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The Living Light

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God Is Faithful – Good News for Unfinished People

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**“May God himself, the God of peace,
sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept
blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.”**

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24:

A New Year is here. And that means it's time for New Year's resolutions...goals we set for ourselves in this coming year. Here's a few of my goals: eat healthier; exercise more; read the entire Bible this year; planning ahead more. What's on your list?

In the passage above, Paul explains that the Lord is going to work in the lives of those who follow Him. God will *“sanctify you through and through.”* Here are some other translations: *“Sanctify you completely.” “Make you completely holy.” “Make you pure, belonging only to him.”*

This is a great goal, and great prayer, but this is a prayer for something that hasn't happened yet. We know it hasn't happened yet because we looked in the mirror this morning. We aren't completely holy and totally pure. Most of us don't feel very close to that. Honesty compels us to admit we've got a long way to go.

Coming as it does at the end of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, we might paraphrase this benediction this way:

"Lord, I have done all I can and taught these people all I know. You've got to take over now. Unless you help them, they won't turn out right."

Sanctification with this passage in mind can be defined: *It's everything God does in your life and mine to make sure we turn out right.*



God intends to make sure his children turn out right in the end. That's why parents care and worry so much about their children. They have given their lifeblood, and so it matters almost more than life itself how their children turn out. Now apply that same truth in the spiritual realm. God has invested in us the death of his only begotten Son. *Sanctification is the divine guarantee that God's investment will not be wasted.* It is the assurance that God finishes what he starts.

Sanctification, then, is God's commitment to us. We're going to make it. He will personally see to it! *But we're not finished yet.*

A few years back, Christians would wear buttons bearing a strange and indecipherable message: **P.B.P.G.I.N.F.W.M.Y.** What in the world do all of these letters mean? Those letters stood for the following reminder: *Please be patient, God is not finished with me yet.* That statement strikes me as entirely biblical, and a little humorous!

The Good News in this New Year is that God has ordained that his children—all of them without exception—will be made complete in the end. We're not that way now. Most of us feel fragmented and torn in a thousand directions. We're incomplete and under construction in this life. But God intends that when we finally get to heaven, the hammers and saws will be put away, and we will stand before the Lord with every part perfectly in place and every aspect of our life made perfect. Take comfort in knowing...

We're not finished yet—
but we will be.
We're not completely clean today—
but we will be.
We're not wholly wise today—
but we will be.

**The one who calls
you is faithful and he
will do it!**



Happy New Year!

Pastor Andy

BE WARM, BE KIND

Announcements

- * Church office - closed January 1, 2020
- * Prayer Shawl Meeting - Friday, Jan 3 in Youth Room
- * Board of Directors' installation - Sunday, Jan 5
- * Mom Group - Thursday, Jan 9
- * Monthly Ministry Moment: Honduras - Sunday, Dec 12
- * Wise Owls - Saturday, Jan. 18 at 12:00 pm
- * Dare To Be women's event - Friday, Jan 24, 7:00 pm
- * Family Ministry Sunday, Jan 26
- * Chili Cook-Off Sunday, Jan. 26

Angel Tree

Thank you members of TLC for your generosity this Christmas season. Six families / 28 children had a happier holiday because of you. Thank you for your kindness this year!

Children's' Christmas Program

The Sunday School children put on a wonderful performance celebrating Jesus' birth. To view the live stream, please go to TLC's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/TallmadgeLutheranChurch/videos/3208274039186697/>

VBS 2020

Save the dates!! Come spelunking with us during Vacation Bible School 2020 June 22 to June 26! We'll need teachers, crew leaders, and a lot of help to turn TLC into caves where kids will explore God's Word! Contact Christy Wahl or Annie Albert's for more info!



Happy New Year!

Keep moving forward towards becoming the person you want to be and living the life you want to live.

What changes are you planning to make, if any, for 2020? What can you do to improve your quality of life this year? It could be as simple as phoning up an old friend, coming to church on Sunday, or keeping a more positive attitude through out the day.

Whatever your New Years resolutions are, TLC wishes you the best! Happy New Year from the staff at TLC!



If your New Years' resolution happens to be getting out of debt, keep reading... FPU can change your life! It changed mine. - Lindsay, TLC secretary

Financial Peace University

Do financial concerns ever keep you up at night?

Do you often have more month than money?

Are you anxious about the credit card bills arriving after Christmas?

Financial Peace is a new initiative at Tallmadge Lutheran Church. Being free from the clutches of debt is something that everyone needs, both inside and outside of our church.

Beginning March 1, Tallmadge Lutheran Church will embark on a church-wide journey to Financial Peace. All Bible classes will be suspended as we shift to the 9 week curriculum of Financial Peace University developed by Dave Ramsey.

Why Financial Peace University (FPU)? We believe that FPU will change your lives. FPU will allow you to help others when it comes to money. FPU will also set you free to bless others with all the resources with which God has blessed you. Lose the anchor of debt and begin to realize your dreams as you live financially the way that God has intended.

The Financial Peace University class normally costs \$130, but this spring FPU will cost \$90 for a household to receive a FPU workbook, online access to Financial Peace videos, one year access to the budgeting app *EveryDollar*, and so much more! A limited number of full and partial scholarships are available – contact Pastor Andy for details.

Starting March 2020, classes will be available in a variety of days and times! Join the nearly 6 million people who've used Financial Peace University to pay off debt, save and invest for the future.

Freedom 2020 Be a part of it!

"Sing Christmas"

Chancel Choir Cantata Services December 15, 2019

The Chancel Choir presented *Sing Christmas* by Mary McDonald and Joel Raney for our annual Christmas Cantata services on December 15, 2019. It was so exciting to share this music with a full sanctuary of our TLC members, family, friends and visitors as we recreated our Carnegie Hall concert experience. This exciting, beautiful music highlighted the story of Christ's birth. The music was led by Sadie Eaton (Pianist), Jenna Wolff (Asst. Conductor) and Bryon Black (Conductor).

Conductor Bryon Black II shared with the congregation, "This cantata has become very special to us all - not just because it's nice music, but because of the incredible journey this music and our trip has taken us on. This year...we've bonded deeper as an ensemble; we've worked hard; we've practiced; ... we represented our church, our community & our state; we collaborated with outstanding musicians from all over the country on the Carnegie Hall stage - and most importantly, we were encouraged to welcome Christ to be a part of our experience.

I truly believe we were there on purpose and we were able to live out His purpose for our lives in this exciting way. This music will resonate with all of us in the choir for years to come, and I hope it does the same for each of you."

We truly hope that "*Sing Christmas*" blessed all who heard it during our Christmas season! Thanks to all who supported our choir throughout 2019 with this incredible journey God provided for us.



Congratulations Bryon and the entire TLC Chancel Choir on your amazing trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City this past November.

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Candidates for Ward 3 council seat wait for Dec. 3 recount

By LAURA FREEMAN Reporter

TALLMADGE — Two candidates for Ward 3 Council seat are waiting for a recount to determine the winner.

Ward 3 incumbent Mary Tricaco and challenger Jonathan D. Bolles were separated by a single vote as of Tuesday afternoon. Initially Tricaco was up by three votes but that was before the votes from the Puttug County Board of Elections were added to the count, totaling 409 for Tricaco and 400 for Bolles.

The Summit County recount is scheduled for Dec. 3 and results should be available that day.

Puttug County has not been authorized yet to do a recount.

COMMUNITY
Candle ceremony in memory of children.

By LAURA FREEMAN Reporter

TALLMADGE — Residents don't have to travel to Carnegie Hall to hear holiday music.

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Carnegie repeat
Concert highlights choir's performance

By LAURA FREEMAN Reporter

Chancel Choir wants to share their experience of performing at Carnegie Hall by inviting the public to hear it perform selections from "Sing Christmas" Dec. 15 at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.

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Youth Group Corner

Andy Wahl

Lori Whipple

Jennifer Larson

Lock-In



Upcoming Events

Jan 12 - Redeemer crisis center

Jan 26 - Youth hosts coffee hour

Jan 26 - Chili Cook-Off

Ministry Spotlight

Cooke Bake Sale



The 2019 Youth Cookie Sale brought in over \$500 to go towards the Youth fund. Thank you members and guests of TLC for your support!



*The children were nestled all snug...
in their PJ's for the Last Day of School
PJ & Movie Party!*



*TCP had such a great time at our Birthday Party for
Jesus WE FORGOT TO GET PICTURES!!*

*Thank you to Betty Scaife, Sandy Dixon, & Cindy Strand
for helping us out.*

TLC Building Projects

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



Welcome Steve Staszak as TLC's new facilities manager.

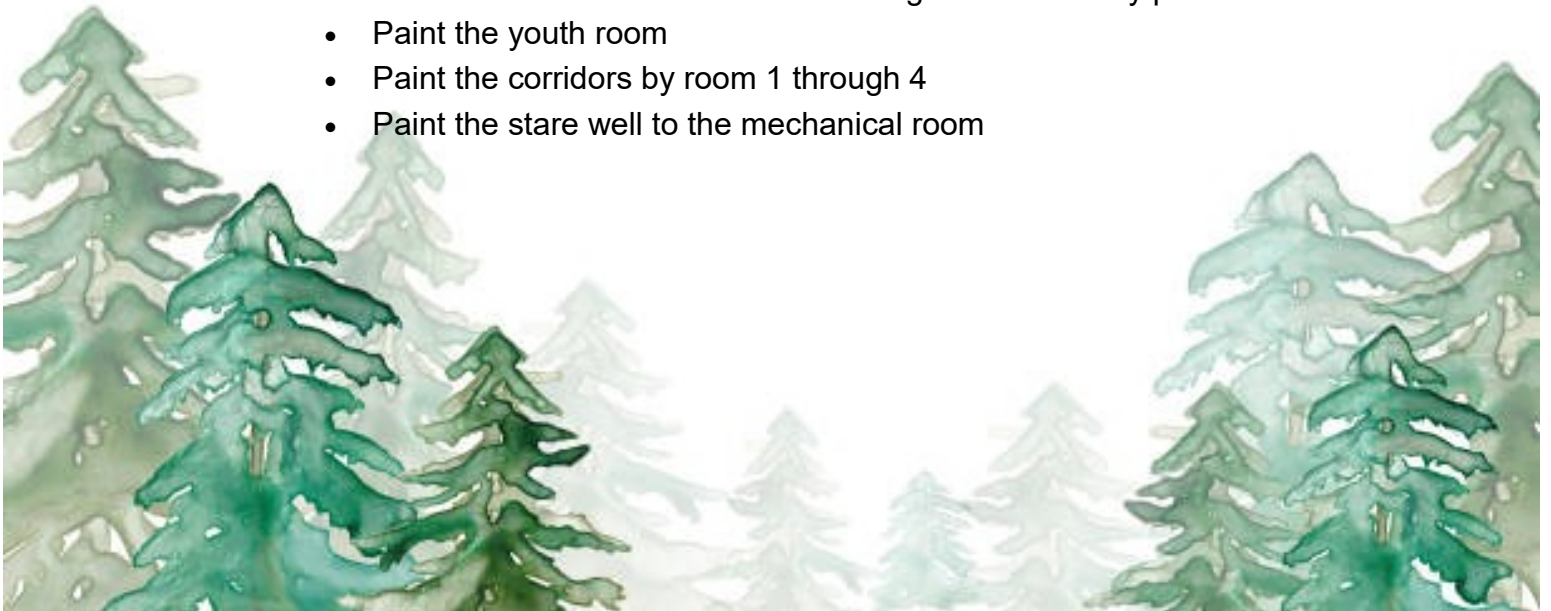
Steve has been married to his wife, Diane, for 43 years, has three children and eight grandchildren. He has served on the Board of Directors since 2016 as member at-large, and Board President in 2019. He has also served and as usher, trustee and former member of handbell choir.

Steve has lived in Tallmadge and has been a TLC member since 1986. Previously employed by Kaman Corp. (B.W.Rogers Co.) for 42 years as district operations manager and retired in March 2018.

Please welcome Steve to the TLC staff!

Planned Projects for 2020

- Drywall in the sanctuary repaired and painted
- Remove the dying trees next to the dumpsters
- Removal of the bush outside Katie's office and grass the area
- Assess the remainder of the roof and get ahead of any problems
- Paint the youth room
- Paint the corridors by room 1 through 4
- Paint the stare well to the mechanical room



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day No Choir Rehearsal Office closed	2 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Library)	3 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting (Youth Rm)	4 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Private Event (gym)
5 BOD Installation 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Bible Studies 10:30 AM Worship	6 6:00 PM Bible Study (home) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12)	7 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Jubilate Ringers	8 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Confirmation 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Mom Group (Rm 12)	10	11
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Birthdays

3	Matt Schonover	15	Branden Conley
5	Robert Shinafelt	15	Joseph Kress
5	Rick Weyandt	16	Doug Riley
6	Christine Knepper	22	Christina Hovey
7	Johanna DeWolf	24	Lorna Henderson
7	Christopher Olson	24	Andy Lattimer
8	James Bergmann	26	Cynthia Duncan
8	Hannah Kenny	27	Kathy Habusta
9	Dennis Barrett	27	Rose Mary Seay
9	Josh Eyring	28	Ricky Himmelfreich
10	Patricia Brown	28	Heather Vanaman
10	Karen Scheck	29	Jared Emslander
11	Paul Bomer	31	Larry Buckles
12	Laura Lepp Ferrell	31	Kaitlyn Wendland

Anniversaries

4	Mr. & Mrs. Kris Kodzev
11	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gates
16	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Buckles
18	Mr. & Mrs. Dave Graybeal

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