

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership

Interested in becoming a member at TLEFC or just want to learn more about what membership entails? Pastor Tim would love to sit down with you to help you learn more about membership and the next steps towards becoming a member.

December Events

December 17: Children's Christmas program 10:45

December 21: Women's Common Ground 6:30

December 24: Christmas Eve worship service 6:00

Fighter Verses Scripture Memory

Starting in January, we will begin a year of Scripture Memory as a church by utilizing Fighter Verses churchwide curriculum.

Dallas Willard says, *"Bible memorization is absolutely fundamental to spiritual formation. If I had to choose between all the disciplines of the spiritual life, I would choose Bible memorization, because it is a fundamental way of filling our minds with what it needs."*

More information is available in the bulletin insert and at fighterverses.com.

Give

To give to the ministry of TLEFC, offerings can be placed in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online at tlefc.org/give. You can also give online by scanning the QR code on the right.



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Todays Volunteers

Building Steward: Eric G.

Nursery: Bob & Melissa W.

Ushers: Dave K. & John W.

Welcome Table: Cindy P,

Welcome Ministry: Brad & Barb L.

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Sunday, December 24

Dave K.

Gary & Amy B.

Glenn S. & Wayne C.

Donna R.

Barb N.

THREE LAKES EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH SUNDAY • DECEMBER 17, 2023



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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.*

Galatians 3:15-29

15 Dear brothers and sisters, here's an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or amend an irrevocable agreement, so it is in this case.

16 God gave the promises to Abraham and his child. And notice that the Scripture doesn't say "to his children," as if it meant many descendants. Rather, it says "to his child"—and that, of course, means Christ. 17 This is what I am trying to say: The agreement God made with Abraham could not be canceled 430 years later when God gave the law to Moses. God would be breaking his promise. 18 For if the inheritance could be received by keeping the law, then it would not be the result of accepting God's promise. But God graciously gave it to Abraham as a promise.

19 Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. But the law was designed to last only until the coming of the child who was promised. God gave his law through angels to Moses, who was the mediator between God and the people. 20 Now a mediator is helpful if more than one party must reach an agreement. But God, who is one, did not use a mediator when he gave his promise to Abraham.

21 Is there a conflict, then, between God's law and God's promises? Absolutely not! If the law could give us new life, we could be made right with God by obeying it. 22 But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ.

23 Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed.

24 Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. 25 And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

26 For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. 28 There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

GALATIANS

JESUS + NOTHING

God's promise to Abraham was not revoked by the law given to Moses, but it was fulfilled by Christ.

1) The Primacy of the Promise

2) The Purpose of the Law

3) The Putting on of Christ