



The Living Light

GOD'S GREATER STORY

A Summer Sermon Series on Romans 6-14



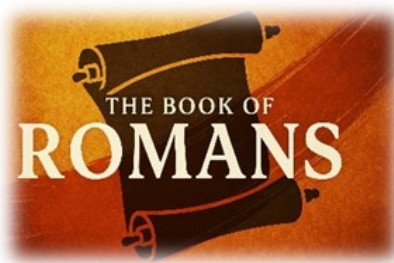
This summer, come hear the greatest story ever...
God's Story. Come and be reminded how your story
is connected to God's story.

We will start with the Apostle Paul's story. His story dates from around 55 – 58 AD. Paul was in Corinth, about to journey to Jerusalem to bring an offering from the churches to the poor. As he anticipated that journey, however, he lifted up his eyes and saw something much larger: a missionary trip to Spain. Along the way, he planned to stop by Rome, a place he had never visited. So he sent a letter ahead. To introduce himself as an apostle and to give the Roman church a vision of what he believed. "This I believe," the apostle Paul said.

As you listen to Paul's belief, however, you hear a greater story. Paul is not speaking of a belief that is only for himself, a personal theology or a record of his personal spiritual journey. Paul is speaking of God and God's work among his people, a saving work that includes all nations and that extends throughout all time. Paul's words of faith are not for himself alone but for all peoples. Paul tells the Romans and us God's greater story.

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This summer at TLC, beginning on June 21, we'll spend 13 weeks together in digging deeper into Romans 6–14, tracing that story from its beginning in the waters of Baptism all the way to how we live with one another in the everyday rhythms of Christian community. Come listen in as Paul offers his theological vision: a vision of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit at work to raise a people for his purpose in the world. Experience God's claim upon your life as he joins you to a people who have a purpose in his plan to renew creation and reclaim all nations for him. Here's a preview of where we're going:

Part 1 — Baptized into God's Greater Story (*Romans 6:12-23 & 7:1-13*) Every story has a beginning. Ours begins not with a decision we made, but with something God did *to us* and *for us*. In Holy Baptism, we were united with Christ in His death and resurrection—buried with Him, raised with Him, freed from sin's dominion over us. Paul opens this section of Romans by helping us understand that we are no longer who we used to be. The old self is dead. A new self has been raised. That's not a metaphor. That's your story.

Part 2 — God's Greater Story (*Romans 7:14-25a & 8:12-39*) Of course, if the old self is dead, why does it keep showing up? Paul famously wrestles with the war within — the good he wants to do, he doesn't; the evil he doesn't want to do, he does. Sound familiar? During this part of the story we sit honestly in that struggle with sin before Paul leads us to one of the most glorious chapters in all of Scripture: Romans 8. No condemnation. The Spirit interceding. All things working together for good. Nothing in all of creation separating us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Chapter 8 is the destination every struggling Christian needs to reach.

Part 3 — God's Greater People (*Romans 9, 10, and 11*) How does Israel fit into God's story? What about the promises God made to His ancient people? These are not abstract theological questions. They go to the heart of whether God can be trusted to keep His word. Paul's answer across three remarkable chapters is a resounding *yes*. God's faithfulness has never wavered. His mercy moves through history in ways that exceed our comprehension, and it has reached us. We are — by sheer grace — grafted into something ancient and glorious.



Part 4 — God's Greater Plan for You (*Romans 11:33-14:12*) Paul lands the letter with a doxology and then a challenge: because of God's mercies, present your bodies as a living sacrifice. Theology always leads somewhere. God's Greater Story has a role written for you—not a vague, generic role, but a specific one, shaped by the gifts God has given you, lived out in the body of Christ and in the world. We'll close the series asking a practical question: knowing everything Paul has just told us, what does Monday morning look like?

I hope you'll make worship this summer a priority. Bring your questions. Bring your doubts. Bring the part of you that wonders whether your life really matters. God's Word has something to say to all of it.

In Christ,

Pastor Andy

God's Greater Story

Summer Sermon Series

I. Baptized into God's Greater Story

June 21, 2026	Baptized into God's Greater Story	Romans 6: (1-11) 12-23
June 28, 2026	The Resurrecting Christ	Romans 7:1-13
July 5, 2026	SPECIAL SERVICE: A Service of Prayer & Praise for our Nation	

II. God's Greater Story . . .

July 12, 2026	Christ, Our Deliverer	Romans 7:14-25a
July 19, 2026	God, Our Father	Romans 8:12-17
July 26, 2026	Holy Spirit, Our Intercessor	Romans 8:18-27
August 2, 2026	God, in Love, Ruling over Ruins	Romans 8:28-39

III. God's Greater People . . .

August 9, 2026	People with a Purpose	Romans 10:5-17
August 16, 2026	People who Live by God's Proclamation	Romans 11:1-2a, 13-14, 28-32

IV. God's Greater Plan for You.

August 23, 2026	Transformed for Service	Romans 11:33-12:8
August 30, 2026	Living in Love	Romans 12:9-21
September 6, 2026	Living in Mercy and Faithful Obedience	Romans 13:1-10
September 13, 2026	Living in Light of Christ's Eternal Rule	Romans 14:1-12





Jubilate!



W.I.N.G.S. KENTUCKY DERBY



Happy Fathers' Day!



Monday 9:30 am Bible Study Summer Schedule

June 1, June 22, July 13, July 27, August 2, 10, 17, 24
No Class on May 25, June 8, June 15, June 29, July 6,
July 20

Monday Night Bible Study

Class will resume in September.

Thursday 10:00 am Bible Study

Class will resume in the fall.

New Members of TLC

Pastor Andy led a time of instruction for those who would like to become TLC members on Saturday, May 30, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Those new members will be received at TLC on Sunday, June 7 at both services.

If you would like to become a member at TLC, please talk with Pastor Andy or text him (330) 203-5474 or email him pastorandy@tlcoh.org.

TLC Book Club

The TLC Book Club meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in Room 12.

The book for June and July is *The Story of Christianity—Volume 2: The Reformation to the Present Day* by Justo L. Gonzalez.

This book is an informative, interesting, and readable narrative history of the Christian Church.

Pastor Andy will be traveling this summer so....

For June, we'll be reading pages 1-228 and meeting on Monday, June 22.

For July, we'll be reading pages 229-530 and meeting on Monday, July 27.

Marriage Connect Group

Our next date for group in June will be on Thursday, June 18 at 6:00 pm in Room 12.

Our session for the month is titled....."Dabaq: Resilient Love".

Please come and see what we're all about if you haven't joined us before.

We always eat dinner first. Taco meat with all the fixings for tacos and nachos will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

See you all there.

~ Trent and Alisha Wright

Operation Christmas Child

We are halfway to the Christmas season! I need your help to make this year a great successful year.

I would like to focus on collecting small toys (cars/trucks, fidget toys, jump ropes, small dolls, small balls, anything else you come across...) during the month of June. What great joy a "wow" gift can bring a child. That's what these toys are for them.

I appreciate everyone who helps me all year to collect these amazing items.

Please leave all donations in the OCC bin located in the library.

Thank you!

~ Alisha



Samaritan's Feet Sneaker Drive

Donations (sneakers only please) can go in the Library bin. For more information about this ministry go to samaritansfeet.org or contact Susan Olson shireyolson7@gmail.com. Thank you for your donations!

Youth Group Ministry

Join Jared Shoup, Youth Ministry leader, on Wednesday nights at 5:30 pm for the New Youth Bible Study geared towards Senior High School students.

Class will continue through the summer.

W.I.N.G.S.

(Walking In New Growth and Service)

As part of our "TLC: Vision 2030" we are pleased to announce a new social networking ministry called *W.I.N.G.S.* (*Isaiah 40:31*).

This ministry is targeted toward individuals or couples who are at, or near, retirement and interested in engaging socially with other similar members of the church. *W.I.N.G.S.* will use a number of scheduled social activities to engage and strengthen relationships among members of the church.

The activities can also be a vehicle to invite "unchurched" friends, family members, neighbors or church visitors to informally and socially meet members of the church as a way for them to consider potential membership at TLC.

Stay tune for upcoming events.

The Wise Owls Older Wiser Lutherans

TLC members and friends of all ages are invited to join the Wise Owls meetings. Please come share a meal and fellowship with this timeless group of TLC members.

Leaders, Fae and Larry Broemsen, prepare the main dish for each potluck meeting. During these months, they will provide *double* main courses, so you can enjoy a meal and fellowship at TLC and take a meal to share!

The Wise Owls meet the third Saturday of the month, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm in Room 12.

A sign up-sheet is by the mailboxes with the main dishes listed for your convince.

Please come and experience a long-standing tradition at TLC! Come for food, fellowship, stories, laughter, and wisdom. They are called the Wise O.W.L.S for a reason.

We'll see you on Saturday, June 20



The Who's Who at TLC

Board of Elders

John Dailey, head
Marty Hauser
Chris Tywon
Todd Hedderly
Bob Knepper
Eric Fink

Board of Directors

Jim Bergmann, chair
Kris Kodzev, vice chair
Brian Kuntz, treasurer
Ellen Tywon, secretary
Daryl Parma
Heidi Wojcik
Heidi Beck
Jerry Young

Staff

Pastor Andy, Pastor	Sue Pifer, Nursery attendant
Annie Alberts, Music Ministry	Laurene Malish, Custodian
LaVonne Dolliver, Organist	Ben & Val Jews, Custodians
Debbie Ruggles, Finance Manager	
Lindsay Snyder, Secretary & Facilities	
Gail McAlister, Preschool Director	

Altar Guild: Becky Springer, head; Janet Buckles, Kathy Vanaman,
Ellen Tywon, Marge Lasher, Cheryl Luke, Barb Fink,
Heidi Wojcik & Gail McAlister

Altar Flower Orders/Flower Chart: Lindsay Snyder/Becky Springer

Bible Study Leaders: Pastor Andy, John Dailey, Chris Tywon,
Brian Kuntz, Gail McAlister, Jeanne Colosetti,
Kathy Vanaman, Jared Shoup, Regina & Kris Kodzev

Book Club: Pastor Andy

Master Calendar: Lindsay Snyder

Children's Ministry/Sunday School: Gail McAlister

Confirmation: Pastor Andy

Easter Breakfast: Youth Group

Facility Rental: Lindsay Snyder

Finance Auditors: Denise Larson & Denny Gearhart

Food Pantry: Gail McAlister

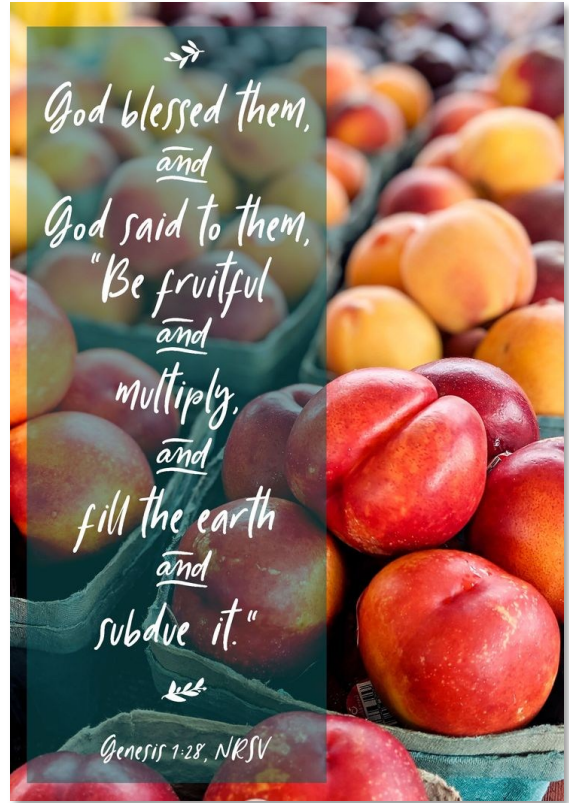
Funeral Luncheons: Gail McAlister & Pam Klicman

Historian: Ethel Walent

KidMin Ministries: Regina Kodzev

Librarian: Denise Larson

Lillies at Easter & Poinsettias at Christmas: Becky Springer



Marriage Connect Group: Alisha & Trent Wright

MITES & LWML: Sandy Dixon

Operation Christmas Child (OCC): Alisha Wright

Outreach Activities for Preschool

Gail McAlister, coordinator

Prayer Buddies: Lindsay Snyder & Gail McAlister

Prayer Chain: Kathy Vanaman, Sandee Mick

Readers for Worship/Scheduler: Lindsay Snyder

Refill Restore Revive: Kris & Regina Kodzev

Sewing for Service: Pam Klicman

Strat Op/2030 Vision: Marty Hauser, facilitator

Thanksgiving Dinner: Gail McAlister, coordinator;
Kevin Heilmeyer, head chef

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Regina Kodzev

WINGS: Tim & Diane Richard, Chris & Ellen Tywon

Wise Owls: Fae & Larry Broemsen

Women's Fellowship: Kathy Vanaman

Youth Ministry: Jared & Miranda Shoup

VBS


IS HERE!

June 8-June 12

9:00 am - 12:00 pm



Tango



DAY 1

Bible Point:
God is our creator. (Wow, God!)

Bible Buddy:
Tango the Quetzal

Key Bible Verse:
"Praise the Lord, everything he has created,
everything in all his kingdom."
(Psalm 103:22)

Bible Story:
God creates the world. (Genesis 1)

Bible Point:
God knows everything. (Wow, God!)

Bible Buddy:
Seymour the Glass Frog

Key Bible Verse:
"O Lord, you have examined my heart and
know everything about me."
(Psalm 139:1)

Bible Story:
David celebrates all God knows.
(Psalm 139)

Seymour



DAY 2


Bible Point:
God is our safe place. (Wow, God!)

Bible Buddy:
Dottie the Ocelot

Key Bible Verse:
"Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say, 'You are
my place of refuge.'"
(Psalm 142:5)

Bible Story:
David hides from Saul.
(1 Samuel 23-24)

Dottie



DAY 3


Bible Point:
God is forever. (Wow, God!)

Bible Buddy:
Howie the Howler Monkey

Key Bible Verse:
"But we can praise the Lord both now and
forever! Praise the Lord!"
(Psalm 115:18)


Bible Story:
God gives John a vision of heaven.
(Revelation 7:17; 21-22)

Howie



DAY 5

Tia



DAY 4

Bible Point:
God is love. (Wow, God!)

Bible Buddy:
Tia the Giant Anteater

Key Bible Verse:
"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His
faithful love endures forever."
(Psalm 136:1)

Bible Story:
Jesus died and comes to life to show
God's love. (Luke 22:39-24:12)

In The Community

Tallmadge Farmers Market opens on Thursday, June 11, 2026 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Vendors are parked in the Tallmadge Recreation Center parking lot along East Ave every Thursday night through October 8, 2026.

Maca Pool is open! 2026 Season is May 23-August 9. Regular Season Hours are Monday - Thursday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm and Friday - Sunday 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. Tuesdays, Thursdays and July 4 are Member-Only Days. *Memberships have sold out. Daily admissions for guests and guests of members are \$5-\$20. Sales start at 12:00 pm.

Touch A Truck - June 13 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Rec Center parking lot

Music on the Circle - A free summer concert series sponsored by The Tallmadge Foundation on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Bring a chair, blanket, friends, and snacks!

June 18: Those Men Inside My Brain (Cheap Trick Tribute)

June 25: Revolution Pie (Beatles Tribute)

July 9: The Diamond Project (Neil Diamond Tribute)

July 16: The Other Side Band (70s, 80s, and 90s Cover)

July 23: Take Me Back (Chicago/70s Horn Band Tribute)



The Tallmadge Circular - tallmadgeoh.gov/circular



Sunday School Corner

June's Theme: *Seeking the Greatest Treasure*

The connection between faith and God's Character,
as shown through God's Big Story!
Truth according to God's Message



Join us every Sunday from 9:20 - 10:15 am in Room 7

Opening for ALL grades at 9:20

Summer Time means games, outside time,
and a snack as we learn about Jesus!

Teachers: Ms. Holly & Ms. Angies, Ms. Bergmann & Ms. Gail



"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. Matthew 13:44

THE MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Summer Is Here!

Our music ministry is a bit slower over the summer... which makes it a great time for our members to share their musical talents in a more relaxed environment!

If you are interested in sharing your gifts, whether through singing or playing an instrument, please reach out to Annie Alberts. I am happy to help you find music that you feel comfortable sharing or pairing you up with someone else to perform together.

There is also the option of sharing your gifts from the balcony if that is your preference.

If you would like to listen to some live music, make sure to head to the Tallmadge Circle on Thursday evenings this summer. These free summer concerts take place on Thursday evenings on the Circle. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on and kick back for a relaxing good time! This year's concerts will take place Thursday nights throughout the summer from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and are sponsored by The Tallmadge Foundation. - Annie

2026 Music on The Circle Season Schedule

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Congratulations!

CLASS OF 2026

TALLMADGE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL



Thank You
to TCP's
wonderful
Staff!
Happy
Summer!

Open Registration for 2026-2027 is open!

Please Share and Schedule a Tour!

More information can be found on the TLC website,
or contact Gail at TCPdirector@tlcoh.org

TALLMADGE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL SPOTLIGHT



M/W 3's Class



T/Th 3's Class



M/W/F 4's Class



T-Th 4's Class



Pre K Class

- ☆ What a successful school year with learning, laughter and a whole lotta fun!
- ☆ 22 students are moving onto kindergarten
- ☆ 18 returning and moving into a new classroom age group,
- ☆ 25 new enrollees, so far
- ☆ We are already preparing and getting excited for fall!



All thanks and appreciation goes to the teachers that have nurtured these young children, shared the love of Jesus and prepared them for future schooling! They are the heart and soul of the program!

Wishing all the teachers and restful and well-deserved break! ~ Ms. Gail

3's teachers: Diana Nicholson, Holly Dussel

4's teachers: LeeAnne Bright, Alonie Rackley

PreK teachers: Monique Avantino, April Freeman

Cozy Coupe

Preschool Fundraiser



Tallmadge Christian Preschool is looking to purchase Cozy Coupes (riding toys) for the students this fall. The goal is \$500. Please check out the donation nook, close to the mailboxes.

An envelope for each car is on the bulletin board.

Pick your favorite one to donate to.

The preschoolers will be so excited!

Thank you! ~ Ms. Gail



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 12:00pm - 1:30pm Member Event (Youth Rm) 7:00pm Board of Elders (Rm 12)	2	3 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (Kiloman)	4 10:00am - 11:30am Food pantry packing 12:00pm - 1:30pm Member Event (Youth Rm)	5 10:00am VBS (Youth rm)	6
7 Receiving New Members 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship	8 8:30am Food Pantry Pick-up 9:00am - 12:00pm VBS 12:00pm - 1:30pm Member Event (Youth Rm) 7:00pm Board of Directors (Rm 12)	9 9:00am - 12:00pm VBS	10 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 9:00am - 12:00pm VBS	11 9:00am - 12:00pm VBS 12:00pm - 1:30pm Member Event (Youth Rm)	12 9:00am - 12:00pm VBS	13
14 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship	15 12:00pm - 1:30pm Member Event (Youth Rm)	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera)	18 12:00pm - 1:30pm Member Event (Youth Rm) 6:00pm Marriage Connect Group	19	20 12:00pm Wise Owls (Rm 12)
21 Father's Day 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship	22 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 12:00pm - 1:30pm Member Event (Youth Rm) 7:00pm TLC Book Club (Rm 12)	23	24 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 4:00pm - 7:00am Family Fun Night (Pavilion)	25 12:00pm - 1:30pm Member Event (Youth Rm)	26	27
28 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship	29 12:00pm - 1:30pm Member Event (Youth Rm)	30				

Birthdays

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 3 Dr James Bailey | 15 Brian Kuntz |
| 5 Kathy Vanaman | 17 Trudy Heck |
| 7 Diane Richard | 21 Richard Goebelt |
| 7 Denny Gearhart | 21 Janet Buckles |
| 7 Betty Scarfe | 23 Becky Springer |
| 7 Kayden Riley | 24 Tim Richard |
| 8 Emma Alberts | 27 Augustine Dussel |
| 11 Larry Broomsen | 29 Catherine Kenny |
| 13 Jon Huck | 30 Isaac Parmelee |

Anniversaries

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Ross | 19 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Luke |
| 6 Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Freeman | 21 Mr. & Mrs. Shawn DeWolf |
| 9 Mr. & Mrs. James Riley | 23 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Gearhart |
| 19 Mr. & Mrs. Von Alleshouse | 26 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ripley |
| 19 Mr. & Mrs. Josh Eyring | |



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Tallmadge Lutheran Church exists to help people
GROW as disciples of Christ, CARE for one another, and SHARE the love of Jesus in our community.

Tallmadge Lutheran Church
Tallmadge Christian Preschool
King's Kids School-Age Child Care
759 East Avenue
Tallmadge, OH 44278

Galatians 5:22-23
against such things there is no law.