

# THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

Stockton Christian Church Newsletter

## TUNNELL'S VISION

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Dale Rooks, a school crossing guard in Florida, tried everything to get cars to slow down through the school zone. But nothing worked...until he took a blow dryer and wrapped it in electrical tape, making it look like a radar gun. Dale just points the thing at cars, and it's incredible how quickly they hit the brakes. "It's almost comical," Dale says. "It's amazing how well it works." They wouldn't slow down for a crossing guard, until they thought he was a cop who could punish them. My question for us is simply, what is it going to take to get us to slow down and seek Jesus?

One of the hardest things for us to do is try to figure out how to slow down and not live such hectic lives. Have you looked at your calendar or planner lately? We are, as a general rule, just too busy. It seems that in today's world you must have something going on all the time or you're just not who or what you ought to be.

You go to work, then come home and try to do the things you have at home, but then the kids have to be here tonight and there tomorrow night or the grandchildren have a game or program at school and you try to get to as many of their activities as you can. Life is just so full, how are we ever going to get it all done? Perhaps we won't. We tell ourselves that we are going to slow down, yet, it never seems to happen.

If you are like me it seems that I just keep adding more and more things to my life and schedule. Sometimes we wonder if we are going to survive it all. Don't get me wrong, they are all good and important, but sometimes we just get too much. We need to sort through things and find what is best for us and then let the rest go. The problem with our busy schedules and all our activities is that in the overload, Christ and the church are the ones that get left out. Satan often uses our schedules to lure us away from Jesus.

In the Message version of 2 Corinthians 11:3 it says, "And now I'm afraid that exactly as the Snake seduced Eve with his smooth patter, you are being lured away from the simple purity of your love for Christ."

Let me suggest that we take the time to just slow ourselves down and simplify our lives to the point that we can recognize Jesus and both hear and know His plan for us. It is not until we quiet ourselves before Him that we will ever hear Him. So, while your slowing down and letting God lead you; I will see you in church on Sunday!

Because we're His!

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **Bible Circle Groups** September 9, 9:30am

LOCATION: Stockton Christian Church or Barb Roby's Home

The Bible Study held in homes will start again September 9 at 9:30am. The topic for this study will be on End Times.

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.



## **Football Dinner** September 9, 6pm

We will be providing dinner for the Stockton Football team on Thursday September 9th. We are asking for cookies & brownies to be donated. Please bring donations to the church in the morning on September 9th.



## **Church Picnic** September 12, 5:30pm

LOCATION: Pavilion at the dam

Everyone is invited to the annual church picnic on Sunday, September 12th. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. We ask you to bring either a side dish or a dessert.

There will also be a special concert by Faith's Journey. During the concert, kids will have the option to go on a nature scavenger hunt & play games with Aimee Haught & the youth ministry.



## **The Wandering 1's** September 13, 8am

The Wandering 1's will be taking a trip to tour Wilson's Creek Battlefield. Cost is \$10. Lunch will be at Leong's Chinese.



## **Women's Council Meeting** September 20, 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.



## **Wednesday Youth Group** Wednesdays, 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.



## **Summit Kids After School** Tuesdays, 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. If you have any questions, talk to Jacob.

## Show Me Annual Open House

Saturday, September 11 // 10:00am-3:30pm

LOCATION: Main Campus in La Monte // 24302 Mahin Road

You are invited to eat, drink, & celebrate the Show Me Family. You will be able to meet the families, tour the homes, enjoy lunch, an indoor concert, fun kids' activities, horse program & a Patriot Day tribute. Featured Events:

10:00 Tours // 11:00am Lunch until 12:30pm

12:30pm Special Program // 3:00pm Horse Expo

## Best Choice Labels

It is time again to start turning in your Best Choice UPC's to the pink box in the foyer. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

### SAMA FOOD PANTRY



THIS MONTH'S DONATION:

#### Dry Goods

bring donations to the box in  
the entryway

## 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: DEODORANT

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

## E-mail Newsletter

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter via e-mail, contact Aimee at [sccsecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:sccsecretary1@gmail.com) to sign up.

Dear church family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers during my stay in the hospital. I am doing well. Thanks for great neighbors, for food that was brought to the house. Thanks to Deb Fischer for keeping my lawn mowed. Thanks to my neighbor, Craig Dare for weed eating my front ditch. Above all, I thank God. I also thank a good friend, Burt Rains, for going after me at South Cox after my discharge. I have a great family, great neighbors, and great friends. Thank you all so much.

-JIM HAUN

We want to thank everyone in the church for all of your kindness you showed our family during this difficult time. Thank you to Michael for your help and support and the ladies who served and prepared a delicious meal for our family. We really appreciated it. Our church has some of the best cooks in the county. It is wonderful to have a loving, caring church family.

In Christian love,  
The Mike Saale Family:  
Sue, Chele, & Nikki  
JD & Sherry Stephens  
Rod & Kelly Hendricks  
Steve & Kathy Cowan





## the back corner

BY JACOB HAUGHT  
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Recognize and replace. Two simple words that have an eternal consequence. When we choose to follow Jesus, we recognize the need for a savior. The sin in our lives separates us from God, but Jesus replaces that sin with the truth! This is also how you can give God your present and get past your past. Galatians 5:1 says,

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

Jesus has set you free! Mary Magdalen had a tormented past, and yet when she met Jesus, she walked into the freedom he offered her and became a powerhouse for the kingdom of God. She even was the first person to meet Jesus after the resurrection!

We all have a past. But are you going to let your past mistakes define who you are? Jesus is calling you out of your past and to give God your present.

What message have you believed about your past?  
What is holding you back from your next step with Jesus?

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## INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS  
Monday-Friday 8am-11am

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

WEBSITE  
stocktonchristianchurch.com



# MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

## Communion & Baptism Towels

Phyllis Rutledge

## Benevolence Committee

Chairman: Phyllis Rutledge

Committee: Beverly Stockstill, Irene Bell, Gaila Hunter, Heather Dalton, Linda Kimmel, Dee Ann Wallen

## Communion Meditation

September 5: Michael Tunnell  
September 12: Steve Rutledge  
September 19: Bill Smith  
September 26: Butch Boban

## Sunbeams Teacher

September 5: Cody Branson  
September 12: Nichole Marshall  
September 19: Cody Branson  
September 26: Nichole Marshall

If you are  
unable to  
fulfill your  
position,  
please trade  
with someone  
or call/email  
the office.