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The Living Light

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Teach Us to Pray

In Luke 11:1, the disciples asked Jesus, “Teach us to pray.” Our Lord must have beamed with joy at the opportunity to teach his beloved friends how to connect with and enjoy fellowship with the Father. In just a few short sentences, Jesus gave his followers a timeless prayer containing the most important things we need to know and believe.

Every single phrase of The Lord’s Prayer connects us to God’s answers to the things that concern us the most. This June and July, we will take a closer look at the Lord’s Prayer and what it means to be connected to God and to one another – restoring hope in these uncertain times.



You might be thinking, “But I know all about the Lord’s Prayer. I pray it every week!” The Lord’s Prayer is not just a prayer; it’s a vision for life in Christ’s inbreaking kingdom. It’s an acknowledgment of the brokenness, hunger, and evil that is present in this world. It’s a statement of faith, a call to worship, and a battle cry. It’s a bold pleading for heaven-on-earth transformation—that all people and all things come under the reign of Jesus Christ in His kingdom.



Prayer is an invitation to connect to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is not as if God “needs” our prayers in order to gather accurate information. God doesn’t need our prayers, but we need to pray. We pray in order to express our complete dependence upon our Heavenly Father. We pray to build our faith. We pray because He is God and we are not. We pray because God has filled us with the Holy Spirit so that our prayers are part of His unfolding plan for the universe.



Picture this...a father is watching his four-year-old daughter trying to put together a puzzle. She tries and tries but she just can’t get the pieces in the right place. Her father watches with great interest but he doesn’t interfere. Finally, she crawls in his lap and says, “Daddy, would you help me put my puzzle together?” He smiles and bends down and together they begin to pick up each piece. One by one they put the puzzle together.

Why didn’t the father help his daughter earlier? For one thing, she didn’t ask for his help. For another, he wanted her to try on her own. And most of all, he wanted her to ask him for his help. When she did, he was honored and gladly helped her finish the puzzle. Is this not a picture of how our Heavenly Father deals with his children? *Although he longs to come to our aid, often he waits until we ask him specifically.* Sometimes he wants us to come to the end of our own pitiful resources before he intervenes. When we cry out in despair, he is honored as we express our complete dependence upon him.

Every prayer is the cry of a child saying, “Help, Father, I can’t do this by myself.” I believe that as we learn more about and pray the Lord’s Prayer, we’ll be moved to embrace childlike dependence, wholehearted worship, love for one another, and participation in God’s mission. The Lord’s Prayer only makes sense within the context of childlike faith and dependence. We acknowledge it’s God’s kingdom we live in, not ours. We ask humbly for daily provision, knowing we can’t ensure our own survival and flourishing apart from him. We beg for forgiveness, protection, and deliverance just as a young child asks for help and safety as she prepares to fall asleep at night.



May the Lord draw you into a closer walk with Jesus as we pray the Lord’s Prayer together!

In Christ,

Pastor Andy



Vacation Bible School

June 19 - June 23

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Register at vbspro.events/p/tlcvbs2023 or scan code



Volunteers are welcome!

Please contact Pastor Andy
to be a part of this amazing event!

The next planning meeting is

Saturday, June 10 at 10:00 am.

VBS Decorating is Saturday, June 17
from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Small Groups Update

Women's Fellowship

Join the Women's Fellowship on June 8 at 6:00 pm in
Room 12 for the monthly meeting.

Bring a picnic-type food and last month's notes.

Marriage Connect Group

Come join us on Thursday, June 15 at 6:00 pm. for our next
study titled "Love is Tenacious, Are You?" Regular lasagna
and "no carb" lasagna will be served. Please bring a side
dish or dessert and enjoy good food and fellowship as we
grow our marriages together in community.

June's Operation Christmas Child Donations

It's already summer! We have only 4 more months to
collect amazing items for the "least of these". This month
let's collect simple small travel games and other toys that
are similar. Please place all donations in the grey donation
bins marked with the "Operation Christmas Child" logo in
the Donation Nook. We thank all of our church family for
supporting this important ministry.

Blessings of Backpacks

TLC is supplying each preschool student with their own
backpack stuffed with supplies. We are collecting 24 count
boxes of crayons and 8 count washable markers. Please put
all donations in the grey bins of the donation center. Once
we reach 75 boxes, a new item will be listed. Thank you so
much for helping with this ministry!

In The Community:

Maca Aquatic Center [Maca Memberships | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](https://tallmadge-ohio.org/Maca-Memberships)

Please see the website for information about membership, swim lessons, classes, the Marlins swim team & more!

New this year: Daily admission sales begin at 12 pm. Members can enjoy member-only days on Tuesdays!

Have a your party at Maca! [Maca Parties | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](https://tallmadge-ohio.org/Maca-Parties)

Please see the website for pavilion rental information.

Touch A Truck [Touch-a-Truck | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](https://tallmadge-ohio.org/Touch-a-Truck)

Saturday, June 10 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Tallmadge Rec parking lot

Farmers Market [Farmers Market | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](https://tallmadge-ohio.org/Farmers-Market)

Opens Thursday, June 15, 2023

Every Thursday in the Tallmadge Rec's parking lot from 4:00 - 7:00 pm

June through October 12, 2023

Music On The Circle [Music on the Circle | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](https://tallmadge-ohio.org/Music-on-the-Circle)

Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Thursday, June 15 - Chardon Polka Band (Pop Polka)

Thursday, June 29 - The Akron Symphonic Winds (Classical)

Thursday, July 20 - The Belairs (Oldies)

Thursday, August 3 - Revolution Pie (Beatles Cover)

Circlefest & Light Parade [Circle Festival & Light Parade | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](https://tallmadge-ohio.org/Circle-Festival-&Light-Parade)

August 19, 2023, 5:30 - 11:00 pm on The Circle

Light Parade at dusk

Fireworks following parade



Music Ministry

Summer is here!

Choir and handbells are taking a break, leaving room for some more musicians to step up. Summer brings the chance for more people to offer anthems and special music in our services. If you play an instrument or have been interested in possibly singing in church, I would love to work with you! You could play/sing from the main floor or the balcony, by yourself or with a small group. I would love to include more church members in our music ministry, and summertime is a nice low-stress time to jump in. If you are interested, please contact Annie Alberts.

Also, please welcome our new pianist, Chad Kendall.

His first Sunday was Memorial Day Weekend, and he will be a great addition to our music ministry.



Youth Group News

Beth Niermann

Jared Shoup

Jen Larson

Upcoming

Sunday, June 4, 12:00 - 2:00 pm Youth Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 4:00 - 7:00 pm Family Fun Night (Service)

Memorial Banners



TLC Building Projects

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

Completed:

Additional repairs on the boiler & backflow
Grounds spring clean-up has begun
Olds Pest Control sprayed exterior of bldg.
Boiler inspection completed
Outside mailbox repaired
Miscellaneous repairs throughout the building

Upcoming Projects:

Mailbox area
Library





Preschool and King's Kids



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

				1	2 1:00pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	3
4 Graduation Recognition Sunday 8:00am Worship 9-15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study (Rm 12, zoom) 9:20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Youth meeting	5 7:00pm Board of Elders (Rm 12)	6 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	7 KK Summer Field Trip (gym, pavilion) 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (off site)	8 6:00pm Women's Fellowship (Rm 12)	9	10 10:00am VBS Planning Meeting
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Birthdays

- 3 James Bailey
5 Kathy Vanaman
7 Diane Richard
7 Dennis Gearhart
7 Betty Scaife
8 Emma Alberts
8 Jim Case
10 Robert Whipple
11 Walter Broemsen

13 Jon Huck
15 Brian Kuntz
17 Trudy Heck
21 Richard Goebelt
21 Janet Buckles
23 Becky Springer
24 Timothy Richard
29 Catherine Kenny
30 Isaac Parmelee

Anniversaries

- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Ross
6 Mr. & Mrs. Allen Emmendorfer
6 Rev. & Mrs. Douglas Riley
19 Mr. & Mrs. Von Alleshouse
19 Mr. & Mrs. Josh Eyring
20 Mr.. & Mrs. Robert Bloom
21 Mr. & Mrs. Shawn DeWolf
23 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Gearhart



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