

THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

Stockton Christian Church Newsletter

TUNNELL'S VISION

BY PASTOR MICHAEL
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As we approach another brand-new year there are so many possibilities that are ahead of us. It seems like each New Year we always determine that we are going to do more of one thing and perhaps less of another, and I am sure it is no different for you again this year. As I have been thinking and planning and praying for our family here at Stockton Christian Church, I want us to accomplish so many things not only in the next twelve months but in the years to come as we continue to be 'workers' in God's Kingdom.

It is my goal that in 2022 we will see great growth in our church! When I say growth, I mean in more than one way; of course, I want to see our church

numbers grow and watch our attendance climb higher, but I do know that this cannot happen on a consistent basis without our people growing spiritually. When we grow in our love for God, and our service to Him, His will grows within us, then we will see a numeric growth. When we focus our lives on what He wants us to do we will have a desire to reach out to others with His good news; the message of Jesus Christ and we will see significant changes in growth.

This brings up the question, 'how do we accomplish this growth?' There are many ways that we can grow spiritually. It simply involves getting INVOLVED in all that we do here: our Sunday morning worship time; Sunday evening worship & Bible study; Sunday School classes; youth groups, Women's Bible studies and prayer groups, Men's Bible

study and the list could go on and on. Prayer is vital to your growth and to your relationship with God, and I encourage you to stay in an attitude of prayer at all times. Perhaps one of the best and most important ways is to get into God's Word, the Bible. We cannot do His will if we don't know His will! How better to know what God wants us to do than to allow Him to speak to us through His word. I am excited about the possibilities of what could happen when we read and study directly from God's word.

God is alive and active and has great plans for each of us! The possibilities are endless when we allow the God who can do more than we ask or imagine to have reign in our lives. Would you commit to giving Him your complete devotion in 2022 and see where he takes us together? I look forward to the journey!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Men with God January 5, 6pm

LOCATION: Overflow

Men with God is a new Bible Study for men, led by Pastor Michael. They will meet every Wednesday evening at 6pm in the church overflow.



Baby Shower Table January 9

LOCATION: Foyer

There will be a baby shower table set up for Ashton Crockett. Let's help her celebrate the upcoming birth of her baby by showering her with gifts.



Young Adult Sunday School January 10, 9:30am

LOCATION: Family Life Center

We are starting a new young adult class on Sunday mornings. It will meet in the Family Life Center (gym) at 9:30am.



Women's Council Meeting January 17, 6pm

LOCATION: Overflow

The Women's Council will meet Monday, January 17th. All ladies of the church are welcome at these meetings.



Men's Prayer Breakfast January 29, 7:30am

LOCATION: Activity Center

Men are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and prayer on Saturday, January 29th.



Core52 Bible Study Sundays, 6pm

LOCATION: Overflow

Are you interested in studying the Bible? Join us Sunday nights as author Mark Moore identifies the most power-packed passages and distills them into a digestible format for busy people who want to gain proficiency with Scripture.



Youth Programs Return

Summit Kids After School returns January 4th, 3:30-5pm. We will continue our program through the rest of the school year.

Wednesday night youth group returns January 5th in the activity center, 5-7pm. Dinner, activities, and Bible study.

If you have any questions about our youth programs, see Youth Pastor Jacob. And don't forget to check out our youth event calendars for 2022 at the parent resource table.

Volunteers Needed for 2022

Start something new by becoming a volunteer at Stockton Christian Church. There are so many ways you can serve in 2022. Sign up online at our website or fill out a green sign up card in the church foyer.

SAMA FOOD PANTRY



THIS MONTH'S DONATION:

Canned Meat

bring donations to the box in
the entryway

Memorial Poinsettias

- **Robert F. & Doralee Cross** by: *Steve & Gaila Beach*
- **D.C. Padgett** by: *Bill & Evelyn Smith*
- **Pat Crane; Neva Fischer** by: *Debbie Fischer*
- **Ken Noblett; Ben Yancey** by: *Ruth Noblett*
- **Barbara & William Savage; Anita Saathoff** by: *Dianna Saathoff*
- **Logan Baker; Reece Thornton** by: *Julie Gumm*
- **Steve Ireland** by: *Pennie Ireland*
- **Kenneth E. Albers** by: *Vermina Albers*
- **Demby & Phyllis Rutledge** by: *Rutledge Family*
- **George & Kay Boban; Clifton & Mildred Linebarger** by: *Butch & Glenda Boban*
- **Bob, Betty & Gary Oldham; John, Vandetta, & Keith Divine** by: *Nancy Divine*
- **John Willis; Demby & Phyllis Rutledge** by: *Steve & Phyllis Rutledge*
- **Dylan Templeton** by *Dana Dawes*
- **Jack & Beulah Haun; Denny & Faye McKeever; Bennie & Ella Dean Hickman** by: *Jim & Elaine Haun*
- **Janice Anderson; Hazel Ott** by *Carol Poynor*
- **Jewel Starr** by: *Carl & Carol Cox*
- **Lewis & May Fox; Donald & Nina Miller; Carl & Marie Ellis** by *Ronnie & Mary Jane Miller*
- **Dillon Frieze** by: *Mark & Shelia Frieze*
- **Samantha Jones; Larry Jones Jackie & Kathy Jones**
- **Loren & Naomi McKee; Carter Family; Carol Carter** by *John Carter*
- **Gary Montgomery** by *Montgomery Family*
- **Herman & Mayone Gipson; Otis & Pearl Gipson; Russ & Nell Dixon** by *Max & Gaila Hunter*
- **Steve Roby** by *Barb Roby*
- **Agnes & Carl Freeman** by *Barbara & Darryl Hoke*
- **Wade & Mary John Cowan; Don Lollar; Mike Saale** by *JD & Sherry Stephens*
- **Rick Rader; Lloyd & Bea Rader; Dess & Opal Brumback** by *Richard & Judy Brumback*
- **William Fox; Laretta & Bruce Alden Fox; Loren & Betty Budd; Cletis & Lewis Morgan; Charles & Kathy Budd** by *Nedra Fox*
- **Bruce & Leota Fox; Tom & Oma Ball; Bruce Alden & Laretta Fox; William Fox; Sandra Malpica** by *Eddie & Patricia Neal*

Thank you for the overwhelming response to the Angel Tree Christmas Basket Program. You made Stockton families very happy with your generosity and kindness.

-The Angel Tree Committee



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



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back corner

BY JACOB HAUGHT
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A new year comes with a time to refocus. A time to reflect on this past year. I always enjoy watching the calendar flip over to a new year. There is something always exciting about a fresh start. At the end of this year, I have been reflecting on Ecclesiastes 3. There we can read that there is a season for everything. The writer says:

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.”

2021 has definitely shown us an abundance of seasons. A season of ups and downs. A season joy and sorrow. A season of fear and hope. We can see in Ecclesiastes that it is important for us to know what kind of season we are going through, because in every storm there is hope. We celebrated that hope just last month during the Christmas season. Christians should not only reflect on that hope one month out of the year but throughout the entire year and through every season in life. We need to hold on to the hope that is in Jesus Christ and the world needs to hear about this hope as well.

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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: Irene Bell & Beverly Stockstill

3 Sundays: Phyllis Rutledge

Benevolence Committee

Chairman: Phyllis Rutledge

Committee: Irene Bell, Beverly Stockstill, Susie Bolen, Linda Montgomery, Heather Dalton, Kathy Kerr

Communion Meditation

January 2: Butch Boban

January 9: Brent Rutledge

January 16: Bill Smith

January 23: Steve Rutledge

January 30: Michael Tunnell

Sunbeams Teacher

January 2: Maranda Spangler

January 9: Nichole Marshall

January 16: Maranda Spangler

January 23: Cody Branson

January 30: Nichole Marshall

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fulfill your
position,
please trade
with someone
or call/email
the office.