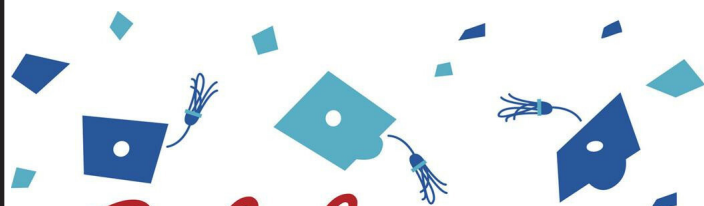




The BRIEFING



Celebrating
OUR GRADUATES

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

Submit your graduate's information no later than Sunday, May 10th so we can recognize their achievement on the 17th.

submission form is available on twinlakesbaptistchurch.com

Presenting our children to God and teaching them to follow **Jesus**

Contact Shirley Gay in the Church Office to submit your information
870-425-8663

Child Dedication Sunday MAY 10TH



Turning Point USA Faith Chapter

Sunday Morning 9:00AM - Wednesday Evening 6:00PM
age appropriate youth and college classes

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Sermon Notes

A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS (Mark 9:33-50)

True greatness is the antithesis of pride and exclusivity. Yet in our culture, it's all about position, rank, and prestige. This is a very real danger none of us are immune to so we should seriously guard against it.

I. TRUE GREATNESS MEANS BEING LAST (vv. 33-35)

1. Jesus and the twelve made their way back to headquarters in Capernaum.
 - The disciples had been commissioned, empowered and sent out to proclaim the Gospel.
2. Then a disturbing development took place: a heated argument over who was the greatest.
 - Look back at verse 31: They still did not get it! Jesus was going to the cross to serve God and others; that's Kingdom-centered greatness.
3. They were demanding recognition, attention, and applause.

II. TRUE GREATNESS IDENTIFIES NO CLASS DISTINCTION (vv. 36-37)

1. Jesus knew the source of the issue. He knew their hearts—sinful pride.
 - Pride is the sin we cannot see in ourselves, yet so detest in others.
2. To drive home His point, Jesus illustrated it with an object lesson.
 - Greek and Hebrew society viewed children as unimportant.
 - Those who are considered great in the Kingdom are not those who claw their way to the top, but rather those who seek for others to get the honor while humbly looking out for others' interests ahead of their own.

III. TRUE GREATNESS REJOICES IN OTHERS' REWARDS (vv. 38-41)

1. Something John heard stirred his conscience and he half asked a question and half confessed.
 - They had seen another person successful in ministry and had a problem with it.
2. Pride has no place in the Kingdom of God.
 - In fact, we should rejoice in the rewards Christ gives to others.
 - Pride is not a virtue. It's the root of all sin.

IV. TRUE GREATNESS DOESN'T CAUSE OTHERS TO STUMBLE (v.42-50)

1. Let's examine the words of verse 42:
 - The word for *little ones* is not "children" but refers to common, ordinary disciples.
 - The word for *cause to stumble* means to cause a believer to fall away from God.
 - Jesus took this seriously enough to proclaim it would be better that they be drowned than cause another to stumble.
2. Nowhere is physical mutilation called for in the Bible.
 - Jesus is talking about habits and activities that have a control over you, that keep you from following God's will.
 - Jesus calls us to endure the pain of severing those things from our lives.
 - It's better to cut them off than endure the chastisement of God.

The truly great are those who surrender everything in their life to Jesus. The truly great are rarely honored. They are those who are hidden, those who associate with the weak, those who serve others at their own expense.

**Pastors are available after the morning service in the
prayer rooms on the left in the auditorium**

Upcoming Events

April 2026

26 Sunday	Connect Classes, Kid's Connect & TPUSA Faith Chapter 9:00am Sermon Based Bible Study - Gospel of Mark - 10:30am
29 Wednesday	Wednesday Bible Study - Book of Exodus 6pm - Young@Heart bldg TPUSA Faith Chapter - 6pm - Hope Center - Kids Truth Trackers

May 2026

2 Saturday	TLBC Kid's Booth at Cotter Trout Festival - 10:00am - 6:00pm
3 Sunday	Family Day - Communion Observed - Sermon Based Bible Study
6 Wednesday	Wednesday Bible Study - Book of Exodus 6pm - Young@Heart bldg TPUSA Faith Chapter - 6pm - Hope Center - Kids Truth Trackers
10 Sunday	Mother's Day - Baby Dedication - Special message by Pastor Sam Last Day to submit Graduate Recognition information Carnations for all women at close of service
13 Wednesday	Wednesday Bible Study - Book of Exodus 6pm - Young@Heart bldg TPUSA Faith Chapter - 6pm - Hope Center - Kids Truth Trackers
17 Sunday	Graduate Recognition - forms in the lobby or on website
20 Wednesday	Wednesday Bible Study - Book of Exodus 6pm - Young@Heart bldg TPUSA Faith Chapter - 6pm - Hope Center - Kids Truth Trackers
21 Thursday	Twin Lakes Dine-Out Group meets at Jamie's Restaurant - 5:00pm
24 Sunday	Truth Tracker Awards - Sermon Based Bible Study
25 Monday	Memorial Day - Church offices closed
27 Wednesday	Wednesday Bible Study - Book of Exodus 6pm - Young@Heart bldg TPUSA Faith Chapter - 6pm - Hope Center - Kids Truth Trackers

Weekly

Hope Center Activities

Volleyball - Every Monday - 5:00pm
Pickleball - Every Thursday - 6:00pm



Women's Conference

Saturday

August 29th, 2026

More info Coming Soon

Twin Lakes Baptist Church

With Jesus as our head and God's Word as our foundation, we strive to be a welcoming Gospel-centered community which endeavors to be molded into the image of Christ, growing together as disciples through the teaching of Scripture, prayer, service in the Kingdom of God, and the fulfilling of the Great Commission. We function as a family, encouraging all who walk through our doors with grace, love, caring, and laughter, as we offer our friendship, warmth and a sense of belonging.

NEED TO CONTACT US?

Find us on FaceBook or YouTube and on twinlakesbaptistchurch.com

Church Office open 8-3 Monday-Thursday 870-425-8663

Pastors are available after service in the prayer rooms each Sunday

Staff Meetings scheduled for Every Tuesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Please be in prayer for our leadership as we seek God's direction.

Earn Your Degree!

Fall Semester
Begins
Tuesday

September 8th, 2026



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Ways to Give Online and in Person

Click on the [GIVE](#) link on our website at twinlakesbaptistchurch.com or scan the QR code below. You can also drop a gift at the church office



Scan me

Sunday Offerings can be placed in the baskets up front or by the auditorium entrance doors on your way out after service.

Also, you can always drop off your tithe and offering at our church office which is open 8-3 Monday thru Thursday.

Volunteers

Come Help Our Kids!

(and Sarah Bailey)

TLBC KIDS will have a Booth at the Cotter Trout Festival



24th Annual - COTTER BIG SPRING PARK

Under the Bridge & More

MAY 2, 2026, 10 am – 6 pm

Food Vendors, Arts & Crafts Vendors, Exhibits,

Kids Fishing Derby (Age 15 and under) 10:45am-2:45pm, Home Depot Kids

Workshop 11:00am-3:00pm, AGFC Mobile Aquarium, Car “Cruise-in”

**The Space Walk Slide “Obstacle Challenge” (free for kids), Live Music! DJ Peace
Parade at 10:00 a.m. (Line-up Starts at 9:30 am, Downtown Cotter 2nd & Combs)**



VBS

JUNE 21-24, 2026

AGES 4-12 YEARS

A rugged cross: the old is gone.
An empty grave: the new has
come. Because of Jesus, we are
created new!

During this series, we will lead
kids through the story of
redemption—a story that began
at creation and the fall, climaxed
at the crucifixion and resurrection
of Jesus, and continues through
all who walk in new identities as
God’s children!



**Connect Classes at 9am
every Sunday
Classes for all ages
and group types**

CONNECT

**Fullfilling God's Vision
For His People.**

Young @ Heart Groups

Daryl Young - Main Y@H gathering room	Les Young - Across from Rick Hopper
Dale VanDoren - Across from the kitchen	Rick Hopper - Next to the kitchen
Sylvia Gansz - Single Women - Missions Room	Kevin Powell - All Adults Discipleship

Other Connect Groups

Jason and Kammi Nazarenko - Young and middle age Adults Hope Center Chapel - 2nd floor	
Robert Butterfield - All ages welcome Gathering room next to Main auditorium	Hands of Praise Deaf Ministry Behind Main Auditorium

5th and 6th Grade Youth

Jack Fortner - Hope Center 2nd Floor

Turning Point USA (High School thru College Age)

Hope Center 2nd Floor

Kids Connect (1st thru 4th Grades)

Joan Herschberger - Upstairs in Main Building (Kids Check In)
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PreSchool & Nursery

Shirley Gay - Nursery area to right of auditorium (Bed Babies to Kindergarten)

Kids Church @ 10:30am (Except 1st Sunday each Month)

Sarah and Joey Bailey - Upstairs in Main Building (Kids Check In)
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All Children's Staff and Volunteers are MinistrySafe Trained and Background Checked

Kid's Area Volunteers Needed!

Can you help even 1 day per month?
Kid's check in and teaching assistants needed
Contact Sarah Bailey 870-291-3074