

# THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

Stockton Christian Church Newsletter

## TUNNELL'S VISION

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It was so strange and so very unusual; there was no hustle and bustle, no speeding traffic, no one was scurrying about and most of all I simply noticed that it was quiet. Karen was with me and she probably said it best, "Its almost too quiet." We had just a few minutes left during the lunch hour and so we had driven down to the boat ramp to look at the lake and enjoy the beautiful day. As we arrived we rolled the windows down and we both noticed that there weren't any sounds. I didn't think silence existed any longer; it certainly doesn't seem to anywhere else. As we sat there and enjoyed the breeze and watched the lake we began to hear the soft calls of birds in the distance and it was very refreshing.

I began to think about the silence and how wonderful it was and while pondering,

I couldn't help but think of one of my favorite verses in scripture from Psalms 46.10 that simply says, "Be still and know that I am God."

God is very present everywhere you go and no matter what we are doing we can see Him at work in our lives. However, it is not until our souls and spirits are stilled that perhaps we can see Him at work in the manner He desires. This day He was visible in the ripples on the water, He was audible in the sounds of the wind. You could see His imagination with the variety of birds that flew in the distance and the colors of the sky. Yes in our stillness there was no doubt that He was God and we could enjoy His presence.

The greatest benefit of being in the presence of God and seeing and hearing Him is simply the refreshing that it brings. Not only a physical refreshing but greater still is the spiritual refreshing of seeing how not only does He create and care for all of forever.

nature, but He cares for and loves us more than we can imagine. We are His greatest creation and He loved us enough to give us silence and a beautiful world but He loved us enough to give us His own Son so that we might live

This month as the weather changes and it begins to cool and the colors take shape in the trees I encourage you to venture out near the lake or to your favorite place and be still and know that He is God.

Because We're His,

Michael

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Youth Group Trip to Exeter Corn Maze October 2, 1pm-10pm

LOCATION: Exeter, MO

The youth group will leave the church at 1pm for Exeter, MO Corn Maze. Admission is \$30. Students will also need money for food, unless they bring their own. Families are welcome to join this trip. If you plan to attend, sign up at the parent resource table. For more details go to [exetercornmaze.com](http://exetercornmaze.com).



## Bible Circle Groups October 13, 9am & 9:30am

Women's Bible groups both meet at church. The group studying Hebrews will now meet at 9am. The group studying Heaven meets at 9:30am



## Family Movie Night October 16, 6pm

LOCATION: Church Lawn

We will be hosting an outdoor family movie night on Sunday October 16. The fun starts at 6pm with hotdogs & smores around the campfire. We will be showing the movie "Family Camp" by the Skit Guys.

There will also be concessions during the movie including popcorn, cotton candy, drinks & hot chocolate.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a movie under the stars with the whole family.



## Women's Council Meeting October 17, 6:00pm

LOCATION: Church Overflow

Ladies of the congregation are welcome to join the meeting in the church overflow.



## SAMA Thrift Store Sorting October 20, 1pm

LOCATION: SAMA Thrift Store

Volunteers that help with thrift sorting, will meet at SAMA Thrift Store at 1pm. If you have any questions about volunteering, see Linda Kimmel.



## 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.



## SCC Youth Group Wednesdays, 5-7:30pm

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 and small groups.



## Women's Evening Bible Study Thursdays at 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.

## 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

Ladies, there are 3 opportunities for you for more Bible study than on Sunday mornings. Ladies Bible Circles meet once a month from August through May on the second Thursday of the month. One led by Barb Roby & Sherry Stephens meet in the overflow at 9:30am and combine food & fellowship with their study on Heaven.

The second circle group meets in the adult classroom next to the gym at 9am. This study is led by Nedra Fox & Linda Kimmel and is studying the book of Hebrews. The book shows the superiority of Christ and urges Christians to remain faithful, with messages timely for us today. Light snacks are provided.

For ladies who cannot attend a morning study, Jackie Smith is leading a weekly evening group on Thursdays at 6pm in the overflow. They are studying the book of 1 Peter, which urges us to have a gently and quiet spirit, a far cry from what we see in today's culture.

Each study uses a study guide, which can be purchased at a nominal fee. Please be in prayer for these studies.

Dear church family,

We cannot thank you enough for the overwhelming love and support that we have received as we prepare for baby Haught.

We want to extend a huge thank you to all the ladies involved in throwing us a wonderful baby shower and everyone who gave us incredible gifts.

We are beyond blessed by every single one of you and so happy to have such a wonderful church family. We cannot wait for all of you to meet our little one soon!

Love, Jacob & Aimee Haught





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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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Monday-Friday 8am-11am

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Sunday School //9:30am  
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