

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionary Updates

Join us for these upcoming missionary updates! April 14 (Chase and Emma Kirby) and April 21 (Trevor and Cassie Long). There will be a short update at the beginning of those services, and then each couple will lead a Sunday School class. We hope you can join in on one or both!

The Chosen: Season Four Episodes at TLEFC

Two show times: 3:00pm & 6:30pm

Episode 2-Today

Episode 3-Sunday, April 21

Episode 4-Sunday, April 28

Common Ground

Ladies, we will gather for Common Ground on Thursday, April 18 at 6:30. This invitation is for all women, bring a friend.

TLEFC Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale is coming! This is a great fundraiser and community building event. We hope you will save your gently used, clean, and working items and donate them between May 19-22. The sale will be Fri/Sat Memorial Day weekend May 31-24. Interested in volunteering? Let Melissa Werner know at 715-891-0011.

Membership

Interested in becoming a member at TLEFC? Pastor Tim would love to sit down with you. Email pastortim@tlefc.org or fill out a connect card.

Give

To give to the ministry of TLEFC, you can place offerings in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary, give online at tlefc.org/give, or by scanning the QR code.



THREE LAKES EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

SUNDAY • APRIL 14, 2024

A graphic featuring the word "ECCLESIASTES" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The text is centered within a dark, smoky, cloud-like shape. The entire graphic is flanked by two vertical orange bars on either side.

ECCLESIASTES

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Today's Volunteers

Building Steward: Bill L.

Nursery: Lisa M. & Jessica M.

Ushers: Chuck B. & Dave K.

Welcome Table: Lori T.

Welcome Ministry: Rosie O. & Renee O.

Sunday, April 21

Eric G.

Stauffer Family

Glenn S. & John W.

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Dan & Tina C.

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*We are a community that strives to **REACH** people with the gospel of Jesus Christ, **GROW** to be like Christ, and **SERVE** others.*

Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26 (select verses)

1:13 I decided to carefully and thoroughly examine all that has been accomplished on earth.

I concluded: God has given people a burdensome task that keeps them occupied.

1:17 So I decided to discern the benefit of wisdom and knowledge over foolish behavior and ideas; however, I concluded that even this endeavor is like trying to chase the wind! 1:18 For with great wisdom comes great frustration; whoever increases his knowledge merely increases his heartache.

2:1 I thought to myself, "Come now, I will try self-indulgent pleasure to see if it is worthwhile." But I found that it also is **futile**.

2:11 Yet when I reflected on everything I had accomplished and on all the effort that I had expended to accomplish it, I concluded: "All these achievements and possessions are ultimately **profitless**—like chasing the wind! There is nothing gained from them on earth."

2:18 So I loathed all the fruit of my effort, for which I worked so hard on earth, because I must leave it behind in the hands of my successor. 2:19 Who knows if he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will be master over all the fruit of my labor for which I worked so wisely on earth! This also is **futile**!

2:16 For the wise man, like the fool, will not be remembered for very long, because in the days to come, both will already have been forgotten. Alas, **the wise man dies—just like the fool!**

2:24 **There is nothing better for people than to eat and drink, and to find enjoyment in their work.**

I also perceived that **this ability to find enjoyment comes from God.**

2:25 For no one can eat and drink or experience joy apart from him.



Life is not a resource to be exploited but a gift to be enjoyed.

Ways we try to exploit life as a resource:

1) Intellectualism

2) Hedonism

3) Materialism

4) Workaholism

How to enjoy life:

1) Keep the end in view

2) Receive it as a gift



⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10