

300 MELMORE STREET

TIFFIN, OHIO

MAY 2026 SCROLL

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*“God is among us!”*  
*“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,  
reconcile, and trust God for all that we need.”*

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**WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT - LINDA WARREN**



Did you know that Christians at one time were like a secret society? They used this symbol to announce themselves to others. Because they were persecuted, they had to find a way to recognize each other without drawing suspicion. So, they doodled in the sand and drew this symbol. This symbol has several meanings in Christianity. Twice, Jesus provided a miraculous meal of fish for His disciples ([Luke 5:4–7](#); [John 21:4–6](#)). He ate fish with His disciples on at least two occasions after His resurrection ([Luke 24:42](#); [John 21:13](#)). The miracle of the temple coin involved a fish ([Matthew 17:27](#)). And of course, the feeding of five thousand and the feeding of the four thousand started with a lunch that included fish ([Matthew 14:15–21](#); [15:32–38](#)).

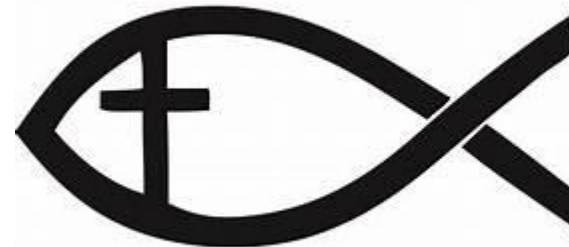
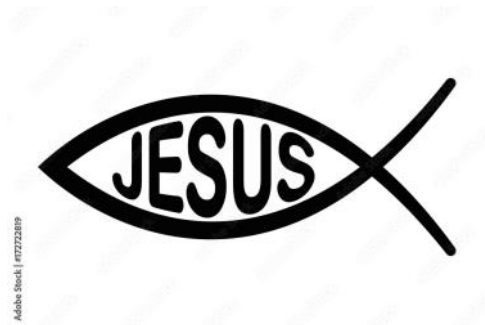
During the early days of Christianity, Christians were often put to death for practicing their faith, so they worshiped in secret places. A fish painted or etched on the outside door of a house let other Christians know that the house was a place of worship. A secret for the time, the fish

And we have a FISH food pantry in our building to share bounties much like Jesus did at the Sermon on the Mount. They will share surplus foods and donations from around the town with the less fortunate. Food is shared for those who meet federal poverty guidelines. They distribute food on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons. People must call for an appointment. We are pleased to be a part of this sharing.

God's blessings on us all.

**In Love, Peace and Harmony:  
 Wishing you Love to Lighten your Heart:  
 Wishing you Peace to Soothe your Spirit:  
 Wishing you Harmony to Fill your life with Happiness.**

*Linda*



**The Ichthys (“Fish”): An Acronym**

	Ιησοῦς	Χριστός	θεός	Υἱός	Σωτήρ
<i>Greek forms</i>	<u>J</u> esus	<u>C</u> hristos	<u>T</u> heos	<u>H</u> uios	<u>S</u> otor
<i>English</i>	Jesus	Christ	God	Son	Saviour

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**JUNE  
JULY**



**Lifeline**  
Register now to check the health of your arteries.  
To register please call 888-814-0466 or go to <https://llsa.social/HC>

## Life Line Screening

will be here  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2026**  
**9a-5:30p**  
in the Fellowship Hall.

### FISH FOOD PANTRY

Has been providing food assistance to persons in Seneca County since 1972  
The Pantry is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday.  
You must call to make an appointment at  
**419 448-0690**  
If you have questions or interested in volunteering, Please contact Catherine Gase at 419 618-7724



## WEST OHIO FOOD BANK

Will be here  
**Thursday, May 28, 2026**  
**Thursday, June 25, 2026**  
**Thursday, July 28, 2026**



Food Distribution begins at 1pm and continues until food is gone.

If you or someone you know s in need of food assistance please share the invitation to come and let the WOFB help fill their food pantries.  
For more information call FISH of Tiffin at 419 618-7724  
Or  
E-mail Catherine Gase at [csgase@gmail.com](mailto:csgase@gmail.com)  
**Application forms can be obtained on the Church Office Bulletin Board**

## RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

**Tuesday**  
**May 12th**  
**12pm to 6pm**

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: 1Lutheran



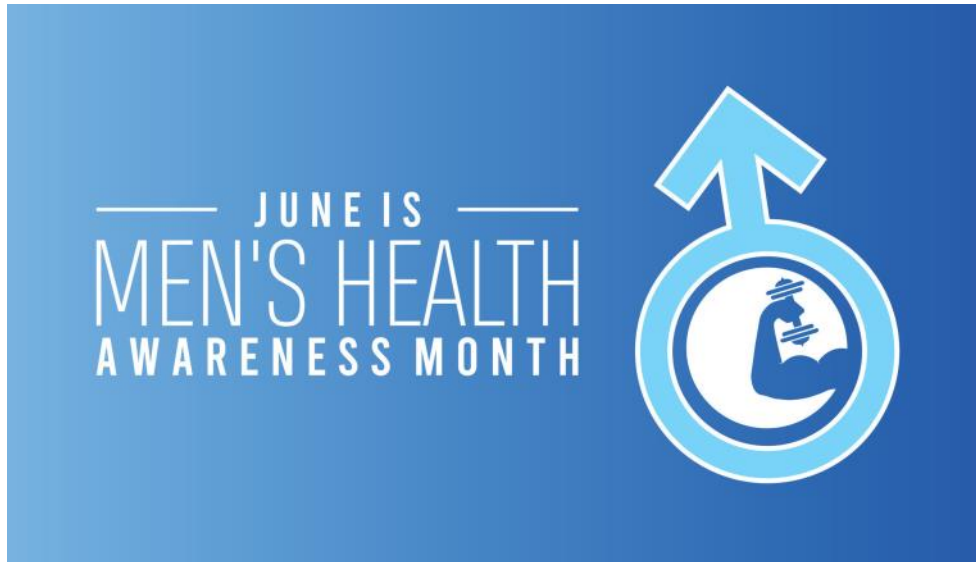
## June 8th and June 11th.

Two volunteers are needed to arrive at 10:30a to help prep.

Four volunteers are asked to arrive at 11:00a to help serve.

All volunteers are asked to stay through clean up.

A sign up sheet can be found in the Lobby. IF you have any question feel free to contact Deb Nominee.



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### **Men's health is a family matter.**

This is why First Lutheran Tiffin is hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. The screenings provided focus on vascular disease, a leading cause of illness and disability among men.

Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke.

Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings, as well as take-home colon cancer early detection tests.

# MOWING SCHEDULE 2026

Week	Mower		Week	Mower
05/07	Pete Myers		09/03	John Kobelt
05/14	John Kobelt		09/10	Rick Nominee
05/21	Rick Nominee		09/17	Jim Ruess
05/28	Steve Livoti		09/24	Pete Myers
06/04	Steve Livoti		10/01	John Kobelt
06/11	Jim Ruess		10/08	Rick Nominee
06/18	Pete Myers		10/15	Jim Ruess
06/25	John Kobelt		10/22	Pete Myers
			10/29	John Kobelt
07/02	Rick Nominee			
07/09	Bob Fruth		11/05	Rick Nominee
07/16	Jim Ruess		11/12	Jim Ruess
07/23	Pete Myers			
07/30	John Kobelt			
08/06	Rick Nominee			
08/13	Bob Fruth			
08/20	Jim Ruess			
08/27	Pete Myer			

Mowing is usually done on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. However if you are available to mow more often to keep ahead of it, that would be greatly appreciated.

Any questions call John Kobelt @ 419 934-9697



welcome to attend. If you would like more information, contact Diane Greene.

**May 18:**  
**Maisie Dobbs, by Jacqueline Winspear**

**June 15:**  
**The Housemaid, by Freida McFadden**

**July 20:**  
**The Mockingbird Summer, by Lynda Rutledge**



## ***PENTECOST GERANIUMS***

Forms for making geranium donations and dedications can be found on the lobby tables or in the Church Office.

Honor your family members, friends, confirmands, and graduates  
Geraniums will be displayed for Pentecost on May 24<sup>th</sup>, before being planted by our faithful Weed Warriors.

They would appreciate extra hands to help make the planting go faster.

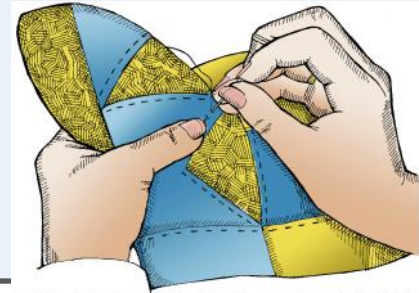
**\*Orders must be received no later than Sunday, May 17h.**



**The Piece Corp continues to meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9 am.**

**Next meetings will be -**

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- **May 13th**
- **June 10th**
- **July 8th**



## **QUILTING GROUP**

### *A Mother's Day Prayer*

*Dear Lord,*

*Please watch over  
and support all mothers  
on earth and in heaven . . .*

*and help them to know how much  
they are loved and appreciated  
on Mother's Day and every day.*

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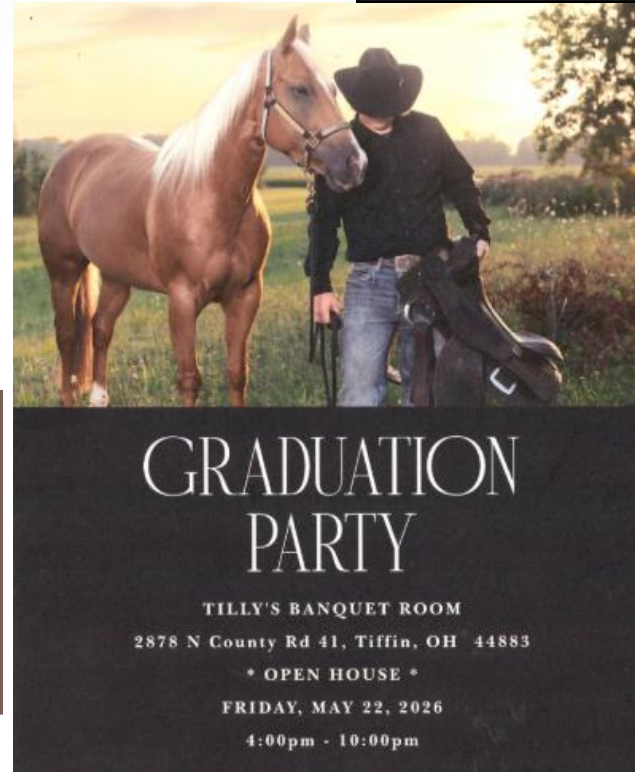


**Happy  
Mother's Day**



invited:

& Tim Ross



We will be honoring our Graduating Seniors on June 14th.  
If you know of anyone we should include, please contact Diane Greene.

**Ecumenical Service**

MAY 31 ST SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
131 East Perry Street, Tiffin, Ohio

A graphic for an Ecumenical Service. It features a semi-circle of colorful stick figures holding hands, with the text "Ecumenical Service" in the center. Below this is a yellow box with the service details.

Can you name is person?

**FLASHBACK TRIVIA**

Do you know the year?

A graphic for a Flashback Trivia event. It features a portrait of a young man in a suit and bow tie. The text "FLASHBACK TRIVIA" is in large, bold letters. Two green boxes contain the questions: "Can you name is person?" and "Do you know the year?".

As our Bells of Praise ends their season for the summer, we want to give a heartfelt thank you to them for blessing us with such beautiful music. Your songs filled the room with joy and inspiration. Thank you, Diane, Gena, and the rest of the Bells of Praise.

Greetings from Childhood Ministries!

Our preschool classes have been very busy. The children all have so much energy, we try to keep them moving! Outdoor play seems to be a favorite part of their day, we have even had story time and snack outside. During the month of April, we have not missed any class time because of Tiffin City Schools closing. TCS closed once due to fog, but it was about time for preschool to start, so we held class anyway.

The children enjoyed an Easter celebration after we returned from Easter break. They brought treats to share and enjoyed other Easter-related activities. The class also celebrated Earth Day by bringing in recyclables from home and sharing them with the class. The class painted the earth using balloons and green and blue paint. After sharing their recyclables, they helped make "Dirt Pudding" for snack.

The class also enjoyed an unusual science activity. They have been observing a pumpkin in their classroom since October and decided it was time to smash it open and check it out. They discovered that there were not many seeds inside and the "guts" felt like spaghetti! We continue to work on various skills needed for kindergarten. Several of our children will be going to kindergarten in the fall, others will be back for another year of preschool. We will have a short program/graduation on Tuesday, May 19, at 6pm in the sanctuary.

Our Extended Care program continues to keep us all busy! Our kindergarten through fifth graders are all looking forward to the end of the school year and summer vacation.

## **PRE-SCHOOL GRADUATION—TUESDAY MAY 19TH 6:00 pm**



I am also looking forward to the end of the school year, as I plan to retire soon. I have been here for 30 years and believe we have found someone to take over. I will share more details next month!

We are now registering for our summer and fall programs. We are also looking to hire at least one part-time aide. If you or someone you know is interested, please call 419.447.1145 for more information! Thanks to all who support our programs. It is greatly appreciated! Donations of art supplies, apple juice or prayers are always welcome!

Sincerely,

*Jane Frederick,*

Director,  
FLEC/Extended Care





5/3 McClain Meyer  
 5/3 Julia Wildman  
 5/3 Missy Woessner  
 5/4 Hemant Bhagat  
 5/4 Michael Hampshire  
 5/6 Braydon Lewis  
 5/6 Bennett Widman  
 5/8 Nora Schulz  
 5/10 Pete Myers  
 5/13 Jamie Lodermeier-Fay  
 5/15 Lori Hampshire  
 5/18 Gracie Chester  
 5/19 **Jean Covert**  
 5/20 Lincoln Blott  
 5/20 William Hertzner  
 5/20 Diane Reser  
 5/21 June Cole  
 5/29 Robyn Cook  
 5/30 Aubriella Matthewson  
 5/31 Brent Phares

6/1 Stacey Gebauer  
 6/1 Elise Meyer  
 6/2 Daryl Gordon  
 6/2 Linda Hohman  
 6/2 Chet Margraf  
 6/3 Brad Rathburn  
 6/6 Rick Harbaugh  
 6/6 Ray Wise Jr.  
 6/9 Brad Clouse  
 6/11 Chloe Eppley  
 6/11 Samuel Roszman  
 6/13 Paula Pauly  
 6/14 Zaine Reis  
 6/14 Griffin Ringle  
 6/15 Megan Guisinger  
 6/17 Emil Siegle  
 6/18 Olivia Bosse  
 6/19 Ryan Clouse  
 6/19 Guillermo Munoz  
 6/19 Joyce Schrenk  
 6/25 Thomas Gordon  
 6/25 Steve Livoti  
 6/25 Bonnie Oberlander  
 6/25 Greg Wildman  
 6/26 Paul Fruth  
 6/27 Garret Reis-Kelly  
 6/29 Judy May

7/5 Jacqueline Fletcher  
 7/6 J. Michael Oberlander  
 7/9 Carol Jarrett  
 7/9 Deb Nominee  
 7/11 Andrew Fay  
 7/12 Blake Vaughn  
 7/13 Kegan Reis-Kelly  
 7/14 Lori Groves  
 7/16 Rick Greene  
 7/17 Kelli Brueggemeier  
 7/17 Deb Clark  
 7/17 Andrew Shawberry  
 7/19 Kim Ames  
 7/22 John Jarrett  
 7/22 Jackson Vallery  
 7/23 Garrett Chester  
 7/24 Michael Ross  
 7/24 Vera Smith  
 7/25 Jennifer Binkley  
 7/29 Alex Grangaard  
 7/30 Brian Zoll  
 7/31 Donna Brueggemeier  
 7/31 Hayden Cook



"Statistics show that those who have the most birthdays live the longest. Happy Birthday!"

**10:00 A.M.**  
**Ways to attend church**

**in-person,  
 on the radio @93.3 FM,  
 Facebook (firstlutherantiffin)**

**The bulletin can be viewed each week  
 On the church web site.  
 It can be downloaded and  
 Printed to follow along with the service**

**It is also e-mailed to members usually on  
 the Wednesday or Thursday before the  
 Sunday.**

**If you aren't receiving this e-mail  
 please let the office know and we can add  
 your e-mail to the list.**

**Missed a Sunday? No Problem!  
 Past weeks bulletins are located on the  
 pew near the chapel**

	MARCH	YTD
<b>First Lutheran Church</b>		
Income	\$13,683.44	\$38,382.84
Expense	\$23,393.25	\$65,207.92
Church Summary	<b>-\$9,709.81</b>	<b>-\$26,825.08</b>

<b>First Lutheran Pre-School</b>		
Income	\$10,297.18	\$25,486.81
Expense	\$9,022.99	\$27,824.39
School Summary	\$1,274.19	<b>-\$2,337.58</b>

<b>Combined Summary</b>		
Income	\$23,980.62	\$63,869.65
Expenses	\$32,416.24	\$93,032.31
Total Summary	<b>-\$8,435.62</b>	<b>-\$29,162.66</b>

Checking Account balance 03/31/2026 \$23,055.15  
 Investment balance 03/31/2026 \$541,906.08  
 Total Church Operating budget for 2026 is \$204,200.  
 \$3,927 is needed weekly to cover operating expenses  
 and the weekly offerings have averaged \$2,958.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you would like the congregation to pray for someone during the Prayers of Intercession, please raise your hand during the announcements (or take a card while picking up the bulletin) and the hosts will give you a card to write their name on. It will be collected at the end of announcements.



This is only done that same Sunday, so it will

<b>05/03/2026</b>	Rick Greene	Janet Zirger	Rosses		Pastor Dittmar
<b>05/10/2026</b>	Melissa Chester		Rosses		Pastor Mark Schuring
<b>05/17/2026</b>	Shelley Ross		Rosses	Rosses	Pastor Mark Schuring
<b>05/24/2026/</b>	Mike Oberlander/ Jonathan Nominee		Rosses	Rosses	Rick Greene
<b>05/31/2026</b>	Trinity	Service at	Trinity U.C.C.		
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	<b>Donna Brueggemeier &amp; Deb Hohman</b>				

## ***WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR JUNE***

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>READER/WORSHIP ASSISTANT</b>	<b>HOST</b>	<b>FACE BOOK OPERATOR</b>	<b>COOKIES</b>	<b>PASTOR</b>
<b>06/07/2026</b>					Pastor Wittenmyer
<b>06/14/2026</b>				Cake	Pastor Mark Schuring
<b>06/21/2026</b>					Pastor Mark Schuring
<b>06/28/2026</b>					Jonathan Nominee
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	<b>Luise &amp; Ken Zeop</b>				

## ***WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR JULY***

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>READER/WORSHIP ASSISTANT</b>	<b>HOST</b>	<b>FACE BOOK OPERATOR</b>	<b>COOKIES</b>	<b>PASTOR</b>
<b>07/05/2026</b>					Pastor Dittmar
<b>07/12/2026</b>					Pastor Mark Schuring
<b>07/19/2026</b>					Pastor Bill Schultz
<b>07/26/2026</b>					Pastor Mark Schuring
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	<b>Luise &amp; Ken Zeop</b>				

It takes many hands to help make worship happen each week. Would you prayerfully consider joining in leading a



## Jean Louise Covert, 99

May 19, 1926 to April 30, 2026

There will be a celebration of life here at  
First Lutheran on Saturday, May 23rd from  
1 to 4pm

(Cards may be sent to her daughter  
Diane Gerstenberger, 168 Highridge Ct. West,  
Lexington, Ohio 44904)

## Scheduled Meetings

**These groups meet every month on the same day and time**

**Council:** every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30PM

**Piece Corp:** every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:00AM

**Bookworms:** every 3rd Monday of the month at 1:30PM

**Food Bank:** every 4th Thursday at 1:00PM

**Worship & Music:** every 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM

**Property Committee:** every 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 PM

**Childhood Ministry:** Monthly—dates will vary

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**Bell Choir Practice:** every Monday at 5:15 PM (on hold)



**Present:** Linda Warren, Melissa Chester, Deb Hohman, Judy Kimmel, Diane Greene, Rick Greene, Steve Huffman **Absent:** Alice Smith

**Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda by Diane Greene and seconded by Melissa Chester. Motion passed.

**February Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes by Rick Greene. Seconded by Judy Kimmel. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:**

Steve Huffman emailed the February Financial Reports to the council members.

Total income for February was \$18,174. Total expenses were \$21,855. Due to cold weather, utility expenses continue to run above average. All other expenses were close to budget for the month. The checking account was \$45,387 and the Thrivent Investment account balance was \$573,155 at the end of the month.

Motion to approve financial report was made by Judy Kimmel and seconded by Diane Greene. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

Transition committee report:

A zoom meeting is scheduled for March 29 with Deacon Sherry Krieger.

Worship and Music committee report:

The wedding booklets were passed out last month. President Linda found a few typographical errors. Those will be corrected for next month. No other issues were found in the booklets. It was suggested we have a short children's sermon before they go to Sunday School.

Property Committee report:

Room usage form has been updated with a liability verbiage on a separate page.

Surge protector in place for the building.

Bell tower will be back on Easter.

The committee asked that the Giving tree be reinstated. A list of projects for the tree will be needed.

Preschool/Daycare report:

Jane Frederick is searching for her replacement as director. One person has shown some

**Old Business:**

Earl Mechanical – Earl Mechanical was here last week (March 12) repairing a valve that sticks. They will begin the big project after Easter.

Fish: Continues to do well.

**New Business:**

Upcoming events/ Room requests-

May 2: Heidelberg/Community Choir concert

May 10: Kayla Oney Baptism party for Parker Oney

May 30: Elizabeth Tracy piano recital 1-5

Visitations: Linda is working on the list of shut ins.

**Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.** Deb Hohman motioned to adjourn and Judy Kimmel seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Greene





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GLORIA STACY	419 934-3023	SECRETARY
RICK SHOLL	419 939-3436	BUILDING

Unfortunately, due to a problem with our land line phone system, updates to include proper emergency contact information on voice mail is not available. However, a new emergency contact list is posted on all entry doors. If you have a non-emergency request or need information from the office, you are encouraged to e-mail the office at [firstlutherantiffin@gmail.com](mailto:firstlutherantiffin@gmail.com). This method of communication is more frequently checked then voice mail.

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If office is closed, please leave a message on voice mail or on note pad outside of office.

You may also send an E-mail at [firstlutherantiffin@gmail.com](mailto:firstlutherantiffin@gmail.com). E-mails are checked daily Monday—Friday.

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Sunday morning worship is broadcast on WTTF, 1600 AM, 93.3 FM at 10:00 AM

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