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THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

Stockton Christian Church Newsletter

TUNNELL'S VISION BY PASTOR MICHAEL mktunnell@gmail.com

As I sit here today preparing to write I must admit to you I find it kind of difficult. The sky is cloudy, it is raining and just kind of a dreary day; I find my mind wandering a lot of places. I look around and see so much sickness, disease, heartache, trouble and loss and it is so easy to be filled with discouragement. I understand this is how life is here, but it won't always be like this. One day Jesus will return and put an end to all of this and His will and His way will replace all that is evil and wrong. There is also those who have been called home and are already experiencing all that the Lord has for them. Unfortunately, there are many from our own church family that have already gone on ahead, and are at home with the Lord, I wonder, and think of them often and the glory they are now experiencing.

I would like each of us for just a moment to use our imaginations and just begin to try to picture what a beautiful place Heaven will be. The book of Revelation paints a picture of Heaven, but I believe it only touches the tip of the glory and beauty found in the presence of God. What will it look like? Who all will we meet there? What will we do? Where will we go first? What will we sing? The questions can go on and on, just use your imagination. One day, we too will no longer need to imagine because we will be going through those gates and will live with lesus forever. However, until then we can only imagine. MercyMe, a musical group has made popular a song we all love that speaks of this very thing, I would like to share with you just some of the words of their awesome song, as you think of your new home:

' I can only imagine......
Surrounded by Your glory,
What will my heart feel, Will I
dance for you Jesus or in awe
of You be still, Will I stand in
Your presence or to my knees
will I fall, Will I sing
'Hallelujah', Will I be able to
speak at all

I can only imagine...... I can only imagine......

Because we're His!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Veterans Sunday November 7, 10:30am

LOCATION: Stockton Christian Church Our friend, Tony Turner from Pierce Arrow in Branson will be leading patriotic & religious music before the sermon.



Church Thanksgiving Meal November 14, After Church Service

LOCATION: Stockton Christian Church Gym

Immediately following the Worship Service we will have our church Thanksgiving meal. Sign up in the foyer to bring main dishes. Or bring a side dish or dessert. Everyone is welcome!



Operation Christmas Child November 14th

There are still a few boxes available in the foyer to fill for children in need. You still have time to take one, fill it and return it Sunday, November 14th. All boxes must be returned by that date.



Church Christmas Decorating November 28, 2pm

LOCATION: Stockton Christian Church It's the most wonderful time of year again! We will decorate the sanctuary, foyer, and gym for the Christmas season. Everyone's help is appreciated! Meet in the foyer at 2pm on Sunday, Nov. 28.



Annual Church Meeting & Nominations December 6, 6pm

LOCATION: Sanctuary

The annual congregational meeting is coming up in December and in preparation for it, members may fill out elder & deacon nomination ballots. Ballots can be found in the foyer. They must be turned in by November 22.



Memorial Poinsettia Orders

This Christmas, you have an opportunity to order a poinsettia in memory of loved ones. The poinsettias will be displayed in the foyer and sanctuary Mid-December and may be picked up following the Christmas Eve service. To order a poinsettia, fill out a form in the church foyer or online at our website. Cost is \$10 each.

Orders must be submitted by December 5th.



Christmas Choir Special December 12, 10:30am

Everyone is invited to sing in the choir. Rehearsals will be 8:30am to 9:15 am on

Sun, November 21 & 28

Sun, December 5 & 12

If 1 or 2 rehearsals are all your schedule allows, that's ok. The music isn't difficult and all are welcome to participate.

Questions? See Gaila Beach, Volunteer Music Coordinator

Angel Tree Ministry

We will be participating in the Angel Tree Christmas Basket Program again this year. If we receive the children's names before we decorate the church, the names will be in the foyer. Please sign the clipboard. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Caudle at 417-809-8711 or kkcaudle12@gmail.com. Thank you!

Best Choice Labels

Continue turning in your Best Choice UPC's to the pink box in the foyer. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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: HAIR TIES

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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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 "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 Magdalene 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 was even 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

Kathy & JD Kerr

Benevolence Committee

<u>Chairman:</u> Pat Neal

<u>Committee</u>: Glenda Boban, Joy Rutledge, Phyllis Rutledge, Linda Montgomery, Janice Ashlock, Linda Kimmel

Communion Meditation

November 7: Steve Rutledge November 14: Butch Boban November 21: Bill Smith November 28: Michael Tunnell

Sunbeams Teacher

November 7: Nichole Marshall November 14: Cody Branson November 21: Maranda Spangler November 28: Nichole Marshall If you are unable to fulfill your position, please trade with someone or call/email the office.