

# TLC CONNECT

Friday - Oct. 9, 2020



## CONNECT this Sunday through Worship at 9:00 or 10:30 am either On-Site or Online

Sunday, Oct. 11th, we begin our new sermon series entitled **NEED HOPE? Recharge Your Batteries** with Pastor Mark.

Tough circumstances are no match for the kind of inner strength fueled by hope. Hope changes our perspective, hope liberates, hope motivates and hope activates us which is why we will be spending 50 days in a series entitled "Need Hope?" that will include a 50 Days of Unleashing Hope daily devotional.

## Stay CONNECTED through Devotion - Getting Your Priorities Straight

by Jim Burns, [www.homeword.com](http://www.homeword.com)

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17*

Amber Thomason punched her alarm off at 7:01 a.m. and rolled out of bed. She meant to get up earlier to have her quiet time but last night she got to bed late—there had been dinner, homework, a phone call, and the TV. In addition, she had dilly-dallied with her make-up and her hair before finally crashing into bed. She had meant to pray then but simply had forgotten. At 7:02 a.m., she quickly started her morning routine, which included clothes, teeth, hair, more hair, a quick bite, and a glance at her

homework. Rush, rush, hurry, hurry. She picked up Janine on the way to school, had a great talk about Tyler, complained about Mr. Shelton's class, and gossiped just a little about Marissa and Brandon.

School was a blur. Classes were OK. It was almost summertime. Then, Amber told herself, I will really start spending time with God. In Mr. Shelton's class, everyone talked about God, but they didn't talk to God. She remembered that at youth group Mr. Bodnar invited people to go on another mission trip to an Indian reservation. One of these days, Amber told herself, I would really like to go, but not this time. She was just too busy.

After school, Amber was swamped. At dinner with half the Thomason family present, her mom asked her if she was going to youth group tonight. She definitely wanted to go but once again her homework wasn't done. Instead of going to the youth group meeting, Amber crammed for a math test. Her brother turned on the TV. Amber stopped studying to watch. After a few phone calls, and two hours of watching TV with her books on her lap, she headed for bed. She didn't even remove her eye mascara. Amber stopped for a moment and looked at the devotional on the table by her bed. She was way too tired. Maybe tomorrow she would wake up early.

She woke to the alarm at 7:01 a.m. and rolled out of bed. She had meant to get up earlier and do that devotional but—This summer, Amber told herself, I will get my priorities straight. Of course, that is what she had said last summer, too.

Can you relate to Amber's schedule and even her desire to spend time with God? Amber means well, she just never gets around to putting her priorities in order. What if she made a three-month commitment to God to spend a few minutes a day with Him? Does that seem too difficult? How about you? What if you made a three-month commitment to God to spend

ten minutes a day with Him? Can you do that? Do you have the time? Is it worth the energy?

Today, make a commitment to give God ten minutes a day for the next three months. These devotionals can assist you in your times with God. It is a challenge from me to you. Here's my guarantee: if you spend ten minutes a day with God on a regular basis for three months you won't be the same person you were when you started. OK, it's a challenge, right? Go for it. You'll be glad you did.

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## Stay CONNECTED G.O.A.L. (Go Out & Live)

1. Will you make a commitment today to give God ten minutes each day for the next three months?
2. Read Joshua 1:8. How might this scriptural promise in this passage motivate you?

FURTHER READING: Psalm 119:1-3, 9-11

## SMALL GROUPS Sunday Evenings 6-7:15pm Starting Oct. 18th Fellowship Hall - lower level



If you are not in a small group, this is your opportunity to join us as we form new small groups.

Pastor Troy will be teaching on the key principles of small group life and we will form discussion groups around the teaching.

Come and meet new people, get connected into a Biblical community and see how God changes your life.

Contact Sarah at the church office to register at 218.692.4141 OR email her at [sarah@crosslakeefc.org](mailto:sarah@crosslakeefc.org)

If you have any questions contact Pastor Troy at [troy@crosslakeefc.org](mailto:troy@crosslakeefc.org)

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

begins Monday, Oct. 19th  
1:30-3:30 pm



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## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, Oct. 20 – Nov. 10

For the next 4 weeks, Pastor Troy will be teaching on the spiritual practices that will deepen your walk with the Lord.

All men are invited to this study with donuts at 6:45am and teaching starting at 7am.

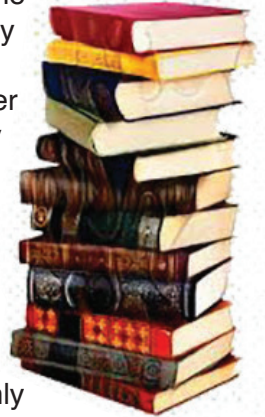
## Stay CONNECTED to Malawi

### Pastor Wins Presidency

Lazarus Chakwera, an Assemblies of God Pastor, has been elected President of Malawi. Chakwera led the country's Pentecostal denomination for more than 20 years before turning to politics. He lost one presidential race in 2014 and another in 2019, but then a top court found widespread fraud and ordered a re-vote. This is only the second time an African court has canceled election results, and it is seen as a significant step for democracy. Chakwera won this election with 58 percent of the vote. He said God told him to pastor the nation.

We thank those who have so generously donated books to our library; however we are temporarily asking that you hold back on them, so we might complete an inventory.

We would also prefer receiving only items with a religious message; otherwise the Public Library would accept them or Common Goods. Thank you. Sharon Jacobson, Chair.



## Stay CONNECTED through Prayer

If you need prayer, simply email your prayer request to: [sarah@crosslakeefc.org](mailto:sarah@crosslakeefc.org) and you will have over 200 people praying for your request.

If you want to be a part of our prayer chain, email Sarah and she will add you to the team.

## BAY Rally 76

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Wed., Oct. 21st 6:45-8:00pm

One Rally, two options! To reduce crowd size per COVID regulations, we have two attendance options for this upcoming Rally, and this is the first one! Contact David Hughes for more information at [david@crosslakeefc.org](mailto:david@crosslakeefc.org)

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY SPEAKER

Tuesday, Oct 13th at 11:00 am

Rebecca Haavik, Chi Alpha  
Christain Ministry staff at UMD

(A donation will be asked)



## HEY KIDS!

### Invite a Friend to Kids Club

We want to reach out and invite some friends to join us on our Kids Club via ZOOM!

Who can you think of that would like to join us?

Your friend's parents should reach out to our Kids Club Director, Laurie Atwater, at 320-980-8253.



September 20th through October 25th

## It's About Baby Bottle Time!

Please take an empty baby bottle home and fill it with change, cash, or a chek to LAPS and bring it back on Oct. 25, 2020.

