

ANNOUNCEMENTS

09.27.2026

TCCO STUDENTS+ TOURNAMENT NIGHT: All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us THIS Wed. 9/30 for TCCO Students+ Night, 6:30-8:00pm; doors open at 6:15pm. Grab a teammate and get ready to compete in various tournament games throughout the night! Plan to be there and invite all your friends to join you! Contact Pastor Walter at walter@theconnecting.co with any questions!

LOVE TULSA SUNDAY: TCCO is partnering with City Church again this year for a city-wide outreach day to serve and love on our community NEXT Sun. 10/4, 9:00am-12:00pm! Childcare will be provided for children 4 & under here at TCCO. Families are encouraged to serve together. FREE Love Tulsa t-shirts to wear that day are available for first-time participants on a first come basis; adult & youth sizes available. (If you have your t-shirt from May 2025; please use/wear it; design is the same.) Make sure to grab your t-shirt TODAY in the lobby. Contact outreach@theconnecting.co with any questions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH STAND 4 JUSTICE: Join our local outreach ministry, Stand 4 Justice, and help with setup, food service and cleanup at their banquet on Thurs. 10/8. Several different shifts are available from 9am-9pm. The banquet is put on to raise money to support the ministry for escape expenses and recovery programs for exploited and trafficked women and children. If you would be willing to serve, please contact Cara Hathaway at carah@stand4justice.org.

CHILD DEDICATION SUNDAY: Several places in scripture we see examples and the importance of dedicating our children back to the Lord. Our next Child Dedication Sunday is scheduled for Sun. 10/25. This opportunity is open to all parents of children that have not been dedicated to the Lord yet. Sign-up using the QR code by Sun. 10/11. For questions, please contact our TCCO Kids Director, Elaine Hathaway at elaine@theconnecting.co.

TCCO's ANNUAL PARTY ON THE LAWN: Join us for this MUCH LOVED annual event scheduled for Sun. 11/1, 5-7pm, on TCCO's front lawn! We will have food trucks, balloon animals, face painting, petting zoo, inflatables, bonfire and many other fall treats, activities, and fun yard games! This is a perfect event to invite your friends & family to join us! Everyone needs to bring your own seating...so don't forget lawn chairs, blankets, etc. We also need everyone in our TCCO Family to help us out, and RSVP with your name and the total number coming with you/your group, using the QR code, no later than 10/28! We can't wait to see you all there, to have FUN together, and to CONNECT as a church family & as a community!

SAVE THE DATE

Wed. 10/14, No TCCO Students--Fall Break



“GOD IS...”

WEEK 3

ADONAI

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we exist to
connect people
to Jesus and
each other

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Adonai: God is Lord; Master; ultimately He is the One who possesses all authority.

Do we actually want a Lord...or do we just want a divine assistant?

Genesis 15:1-3—¹ *After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”* ² *But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”* ³ *And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”*

Biblical faith doesn’t mean you never have questions.

When We Embrace God as Adonai in our Lives:

1. ADONAI IS LORD EVEN WHEN I DON’T UNDERSTAND

Genesis 15:4-6 —⁴ *And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.”* ⁵ *And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”* ⁶ *And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.*

God often gives us just enough information to obey and trust Him without giving us too much information to feel like we can control the outcome.

Our hearts don’t ultimately find rest when we control every circumstance; our hearts will only truly find rest by solely trusting in God, the one who controls it all.

2. I HAVE A WILL, BUT I DON’T HAVE THE THRONE

Joshua 24:15 — *“And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”*

Choice and Lordship aren’t opposites. The ability to choose doesn’t make me the ultimate authority; it simply means I have the ability to decide whose authority I will submit myself to.

There is a massive difference between agency and sovereignty. I have agency...God has sovereignty.

John 8:36 — *So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*

Romans 6:16 — *Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?*

Something I freely choose today can eventually begin choosing for me tomorrow.

SURRENDER IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF MY WILL...IT IS THE SUBMISSION OF MY WILL.

LORDSHIP: WHEN MY WILL AND GOD’S WILL COLLIDE, I’VE ALREADY DECIDED WHO GETS THE FINAL SAY.

3. CALLING HIM LORD MEANS SURRENDERING MY RIGHT TO SAY NO

Luke 6:46 — “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”

“WHERE IN MY LIFE HAVE I CALLED JESUS ‘LORD’ WHILE STILL RESERVING THE RIGHT TO SAY NO & HOLD ON TO CONTROL?”

Exodus 4:10 — *But Moses said to the LORD, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.”*

Exodus 4:13 — *But he said, “Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.”*

Allowing God to be Adonai in our lives means...HE GETS THE FINAL SAY!

Grace doesn’t produce passive discipleship; grace teaches us to trust Jesus enough to actually follow Him.

Romans 10:9 — *because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Philippians 2:9-11 — ⁹ *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,* ¹⁰ *so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,* ¹¹ *and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Christianity isn’t primarily inviting Jesus to become part of your life...it’s fully surrendering your life and the lordship of it to Jesus.