

# THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

Stockton Christian Church Newsletter

## TUNNELL'S VISION

BY PASTOR MICHAEL

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It's hard to believe that August is here already; where has the year gone? It will not be long and the kids will all be back in school and regular routines will begin again. I hope that as the summer winds down you will remember how important it is to spend time with your family. God has blessed us with the gift of our families, not only your natural family but with your church family as well. I have shared with you on many occasions how I feel that we are all one big family here at Stockton Christian Church. It is my prayer that we will continue to reach out and love one another; serving, ministering and sharing with one another as Christ desires for us to do. With that loving, sharing and family atmosphere we will see great things happen not only in this church but in God's Kingdom everywhere.

Just as we wouldn't think of neglecting our families at home, I hope that you will also consider how important it is to not neglect your spiritual family as well. It is important for you

to be here and be a part of all that is happening. Any times the devil will convince us that coming to church is not that important, and after a while we really begin to believe him. We convince ourselves that we can love and worship God anywhere therefore I don't have to come to church. Having our Facebook Live is a great ministry to those who cannot come and even to those outside our area. However, it was not ever intended to take the place of our meeting together on a regular basis. I understand that we can worship anywhere, and in various capacities, however, I don't think we should look at it as having to come to church but rather we get to come and worship with one another. It is not only important to be here for you but it is important for your brothers and sisters to have that fellowship with you as well.

Let me share with you some good reasons that I found for coming to all the churches activities. Bob Hudson wrote these and I think they are valuable to pass along.

1. I enjoy coming to church because I enjoy Christian people.
2. I am a very imperfect Christian. I sin. I become discouraged about things. I need the atmosphere of worship and fellowship to lift me up and keep me going.
3. My heart hungers for the Word of God. What a joy to share the Word of God with others for mutual edification and growth.
4. I want my life to honor God. I know I have not accomplished this by just attending church. I also know that when I stay home, or do something else rather than giving time for worship, I am saying to God and to others, "Dear God, You are important, but for right now this is more important." There is NOTHING more important.
5. The fellowship of Jesus is especially sweet in worship. There is no experience in my life to compare with taking the loaf and cup of the Lord's Supper into my hand.

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS AND I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO WORSHIPPING WITH YOU ON SUNDAY!

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **SAMA Back to School Fair** August 7, 9am-11am

LOCATION: Stockton R1 Town Campus  
The 13th annual SAMA sponsored Back to School Fair is coming up soon. Free school supplies are provided each year to all Stockton School District students pre-K to 12th grade. There will also be different churches and businesses of the community sharing resources and information for families.



## **Wednesday Youth Group** August 25, 4-7pm

LOCATION: Activity Center  
Wednesday night youth group is for 7-12th grade students. They meet every Wednesday evening and have a meal, games, worship & Bible study led by Jacob Haught. Van transportation is available for all students.



## **Youth Group Event** August 15, 6pm

LOCATION: Church Overflow  
Ladies of the congregation are welcome to join the meeting. The Women's Council is a ministry of women who discuss fundraisers, events, sending cards, and more. Join us each month.



## **The Wandering 1's** August 31, 10am

The Wandering 1's will leave the church at 10 am and travel to Lambert's Cafe for lunch. Following lunch they will take a scenic drive to Seymore, MO and visit with Faye Hutchison at Hutchison Stained Glass. They will be home around 4pm.



## **Women's Council Meeting** August 16, 6pm

LOCATION: Church Overflow  
Ladies of the congregation are welcome to join the meeting. The Women's Council is a ministry of women who discuss fundraisers, events, sending cards, and more. Join us each month.



## **Summit Kids After School** August 31, 3:30-5pm

LOCATION: Church Gym  
Summit Kids after school is for k-6th grade students. Kids with permission slips are picked up right after school. During the program, Summit Kids participate in active games, have a snack, and have Bible time with Jacob & Aimee Haught. If you are interested in sending your child to this program, fill out a permission slip and turn it into the school by August 31. If you have any questions, talk to Jacob.



## **Teacher's Luncheon** August 19, 12pm

LOCATION: Church Gym  
We want to show our appreciation for our Stockton R1 teachers and staff by providing lunch. We will need volunteers to bring food and serve on that day. Watch for the sign up sheet to bring food. If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Michael.

## Bible Circle Groups

The Bible Study held in homes will start again September 9 at 9:30am at Barb Roby's home. The topic for this study will be on End Times. For questions or more information contact:

Sherry Stevens, 276-3926 or Gaila Hunter, 276-3822

The other Circle Group that meets at church will start September 9 at 9:30am in the classroom by the gym. This group is led by Nedra Fox & Linda Kimmel and they will be studying Ephesians.

## Cookson Hills Monthly Donations

Each month, the Women's Missionary Council is collecting health supplies for Cookson Hills Christian Ministries. This month they are collecting: CONDITIONER.

Bring donations to the basekt under the "Our Missions" sign in the foyer.

## SAMA FOOD PANTRY



THIS MONTH'S DONATION:

**Mixes**

bring donations to the box in  
the entryway

## Online Giving

Check out our online giving platform, Faithlife Giving. It's secure and easy to use. Simply go to [stocktonchristianchurch.com/give](http://stocktonchristianchurch.com/give), enter the amount, choose a fund (either general or youth) and fill out the payment information.

In your  
relationships  
with one  
another, have  
the same  
mindset as  
Christ Jesus

PHILIPPIANS 2:5







## the back corner

BY JACOB HAUGHT  
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Experience. It's a word that we covet when employers are hiring, when seeking babysitters, or when electing officials. But what about experience in the church? We come to church on Sunday mornings, Sunday night, and maybe even on Wednesday nights. Great! So you might spend 2-3 hours a week in communion and fellowship with other believers. You might say though, "Jacob, I'm too busy to go to church every day!" My fellow Christian, YOU are the church. If you want church experience just take a look in your community. People are hurting, in need, sick, and desperately need to hear the Gospel message. You are the church! Acts 1:8 tells us to go! Acts 2:42-47 gives us a glimpse at what the early church was like.

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

When was the last time you broke bread in someone else's home or sold possessions to provide for a person in need? What a radical way to live. But if you think about it, Jesus calls us to live a radical life. He wants us to love each other. He wants us to get out of our comfort zone and go into the world to share His message of hope. It's time to get back to work, church. The harvest is plenty, but the workers are few. Will you take that step?

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## INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS  
Monday-Friday 8am-11am

WORSHIP SERVICES  
Sunday School //9:30am  
Sunday Worship //10:30am

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