



# The BRIEFING

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

10:30 am Service

### SERVANT KING



*A verse by verse study in  
The Gospel of Mark*

Worship Service 10:30am  
Livestreamed on FaceBook and YouTube

### TLBC Bell Choir Special

Pastor Derek will continue our  
Sermon Based Bible Study in Mark's  
Gospel with chapter 10:13-16

Kid's Church at 10:30am

**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

## CHRIST'S CURTAIN CLIMBERS (Mark 10:13-16)

*Jesus radically capsized the system of values the world had and gave respect and service to the overlooked and helpless. Jesus not only showed the value God places on the helpless but also explained that it is helplessness that is necessary to enter a relationship with Him.*

### I. JESUS PLACED GREAT VALUE ON CHILDREN (vv. 15-16)

1. There was a celebrated custom going back to the patriarchs where parents would bring their children to a celebrated religious figure for a blessing.
  - A long line had occurred with the hustle and bustle of families.
2. But the disciples rebuked them.
  - We are not told the disciples' exact motive, but it appears they believed these families were bothering Jesus or threatening Him.
3. Jesus responded sharply.
  - Jesus loves children.
  - But what we tend to forget most is that Jesus was a child.
    - He was an infant, a child, a teenager, a man.
    - Jesus experienced these things because he cares for all.
    - The Kingdom belongs to these and others like them.
4. Herein lies our call to share the Gospel with young people.
  - Every one of us has a role of some kind in reaching the next generation with the Gospel. That means committing to prayer, to giving, and to volunteering.
  - We must never pressure children for unrealistic decisions, but we must cultivate their spiritual awareness and sensitivity.
5. Jesus said the Kingdom belongs to "such as these."
  - He is talking about not just children, but the helpless and overlooked. Who in our culture might be in that category? Who among them might need the message of the Gospel?

### II. JESUS SAID TO GET INTO THE KINGDOM ONE MUST BE LIKE A CHILD (vv. 15-16)

1. Recognizing our insignificance is what God places value on.
2. Then He made a powerful exclusive statement:
  - He said that the Kingdom of God belongs to those like children. And if one doesn't receive the Kingdom like a child, he doesn't get into the Kingdom.
3. Jesus wasn't saying one has to be a child to get into the Kingdom, but *like* a child.
  - The children had no merited virtues—no self-achievement to point to.
  - It was not their virtues that Jesus points out, but what they lacked.
  - To receive the Kingdom of God, one must come as a child, meaning with no credits, no clouts, no claims.
    - They come in faith, not by personal achievement.

*If we are to receive the gift of salvation and entrance into the Kingdom, we must be like children. If believers are going to commune with God, then we must be like children. "Jesus is tender and affectionate to those who bring nothing to Him but their need."—Danny Akin.*

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

## Upcoming Events

### May 2026

<b>17 Sunday</b>	<b>Graduate Recognition</b> - Book of Mark Sermon Based Bible Study
<b>20 Wednesday</b>	Wednesday Bible Study - Book of Exodus 6pm - Young@Heart bldg TPUSA Faith Chapter - 6pm - Hope Center
<b>21 Thursday</b>	Twin Lakes Dine-Out Group meets at Jamie's Restaurant - 5:00pm
<b>24 Sunday</b>	<b>"Celebrate Me Home" concert &amp; special message with Pastor Sam</b>
<b>25 Monday</b>	Memorial Day - Church offices closed
<b>27 Wednesday</b>	Wednesday Bible Study - Book of Exodus 6pm - Young@Heart bldg TPUSA Faith Chapter - 6pm - Hope Center
<b>31 Sunday</b>	<b>Truth Tracker Awards</b> - Sermon Based Bible Study

### June 2026

<b>3 Wednesday</b>	Wednesday Bible Study - Book of Exodus 6pm - Young@Heart bldg TPUSA Faith Chapter - 6pm - Hope Center
<b>7 Sunday</b>	Family Day - Communion Observed
<b>10 Wednesday</b>	Wednesday Bible Study - Book of Exodus 6pm - Young@Heart bldg TPUSA Faith Chapter - 6pm - Hope Center
<b>13 Saturday</b>	<b>MinistrySafe Volunteer Training Day - 10am-Noon</b>
<b>14 Sunday</b>	Sermon Based Bible Study
<b>18 Thursday</b>	Twin Lakes Dine-Out Group meets at Jamie's Restaurant - 5:00pm
<b>21 Sunday</b>	<b>Father's Day</b> - Filled Baby Bottle collection for Informed Choices
<b>21-24 Sun-Wed</b>	<b>VBS every evening - more greeters and other volunteers needed</b>

## VBS GREETERS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At least 4 more greeters and some prayer warriors to pray during VBS are needed. Other volunteer opportunities are available too. See **Sarah Bailey** or call the Church Office for more details 870-425-8663.



### MinistrySafe Volunteer Training Day Saturday June 13th-10am to noon

There will be a special emphasis on VBS but it is recommended that all TLBC MinistrySafe certified volunteers attend.

## 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](http://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](http://twinlakesbaptistchurch.com) or scan the QR code below. You can also drop a gift at the church office



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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.



## **Baby Bottles are available this Sunday in the foyer following the service.**

It's simple: Take a bottle home, fill it with pocket change (*you'll hardly miss it!*) and return it within six weeks. Proceeds will benefit Informed Choices Women's Center, where women and men learn the value of an unborn baby's life and how to care for a newborn. Additionally, one-on-one and group support are offered for this time in their lives. Most importantly, all clients are clearly given the Gospel message. Thank you for your support of this local non-profit ministry! ([www.informedchoiceswomenscenter.org](http://www.informedchoiceswomenscenter.org))

**Filled bottles will be collected Sunday June 21st  
(Father's Day)**

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**Next Sunday May 24th - 10:30am**  
**"Celebrate Me Home" Concert and Special Message**  
*featuring*

Jerry Hopper with a patriotic song to remember

Annette, Dawn, Claire & Sonny with "God Bless the USA"

TLBC Choir singing "We Will Remember" and "America the Beautiful"

Four Plus One presenting "Land of the Free" and "In God We Still Trust"

Pastor Sam's message will focus on the revival that is taking place in America now and how it relates to the Great Awakening led by George Whitefield in Colonial America.

This is a service to invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to attend!



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

# CONNECT

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

### Young @ Heart Groups

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

### Other Connect Groups

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

### 5th and 6th Grade Youth

<b>Jack Fortner - Hope Center 2nd Floor</b>
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### Turning Point USA (High School thru College Age)

<b>Hope Center 2nd Floor</b>
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### Kids Connect (1st thru 4th Grades)

<b>Joan Herschberger - Upstairs in Main Building (Kids Check In)</b>
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### PreSchool & Nursery

<b>Shirley Gay - Nursery area to right of auditorium (Bed Babies to Kindergarten)</b>
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### Kids Church @ 10:30am (Except 1st Sunday each Month)

<b>Sarah and Joey Bailey - Upstairs in Main Building (Kids Check In)</b>
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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**