



The Connection

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Dear Church... from Pastor Matt

What have you seen God doing at Turner Christian Church? Over the past several months, I have learned how powerful a question this can be. My normal habit is to ask, “What are the problems?” and “How can I fix them?” My intentions are good, but I end up spending all my time looking for problems and realizing that it’s not in my power to fix them. Last Fall, at our prayer meetings, we started asking the question, “What is God doing?” and following it up with, “How could we join in with him?” The difference has been astounding.

First of all, I find myself in a much more positive place when I focus on what God is doing. Problems are still visible, but they are no longer the center of my focus. Instead, I am starting with the fact that God is moving and working in the world around me, and that grounds me in hope. Second of all, the question, “How could we join with what God is doing?” is much easier to answer than “How can we fix this problem?” So many problems that we face are beyond our control. There are many problems that none of us could ever fix. But we can always join in with what God is doing, no matter what our circumstances or abilities. Even if it’s “just” through prayer, we can always participate in what God is doing.

As we have done this practice together at the prayer meetings, we have started to see a beautiful picture emerge. Each time we gather, as each person adds their perceptions and obser-

ventions, we add to this picture of a beautiful, quirky congregation that is widely intergenerational, very welcoming, eager to help each other, and passionate about serving our community. We see God moving as he builds relationships within our congregation, brings up new leaders and volunteers, fills our building with ministries and community groups, and creates a powerful atmosphere of family love among us.

As exciting as all these observations are, the most exciting part is when we begin to talk about how we can join in with what he’s doing—because God isn’t done! He’s continuing to work, and we have a chance to lean into what he is doing: to make that bond of family love the center of what we do as a congregation. This is our focus going forward: how can we shape our gatherings and ministries in a way that fits with the family God is building here? As we discuss and discern what that looks like, I want to invite all of you to participate in the process. We would love for everyone in our church family to attend the prayer meetings. If you can’t attend, pray for the prayer meetings. Pray for our church leaders—the Elders and Church Board—as they steward our resources and guide our congregation. And keep watching for what God is doing—because he’s always moving, and he has given you a unique view of his work to share with others.

God bless!

Easter Choir

This year the church is putting together and Easter Choir, led by Debbie Loyd. The Choir will be singing one two-part song at the Easter Service. Practice will be held on three dates: March 5th and 19th, as well as April 4th. All three practices will be at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. If this sounds interesting to you, please consider joining. You can let us know on the check-in card.

Church Work Day

March 14, 2026

We will have a church work day on Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided. There will be jobs that various skill and mobility levels can join in on, both inside and outside the church. Please register online at: <https://turnerchristianchurch.subspla.sh/8bm9mr3> so that we may have a general head count.

St Patrick's Day Dinner

March 17, 2026

The Senior ministries and Hospitality team are excited to announce our All church St Patrick's Day Dinner on Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00 pm. There will be food and fun for the whole family so please make sure you register by March 12th so we can purchase enough food for everyone. This is a great time for everyone to enjoy our church family together, so register now! You can register in the church foyer on Sundays or online at: <https://turnerchristianchurch.subspla.sh/39vwtx5>

Good Friday Service

April 3, 2026

This year we have combined our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service into one gathering. Join us as we remember the events of the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and burial of Jesus. This service is a chance to witness the love that Jesus showed on the way to the cross and to show our gratitude for what he has done for us. This service is interactive, and all ages are welcome, but the tone will be more somber and reflective than Sunday Mornings.

Emmanuel Christian Seminary

Pacific NW Fundraising Event

Sunday, March 15, 2026 | 3:00 pm

Everyone is invited to enjoy delicious dessert, have a chance to win a door prize, hear a brief update on the Seminary, provide an opportunity for any, who wish, to contribute to the Pacific Northwest Scholarship Fund and have a great time together. There is no cost for this gathering. Dr. Kip Lines, Executive Director of CMF, an Emmanuel graduate will be the speaker. Please register online so we can get a general head count at:

<https://turnerchristianchurch.subspla.sh/r75mq5r>



Daily Bible Readings for the Month of March

| Day | Psalms | Reading |
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| Mon 3/2 | 4-6 | Proverbs 12:1-2, 10-14 (Work and Discipline) |
| Tue 3/3 | 7-9 | 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (The Temple of the Body) |
| Wed 3/4 | 10-13 | 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 (The Discipline of Right Choices) |
| Thu 3/5 | 14-17 | Psalms 139:1-12 (God Is Always with Me) |
| Fri 3/6 | 18 | Psalms 139:13-24 (Fearfully and Wonderfully Made) |
| Sat 3/7 | 19-21 | 1 Timothy 4:7-12 (The Superior Training in Godliness) |
| Sun 3/8 | 22-24 | Daniel 1:8-17 (Pure in Mind and Spirit) |
| Mon 3/9 | 25-27 | Psalms 12 (God Will Defend the Needy) |
| Tue 3/10 | 28-31 | Luke 12:13-21, 33-34 (Do Not Be Afraid to Give) |
| Wed 3/11 | 32-34 | Leviticus 19:11-18 (Treat the Neighbor with Justice) |
| Thu 3/12 | 35-36 | James 2:8-13 (The Royal Law of Love) |
| Fri 3/13 | 37 | Luke 10:25-37 (Everyone Is Our Neighbor) |
| Sat 3/14 | 38-39 | Deuteronomy 15:4-11 (Compassion for Those in Need) |
| Sun 3/15 | 40-42 | Matthew 25:41-45 (Seeing Christ in Those Around Us) |
| Mon 3/16 | 43-45 | 1 Samuel 18:1-5 (Souls Bound Together) |
| Tue 3/17 | 46-48 | 1 John 4:7-16 (Abide in God's Love) |
| Wed 3/18 | 49-50 | 1 John 4:17-21 (Loving God and Each Other) |
| Thu 3/19 | 51-54 | Isaiah 56:3-8 (All Peoples Will Worship God) |
| Fri 3/20 | 55-56 | Psalms 133-134 (Living Together in Unity) |
| Sat 3/21 | 57-59 | Galatians 3:25-29 (Children of God Through Faith) |
| Sun 3/22 | 60-63 | Acts 10:9-15, 30-35 (God Accepts Us All) |
| Mon 3/23 | 64-66 | John 18:28-38 (A Kingdom Not of This World) |
| Tue 3/24 | 67-68 | Numbers 6:22-26 (The Lord's Peace) |
| Wed 3/25 | 69 | Psalms 46 (God Is Exalted Among the Nations) |
| Thu 3/26 | 70-71 | Amos 9:7-12 (God Guides the Destiny of Nations) |
| Fri 3/27 | 72-73 | Revelation 21:21-27 (Glory and Honor of the Nations) |
| Sat 3/28 | 74-75 | Isaiah 2:1-5 (The Nations Shall Gather to God) |
| Sun 3/29 | 76-77 | Acts 17:22-28 (All Peoples Are Kin) |
| Mon 3/30 | 78 | John 14:1-4 (Many Dwellings in the Father's House) |
| Tue 3/31 | 79-80 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Encouraging Words of Hope) |

PRAYER Meetings



1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS AT 6 PM

Join us on the first and third Sundays of each month at 6:00 PM for a focused time of congregational prayer. Together, we seek God's guidance for the future mission of our church—listening and discerning for the paths He is preparing. Whether you come with vision, questions, or quiet hope, this gathering is a space to align our hearts with God's purposes and pray boldly for what's ahead.

Food Bank Potluck & Training March 16th | 12:15 pm

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to our community? Whether you've been looking for a sign to start volunteering or you're a seasoned pro, we want you to join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and preparation! The Food Bank is holding their annual training this year in the Fellowship Hall and will include a potluck!

Our Food Bank has been growing and so is our need for helping hands. This is a perfect "no-pressure" opportunity to learn the ropes, meet the team, and ask questions.

Please register online so we can get a general head count.

Discipleship

In Ephesians 4, Paul says that the goal of the Christian life is to join with others in building a community--a church--that is unified in God's love and generosity. Building that kind of community depends on every member maturing in their faith and knowledge of Jesus so the whole body can be built up "as each part does its work." Discipleship is the work of growing in our faith, knowledge and love of God so we can be part of a community of God's love and generosity.

Discipleship in '25-'26

TCC began a unified discipleship journey last November. From November '25 to June '26, both our Sunday classes AND our Sunday services will follow the same curriculum, called "The Standard Lesson." As the name suggests, there is nothing fancy about this curriculum--it is a solid, reliable study of the major beliefs and practices of the church. The power of this study comes from the fact that we will be simplifying and focusing our discipleship process into one single study, so that you can go deeper with God without taking on many different topics at a time.

Ways to Participate

1. Study Classes--this lesson plan is designed to study in small groups, so the best way to dig in is through joining a class.
2. Sunday Service--our Sunday sermons will follow the same curriculum. They will not reteach the lesson--they will dig into the topic from a unique point of view, specifically for our congregation.
3. Personal Devotions--the standard lesson also includes a daily reading plan, as well as a devotional booklet. Everyone is encouraged to follow the reading plan in their daily devotions, and you can order devotional booklets through the church or online.

Classes

We have two Sunday school classes available at 9:00 AM. The lesson theme for this quarter are: "The Social Teachings of the Church."

Books

There are two books available for the Standard Lesson--the Student Book and the Devotional book. Both are available in regular and large print.