ANNOUNCEMENTS

TCCO STUDENTS+ FRIENDSGIVING NIGHT: All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us THIS Wed. 11/18 for Friendsgiving, from 6:30-8:00pm; doors open at 6:15pm. Come hang out with us, eat good food, and roast s'mores around the fire pit. This will be a great night of fellowship and fun with other students. Plan to be there and invite all your friends to join you! Contact Pastor Walter at walter@theconnecting.co with any questions!

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 GIVES 2026: We are adopting 25-30 children & their parents again this year, many who are displaced, and all who are in need this holiday season. We will provide them with Christmas dinner and buy gifts from their wish lists. Three Ways to Help: 1) Mark any donations over and above your tithes/offerings to help sponsor these families as "TCCO Gives." 2) Take gift tags to shop for gifts for these children available starting Sun. 11/22 on the Christmas trees in our lobby. Please sign-up in the lobby on the clipboards for whichever tag/s you take. See info sheet or QR code for instructions & drop-off days/times. 3) We need volunteers to help drive and make deliveries to each family on Sun. 12/20, after the 11am service, starting at 12:30pm. To volunteer, or any other questions, please email outreach@theconnecting.co.

CHRISTMAS SHE NIGHT: Ladies, join us for a special Christmas SHE Night on Fri. 12/4 from 6:30–8:30pm at TCCO! During this busy Christmas season, we're creating an evening to slow down, connect, and reflect on God's goodness and faithfulness in our lives. Enjoy a cozy evening with a light dinner (soup, salad, and bread), desserts, dirty soda bar, worship, an encouraging devotion from Pastor Leann, time for intentional reflection, and a fun Christmas craft! Feel free to wear your favorite Christmas comfies! Open to all ladies ages 16 and older, so invite all the ladies in your life! Register using the QR code by Tues. 12/1. No childcare will be provided. If an extenuating childcare circumstance prevents you from attending, please contact one of our staff ladies. Questions? Contact brittany@theconnecting.co.

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.

QR Code for Registrations

SAVE THE DATE
Wed. 11/25, NO TCCO Students, Thanksgiving Break
Sun. 11/29, Advent Begins
Sun. 12/20, Christmas Sunday at TCCO

11.15.2026

"DIE EMPTY"

WEEK 3

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

Travis Cherry

we exist to connect people to jesus and each other

“DIE EMPTY”
How Much Is Enough?
11.15.2026

Ten percent might tell you how much you gave…but it cannot tell you how generous you have become.

The word tithe literally refers to a tenth.

Genesis 14:18–20 (NRSV)

Malachi 3:8-12 (NRSV)

When Jesus talks about tithing…He’s concerned about something much deeper than the percentage…He’s concerned about the heart and character of the people doing the giving.

The New Testament moves us beyond simply asking how much we’re required to give…and it invites us to consider what kind of people we’re becoming when we give.

2 Corinthians 8:1–7 (NRSV)

4 BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF GIVING AND GENEROSITY:

PRINCIPLE 1: The Amount Matters

Generosity is deeply spiritual, but it’s also very practical.

The amount matters because of what it can accomplish…not because it determines how much God loves or will bless the giver.

PRINCIPLE 2: The Giver Determines The Amount

2 Corinthians 9:6–8 (NRSV)

Biblical giving involves personal responsibility, discernment, planning, and willingness.

Generosity is not something somebody else can decide for you.

Intentional generosity typically requires a plan.

We will prioritize and plan for what truly matters and is most important to us.

PRINCIPLE 3: The Gift Should Reflect The Giver’s Ability

2 Corinthians 8:10–15 (NRSV)

God does not ask everyone to contribute identical amounts…because we don’t all have identical circumstances.

A gift’s significance cannot always be measured by its size.

Mark 12:41–44 (NRSV)

PRINCIPLE 4: The Condition Of The Heart Matters Most

God isn’t simply trying to get something out of our hands…He’s interested in what’s happening deep within our hearts.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NRSV)

Generosity is meant to be a response to grace.

We don’t give to make God generous toward us…we give because God has already been generous toward us.

A percentage can be a helpful starting point and guide…but it was never meant to become a substitute for a generous heart.

The goal has always been to develop and build a life in which generosity becomes a natural expression of who we are.