ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN THE TCCO TECH TEAM: Do you want to be a part of something bigger than yourself, make an impact and have fun while doing it? Join our TCCO team that helps bring every service at TCCO to life! No experience needed; we can teach you everything you need to know! We need camera operators & directors, screen operators & lighting operators. Flexible commitment; you decide how often you can serve. Email brandon@theconnecting.co to sign up or for more information!

TCCO's NEW WEBSITE: We're so excited to announce the launch of our new church website! A huge THANK YOU to McWilliams Media & our very own Natalee Groves who helped us design and create the new site that is more user-friendly and designed to help you stay connected, find important information, give online and register for events. You can also access weekly talk notes and discussion guides on the homepage. Check it out at **theconnecting.co** and explore all the new features!

TCCO STUDENTS+ UNPLUGGED NIGHT: All 6th-12th grade students are invited on Wed. 3/25 for our next TCCO Students+ Night, 6:30-8:30pm; doors open at 6:15pm. Slow down with us for a chill evening filled with intentional connection, acoustic worship and more. Plan to be there and invite all your friends to join you! Contact Pastor Walter at walter@theconnecting.co with any questions!

TCCO 2026 MARRIAGE CONFERENCE: All engaged and married couples are welcome to join us on 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 ends Sun. 3/15! Cost is $100 per person and includes all meals, snacks, drinks, and conference sessions, activities and materials. Contact brittany@theconnecting.co for more information or questions. We believe having the marriage you always dreamed of is possible, as you learn to do marriage God's way! (If you would like to sponsor a couple or make a financial donation, you can give online and select "Marriage Conference" in the drop-down menu.)

TCCO KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT CONNECT EVENT: Our TCCO Kids Team is planning a fun Easter Connect Event for all TCCO Kids & their parents on Wed. 4/1 6:30-8:00pm that will end with an Easter Egg Hunt hosted by our TCCO Students. We need your help! Please bring donations of plastic Easter eggs filled with peanut-free individually wrapped pieces of candy the next 3 Sundays, no later than Sun. 3/29. We would love to have 2,000-3,000 filled eggs! Please contact elaine@theconnecting.co with any questions.

SAVE THE DATES
Wed. 3/18, No TCCO Students, Spring Break
Sun. 4/5, Easter Sunday at TCCO
Sun. 4/12, Baptism Sunday
Fri. 4/17, TCCO SHE Event, 6:30-8:30pm
Sat. 4/18, TCCO Men's Breakfast, 9:00am

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PORTRAITS OF A SAVIOR

"The Shepherd"

Week 1

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A Shepherd is someone who implies _____…a Shepherd implies _____…a Shepherd implies _____.

Psalms 23:1 — *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

John 1:3 — *All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

Colossians 1:17 — *And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

John 10:11 — I *am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

Hebrews 13:20b — *the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,*

John 10:27 — *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

To come under the shepherding of Jesus is _____ expressed through _____.

JESUS IS…

1. The Shepherd Who _____

Luke 15:3-7 — *3 So he told them this parable: 4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."*

Isaiah 53:6 — *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

The _____ does not carry itself back…the _____ carries the sheep back…and this is the very heart of the entire _____.

Luke 19:10 — *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

"If Christ had not _____ us, we would never have _____ him." — Charles Spurgeon

2. The Shepherd Who _____

Psalm 23:2-3 — *2 (He) makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

Our shepherd is _____ in our lives!

Sometimes the most _____ things God does or allows in your life will feel like _____.

Psalm 23:4a — *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;*

The Shepherd never promises a "_____ _____" life, but He does promise to _____ with us, to be with us, even in the valleys.

In green pastures we talk _____ God…in valleys we talk ___ God!

A shadow in itself cannot _____ you. And a shadow does not exist unless there is _____ there also!

3. The Shepherd Who _____

David in this moment is making a declaration of _____… reminding us we are not ultimately dependent on our _____, but instead we are dependent on our _____.

Philippians 4:19 — *And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

Sometimes what our Shepherd _____ is not what we would _____.

2 Peter 1:3a — *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,*

Matthew 6:31-33 — *31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

John 6:35 — *"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."*

The Shepherd literally becomes the _____.