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8:00 & 10:30 am
Bible Studies: 9:20 am
Sunday School: 9:15 am

The Living Light

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What Can We Truly Count On

Americans take many things for granted. On the top of that list is drinkable running water, electricity and heat in our homes, and stocked shelves in our grocery stores. Last week in Texas, millions of people experienced the coldest three-day stretch ever on record as they lost their power and the ability to heat their homes. The frigid temperatures caused pipes to burst, leading to water disruptions for roughly half the state's population. Officials also announced food shortages, further complicating the dire situation for Texans.

I have family friends who had frozen pipes burst in their attic leading to water damage throughout their home. Members of TLC had family that had to leave their home without heat/water/electricity to head somewhere safe. Many of you may have friends and family with similar experiences.





As I grow older and live more life, I have reached the conclusion that one thing we can count on in life is that **storms will come!** The storms we face can be caused by relationships, work, our personal failures, other people's failures, and by our fallen creation. Living through a storm is never fun. It can be

challenging, difficult, and often requires hard work to put the pieces back together. Sometimes the disruptions we face can shake the foundation of our faith.

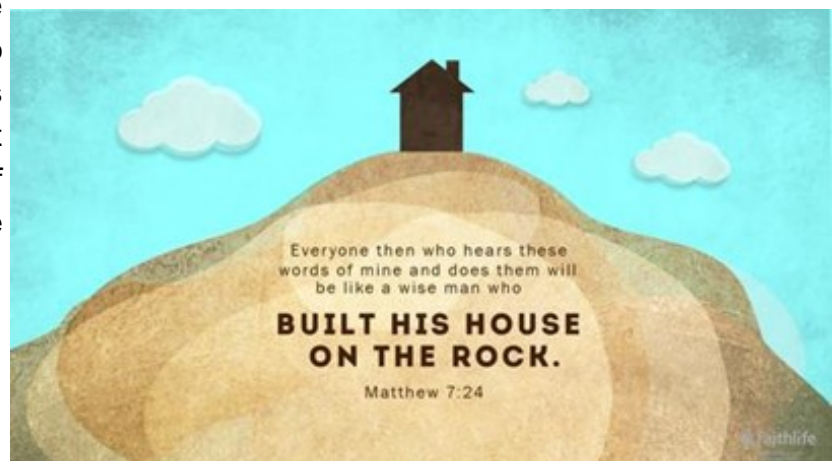
During our 40 Day Red Letter Challenge this Lent, we should not be surprised if we experience storms that seek to disrupt us. In one of the main texts for this spiritual growth campaign, Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus told his hearers to not only hear His words, but to put them into practice. Jesus says that when we hear His words and put them into practice, we will be like a "wise man who built his house on the rock."

Notice that the wise man builds on a rock. In the Old Testament, God is described as the Rock of His people (Psalm 18:1-3). Later, Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ is called the rock upon which the Church is built (Matthew 16:13-20). In Luke's version of this teaching (Luke 6:46-49), he includes a few more details: the wise man digs down deep to lay a good foundation. This wise person is the person who comes to Jesus, hears His commands, and obeys them. Don't miss this: hearing isn't enough. James writes in James 2 that faith without works is dead. So our works follow our faith—we come to Jesus, we hear His words, and empowered by the Holy Spirit we obey them in faith.

Why is it so important to build on the rock? 'Cause we know what is coming...STORMS! The rain will fall. The wind will blow. The water will rise up. Storms will come. Jesus invites you and me to build our lives on the foundation of faith—hearing His word and doing His word.

Jesus is speaking here of the last storm, the judgement of God against sin on the Last Day, the Day of the Lord. The question Jesus raises is: On the last day, will your house stand?

The Bible teaches that if we are in Christ, there is no condemnation (Romans 8:1) and that all our sin was placed on Christ and judged at the cross (Isaiah 53; II Corinthians 5:21). So when the final storm comes, if Jesus is your foundation, He will secure you against destruction. But anyone who is outside of Christ has no such protection from the wrath of God.



Doing the Red Letter Challenge and building your life on faith in Jesus and obedience to His teaching is hard. It's challenging, painful and may seem like loss in the short term.

Though popular preachers and teachers may say otherwise, we don't come to Jesus or call people to Jesus because doing so makes things easier or safer in this life, or more materially prosperous. If that's why you follow Jesus, you're not following Him at all. Your life is built on sand and bare ground.

We come to Jesus and build our lives on Him because we are sinners who have earned every drop of the storm of God's wrath, and Jesus Christ is our only hope of salvation. Though we are by nature children of wrath, enemies of God and rebels against His kingdom, He has graciously made a way to cleanse us of sin and adopt us as His children, by grace through faith in Jesus alone—His death and resurrection securing our justification and hope of a future inheritance.

One of my favorite hymns is *How Firm A Foundation*. I will close my thoughts with the first stanza of this hymn which declares our hope and refuge in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

Building on the foundation of Christ,

Pastor Andy



2021 Midweek Lent Worship Schedule & Sermon Series: *Not Our Plan - His Plan*

We all have plans for our lives. It may be a dream that has not been fulfilled yet. It may be goals you want to meet within a certain amount of time. There is nothing wrong with making plans for the future or fulfilling dreams. We just need to be careful on how we achieve our goals. The only way to be fully successful is doing life with God. This Lent on Wednesday nights, we will walk with Jesus as He lives out the PLAN God had for Him on the cross. Drawing from the Gospel of Matthew, we will recall that when we follow after God, our lives are not our own anymore. God has full control over decisions and the end result. We can put our trust in God, because He has a plan for each of us!

Wednesday, March 3, 6:30 pm Worship
God's Powerful Weakness (Matt 26:47-56)

Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 pm Worship
The Problem is with Jesus Himself (Matt 26:57-68)

Wednesday, March 17, 6:30 pm Worship
The Tale of Two Disciples (Matt 26:69--27:10)

Wednesday, March 24, 6:30 pm Worship
See How Low He Stoops (Matt 27:11-32)

Thursday, April 1, 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Worship ***Something New...Until All Things are New***
(Matt 26:17-29)

Friday, April 2, 12:00pm & 7:00 pm
Good Friday Worship
The Truth is All Here (Matt 27:33-61)

Sunday April 4, 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday April 4, 9:00 am Easter Celebration
Service

Sunday April 4, 10:30 am Easter Community
Worship (THS parking lot)

Sunday, April 4, 12:00 pm Drive-In Communion

Announcements

2021 Early Communion Instruction

Pastor Andy will be meeting with students and parents for Early Communion Instruction over Zoom at 6:30pm on Sunday nights.

Sessions will occur on Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, & 21.

Here is the Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89535164763?pwd=QjhxdVcvR0h6Zkt0djhnciVnYlFRQT09>

Or dial in: 312 626 6799 US Meeting ID: 895 3516 4763 Passcode: 133839

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Andy at 330-203-5474 or pastorandy@tlcoh.org.

TLC's 2020 Operation Christmas Shoeboxes are reaching children in Uganda and Panama!

Uganda is one of the poorest nations in the world. Children in Uganda often have to face war, poverty and hunger. Please pray for the children of Uganda that they will know how much God loves them through the gifts we sent them! Watch the attached video to see the sweet joy a shoebox gift brought to children of Uganda in 2015 <https://youtu.be/VHV2TbziZAA>

Many of the people in Panama live in rural areas, and the children of indigenous people are often very poor. 1 in 5 people in Panama live in poverty. Pray for the children that will open our Operation Christmas Child gifts in Panama so that they can understand that they are not alone, and that Jesus wants to be their friend! Here is a story from a young man from Panama that received a shoebox gift as a child.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-stories-luis-and-a-lamb/>

Easter Flowers for the Altar It is time to order flowers to celebrate our Risen Lord! This year you can choose from Easter Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinths, Daffodils, including Tete a Tetes, Chrysanthemums and Hydrangeas to adorn the Altar. Easter Flower

Order envelopes are available by the mailboxes. Please indicate quantity, color and if in memory of a loved one or a blessing. Make checks payable to *Tallmadge Lutheran Church w/ Altar flowers* in the memo line. Please place orders in Becky Springer's mailbox OR contact Becky directly at 330-618-5950 or email, springer.becky@gmail.com.

Orders should be placed by Sunday, March 21 to guarantee availability. Flowers can be picked up after the late service on Easter Sunday

Easter Baskets The best surprise ever-Jesus rose from the dead! He's alive! To share this good news with our children, our church is creating fun "surprise" bags for 110 children. We have basic supplies that shares this message, but we could use some fun surprises to add in! If you (individually or within a group) would like to add to the fun, please bring in 110 items. Ideas could include anything with a Jesus and Easter symbol theme: wrapped candy in eggs, stickers in eggs, fun masks, cross necklaces, Easter trinkets, etc. Please drop off items in the box located in the library by Sunday, March 21. Thank you!



*In The Community

TALLMADGE

Maca Aquatic Center Information:

183 Maca Drive

Opens May 29, 2021

Pre-season tickets on sale now through May 15, 2021 at the Tallmadge Rec Center

Maca will be open to members and their guests only for 2021

Limit 2 guests per member

Membership sales are limited to 1500 passes

Attendance maximum is 500

Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult

visit (tallmadge-ohio.org/maca-pool) for more membership info

Summit County Fairgrounds

229 E Howe Road

events happening throughout the year

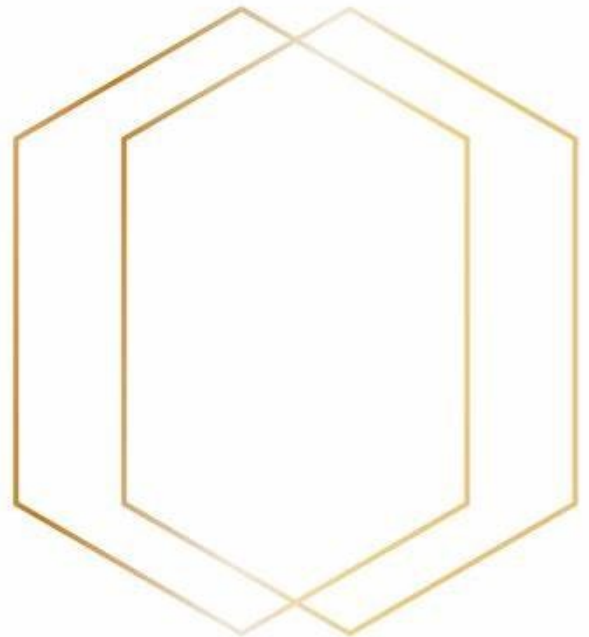
visit summitfair.com for the full 2021 list of events

Tallmadge Rec Center

46 N Munroe Road

Activities include adult & youth programs, sports, fitness, art & sewing classes, Family Fun Nights, dances, and more.

Please see the Rec's website for more information:
tallmadge-ohio.org/232/Recreation-Center



- * Please continue to follow state guidelines.
- * Please continue to be responsible and considerate of others by social distancing & wearing masks when required.

Music Ministry: red letter challenge playlist

Nothing Else – Cody Carnes

Grace Grace – Ben & Noelle Kilgore, David Leonard

Stand My Ground – Carrollton

Give My Life Away – Big Daddy Weave

Everywhere I Go – Tim Timmons

Abide – Housefires

When We Pray – Tauren Wells

Sing to the Lord (Banner) – Pay Barrett

Everything and Nothing Less – Chris McClarney

Draw Near – Passion, Kristian Stanfill

You Are Good – Bethel Music, Brian Johnson

Restless – Audrey Assad

All My Hope – Crowder, Tauren Wells

Drop Your Stone – Chris August

Jesus, Friend of Sinners – Casting Crowns

Mercy – Bethel Music, Amanda Lindsey Cook

Forgiveness – Matthew West

Forgiveness – Bread & Wine, Ben Smith

Scandal of Grace – Hillsong

Love the Lord – Lincoln Brewster

To Be Like You – Hillsong

More Like Jesus – Passion, Kristian Stanfill

Children of God – Third Day

All I Am – Phil Wickham

Give It All Away – Sidewalk Prophets

Called Me Higher – All Sons & Daughters

God of Justice – Tim Hughes

Everything – Lauren Daigle

I Surrender – All Sons & Daughters

Follow You – Leeland

My Reward – Kristian Stanfill

For All That You Have Done – Rend Collective

No Outsiders – Rend Collective

How Sweet It Is – Chris Tomlin, Pat Barrett

Right Here, Right Now – Red Rocks Worship

My Story – Big Daddy Weave

Tell the Whole World – Jeremy Camp

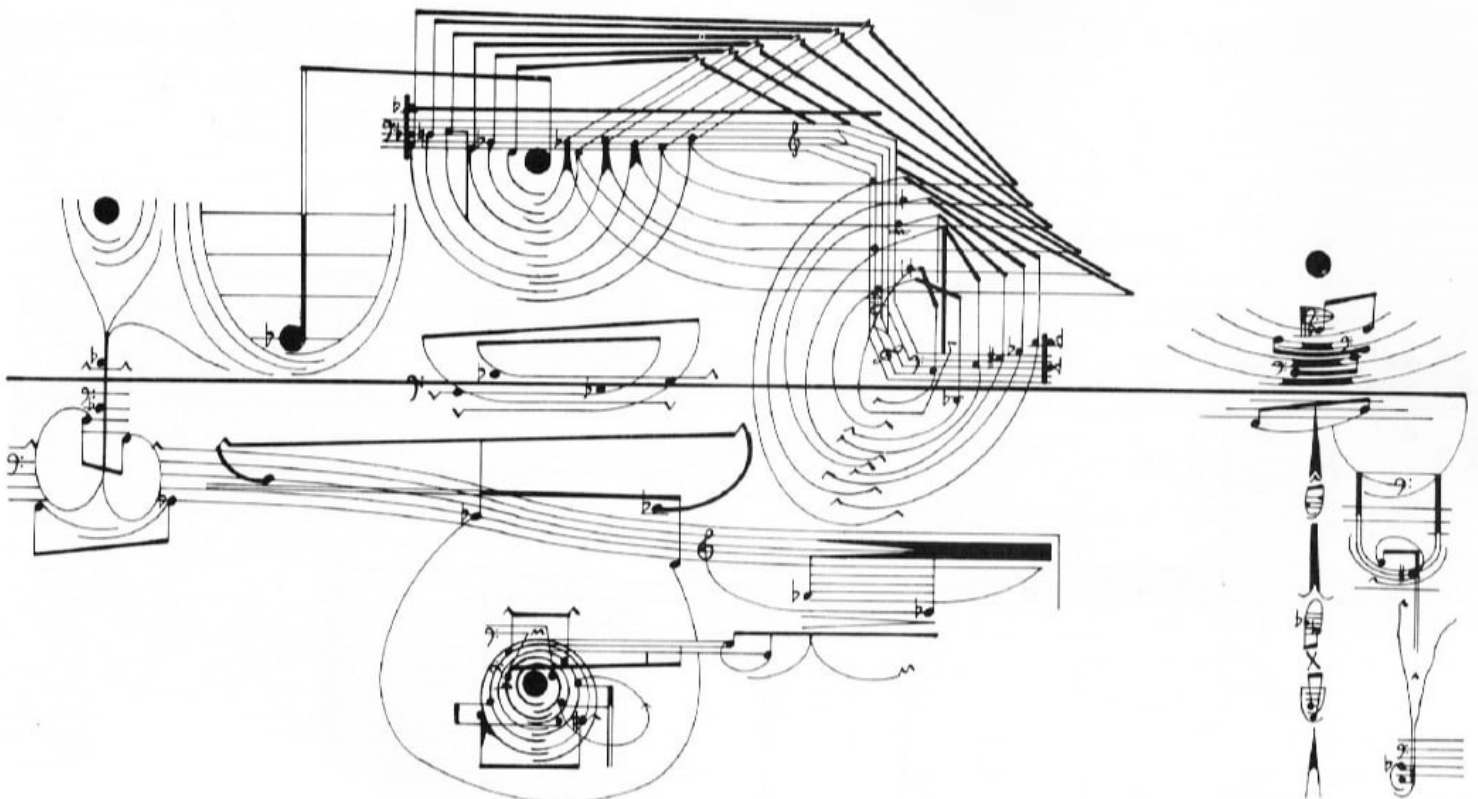
Tell the World – North Point Kids, Lizi Bailey

Tell the World – Lecrae, Mali Music

Tell the World – BK Putnam

Reckless Love – Cory Ashbury

Follow Me – Beth Hazel Farris



Youth Group News

Andy Wahl

Todd Miller

Jenn Larson

Beth Niermann



Upcoming

Sunday, March 7, 6:00 pm Youth Led Meeting

Friday, March 12, 7:00 pm - Saturday,
March 13, 7:00 am Youth Lock-in

Sunday, March 28, 6:00 pm Youth Meeting

Super Bowl Subs Fundraiser



The youth group would like to thank the congregation for supporting us in our recent events! We made 100 subs for our super bowl sub fundraiser, 55 of which were delivered to Haven of Rest Ministries to help feed the homeless. We also delivered 7-8 large boxes of food to Redeemer Crisis Center in Cleveland recently, along with a monetary donation, that wouldn't have been possible without your help! We are very blessed to have such a loving and generous congregation! - TLC Youth group.



TLC Building Projects

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

Completed Projects

Replacing fluorescent lights with LED as needed

Repaired parking lot light

Converted parking lot lights to LED

Stored barriers & moved picnic tables

Bathroom stall door repair

Boiler pump repaired

Sunday School Bulletin Board

Room 6/7 lights replaced

Upcoming Projects

Paint preschool hallway

Paint stairwell to mechanical room

Sanctuary and Narthex repairs

Clean gutters

Roof repair

Pavilion

Furnace repair

Hang artwork in Room 12

Youth room door

Door 5 flood light

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12)	2 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	3 Confirmation Check-in (Youth Rm) 1:30 PM RLC group (Rm 12) 6:30 PM Lenten Mid-week Worship 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	4 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM RLC group (Rm 12)	5	6 - 7:00 AM Youth Group Lock-in
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28 Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School (Rm 6/7) 9:20 AM Bible Study 9:20 AM RLC group 9:20 AM Youth Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Youth Group	29 Spring Break Begins	30 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	31 1:30 PM RLC group (Rm 12) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir			

Birthdays

2 Miya Kuntz	18 Carley Ryan
4 Pam Meece	19 David Zachrich
6 Christy Wahl	20 Betty Dodd
6 Greg Redman	20 Stephen Smith
7 Ryan Pifer	21 Hanna Latimer
8 Juanita Graham	21 Kathy Carmen
8 Peggy Hill	23 Robin Bergmann
8 Jessica Sterling	24 Steve Staszak
11 Molly Conley	27 Nathan Gorrell
16 Marcie Pendleton	29 Marge Ray
16 Ryan Tywon	30 Annalise Hovey
16 Denise Zehner	31 Marty Hauser
	31 Blake Miller

Anniversaries

3 Mr. & Mrs. Jay Springer
13 Mr. & Mrs. David Dailey



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