

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECT GROUPS: All adults not already in another TCCO Connect Group are encouraged to join one of our “Pray at Your Own Risk” Connect Groups for the month of January! There is a group for everyone, with different meeting days and times throughout the week (childcare available for the Monday night group). Don’t miss this opportunity to connect to Jesus and each other while diving deeper into our January church-wide series on prayer. For more information or to sign up, scan the QR code or email lindsey@theconnecting.co.



LUNCH WITH THE STAFF: Our Winter Semester LWTS is scheduled for Sun. 1/25, 12:30-2:00pm. This event is important for anyone who has never attended one before or is new to TCCO in the last 6-12 months. LWTS is a great opportunity to hear our hearts and more of our story as a church; to learn about our mission, vision and core values; to connect with and meet our staff and some of our leadership team; to ask any questions; and to get more connected. Lunch and childcare for 5th grade and under (by request only) is provided. Please use the QR code to RSVP no later than Wed. 1/21. Contact brittany@theconnecting.co with any questions.

TCCO STUDENTS+ CEREAL PALOOZA NIGHT!!! All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us on Wed. 1/27 for our next TCCO Students+ Night, 6:30-8:30pm; doors open at 6:15pm. Join us for a fun evening filled with eating all your favorite cereals, games, and learning how it all connects to God’s love for us! Plan to be there and invite all your friends to join you! Contact Pastor Walter at walter@theconnecting.co with any questions!

TCCO KIDS CONNECT EVENT: Join us for our next TCCO Kids Connect Event on Mon. 2/9 9:30-11:00am at Tulsa Play Café in Bixby! TCCO Kids has rented out the entire facility just for our group. Kids will have a blast playing in the indoor play areas and tiny town, while parents get to enjoy a coffee/snack and connect with one another. Cost is \$10 per child and non-slip socks are required to play (bring your own or purchase a pair for \$2.95). Use the QR code below to register. Contact elaine@theconnecting.co with any questions.

TCCO'S 2026 MARRIAGE CONFERENCE: Sat. 3/28, 9:00am-4:30pm at The View at Hillside Barn in Sapulpa. You can expect practical teachings, powerful worship, and an environment that is fun, engaging and inspiring! Registration is NOW OPEN. Use the QR code to register no later than Sun. 3/15, or before all 150 spots are taken! Be sure to enter “2 people” when you register. Cost is \$100 per person and includes all meals, snacks, drinks and all conference sessions, activities and materials. All engaged and married couples are welcome! Contact brittany@theconnecting.co for more information or questions. You will not want to miss this! We believe having the marriage you always dreamed of is possible, as you learn to do marriage God’s way!

SAVE THE DATES

Sun. 2/1, Involved International Day

Sun. 2/1, Spring Semester Connect Groups Launch

Fri. 2/27, TCCO Bingo Night Fundraiser



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PRAY AT YOUR OWN RISK

“Why Persistence Matters”

Week 2

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PRAY AT YOUR OWN RISK
WEEK 2
"WHY PERSISTENCE MATTERS"
1.11.26

God is always _____ and often doing something in _____ while you _____.

Luke 18:1-8 —¹ And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Jesus knew there would be moments in our lives and in our prayers when our _____ would grow _____.

4 Truths We Can Learn About the Practice of Persistent Prayer:

1. WHEN GOD SEEKS _____, HE IS NOT _____

- _____ can feel like absence...but Scripture shows us silence is often _____.
- Silence does not mean _____...delay does not mean _____...waiting does not mean God is _____.
- Prayer is not just about starting _____...prayer is about staying _____.

2. PRAYING OFTEN _____ PRAYING _____

Galatians 6:9 — And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Faith is not holding on for a _____. Faith is holding on until God _____ what He started.

Praying Through Is:

- Choosing to stay _____ when you do not feel or see anything.
- Choosing _____ over progress.
- Choosing _____ over timelines.

3. GOD USES _____ TO DEEPEN _____

Delay:

- Forces _____
- Teaches _____
- Shapes _____
- Forms _____

Romans 5:3-4 —³ We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

God is not just interested in answering prayers...He is interested in _____ and _____ His people...and making us more like _____!

4. PERSISTENT PRAYER _____ FAITH MORE THAN _____

Luke 18:8b —“Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

- A Faith that still _____ and trusts God in the face of silence and _____ prayers is deep, unshakeable _____!
- Faith is not always rewarded with visible _____...faith is often rewarded with _____.
- _____ prayer shapes faith more than outcomes ever could...because faith that only survives success is _____, but faith that survives waiting is _____ and that kind of faith changes _____.

Hebrews 11:6 — And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.