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

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The Living Light

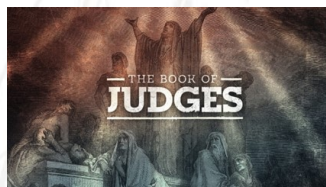
TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Unlikely Deliverers

Have you ever read the book of Judges in the Bible? The book of Judges traces the period between the death of Joshua and the rise of kings in Israel. Unlike our current day understanding of judges, these “judges” were not primarily judicial officials; rather, they were military leaders and clan chieftains who appeared periodically in different areas among the tribes to bring about deliverance from enemies who were threatening parts of Israel.



The book of Judges is in many respects a dialogue about a relationship: the relationship between Yahweh and Israel. A loving heavenly Father would not rescind his election of Israel—He had pledged himself to the descendants of Abraham forever. The Lord promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and that his people would be a blessing for all nations.

But the Lord also expected the people of Israel to be holy just as the Lord is holy. Throughout the book of Judges this tension is played out: How does a holy God who demands allegiance and submission of His people tolerate their continuing sin and rebellion?

The relationship between the holy Lord and sinful Israel falls into a recurring sequence of sin-oppression-deliverance. Below is this 5-step recurring cycle in more detail:



1. The children of Israel do evil in the eyes of the Lord.
2. Their sin prompts the anger of God and results in oppression at the hands of some foreign nation.
3. During the oppression, the Israelites cry out to the Lord.
4. The Lord hears their cry and raises up a deliverer, one of the judges. The deliverer is chosen and empowered by the Spirit of the Lord.
5. The deliverance is followed by the submission of the enemy and a period of peace.

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This recurring sequence of sin-oppression-deliverance is often called “cyclical.” But this designation is somewhat misleading if it is understood to imply that each “cycle” is more or less equal to all the others. A better way to describe what happens in the book of Judges would be as a “downward spiral.” It is not that each cycle is more or less a repeat of the earlier ones; rather, there is a deterioration in the quality of judges and the effect of their leadership.

What amazes me most about the book of Judges are the people the Lord chooses to heroes/deliverers. Strange heroes they are—a reluctant farmer, a prophetess, a left-handed assassin, a bastard bandit, a sex-addicted Nazirite, and others. Several of the judges are portrayed as deeply flawed human beings chosen to deliver a deeply flawed nation. As you read the book of Judges, you will see how the Lord God is long-suffering and compassionate. You will also see aspects of your own life in the characters of the narrative.

I find great hope for my life—that if the Lord can use sinful, fearful men and women with mixtures of ignorance, frail obedience, and tangled motives as instruments of His will—then the Lord can even use me! Paul describes it this way, that we, like them have been “washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ by the Spirit of our God. (1 Cor. 6:11).

For all their flaws, we are to learn from their faith. For it was in faith that Gideon, Barak, Jephthah, and Samson “conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised” (Hebrews 11:32-33).

In spite of their failures, their faith was not misplaced. They became a part of that great cloud of witnesses, calling for us to persevere and to fix our eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-2). The truth is that we too need a champion to fight our battles for us, one raised up by God and invested with his Spirit in full measure. We too need a leader to secure for us the inheritance that God has promised, one who will perfect our faith. The Lord has sent Jesus to deliver us from our sins, from death, and the power of our enemy—Satan. We can enjoy peace in Christ in this world and in the life to come!

God Bless Your
Walk with the Lord!

Pastor Andy



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

October Events

- Prayer Shawl - Friday, Oct 1 canceled
- Youth meeting - Sunday, Oct 3 at 4:30 pm
- Board of Elders - Monday, Oct 4 at 7:00 pm
- Jubilate Ringers - Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
- Confirmation - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
- Board of Directors - Monday, Oct 11 at 7:00 pm
- The Wise Owls - Saturday, Oct 16 at 12:00 pm
- Youth Spaghetti Drive-Thru Dinner -
Saturday, Oct 16, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- Youth Group to Dussel Farm - Sunday, Oct 24 at 4:00 pm

Sweetest Day Spaghetti Dinner Dine-In & Drive-Thru

presented by the TLC Youth Group

Saturday, October 16

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Drive-thru or Dine-in under the pavilion
(weather permitting)

Meal includes: spaghetti with plain, meat or gluten-free
sauce, green beans, bread & butter, parmesan
cheese, red pepper flakes, water, and a brownie.

\$9 per person or \$30 per family of four

\$5 flower for your Sweetheart

A fundraiser for the National Youth Group 2022 trip to
Houston, TX.

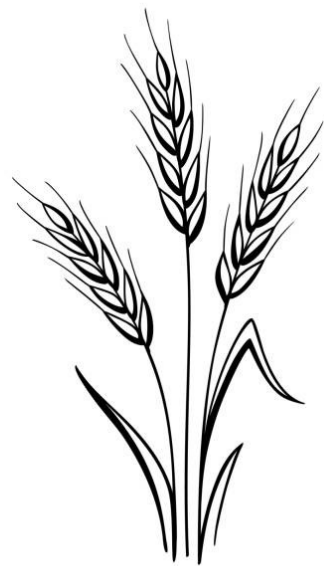
Please see flyer on page 9

Order forms are in the bulletins, the outside grey bin & by
the mailboxes

Prayer Buddies

It's back-to-school time and we are looking for volunteers for our Prayer Buddy Program! This year, TLC is excited to include our King's Kids families as well! The program is a great way to show our families we care for them, their children and to exercise the powerful practice of prayer. A Prayer Buddy is asked to pray for their student (s) and his/her family on a regular basis and send a card or note the first Sunday of the month, for each month from October through May. No gifts except books for Christmas, please. For more information and if you are interested in this wonderful outreach program, please contact Cindy Strand at strand.cindy@gmail.com.

TLC Annual Church Picnic



***In The Community** Fun Things To Do Near You

Tallmadge Fall Festival

- October 3, 1:00 - 6:00 pm at The Tallmadge Rec Center
- Outdoor festival featuring food trucks, a beer garden, live music, baked goods, and games.
- Pie Eating Contest at 2:30 pm (register by 2 pm)
- Pumpkin Carving Contest at 5:00 pm (enter by 4:30 pm).
- All day activity wrist band for kids - \$5

Tallmadge Beggars Night

- Thursday, October 28
- 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Halloween Moonlight Drive - In Movie

- Saturday, October 23
- Tallmadge High School parking lot
- Costume parade at 6:30 pm
- The Adams Family movie at 7:00 pm
- Free admission

Beckwith Orchards Cider Mill & Gift Shop

- 1617 Lake Rockwell Rd, Kent, OH 44240
- Open 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Ramseyer Farms

- 4000 Ramseyer Lane, Wooster
- ramseyerfarms.com
- Mazes, Pumpkins & Sunflower fields
- Farm Animals
- Hayrides
- Over 50 activities for all ages
- Country store
- See website for special events & ticket pricing



* Please continue to follow state guidelines.

* Please confirm dates, times & ticket costs before traveling.

Music Ministry News

TLC Family,

The Music Ministry Needs You!

Join the Jubilate Ringers! Come as you are.
No experience needed.

Join the Choir!

Be a part of this amazing group.
Uplift and inspire TLC every Sunday Service.

Know someone we can feature during worship?
TLC would love to showcase individuals
during the Anthem!

Contact Jesse Reed at
music@tlcoh.org to join!

Rehearsals

Jubilate Ringers: 7:00 pm Tuesdays

Choir: 7:30 pm Wednesdays

Pianist position is still open.



Youth Group News

Andy Wahl

Todd Miller

Jenn Larson

Beth Niermann

Youth Bible Study

Join Todd Miller and Andy Wahl in the youth room on Sunday mornings for a time of growing in God's Word and fellowship.



Upcoming

Sun, Oct 3 – 4:30 pm Youth Led Meeting

Sat, Oct 16 – 4:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner

Sun, Oct 24 – 4:00 pm Dussel Farm

Mon, Nov 1 NYG sign-up deadline

Youth Service Project



Sweetest Day

Saturday Oct. 16

4-6pm

Spaghetti Dinner Dine-In & Drive-Thru

****Dine-in will be in our new pavilion, weather permitting****

provided by the TLC Youth as a fundraiser for NMG Houston 2022

Treat your sweetie(s) to a home-cooked meal.

Included:

Spaghetti w/ choice of plain or meat sauce
(gluten free available upon request)

Side of Green Beans

Bread & Butter

Parmesan Cheese/Pepper Flakes

Bottle of Water

Brownie

Ind. Wrapped Utensils/Napkin w/ Salt & Pepper

\$9/person

\$30/family of four

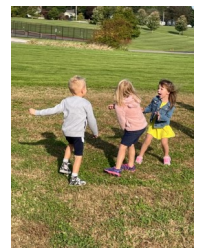
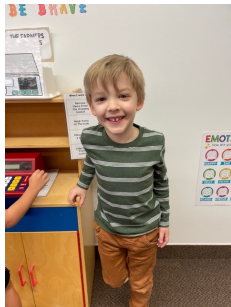
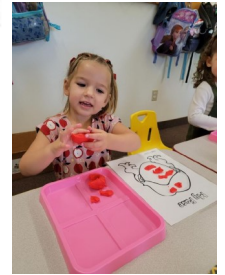


For an extra \$5, get a
flower for your sweetheart(s)

Ephesians 5:2

"And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a stain offering and sacrifice to God, a sweet fragrance."

Any questions or for an order form, contact Todd Miller | p: 330-573-5779 | e: tandl22720@gmail.com



TLC Building Projects

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

Completed:

Rooms 6 and 7 have been painted by Blazer Painting
Cubbies have been moved from door 6 entrance to room 6
(Todd Miller and Trevor Whipple)
Room 12 decorations have been hung (Bert Holz)
Contacted Bicca Lock about door 6 repair
Replaced curtain rod in room 5
Patching holes in wall where cubbies were
Energy Management is scheduled to replace HVAC unit 5
Rehung soap dispenser in boys restroom in educational wing
Jeff the Plumber scheduled to repair toilet in girls restroom in
educational wing
Koorsen is scheduled to inspect fire doors
Koorsen is scheduled to inspect kitchen hood
Met with Todd Miller for youth projects
Clean and stain courtyard benches
Trim bushes and plants around the building

To Completed:

Paint narthex
Paint preschool hallway
Paint stairway to mechanical room
Hang bulletin boards for Gail
Replace overhead lights that are burnt out



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 9:20 AM Youth Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship 4:30 PM Youth led meeting	4 5:30 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12)	5 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM Jubilate Ringers	6 6:30 PM Bible study (pavilion) 6:30 PM Confirmation (Rm 1) 7:30 PM Choir	7 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	1 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	2
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31 Halloween Reformation Sunday 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 9:20 AM Youth Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship						

Birthdays

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| 1 | Ralph Phipps | 12 | Kaitlyn Worthington |
| 1 | Kristi Conley | 13 | Roger Klicman |
| 1 | Jim Gates | 14 | Travis LeVan |
| 4 | Jason Moyer | 15 | Marge Bitteringer |
| 5 | Anders Redman | 16 | Andrew DeWolf |
| 6 | Peggy Menke | 17 | Logan Crawley |
| 6 | Kathleen Detzel | 18 | Gabriella Vojtek |
| 6 | Kim Senderling | 18 | Juliana Bailey |
| 7 | Michael Pifer | 19 | Debbie Ruggles |
| 8 | Michelle Lattimer | 19 | Ellen Gorrell |
| 8 | Pamela Gates | 27 | Emma Hedderly |
| 9 | Kathy Alleshouse | 30 | Michelle Wendland |

Anniversaries

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Capp
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Richard
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Walt Fenske
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Himmelreich
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Barrett
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Keith Dixon



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