

THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

Stockton Christian Church Newsletter

TUNNELL'S VISION

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The days are getting shorter, the nights are beginning to get cooler and we all are beginning to having thoughts of the fall season. It seems that no matter who you visit with they are enjoying the weather and the beauty of the season, unless you are one of the many allergy sufferers, but even then we like the change that fall brings . We love fall, but the fall season represents change. The trees begin changing and the skies begin filling with migratory birds heading south for the winter. Darkness is overtaken by the lights of football stadiums and the smell and joy of pumpkin begins to resonate within us.

For just a moment I want you to think about that word change. Change for the most part has become an ugly word in our vocabulary; we say we don't like change, in fact the Duke of Cambridge in the late 1800s said,

"Any change, at any time, for any reason, is to be deplored" and we would generally have to agree with him. However, when we begin to examine the many types and examples of change we discover that there are many changes that we do enjoy. We love it when a cocoon becomes a butterfly, we love it when a baby speaks its first word, we love it when the weather gets cooler, we love it when the trees turn from green to brilliant reds, yellows and oranges. Change we discover is great when we look at it in the right context.

There is no better context to think of change than the change that happened within our lives when we accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We changed instantly from being full of sin, being lost and without hope to having life, joy and happiness along with the assurance of life eternal. I love the words to the hymn that we sing, Since Jesus Came Into My Heart, the first line begins,

'What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought, since Jesus came into my heart.' That is a change we can believe in, a change we can and must celebrate!

I pray that you will make an extra effort to be here and bring a friend as we celebrate together the greatest change this earth has ever known; Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Because we're His!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Fall Event Volunteer Meeting October 10, 11:30am

All volunteers helping with the Fall Family Day on October 17 will meet right after church on October 10th for a quick meeting. We will talk about setting up for the event and answer any questions. If you are interested in helping but haven't sign up, simply come to the meeting.



The Wandering 1's October 19, 8am

The Wandering 1's are going to see Jesus at Sight & Sound Theater in Branson. Tickets are \$56. Money for the tickets must be turned into Pastor Michael by October 3rd. They will also visit Kringle Christmas Village with lunch at Mel's Hard Luck Diner.



Bible Circle Groups October 14, 9:30am

LOCATION: Stockton Christian Church or Church Member's Home

Circle Groups meet every 2nd Thursday of the month for Bible Study.



Inaugural Cornhole Competition October 24, 4pm

LOCATION: Church Gym

Join us for an exciting afternoon Sunday, October 24th as we host our first Cornhole Competition. Come to play in the competition or watch and cheer for a team. Dinner will be provided afterwards. Childcare will also be available.



Fall Family Day October 17, 4-6:30pm

LOCATION: Church Lawn

A free fall event for the whole family. Come for food, campfire, hot chocolate, family photo booth, carnival style games, prizes and more. Invite your friends, neighbors & family to this fun fall event.

If you would like to bring donations or volunteer to help run the event, check out the sign up sheet and donation list in the church foyer.



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.

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.



Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and visits. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

-BRENT RUTLEDGE

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: WOMEN'S SHAVING GEL

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 to sign up.





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BY JACOB HAUGHT
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These past few days, I had been attending a conference in Kansas City. The main focus on this conference was to focus on church health; in fact, the title of the conference was “Until Every Church Healthy.” At this event, myself and another friend of mine, joined a thousand other preachers and leaders of the church. There was something special about listening to all those leaders praising God. As we lifted hands, shouted praises, and gave glory to God, I was struck by the glimpse of heaven on earth I was witnessing. See, I didn’t have very high expectations going into this conference. The last one I attended two 3 years ago was more about practical ministry; resources and tools to use to help the church function and prosper. Whereas within the first hour of this conference, I realized this was going to be a conference on the spiritual health of the ministers.

The love, the humbleness, the fellowship I felt in that room over those two days was something that I so desperately had missed. It was a great, few days at this conference where they took care of us ministers so that we can come take care of the needs in our own congregations. I look forward to implementing some of the things that I learned and were convicted about here at Stockton.

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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

2 Sundays- Nancy Divine

3 Sundays- Butch & Glenda Boban

Benevolence Committee

Chairman: Gaila Beach

Committee: Glenda Brown, Kathy Jones,
Debbie Burns, Nancy Divine, Susie Bolen, Jean
Lane, Gaila Hunter

Communion Meditation

October 3: Steve Rutledge
October 10: Jacob Haught
October 17: Bill Smith
October 24: Butch Boban
October 31: Michael Tunnell

Sunbeams Teacher

October 3: Maranda Spangler
October 10: Cody Branson
October 17: Maranda Spangler
October 24: Nichole Marshall
October 31: Cody Branson

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with someone
or call/email
the office.