

# THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

Stockton Christian Church Newsletter

## TUNNELL'S VISION

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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.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **SAMA Thrift Store Sorting** August 4, 1pm

LOCATION: SAMA Thrift Store

We need church volunteers to help out the thrift store on Thursday, August 4th. If you are available to serve, simply meet at the store.



## **Back to School Fair** August 6, 9am-11am

LOCATION: Stockton School Circle Drive

The Annual Back to School Fair is coming up in August. 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 & information for families.



## **Bible Circle Group Meeting** August 11, 9:30am

Women's Bible groups will meet for the first time August 11 at 9:30am at the church.

There are 2 groups that meet during the year. If you are interested in the at home study on the topic of Heaven, contact Barb Roby, 417-808-1052. If you are interested in the church study on the book of Hebrews, contact Linda Kimmel.



## **Women's Council Meeting** August 15, 6:00pm

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.



## **Teacher Appreciation Lunch** August 18, 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.



## **SCC Youth Group** August 24, 5-7pm

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 if needed.



## **Back to School Beach Day** August 21, 4pm

LOCATION: First Beach at Stockton Lake

This is a youth event for kids/teens of all ages and their families. Join us at first beach for a fun time to hang out before the school year begins. Hot dogs and drinks will be served. Feel free to bring other snacks and swimming stuff.



## **Summit Kids After School** August 30, 3:30pm-5:00pm

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 30.

## Online Giving

Consider giving your tithe to the church online through Faithlife Giving. It's easy to make one-time and recurring gifts, plus view your giving history.

Go to [stocktonchristianchurch.com/give](http://stocktonchristianchurch.com/give) to get started.



## Words for Women

BY LINDA KIMMEL

All ladies are invited to join us at Women's Council on Monday evening August 15 at 6pm. We will be installing our officers for our new year (Sept. '22-Aug. '23) They are:

Correspondence: Janice Ashlock

Treasurer: Patricia Neal

Secretary: Beth Brown

Vice President: Aimee Haught

President: Linda Kimmel

Be looking for the sign-up sheet for the ministries that we are privileged to do for Christ and the church. Remember we are one body but made up of many parts, with each one having a work of service to do. (See 1 Corinthians 12). Pray about the one God wants you to do. God most often chooses the least likely person to do His work and He provided the strength. (Think of Gideon). He can do the same for us. It's time to put the 80/20 rule, (where 80% of the work is done by 20% of the church members) to rest.

"God does not call the equipped-He equips the called."

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

PHILIPPIANS 2:5





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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

WEBSITE  
stocktonchristianchurch.com



# MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

## Greeters

August 7: Youth Group

August 14: Darry & Barbara Hoke

August 21: Cody & Tiffany Branson

August 28: Linda Kimmel & Vermina Albers

## Communion & Baptism Towels

Nedra Fox & Carole Rickman

## Benevolence Committee

Chairman: Janice Ashlock

Committee: Pat Neal, Heather Dalton, Josie

Young, Neda Witt, Debbie Burns, Debbie Fischer

## Communion Meditation

August 7: Jacob Haught

August 14: Steve Rutledge

August 21: Bill Smith

August 28: Brent Rutledge

## Sunbeams Teacher

August 7: Maranda Spangler

August 14: Nichole Marshall

August 21: Cody Branson & Payton Craig

August 28: Nichole Marshall

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