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The Living Light

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God is our Refuge and Strength

What's your favorite hymn or praise song? That's a tough question, isn't it? It's too hard to pick just one. But if I gave you a hymnal or set you up on Spotify and gave you half

an hour, you'd have no trouble coming up with your top ten or twenty. And I'd be willing to bet that for many of us, there might be quite a few hymns being repeated on many of our lists. Hymns like *A Mighty Fortress*, hymns like *Be Still My Soul*, and hymns like *In Christ Alone*. Songs like *Anchor* and *These are the Days of Elijah*. These are all great songs!

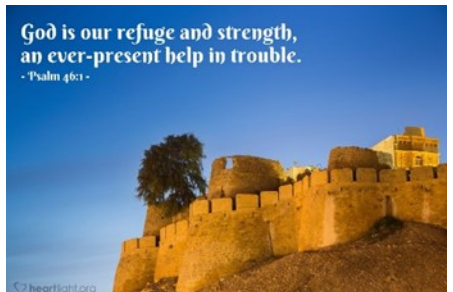
Besides being great songs and hymns do you know what else they have in common? All of these songs express the thoughts recorded in Psalm 46. And I can't help but think that Psalm 46 was a favorite hymn of many an Old Testament believer for the same reasons that *A Mighty Fortress*, *Be Still My Soul*, and *In Christ Alone* are so popular today. They all express the quiet confidence that, in spite of our many struggles and trials we face, God is with us and we can count on him. They all express the quiet confidence that gives peace now and lets us be still. They all express the quiet confidence that drives out fear and makes us bold.

This month of October where we remember the Reformation, a great psalm for us to meditate on is Psalm 46—the Psalm on which Martin Luther based his hymn *A Mighty Fortress*.

Right away in Psalm 46 the Psalmist gets right to the heart of the matter. He first gives the solution, then the problem. ***God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear...*** Fear can be crippling, can't it? Fear can be a master and make you its slave. Fear robs us of confidence, peace, and strength. Fear is a major problem.

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...God is our refuge & our strength

There are many things that cause fear. But in Matthew 6 Jesus pointed out the real cause: *"If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"* (Matthew 6:30) Fear and worry really come from a lack of faith. Fear and worry say to God, "I don't really think you are my refuge. I don't really think you're my strength. I don't really think you're present. You can't really help me now."

Psalm 46 drives home the truth that *God is with us*: **God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble... God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day... THE LORD ALMIGHTY is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress... Be still, and know that I am God... The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**



God is with us. That makes all the difference in the world. We look to the cross where Jesus our Savior died for our sins. On the cross we see that God is for us. And if God is for us, who can stand against us!

Because God is for us, we can, *"Be still."* Literally in the Hebrew it means "Cause it to go slack." Maybe in our modern English slang, we can "Drop it," or "Let it go," or maybe just "Relax." This psalm reminds us that we are safe within the Mighty Fortress who is our Lord.

Our salvation is secure through the whatever happens in this world because of what Jesus Christ alone has done for you and for me. *Be still.* We can drop it, let it go, and relax, because we know that God is still with us, promising his ever-present help in trouble. God is with us. We will not fall. Jesus Christ promises that he is with us always, even to the very end of this age. Jesus is our impenetrable fortress.

And this truth, gives us a quiet courage, and at the same time makes us bold to take a stand for Jesus Christ. So, *"Be still,"* dear friends, *"and know that... The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."* And have... *no fear!*

God bless your month of October!

Pastor Andy



Midweek Reminders

TLC Safety Committee - TLC is looking for former military, police and /or fire personal to join the TLC Safety Committee. We value your experience and would like your input on the safety practices of our church. The next committee meeting is Monday, October 3 at 9:00 am where we will review TLC's current emergency plans and what we need to put in place for the future.

Sewing for Service - Do you enjoy sewing and are looking for a way to use your gift to serve? Come see what this is all about! The first Wednesday of the month, 10:00 – 2:00 pm at Pam Klicman's home: 827 Ashmun Ave., Tallmadge. Please bring a brown bag lunch. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 5. Please call for more information and RSVP to Pam at 330.633.7288.

The CHOSEN at TLC – Come watch Episode 6 Thursday nights at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Watch Season 1 of The Chosen here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/TheChosenSeries>

Confirmation at TLC - Confirmation class will be held Wednesday night, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in Room 1. Recorded instructional sessions along with pdf of lessons will be found at: <https://www.tlcoh.org/confirmation-year-c/>

2022 Early Communion Instruction - 5th – 8th Graders and their parents are invited. Pastor Andy will be covering the Early Communion Material this Saturday, Oct 16 & 30 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the TLC Library. At the conclusion of this time of instruction, parents will be able to discern if their child is ready to receive the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Andy: 330-203-5474 or pastorandy@tlcoh.org.

Marriage Small Group -- Marriage Small Group -- Inviting ALL married couples to our next Marriage Small Group on Thursday, October 20 starting at 6:00 pm in Room 12. Our next study will be "Love is Kind. Are you?" Baked boneless chicken thighs and salad will be provided. Please bring a side dish/dessert to share. Feel free to contact us with any questions. Trent (330-587-8818) & Alisha (330-354-6796).

TLC in October

Weekly Events:

Mondays at 9:30 Bible Study in Room 12
Mondays at 5:30 pm Bible Study in the Youth Room
Tuesdays at 10:00 am Bible Study in Room 12
Wednesdays at 7:00 am Men's Bible Study at Panera
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm Confirmation in Room 1
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm Choir
Thursday at 10:00 am Bible Study in Room 12
Thursdays at 7:00 pm The Chosen mini series
Fridays at 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl in Room 12

Organ Project Open Forum

An Open Forum to discuss the recommendations from the Organ Committee is on Sunday, October 2, starting at 11:45 am in the sanctuary.

Upcoming:

Sunday, October 2, 11:45 am Open Forum (organ)
Monday, October 3, 9:00 am Safety Committee Meeting
Monday, Oct 3, 7:00 pm Board of Elders
Wednesday, October 5, 10:00 am Sewing for Services
Monday, Oct 10, 7:00 pm Board of Director
Tuesday, October 11, 11:30 am Wise Owls - Hartville
Saturday, Oct 15, 4:00 pm Sweetest Day Pasta Bake
Sunday, October 16, 12:00 pm Early Communion Instruction
Sunday, October 16 First prayer Buddy card is due
Thursday, Oct 20, 6:00 pm Marriage Small Group
Sunday, Oct 23, 12:00 pm Youth to Ramseyer Farm
Sunday, October 30, 12:00 pm Early Communion Instruction





PRAYER BUDDIES

Purpose:

- To show our Preschool and King's Kids 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 and King's Kids

Timeline:

Our program will launch in October 2022. Participation in the Prayer Buddy program requires a commitment for the entire 2022-2023 school year. *First cards are due Sunday, October 16.*

Profile of a Preschool Prayer Buddy:

A Prayer Buddy can commit to praying for two of our Preschool/King's Kids students throughout this school year. A Prayer Buddy is someone who loves Jesus, and who wants our Preschool and King's Kids families to know that love.

Expectations:

Prayer Buddies are expected to pray for their Preschoolers, King's kids and his/her family on a regular basis. Send one card or note per month per child (please no gifts, except for Christmas and Easter).

Submit monthly cards before the deadline.

The sign-up sheet is by the mailboxes.

Please Contact Cindy Strand with questions!

From the Office

If you have a local company that may be able to fill a need in the church, call me in the office.

I would love to give you our business!

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- Plumbing - Carpentry - Electric - Cosmetic - Lawn Care - Repair -



Pumpkin Fairy House



Find a fun and unique pumpkin or gourd. Clean & dry your pick.

Cut off the bottom and scoop out the seeds.

Cut out windows and a door on your pumpkin house.

Now go foraging for decorations!

Sticks for the windows.

Flowers, greens and leaves for around the door & front yard.

Use your imagination and be as creative as you want!

Once you've collected all of your goodies, start hot-gluing them to your house.

Use a tea light candle or battery twinkle lights to illuminate the house at night.

And there you go! A fun spin on pumpkin carving!



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In The Community: Tallmadge

Final month for the Tallmadge Farmers' Market
Thursday nights 4:00 pm in the Rec Ctr parking lot

Tallmadge Rec Family Fall Festival
Saturday, October 8, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Rec's parking lot
Food trucks, games, music and it's all FREE

Beggars' Night
Thursday, October 27, 5:30 pm -7:00 pm

Halloween Moonlight Movie Night & Costume Parade
Saturday, October 23, 2021 in the Tallmadge Recreation Center parking lot
Costume Parade at 6:30pm - Movie starts at 7:00 pm

Bring your snacks, dress up in your costume for our Halloween costume parade, and enjoy Adam's Family (PG) in the comfort of your own car. Sound will be provided through FM radio. Please stay in your vehicle during the movie. Admission is free!

Veterans Day Remembrance
November 11 at 10:00 am at the Historic Church on the Circle

The Tallmadge American Legion, Kneil-Lawrentz Post 255 hosts a traditional Veterans Day program each year. The program begins with speakers inside the Historic Church and then moves outside to the Veterans Park area for a 21 gun salute. Music is provided by the Tallmadge High School Band.



Music Ministry News



Chancel Choir

Adult choir has begin rehearsing and is off to a great start. We are looking forward to Reformation, and then Christmas is just around the corner!

If you would like to join us for our Christmas Cantata, please contact Annie Alberts, or just show up to a rehearsal. We will begin rehearsing the Cantata music in November, and would like to have as many voices as possible. Our rehearsals are held in the sanctuary and are open to anyone from high school age on up! Feel free to join us!

Jubilate Ringers

If you are interested in playing handbells, rehearsals will begin within the next month or so. Please contact Rich or Carol Goebelt if you would like to join, or just to get more information. Playing handbells is a fun way to make music with others, and have a lot of fun at the same time.

Contemporary Christian Concerts

Do you enjoy listening to Contemporary Christian Music? Have you ever had the chance to see these artists in concert? Imagine an amazing concert, combined with a fantastic worship service....that's what it feels like.

If you are interested in looking into a specific artist or just want to see what's coming to town, go to godtube.com and search for 'Christian Concert Alerts'. You will be amazed how many performers come to NE Ohio on a regular basis. Find a concert, grab a friend, and go have a fantastic worship and music experience.



Youth Group News

Andy Wahl

Jenn Larson

Beth Niermann

Sweetest Day Pasta Bake

Treat your sweetie to a homemade pasta dinner.

Saturday, October 15, 4:00 - 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Cost is \$7.00 per person or \$25 per family of four.

Sign up at the mailboxes.

Thank you for supporting the youth through this fundraiser.

Upcoming

Sun, Oct 9, 12:00 Youth Room Fun

Sat, Oct 15, 1:00 pm Sweetest Day Pasta Bake.

Sun, Oct 23. 12:00 pm Fall Farm Trip

Dussel Farm Corn Maze



TLC YOUTH

Fall Schedule 2022

October 9

12-2 pm TLC Youth Room

October 15 - SATURDAY

1-7 pm Fundraiser, Sweetest Day Pasta Bake Dinner

October 23

12-6 pm TLC Youth Fall Farm Trip (Family / Friends invited, at own cost)

November 13

12-2 pm TLC Youth Room, Regular Mtg

November 20

After late service - Could use all hands to help pack up Operation Christmas child Boxes, after they are blessed in the service

November 22 - TUESDAY

5-8 pm Service Project, Bread Baking

November 27

12-2 TLC Youth Room

December 11

12-2 TLC Youth Room

December 17 - SATURDAY

3pm - 10 pm Annual Cookie Baking and Christmas Party

December 18 - SUNDAY

9-12 Sale of cookies in between and after late service.

Dec 25

No mtg, Merry Christmas





PRESCHOOL TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Please welcome Tallmadge Christian Preschool
(new 4's class lead teacher, Mrs. Patton!)



Carey Patton and her family have been a member of the Tallmadge community for the past five years. She's married to her Kent State sweetheart, Sean, and they have two wonderful children and a silly French Bulldog. Her son, Shane, will be a freshman at Tallmadge High School and her daughter Kylie will be in the 7th grade. Carey previously spent the past 20 years focused on a career in advertising but always wanted to pursue a more personally fulfilling role that allows her to spend more time with those she loves. Carey's passions include anything to do with animals, crafts, cooking, and sports.

Cutest PUMPKIN IN the PATCH

Thank you Pam Klicman, for sharing
your amazing sewing talent with
King's Kids. The students LOVE the
new doll clothes!

(They are officially better dressed
that I am!)



Many thanks to Gail McAlister for
greeting King's Kids parents with
coffee and donuts on 9/19. The
parents, staff, and kids loved it. It
was wet and rainy and gross out, but
Gail had everyone smiling as they
pulled away from our doors.



TLC Building Projects

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

A big thank you to our custodian, Laurene Malish, for taking care of the courtyard.

It looks fantastic!

Laurene mows, weed beats, trims the bushes and cleaned out the shed!

You're the best!



Maintaining and improving TLC is always a top priority of Facilities:

The letters on the front of the building have been painted white and they really pop!

A stained glass film has been placed over the top windows of the choir loft to bring the heat down, deflect the light and add a little color to the space. When you are in the sanctuary, stop and turn around.

Curtains in the choir loft are on their way.

Painting will continue throughout the main areas of the church.

Fall clean-up in the flower beds and lawn area will soon take place.

As always, if you have suggestions for an update or want to help out in any way, call the office.

If you have a local company that may be able to fill a need in the church, call me.

I'd love to give you our business!



Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

1 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Capp
 7 Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Richard
 20 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fenske
 20 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Himmelfreich
 23 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Barrett

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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