

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.09.2025

TCCO MEMBERSHIP: YOU ARE INVITED TO DINE WITH LEANN TODAY! HER TREAT! IT IS UP TO YOU TO FIGURE OUT WHERE!

NEW TCCO GEAR AVAILABLE: You asked...we listened! Our online store is now open for our brand new TCCO merch, including hoodies, crewneck sweatshirts, long and short sleeve tees & hats! Scan the QR code to purchase your items from our online store. The online store will close TOMORROW, Mon. 11/10, so act fast! Contact walter@theconnecting.co with any questions.

TCCO STUDENTS+ COMMUNITY SERVICE NIGHT @ THYR: All 6th-12th grade students are welcome to join us on Wed. 11/19, 6:30-8:30pm at Tulsa Hills Youth Ranch (5744 W Canyon Rd, Tulsa). Drop-off & pick-up at THYR. You will not want to miss this fun fall night of serving together, connecting as a group, enjoying a hayride, bonfire, s'mores and more fun! Each student needs a signed waiver on file with THYR. Contact Pastor Walter with any questions or for a copy of the waiver, walter@theconnecting.co. TCCO Students+ Nights are super-fun themed nights planned on the last scheduled Wed. of the month throughout the school year. These nights are great "invite" events and last an extra 30 minutes.

TCCO GIVES 2025: We have adopted 30-35 children in need again this year from families who are displaced, many living in tents, RVs or shelters. We will provide them with Christmas dinner and buy gifts from their wish lists. Mark any donations over and above your tithes/offerings to help sponsor these families as "TCCO Gives." Gift tags for gifts for these children will be available on the Christmas trees in our lobby starting on Sun. 11/23. We also need volunteers to sign-up to help receive gifts on drop-off days at TCCO Sun. 12/7 to Thurs. 12/11, and to help drive and make deliveries to each family on Sun. 12/14. Email outreach@theconnecting.co to volunteer or ask questions.

HELP DECORATE TCCO FOR CHRISTMAS: You are invited to stay after church on Sun. 11/23, following the 11am service to help decorate TCCO for Christmas! Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP with the total number of people from your family/group who will be volunteering and eating lunch no later than Thurs. 11/20. Email brittany@theconnecting.co. Volunteers must be 14 or older. Childcare will not be provided for this event.

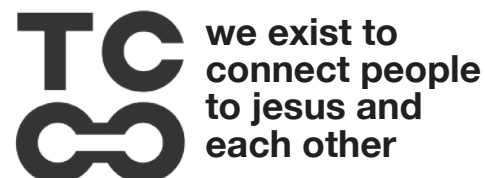
SAVE THE DATES

Fri. 12/5, Christmas SHE Event, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Sat. 12/6, TCCO Men's Breakfast, 9am

Tues. 12/30, TCCO Kids Connect Event, 10am-11:30am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEANN CHERRY!



THE WAY BACK TO WONDER – WEEK 1

“The Cross: Love Finished”

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KEY PASSAGE: John 19:28-30

_____ only makes sense because of the _____; the
_____ only has meaning in the shadow of the _____.

John 19:28-30 — ²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), ‘I thirst.’ ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, ‘It is finished,’ and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Tetelestai: a term used in the ancient world to indicate that a _____ has been paid in _____, or that a _____ has been completely carried out.

The cross wasn’t an _____, it was an _____.

And in these three words, “_____,” Jesus didn’t just
_____ one chapter; He _____ the next.

- He finished the old covenant of _____ and began a new covenant of _____.
- He finished the _____ and began the _____.
- He finished _____ and began _____.

The cross is not the _____ of the story; it is the lens through which
_____ of God’s story makes _____.

The cross is not just a _____ of _____; it’s the clearest
_____ of _____ the world has ever seen.

1. The Cross _____ the Depth of God’s _____

John 15:13 — Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Romans 8:37 — No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

2. The Cross _____ What We Could Never _____

Colossians 2:13-14 — ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses ... God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Romans 5:8 — But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Payment cancels _____, but grace does even more. Grace
_____ your story.

3. The Cross Turns _____ into _____

1 Corinthians 1:18 — For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

4. The Cross _____ a _____

Galatians 2:20 — I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

You can’t _____ what He already _____ for! It is _____!

The cross isn’t a _____ from your _____; it’s a
_____ into your _____.

5. The Cross Is the _____ Line, Not the _____ Line

Ephesians 2:10 — For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The cross is not just a _____ of _____; it is the
master artist’s _____ of _____.

2 Corinthians 3:18 — And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Philippians 1:6 — And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.