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Sunday Worship Services:  
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Bible Studies:  
9:20 am  
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9:15 am

# The Living Light

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## Holiday Rest in Christ

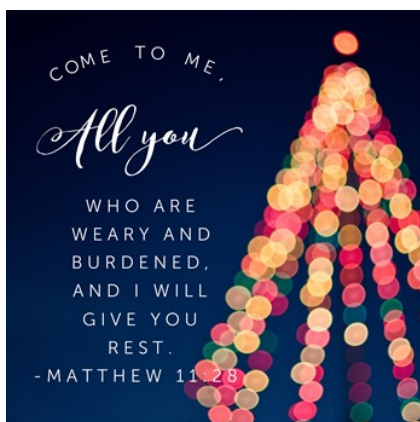
With Thanksgiving just behind us and Christmas just around the corner, stress begins to mount in many hearts and homes these days. My friends at *Run Hard. Rest Well* offer the following advice: Take the offensive. Be prepared. This is a simple list on making time during the holidays to rest in Christ. Read it fast. Read it slow. Keep it near. Each gem is a gift straight from God's heart to yours and is a great foundation for the New Year ahead. God bless your Advent & celebrations of Christ's birth!

In Christ,

*Pastor Andy*

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1. **Attend to the moment.** In it – seek His face. Linger, listen and know you are loved.
2. **Breathe.**
3. **Celebrate.** The big things, yes, but the little things. The dance of a falling leaf. Catching a lightening bug. The scent of a candle. The thoughtfulness of a friend.
4. **Delight in \_\_\_\_\_.** (You get to fill in the blank)
5. **Enter into the Secret Place.** Often.
6. **Five minutes.** Go outside every day for five minutes. Sit. Be still. Know that He is God.

7. **Go.** GO! GO!!! Rest is about rhythm. To really enjoy God's rest, we need to be running hard – not a guilt- driven race, but one that is Spirit-led. Run through the mundane and the miraculous, the tedious and the triumphant. Then, rest well.
8. **Hebrew days.** The Hebrew day begins at sunset. The day begins with rest, then moves into work. There is a gift for us today in this truth.
9. **Insecurity** robs us of rest. What lie or lies chain you to overload and exhaustion?
10. **Jesus** said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my ways are easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 Do you believe him? What does it look like for you to bring your burdens to Jesus?
11. **Kick** an evening habit that robs you of sleep.
12. **Laugh.** Laugh out loud . . . every chance you get. Joke: An apple a day will keep the doctor away, especially if you throw it hard enough.
13. **Morning.** Greet the morning with a kiss, a song and a prayer . . . even if you have to drag yourself to the coffee pot first.
14. **Need.** Independent as we are, we hate to admit we have a need of some kind. When Jesus walked this earth, he had very real needs. There is no sin in that. I would guess he had itches that needed to be scratched and blisters that needed attention. We know he needed sleep and food and rest. Jesus needed rest. ". . . Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well." *John 4:6*
15. **Overload.** It's familiar territory, but there's a cost. Who pays the price tag for your exhaustion?
16. **Price-Tag.** There is a price tag for our unrest but there is also a price tag for our rest. We will, at times, disappoint ourselves and others when we honor our boundaries, limitations and God's design for rhythm. Will we honor God's plan or buckle under the pressure?

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 29Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30



17. **Q**adosh. When God described REST at its creation, he used the most majestic word for holiness he could use. "And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy (QADOSH!) because on it he rested from all his work . . ." *Genesis 2:2-3*
18. **R** is our favorite Run Hard. Rest Well. letter in the alphabet! Replenish. Renew. Restore. Revive. Receive. Refill. Recharge. Refuel. There's more. Can you add to the list?
19. **S**abbath Celebration. As you prepare for your Day of Rest, ask yourself three questions.  
How will I reconnect with God today?  
How will I reconnect with those I love?  
What will I do today to refresh, revive and energize myself?
20. **T**ime. Is it our last obedience? Surrendering up the allocation of our time – our days and hours – is often a last frontier when it comes to living an obedient life in Christ. Want to join the ranks?
21. **U**p. While Jesus walked this earth, he often took a short hike up a mountainside to meet with his Father. Why? He was homesick and hungry for his presence. Maybe this week you can lace up your hiking shoes. There is power in an hour off the beaten path to meet with God.
22. **V**ictory over fatigue came to Moses when he allowed others to help hold up his arms. We're in this together, you know. When was the last time you asked for help? *Exodus 17:8ff*
23. The **W**ord. God has a lot to say about work, rest and rhythm. Do you have eyes to see and ears to hear? Start with Ezekiel 20.
24. Unrealistic **eX**pectations suck the life out of us. Today, name them. Claim them. Throw them away. Replace them with grace.
25. **Y**ou. There's a good chance you are tired. The circumstances leading to our fatigue are often daunting, but more often than not, our fatigue is dramatically impacted by what we believe about work, rest and rhythm. I don't write this glibly. Many of us are facing overwhelming circumstances. *Psalms 62:5* "Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him."
26. **Z** Z Z's. Want to be smarter, kinder, happier, thinner? Go to sleep! Give yourself a bedtime. Try it for 7 days. Sleep in on the front side – go to bed earlier than normal.

\*You can find this article and more at <https://runhardrestwell>



Operation Christmas Child 2019 was a huge success, thanks to so many of you! TLC packed over 200 shoeboxes and we collected 1501 shoeboxes from area donors! We would like to thank everyone who donated throughout the year, packed shoeboxes, volunteered during National Collection Week, and made cookies for the donors and volunteers! We are overwhelmed by your generosity in giving and support of this fantastic ministry!" -Andy and Christy Wahl

# *Holiday Worship Schedule*

## **Sunday, December 15 - Choral Cantata – *Sing Christmas!* 8:00 am & 10:30 am**

*Sing Christmas!* is comprised of four choral suites that flow from the hearts and pens of two of the most trusted and sacred music composers in the country, Mary McDonald and Joel Raney. Each suite centers around classic Christ-mas themes with the words and music uniting to clearly articulate the message of Christ's birth.

## **Sunday, December 22 - Children's Christmas Worship at 10:30 am**

Children from TLC's Sunday School will lead this special service helping us prepare for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

## **Tuesday, December 24 - Blended Family Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm**

Familiar Christmas carols will be led by both the grand piano and the Praise Band. This service will include a Children's Message and conclude with the lighting of individual candles from the Christ candle and the singing of Silent Night to candlelight.

## **Tuesday, December 24 - Candlelight & Communion Festival Worship at 9:00 pm**

This traditional candlelight worship service will celebrate the arrival of Jesus Christ through reading of the Christmas story and the singing of Christmas carols. The Real Presence of Jesus Christ will be celebrated in Holy Communion. This service will conclude with the service of light with the lighting of candles from the Christ candle and the singing of Silent Night to candlelight.

## **Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day Communion Festival Worship at 10:00 am**

On this festival day, we will celebrate Christ's birth through Word and Sacrament. Holy Communion will be served during this worship service.

## **Tuesday, December 31- New Year's Eve Communion Worship 6:00 pm**

Wrap up the old year and celebrate the New Year by worshipping the Alpha and the Omega who is and who was and who is to come (Rev. 1:8). In this special service, we will remember God's faithfulness in the past and look forward with hope for the year to come. Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service.

## *Midweek Advent Worship: The Gift Exchange*

Have you ever received a gift for Christmas that you couldn't wait to take back to the store and exchange for something you really wanted? We've all received gifts we don't want or need. This Advent, come celebrate *The Gift Exchange* the Lord provides for us. In our midweek Advent worship services, we will consider the exchanges that take place in our relationship with God. In particular...

December 4                      Give God your WORRY and He'll give you PEACE.

December 11                     Give God your HURTS and He'll give you HEALING.

December 18                    Give God your GRIEF and He'll give you JOY.



# Announcements

- **Ladies Christmas Luncheon**  
Ladies, it's that time of year again! TLC's Christmas Party at O'Charley's at Chapel Hill is on December 7 at 11:30 am. A sign-up sheet and flyer can be found under the church mailboxes, If you would like a ride, please contact Sandy at 330-688-6258 or email: [sgtfroond@gmail.com](mailto:sgtfroond@gmail.com).
- The **TLC Mom's Group** meets on Thursday, December 12 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in Room 12. Childcare is available. Reach out to Erin Gerlach or Brooke Michlberger, if you have any questions!  
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([themichlbergers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:themichlbergers@sbcglobal.net))
- No **Prayer Shawl Meeting** in December. Have a great holiday.
- **Annual Voters Meeting**  
December 1 to approve budget and new Board of Directors members. Annual Ministry Reports, proposed 2020 budget and a list of Board of Directors Candidates are available by the church mailboxes to pick up and review.
- **Sunday School Christmas Program**  
Preparation has begun for the Christmas Sunday School Program. This program is open to all children up through 8th grade. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Annie Alberts or Gail McAlister ASAP to get a music CD. The program will be December 22 during the late service.

## Angel Tree

It is time for our annual Christmas Tree Angel project. On a Christmas tree placed by our sanctuary doors, you can find angel ornaments with Christmas gift requests from community members and local school children in need. We encourage you to look at the tree next time you are at TLC, and choose a tag. If you do choose to pick up an angel tag, please return your wrapped gift to the church no later than Wednesday, December 18. We ask that you please tape the angel tag onto the outside of the wrapping paper. Thank you for giving to this ministry and sharing Christmas joy with our community!



# Dare to Be

"Dare To Be is an annual one-night event designed for women of ALL ages. The brand-new theme for 2020 is "Moving Beyond" and Natalie Grant and Charlotte Gambill prayerfully sculpt the night around worship, music, and two full Bible teaching sessions.

At Dare To Be, women are able to experience the fullness of a multi-day women's conference, but in an affordable, three-hour, one-night event. We encourage you to bring your friends, families, church groups and neighbors to experience an evening designed to encounter God and awaken your full potential in Christ."

**TLC Ladies** - Please consider attending the Dare To Be 2020 event on Friday, January 24, 2020 at the Akron Civic Theater. This is a wonderful night of worship, music, and study that benefits ladies of all ages.

At the 2019 Pittsburgh event that I attended with my daughter-in-law, hundreds of women between the ages of ten and 75 came forward to re-dedicate their lives to God, and the evening was an awesome blessing on both of us.

The doors open at 6:00 pm and the event begins at 7:00 pm. We have reserved seats in two rows so that 20 of us can sit together. Tickets are \$35 each, but scholarships are available. Please email me at [finminmgr@tlcoh.org](mailto:finminmgr@tlcoh.org). Let's consider carpooling! - Jan Tiedemann

**DARE  
TO 20  
BE 20**



Congratulations to everyone who graduated from Financial Peace University.

We hope you continue to be inspired by Dave's story and suggestions on how to *live like no other so you can live and give like no other*.

Stay inspired! The Dave Ramsey show is broadcasting on 640 AM WHLO. Monday-Friday from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

## Thanksgiving Meal

TLC's Annual Thanksgiving Meal was a wonderful time to come together as a family and praise God for all He has given us. TLC's members and guests enjoyed fellowship around delicious food served by our own.

Thank you to Gail McAlister for always coordinating this event. Thank you to those who served and all who helped make TLC's Thanksgiving Meal a blessed tradition.



Our Choir had a phenomenal experience on our NYC trip! Singing at Carnegie Hall was such a memorable and inspiring opportunity. Mary McDonald and Joel Raney allowed the 275-member mass choir to declare the good news of Jesus on the stage. Thank you to all who have supported us throughout the year with your prayers and generous donations to make this experience possible.

We will be performing selections from the *Sing Christmas* cantata at TLC for our annual Christmas Cantata services on Sunday, December 15 at the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services. The choir will be led by Bryon Black II & Jenna Wolff (Conductors) and Sadie Eaton (Collaborative Pianist).

### Upcoming Concerts

Contact Bryon Black for more details

#### *KSU Gospel Choir Concert*

Celebrating faith & God's word through song!

Thursday, December 5, 2019 • 7:30pm  
Kent State University: Cartwright Hall  
Bryon Black II, conductor

#### *KSU Choral Holiday Collage Concert*

Saturday, December 7, 2019 • 3:00pm  
Featuring all 6 Kent State Choirs for the first time!

Kent State University: Cartwright Hall  
Scott MacPherson, Bryon Black II,  
Chris Venesile and Jesse Reed,  
conductors

#### *"Sing Christmas"*

*Annual Cantata service in celebration of Christ's birth*

Sunday, December 15, 2019 • 8:00 & 10:30am

Tallmadge Lutheran Church Chancel Choir  
Bryon Black II and Jenna Wolff, conductors  
Sadie Eaton, piano



*Music Ministry News*

Sunday, December 15, 2019  
8:00am and 10:30am  
Tallmadge Lutheran Church  
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TLC Chancel Choir  
Bryon Black II, Conductor  
Sadie Fellows, Pianist  
Jenna Wolff, Asst. Conductor



# Sing Christmas

A Christmas Choral Experience

Composed & arranged by Mary McDonald & Joel Raney

Join us for our annual Christmas Cantata as we celebrate Christ's birth with this exciting, musical retelling of the story!

All are welcomed to experience the music our Chancel Choir performed this year at Carnegie Hall!



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# Youth Group Corner

Andy Wahl

Lori Whipple

Jennifer Larson

## Bread Baking

The youth group had a fun night of baking. Bread was given to members and guests that attended TLC's Thanksgiving Eve Service the following evening. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped with this event

### Upcoming Events

Dec 4, 5:30 pm	Youth Host Advent Dinner
Dec 8, 1:00 pm	Bowl-A-Thon
Dec 13, 7:00 pm	Lock In
Dec 15, 8:00 am	Cookie Bake

## Ministry Spotlight

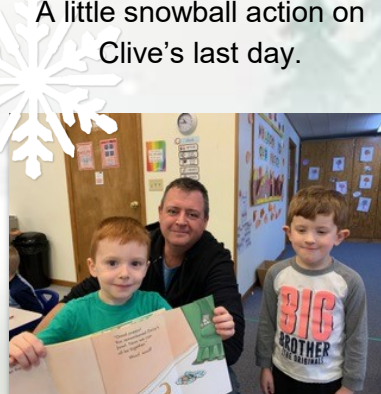
### Leaf Raking

TLC would like to thank the adult leaders, and kids who joined us in raking leaves after the Thanksgiving meal. We served together, shared Jesus' love, and modeled for our children the importance of a servant heart.

With your generosity we were able to serve a half a dozen house. Thank you for your time and kindness.



*Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas  
at Tallmadge Christian Preschool*



A little snowball action on  
Clive's last day.

# TLC Building Projects

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



TLC's facility manager, Clive Moggridge, worked his last day at TLC on Thursday, November 22. Over the last year, as facility manager, Clive has completed numerous projects, updates to the building and has been a vital part of the TLC staff.

When you see him and his family on Sunday, be sure to wish him farewell and abundant blessings on his new adventure.

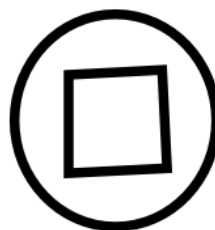
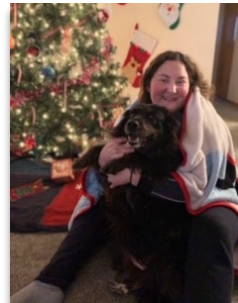
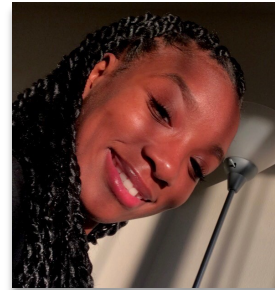
## **Here are just some of the projects Clive completed while he was here:**


Room 12 completed, carpet trim in the Sanctuary, motion light sensors in the preschool bathrooms, regulating the thermostats, LED light in the staff offices, repairing the three crosses outside the sanctuary, AC/Boiler inspection, painting the gym & hallway to the gym, painting the bathrooms by the mailboxes, snowplow/shovel, thermostats, light sensors, computer storage, carbon monoxide sensors, Bed rock, landscaping, parking lot barriers, locks, keys & fobs, wall guards, basketball hoop,, stained memorial benches in courtyard, roof repair, room 5, replaced lights in all offices & hallways, playground rules sign, served on the property committee, and many more.



# Have Your *Selfie* Merry Christmas!

-TLC, TCP & KK Staff



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 11:45 AM Voters Meeting	2 6:00 PM Bible Study (home) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm)	3 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Jubilate Ringers	4 1:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12) 5:00 PM Advent Supper Youth Group 6:30 PM Advent Worship 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	5 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Library) 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 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal 11:30 AM Ladies Luncheon 12:30 PM - 6:00 PM Member Event (gym, kitchen)
8 Monthly Ministry Moment 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Bible Studies 10:30 AM Worship 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Youth Group Bowl-A-Thon	9 6:00 PM Bible Study (home) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm)	10 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Jubilate Ringers	11 1:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12) 5:00 PM Advent Supper BOE 6:30 PM Advent Worship 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Confirmation	12 3:00 PM Kids Beach Club	13 7:00 PM Youth Group Look-In	14 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Cantata Dress Rehearsal 9:00 AM Youth Group Look-In 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Member Event (gym & kitchen)
15 Cantata Sunday, both services 8:00 AM Worship 8:00 AM Youth Cookie Bake 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Bible Studies 10:30 AM Worship	16 6:00 PM Bible Study (home) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm)	17 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Jubilate Ringers	18 1:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12) 5:00 PM Advent Supper Wise Owls 6:30 PM Advent Worship 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Confirmation	19 10:00 AM Pre-school Christmas Family Event 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (library) 6:30 PM Youth Bells	20	21 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Wise Owls
22 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Bible Studies 10:30 AM Sunday School Program 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Praise Team	23 6:00 PM Bible Study (home) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm)	24 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Evening Service 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Evening Service	25 Christmas 10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship	26 Church office closed	27	28
29 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Bible Studies 10:30 AM Worship	30 6:00 PM Bible Study (home) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm)	31 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:00 PM New Years Eve Worship				

## Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Kevin Heilmeier  | 19 Jim Bergmann     |
| 2 Benjamin Dussel  | 19 Kristina Crlow   |
| 4 Faith Catherine  | 19 Brad Hauser      |
| 5 Shawn DeWolf     | 19 Marrien Hauser   |
| 5 Kyle Tywon       | 19 Pat Larson       |
| 5 Sarah Vojtek     | 19 Sandy Silvidi    |
| 7 Wayne Reed       | 22 Owen Crawley     |
| 8 Kelly Olson      | 22 Ginny Jones      |
| 9 Diane LeVan      | 23 Elias Toepke     |
| 9 Carmella Smith   | 24 Linda Huzzard    |
| 13 Dawn Dailey     | 24 George Scaife    |
| 14 Vickie Sandmann | 26 Edie Holzer      |
| 16 Dan Conley      | 26 Natalie Van Horn |
| 16 Steve Wendland  | 27 Peggy Holly      |
| 17 Nicolas Scherer | 28 John Dailey      |
| 17 David Staszak   | 29 Todd Miller      |
| 18 Barbara Bass    | 29 Danielle Mowers  |
| 18 Jayne Colosetti | 31 Lyn Bomer        |
|                    | 31 Rick Hill        |
|                    | 31 Andy Wahl        |

## Anniversaries

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|----------------------------------|
| 6 Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Heilmeier     |
| 7 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Strand          |
| 12 Mr. & Mrs. William Vojtek     |
| 16 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Ruggles     |
| 18 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Reynolds, Jr. |
| 21 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Robinson       |
| 22 Mr. & Mrs. Kasey Parmelee     |
| 26 Dr. & Mrs. James Bailey       |

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