

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.25.2026

TCCO STUDENTS+ COSTUME KICKBALL NIGHT: All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us on Wed. 10/28 for our next TCCO Students+ Night, 6:30-8:00pm; doors open at 6:15pm. Wear your favorite costume and invite all your friends! Come ready to play some kickball and enjoy a popcorn bar! There will be a prize for the best costume! Contact Pastor Walter at walter@theconnecting.co with any questions!

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, a bonfire and many other fall treats, activities, and fun yard games! This is a perfect event to invite your friends & family to join us! Bring your own seating such as lawn chairs, blankets, etc. We also need everyone in our TCCO Family to RSVP by 10/28 with your name and the total number coming with you/your group. We can't wait to see you all there, to have FUN together, and to CONNECT as a church family & as a community!

TCCO KIDS CONNECT EVENT: Join us for our next TCCO Kids Connect Event on Fri. 11/13 from 9:30-11:30am at The Sand Patch in Tulsa! TCCO Kids has rented out the entire facility just for our group. Kids will have a blast playing in the indoor sand boxes, while parents get to enjoy a coffee and connect with one another. Use the QR code to register. Contact elaine@theconnecting.co with any questions. We can't wait to see you there!

HELP DECORATE TCCO FOR CHRISTMAS: You are invited to stay after the 11am church service on Sun. 11/22 and help us decorate TCCO for Christmas! Lunch will be provided. Use the QR code to register by Thurs. 11/19 with the total number from your family/group volunteering and eating lunch. Childcare will not be provided; but children, kindergarten & older, are welcome to stay and work directly under their parents' supervision. Contact brittany@theconnecting.co with any questions!

TCCO MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST: All Men 16 & older are invited to join us Sat. 12/5 from 7:30-9:00am at TCCO. Don't miss out on great coffee, breakfast, a powerful devotion, and a great opportunity to connect & grow together with other men! Use the QR code to register, no later than Thurs. 12/3. Invite all the men in your life to join you, and we look forward to seeing you there!

SAVE THE DATE

Sun. 11/15, TCCO Gives Launch
Wed. 11/18, TCCO Students+ Night, 6:30-8:00pm
Sun. 11/29, Advent Begins
Fri. 12/4, Christmas SHE Night, 6:30-8:30pm

QR Code for
Registrations



“GOD IS...”

WEEK 6

PNEUMA

Travis Cherry



we exist to
connect people
to Jesus and
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“Is it possible to know a bunch of facts and things ABOUT God and still struggle to actually KNOW God personally?”

Pneuma: Spirit...Breath...or Wind

The Holy Spirit isn't something God gives us instead of Himself...the Holy Spirit is God giving us His own presence.

Genesis 1:2 (NRSV) — *the earth was a formless void, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters*

The same God who gave humanity the breath of life is the same God who gives believers new life through His Spirit.

TRUTHS WE CAN SEE IN SCRIPTURE ABOUT THE SPIRIT OF GOD:

1. THE SPIRIT MAKES GOD'S PRESENCE PERSONAL

John 14:15-17 (NRSV) — ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”

Our God who is above everything isn't distant from His people.

The Holy Spirit makes our relationship with the living God a present reality...helping us understand and respond to truth revealed in Scripture.

Romans 8:15–16 (NRSV) — ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

The Holy Spirit assures us of who we are and confirms our identity as God's child!

2. THE SPIRIT MAKES GOD'S LIFE VISIBLE IN ME

Galatians 5:16-17 (NRSV) — ¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NRSV) — ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Some of the most profound evidence of the Spirit's work in our lives happens in the everyday, ordinary moments that don't look or feel extraordinary at all.

The Holy Spirit isn't simply interested in giving us a moment to remember... He's working to make us into people who reflect and look like Jesus!

The presence of the Spirit is a gift, but maturity in the Spirit is a lifelong process.

The Christian life involves active participation in God's transforming work.

Spiritual maturity isn't something I can manufacture independently of God; it is something I am invited to participate in through His Spirit.

Galatians 5:25 (NRSV) — *If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.*

The Christian life isn't simply about acknowledging that the Holy Spirit exists...it's about learning to welcome & follow His leading.

3. THE SPIRIT MAKES GOD'S MISSION POSSIBLE THROUGH US

Acts 1:8 (NRSV) — *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

The effectiveness of God's mission is not ultimately dependent upon our human ability; He empowers ordinary people through His Spirit to accomplish His mission!

God doesn't simply demonstrate His power for us to admire...He invites us to participate in His work and mission through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit doesn't empower us to make much of ourselves...He empowers us to make much of Jesus!

The Spirit's purpose is not ever to make any of us spiritually impressive... it's always to make Jesus known.

We must NEVER forget our complete and total dependence upon the Spirit of God.

The mission of the church isn't something we accomplish independent of God...it's something we participate in through His presence and power.