



Our Mission:

To meet individuals right where they are and assist them with faith-based solutions for their journey.

Our Values:

To live life with a pure heart, renewed mind, and true faith.

**March/April
2017**

Thought of the Month

Wisdom – Teach me, God, so I have some wisdom to share. There is no more precious gift for a leader than the wisdom that can apply relevant values to give meaning to our knowledge and experience. –Richard Kriegbaum

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1:5 (NIV)

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We are blessed to experience how God is using TLC to meet people's needs in the areas of Biblical Life Coaching, Anger Management, and Codependency. How exciting to see the help and hope it is giving people!

This year we have been doing more outreach in the community, particularly as we minister to folks at the Salvation Army and Fresno Rescue Mission. We have made connections with people in need, utilizing our services as they matriculate out of these programs. In the past two months we have seen more than 25 new people commit to Christ! In addition, a young teen gave his life to Christ right here in the TLC office. Pray for the seeds of faith to grow and flourish for Jesus! It's exciting to see our mission statement coming to life!

We have been working on our new initiative, TLC Faith-Based Recovery – a 6-month, faith-based program for alcohol and drug dependency recovery. We are also designing a new website to reach out to folks with hurts, habits, and hang-ups, and address needs for alcohol and drug dependency recovery.

Our upcoming Saturday workshops at the TLC office include:

- **April 29, 2017, 9-11am – Codependency**

If you know of anyone who could benefit from these workshops, please have them sign up online or call the office.

In Christ's service,

Rev. Tod Harris

Praise Report!

from an email to TLC...

"...thank you for inviting us to [hear] your testimonial. [It] was powerful. With the Celebrate Recovery steps and the codependency classes we have attended, I can firmly attest that we are powerless to our son's addictive behaviors and this is his journey not ours. I hope one day his dad and I will be able to listen to our son's testimonial and finally [hear him] declare his surrender to God and seek God's help to overcome his addictions."

FINANCIAL UPDATE

**We are still praying for some people to pledge \$10, \$20, \$30, or more per month to help us maintain momentum throughout the year. We can't do this without you!
If God so directs, please contact us!**

**Your donation can change a life!
Donate online or through mail:**

www.TLC777.org

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God is doing a NEW thing at TLC!

Our first TLC worship
gathering will take place
Saturday, April 22, 2017
6pm-7:15pm

**“Failing Forward: Biblical
Characters Who Failed
Forward”**

Tod Harris and Cody
Gunderson will be speaking

Hosted by A Church Aflame
2743 E. Shaw Ave. #102

Use the enclosed flyer to
invite a friend or advertise at
your place of work or
worship!



For we know that when this tent we live in now is taken down – when we die and leave these bodies – we will have wonderful bodies in heaven, ... that is why we look forward eagerly to the day when we have heavenly bodies that we shall put on like new clothes ... This is what God has prepared for us, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit. Now we look forward with confidence to our heavenly bodies. (Taken from 2 Corinthians 5:1-6, TLB)

Legacy of a father...

*My dad, what a man. Wow! What do you say as a closing note to the life of someone who raised you to be the person you are today? Well, you start with love – the love of a father who has a son and wants nothing but the best for him. **That is what he gave me, nothing but his best.***

*When I stop to remember all he was and still is in my memories, I am almost breathless thinking about all he taught me from when I was a little boy – showing me love, always there from the first steps to the first bike ride, to teaching me how to swim, showing me how to work, and never being too heavy in his demeanor as sometimes actions on my part would not go as he planned. His understanding was always one of being prayerfully patient, talking things through, and asking, **“What did you learn from all this?”***

*Dad made sure all of us kids knew just how much he loved us. He looked for the bright side of things even when things didn't seem too bright. I had many of those in my life. He'd tell me, “You have a lot of choices until you make a choice; then, Tod, you will have a whole new set of choices!” He would add, “Choose wisely.” **He was gentle just like Jesus – soft spoken, and stern when needed.***

There came a time when I came back from college and was not in a good space. His constant love allowed me to go to him without fear. I was 24 at the time, and man did I need his love. I got honest with him and he said, “We will get through this,” and he supported me on the journey of recovery.

*I would ask him, “Would you like to read a book together?” He never said no to us connecting. He would say at the end, “What did we learn?” It was all about connection and being together; hearing, and listening – he was the best at listening. **He would say, “You may be the only Bible someone ever reads, Tod. Live your life following Christ.”***

The best use of life is to spend it on something that outlasts it. Dad did that by pouring into others' lives, helping them to become better no matter where they came from or how old or young they were.

The last 10 weeks of his life were met with optimism. After he was diagnosed with leukemia he said, “We will meet this road as one our Lord wants me to walk.” He was so strong; never complained. As the blood count went down and we started to see his body was not going heal, we knew nothing but a miracle would heal dad. He stated he was still holding out for that miracle –we all were! We started to read what the Bible says about how this is just a temporary body.

Well dad, your blood count is up...because you are saved by the blood of Jesus Christ; and the miracle did happen – just on the other side in Heaven. Dad's last words to me were, “I love you” on Tuesday, Feb 28. He died March 3.

*Dad, you were one of the great ambassadors for Christ and we are going to miss you. **Only one life so soon will pass, only what's done for Christ will last.** Jesus is the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the father accept though the Son, and Dad knew that, do you? Dad would want me to say to all of you, if you have not given your life to Christ, do it, because heaven just won't be the same without you there.*

-- from a eulogy given by Pastor Tod to honor his father, James Harris