

# THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

Stockton Christian Church Newsletter

## TUNNELL'S VISION

BY PASTOR MICHAEL  
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We live in a time where so many people are trying to do their own thing and they do not want anyone telling them what to do or what to think. They make their own rules without any thought towards anyone else. Their only concern is their own ideas, interest and agenda; if it is good for them, that is all that matters. This reminds me of the times when I was younger and my sister and I would sit down to play a board game such as monopoly. My sister is five years younger than I am so when she was quite young she would often believe anything I would tell her, so if the game wasn't going in my favor I would simply change the rules a little and that way I could win. You might say that I 'tailored' the game and rules to fit my thinking. This worked really well for me until she learned that there was an official rulebook that we were supposed to follow, and she soon made sure that is what we did.

I am reminded of another story that Les McGalliard, a minister shared in a sermon one time about a little boy who told his mother he had determined that he was six feet tall. When she asked how he had arrived at this conclusion, he told her he had used his shoe to measure and that he was 'six shoes tall'. With a loving smile she sweetly told him that his shoe was not twelve inches long. He insisted, "But, Mom, it's got to be 'cause my foot's in it!"

The problem with his conclusion was simply that he was unaware of the true standard of determining length. He knew nothing of uniform standards of weight and measurement. He was sincere, but mistaken.

Like it or not we all have rules and standards that we must follow, and when we fail to recognize them chaos will soon set in. God has given us His laws, His commandments as an ABSOLUTE STANDARD to follow and obey. To say that there is no such thing as an absolute is simply not true, because God is

absolute, and he never changes. Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Today we encounter so many people that are taking those rules and standards and doing their best to do away with them. As Christians we are obligated to not only follow them, but to stand firm in a world that is fighting against them and God. Right here close to home we are well aware of the battle that Satan is raging in the Humansville School district. I am so pleased and proud that Greg Thompson realizes that God's rules are absolute and they truly make a difference in lives today. Continue to lift Greg in prayer as he is standing firm on the word of God and as he demonstrates to everyone that God is the most important part of our lives.

Because We're His,

Michael

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **Bible Circle Groups** September 8, 9:30am

Women's Bible groups will both meet at the church. One group, led by Barb Roby, is studying the topic of heaven. The other group, led by Linda Kimmel, is studying the book of Hebrews.



## **One Day Revival & Church Picnic** September 11, 3:30pm

LOCATION: North Shelter at Stockton State Park  
Join us for our exciting day of revival and church picnic. Terry Bowland will be our guest speaker both in the morning and evening. Picnic Activities at the North Shelter will include:

- 3:30pm - Softball game & cornhole
- 4:30pm Olympic Competitions & dinosaur egg hunt for kids
- 5:00pm Picnic/Dinner
- 6:00pm Evening Revival Service with our guest speaker and music.

We hope you and your whole family will join us! Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. We ask you to bring either side dish or dessert.



## **Women's Evening Bible Study** September 15, 6pm

LOCATION: Church Overflow  
Ladies are welcome to join this evening Bible study on Thursdays at 6pm. They will be looking at the topic of Putting on a Gentle & Quiet Spirit.



## **Baby Shower** September 18, 2pm

LOCATION: Family Life Center (gym)  
Ladies are invited to a baby shower for Jacob & Aimee Haught. Help them celebrate baby boy Haught. They are registered at [babylist.com](http://babylist.com)



## **Women's Council Meeting** September 19, 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.



## **SAMA Thrift Store Sorting** September 22, 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.



## **SCC Youth Group** Wednesdays, 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. NOTE: Youth Group time will change starting Sept. 14, 5pm-7:30pm



## **Summit Kids After School** Tuesdays, 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.

## 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!



## Words for Women

BY LINDA KIMMEL

Thanks to everyone who signed up to serve in one of the areas of women's ministry. Galatians 5:13 tells us to "serve one another in love." Jesus said to be great one must become a servant just as He came not to be served but to serve. In His service He gave His life as a ransom on the cross. Can we do any less than to serve His church and one another?

Before Michael started his sermon series on prayer, we have been emphasizing prayer in our Women's Council meetings. As a result I have written a self-study Bible lesson on prayer based only on what the New Testament has to say. If you would like a copy, let me know.

As school has started again, let's remember to pray for the staff and students and give thanks that we have so many Christians in our school district and on our school board.

"No one stands as tall as Christians on their knees."

Dear church family,

Thank you for all the cards sent to me & my wife & parents, giving your sympathy on my Grandma Turner's passing. Your prayers were appreciated.

Grandma was a godly woman and gave me my start singing gospel with her, my parents, & my brothers at churches & charity events in Southeast Kansas.

I feel each time I share music with your church, her legacy loves on.

Thanks again,  
Tony Turner





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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 become 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

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