

# BEHIND the SCENES

**Ministering To and Through America's Youth**

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Count your blessings, name them one by one...

When reading some old articles I ran across this one from Dad written in 2014 and wanted to share it with you this month as I think it still speaks true for us today.

"The weather is cooling, the leaves are beginning to turn and we are preparing for winter. Covering the windows and patio doors with plastic is automatic at this time of year and we can even begin to think about Christmas decorations and gifts. Before that occurs, we do have Thanksgiving on the horizon. This is one of my favorite times of the year, because we have the opportunity to slow down, count our blessings and celebrate the abundance that we enjoy. Of all people, of all times, in all places, we have had a great quality of life and blessing from the Lord in material goods, health and technology.

All of these things have been great, but I would be happier to see the Spirit of God poured out on our world and miss out on the worldly blessings. Think about a world with spiritual revival and the great benefits that we would experience. Salvations, confession of sin, godly centered law system and government, emotional healing, prison growth would reverse (we have one of the highest per capita prison populations in the world), wars would lessen, marriages would prosper, families would be strengthened and the list could go on and on. This will not happen if we just stay the course and make no changes in our lives. I would like to tell you what needs to happen, but the real need is for all of us to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives. If you have some of the same tendencies that I do, you may tend to stiff arm or push the Spirit of God away when we are being led to do the will of God. Any movement of God among us will be characterized by sensitivity to His leading through the Spirit.

This time of revival will be known by the willingness of His people to give, not reluctantly or for gain, but with a cheerful heart. Elizabeth Bibesco well said: "Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting." Jean LaBruyere wrote, "Generosity: less in giving much and more in giving at the right moment," Even in our giving, being Spirit led makes it so much more effective.

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- Jean LaBruyere

What we need most of all is prayer, a natural result of thankfulness and partners to any movement of God among us. Begin counting your blessings.....what will they be?"

- Bruce C

# What's Happening This Month..... at TFC

## 2022 TFC Lock-in



The TFC Lock-In is an overnight event (this year held at Lake Middle School, [3133 Pioneer Dr, Woodbury, MN 55125](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3133+Pioneer+Dr,+Woodbury,+MN+55125)) from 10pm on Friday the 18th to 6am on Saturday the 19th full of games, tournaments, worship, a gospel message, pizza and pop, and... no sleeping allowed!

This year's activities will include a full sized pool (for the first part of the night), Basketball, Dodge Ball, Soccer, Nuke'em, Foosball doubles, 9 square in the air, a fantastic Escape room, Gaga ball, Star realms, Settlers and more! Oh, and don't forget free pizza and pop!

Anyone 6th-12th grade is welcome to join us for our 2022 Lock-In, so invite your friends—the more the merrier!

Cost: \$25, First-timer \$15 ( A first-timer is anyone who has never been to any TFC Event before)

Register online at : [www.Teens4christ.com](http://www.Teens4christ.com)



## Giving Tuesday, Nov 29th

Giving Tuesday is a global movement to unleashing the power of radical generosity. It is a day that encourages people to do good and to give. It has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, and celebrate generosity. It's a simple idea: whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to contribute . Would you consider giving to TFC this year? Whether it is a onetime financial gift, monthly support, helping out at an event, a special gift for one of our staff, or whatever the Lord puts on your heart today. We would be so grateful!

Remember this  
Holiday season  
as you Shop, you can  
donate a portion  
of your purchase  
to TFC through  
Amazon smile!

## Prayer request for Baby Atticus



Please pray for the unborn baby of our long time staff member Elisha Wright and his wife Violet. Baby Atticus has a rare heart defect and his atrial septum has closed prematurely. This will require him to have immediate surgery once he is born. The outcomes are uncertain as this is quite rare and the doctors are still discerning the safest surgical route. With the premature closure the doctors are worried that his lungs will not develop completely. Please pray for

strength and peace for Elisha, Violet and family. That Atticus's lungs would develop completely. That the doctors would be able to put a good and safe treatment plan together. Pray that Baby Atticus will be able to stay inside until 39 week and that he would continue to grow and develop.



### — NOVEMBER —

BIBLE QUIZ.....5TH  
ACBM Visit Day.....9th  
Lock-in.....18th-19th  
Adult BIBLE QUIZ.....19TH

### LOOKING AHEAD

### — DECEMBER —

BIBLE QUIZ.....3RD  
Adult BIBLE QUIZ.....17TH

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