, contact Pastor Andy at 330-203-5474 or pastorandy@tlcoh.org.



Announcements & TLC Events

- Bill & Charlene Such have moved. Their new address is 645 S Alton Way, #10A, Denver, CO 80247
- Confirmation Orientation – Wednesday, September 4 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- Confirmation - Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30pm.
- Rally Day Sunday, September 8 at 9:15 am
- A Pep Talk With A Purpose conference - Thursday, October 24 at 8:30 am at TLC.
- Prayer Shawl Meeting Friday, September 6, 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Youth Room.
- Acme Cash Back Program has begun! Please place all Acme receipts in Ruth Lynch's church mailbox to support the pavilion fund.

New Resource for TLC Members - Axis Culture Translator Premium



Do you want to know more about your teen's world so that you can have deeper conversations about the things that matter? Click on this link to sign up for a free weekly email – [The Culture Translator: axis.org/ctp-signup](http://axis.org/ctp-signup). This weekly email will provide a glimpse into what influencing teens right now, insightful perspectives on the

relevant topics in your teen's world, and a weekly nudge to start conversations about the underlying issues.

Financial Peace University

Lay Leaders FPU Orientation is Thursday, September 5, 6:30 pm in Room 5 and Saturday, September 7 at 9:30 am.

FPU for Lay Leader classes begin Sunday, September 15. Classes are at 9:30 am Sunday mornings and 6:30 pm Thursday nights in room 12.

*From the Office: Kindness is a choice,
but it is also contagious*

A recent article written by Chip Gains, of the popular TV show *Fixer Upper*, inspired me to share some kindness. He writes about the tragedy in Waco, TX, but goes on to say that kindness should be a constant, not just when circumstances call for it.

He created flyers of inspiration with suggested actions we can take to show kindness.

Please stop into the work room to read his article and post your act of kindness using hashtag #makeKINGNESSloud.

-Lindsay,

TLC admin assistant

the blog

joanna gaines + magnolia

Operation Christmas Child



Thank you for your help gathering items for Operation Christmas Child! As summer winds down, keep an eye out

for 'end of summer' clearance items! Things like sidewalk chalk, inflatable pool toys, flip flops, and summer clothing! All these items make fantastic additions to shoebox gifts! Remember- no liquids such as sunscreen or bubbles.

Give your collected items to Christy or Andy Wahl, or place in the Operation Christmas Child collection box near the mailboxes.

If you have any questions contact Christy Wahl 330-389-1238 or christnchristy@gmail.com.

Kids Beach Club

Tallmadge Lutheran Church is partnering with Tallmadge parents and churches to provide an after-school Christian Club KiDs Beach Club® at Munroe Elementary School in Tallmadge. Last year, over 80 students participated in this Christian after school club. KBC happens *twice* a month – typically the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 3:00 pm to 4:10 pm.

What can YOU do? We are looking for members to serve as Surf Team Leaders (small group leaders), Snack Queens/Kings, and Lifeguards (prayer partners). Because of their relational nature, we would prefer Surf Team Leaders that could commit to being at most Blast KiDs Beach Club events.

The tentative 2019-20 events are September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24, November 14, December 12, January 23, February 13 & 27, March 12, April 9 & 23, May 14 & 28. There are also opportunities to serve on a month-to-month basis.

Tallmadge United

A Pep Talk With A Purpose

Thursday, October 24
8:30 am at TLC.

Join us as we welcome members of the community to share their ministry experiences, get inspired & learn how TLC can Unite Tallmadge in Christ!

Our Goals:

- ◆ Celebrate God at work through a diversity of believers in Tallmadge.
- ◆ Evaluate ministry opportunities presented by individuals in service to the community.
- ◆ Collaborate on a plan to fulfill unmet needs of the underserved population.

Keynote Speaker: Reverend Naomi Ikuta, Pastor at Denison Avenue United Church of Christ in Cleveland.

\$10 appreciated donation includes morning refreshments and lunch catered by South Side Ministries of Akron.



The Wise Owls



The Wise Owls monthly gathering on Saturday, August 17 included fellowship, food and a visit from the Summa Health System's WAGtime Therapy Dogs.

WAGtime is a volunteer program comprised of about 30 therapy dog teams. Each team is made up of one human handler/owner and one therapy dog. Each of the therapy dogs are the personal household pets of each owner/handler. The teams have completed special training as a team and have been evaluated and registered as a Therapy Dog Team by Pet Partners, an internationally recognized therapy animal standards and evaluation organization.

Joe Kress with his therapy dog Ben and Don Sendelbach with his therapy dog Casi provided the afternoon's program of information and entertainment.

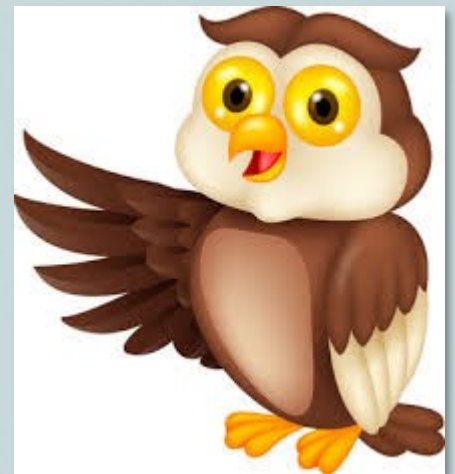
Joe's dog Ben is an 8 year old Golden Retriever while Don's dog Casi is a 4 year old Newfoundland. Ben has been a therapy dog for 6 years and Casi for 2 years.

Joe and Don presented a Power Point slide show highlighting the various ways in which WAGtime therapy dogs are actively involved at Summa Health System's hospitals in providing patients, family and staff with comfort and support. They also illustrated how WAGtime therapy dog teams are involved in our community, including school reading programs, special community events, University of Akron pre exam week stress relief, and community crisis response. Their presentation included many photos and a video of the therapy dog teams at work.



The day concluded with Wise Owls receiving up close and personal visits with each of the therapy dogs. Lots of petting, tail wagging, treats and tricks were enjoyed by all.

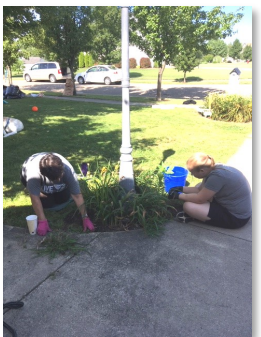
The Wise Owls will meet Saturday September 21, 2019 in at 12:00 pm in room 12 at the church. A pot luck dinner is planned. Ham will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. After dinner, those attending will be able to play different types of games. Plan now to attend. Please sign up and tell what dish you plan to bring. Join us for a time of food, fun and fellowship.



TOOL Day

Tallmadge Outreach Of Love

Proverbs 22:17
"A merry heart does
good like medicine"



TLC Outdoor Worship & Annual Church Picnic



Preschool Prayer Buddies

Purpose:

- To show our preschool families that we care for them and their children
- To give our congregation members a new opportunity to leave a legacy of faith, to care for others in Jesus' name, and to exercise the powerful practice of prayer
- To provide another connection point between our congregation and our preschool

Timeline:

Our program will launch in October 2019. Participation in the Prayer Buddy program requires a commitment for the entire 2019-2020 school year.

Profile of a Preschool Prayer Buddy:

A Preschool Prayer Buddy can commit to praying for one of our preschool students throughout this school year. A Prayer Buddy is someone who loves Jesus, and who wants our preschool families to know that love. Ideally, a Prayer Buddy will submit their monthly card by the deadline and do their best to attend Tallmadge Christian Preschool end of year programs.

Expectations:

Preschool Prayer Buddies are expected to:

- Pray for their preschooler and his/her family on a regular basis
- Send one card or note per month (please no gifts, except for Christmas a Christmas book)

*If you have any questions or would like to be part of this amazing ministry,
please contact Cindy Strand at strand.cindy@gmail.com*



Youth Group Corner

Any & Christy Wahl

Lori Whipple

Jennifer Larson

NYG in July



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

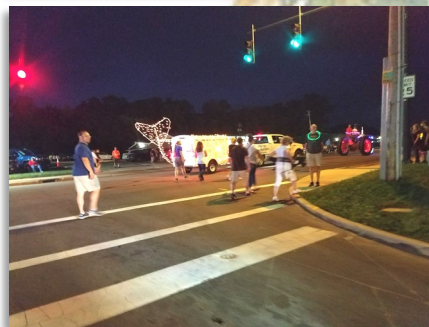
- Sept 8, 6:00 pm - Nerf guns & flashlight tag
- Sept 22, 6:00 pm - Youth Group
- Oct 14, 4:00 pm - Dussel Farms
- Oct 27, 1:30 pm - Judgement House (tentative)
- Nov 10, after Thanksgiving meal - Leaf Raking
- Nov 22-24 - Senior High Trip
- Dec 4, 5:30 pm - Youth Host Advent Dinner (tentative)
- Dec 8, 1:00 pm - Bowl-A-Thom
- Dec 13, 7:00 pm - Lock In
- Dec 15, 8:00 am - Cookie Bake

Ministry Spotlight

Circle Fest & Parade of Lights



Recognize this guy?



Music Ministry News

Walking in Purpose

Join our Music Ministry for an incredible concert celebration! On Friday, September 27 at 7:30pm, we will present "Walking in Purpose": a concert celebrating the joy, faith and good news God gives us as we walk in His light. The concert will feature uplifting performances by our musicians and ensembles (Chancel Choir, Jubilate Ringers, Youth Choir, Praise Team). Our Chancel Choir will also share a preview of the *Sing Christmas* cantata they will perform at Carnegie Hall this November. Special guest performers will also include The Harvest Choir, comprised of Northeast Ohio's finest talents – including friends from the TLC community!

You absolutely won't want to miss this very special concert! We hope to truly celebrate God's purpose through us with our music and messages. Admission for the concert is \$10.00 with all proceeds benefitting the Chancel Choir's NYC trip. Contact Bryon Black (music@tlcoh.org) with any questions.

A huge *thank you* to all who have supported the Chancel Choir's fundraising efforts throughout the year thus far. Between donations, our spring recital, the Danny Boy's Dinner, Family Fun Night, and continued kind words, we are grateful for each and every member and friend of TLC for your generosity. Thank you for being a blessing to us on this exciting journey!

-Bryon Black II

Tickets to the "*Christmas Dreams*" Concert at

Carnegie Hall are now available for advance sales online!!

Concert Date: Sunday, November 17

Time: 8:30pm

Location: Carnegie Hall in the Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage

Cost: Tickets range from \$20-\$100 based on concert hall seating

Program: 3 Christmas Cantatas will be performed. Chancel Choir is performing "Sing Christmas" by Mary McDonald and Joel Raney.

Advance ticket purchases are available on the Carnegie Hall events website in mid-August (<https://www.carnegiehall.org/Events>) or by calling their box office at 212-247-7800. To inquire about group packages (nine or more people), contact BoxOffice@DCINY.org or 212.707.8566 ext. 330.





Welcome Back!



King's Kids is back in session!
TCP starts back on September 3.



TLC Building Projects:

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

Thank you!

Rock Day! We appreciate everyone who came out, on this gorgeous day, to help spread river rock around the church. It looks amazing! You all ROCK! Thank you to Gail McAlister & Pam Meece for coordinating a delicious lunch for all. Thank you to the Dodd Family for this wonderful donation.



The office of Tallmadge Christian Preschool & King's Kids' director, Katie Bungard and King's Kid's assistant director, Pattie Trettel, getting a much - needed face-lift.



Basketball hoop. Damage Control



Room 12—new carpet, paint and decor



Let's Grow Together

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Bible Studies 10:30 AM Worship	2 Church office closed Labor Day 6:00 PM Bible Study (home)	3 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 9:00 AM TCP re-surnes 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12)	4 1:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation Orientation 6:30 PM Family Night 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Disciple Group 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM FPU Lay Leader Orientation (Rm 5) 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Youth Bells 7:00 PM - 7:40 PM Youth Choir	6 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting (Youth Rm)	7 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM FPU Lay Leader Orientation
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Birthdays

Anniversaries

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| 2 Annie Alberts | 3 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Kellar |
| 2 Tom Strand | 4 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sandmann |
| 4 Trina Carter | 6 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kress |
| 4 Molly Kuntz | 7 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Scheck |
| 4 Ruth Lynch | 10 Mr. & Mrs. Walt Satterfield |
| 5 Sara Vanaman | 24 Mr. & Mrs. Paul LeVan |
| 8 Kaleb Wendland | 24 Mr. & Mrs. Bob Ray |
| 9 Marissa Evanoski | 26 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pifer |
| 13 Jeffrey Carley | 27 Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Cipa |
| 13 Ray Carmen | 28 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Holzer |
| 13 Leslie Dougherty | |
| 14 Karen Reschke | |
| 17 Bill Graf | |
| 17 Pam Kress | |
| 18 Sandy Dixon | |
| 19 Barbara Moyer | |
| 21 Kasey Parmelee | |
| 23 Carol Zager | |



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