

←←←—VISUABLES Continued

The Book of Proverbs declares that the end result of being a fool is ruinous (10:14).

Despite the claims of those with PhDs and regardless what the pundits may write denying God’s Word – the need for the Lord in our lives hammers on our heartstrings. And the Divine, Unseen Player continues to play ever so gracefully.

Filling our needs with His music . . . a symphony of ministry. A duet of faith and hope. An orchestration of the fruit of the Spirit with His instruments of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

So, how are you and the Lord doing? Are you in harmony with Him? Is your life in tune with His will? May we, as a church, continue to read aloud the inspired Word and allow God to play His music through us.

Blessings,
◇< John

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**Feb 19 -- Part 6:
“Compassion”**

Today's Scripture Reading

Romans 2:1-24

“For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.”

Romans 2: 11-12, 16 NKJV

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Turlock CHURCH of Christ

Take the Next Step

February 12, 2017

Entering to WORSHIP

Learning to SERVE

SUNDAY AM - 10:45

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SUNDAY PM - 5:00

WEDNESDAY PM - 7:00

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Welcome!

We appreciate your presence.
We especially welcome all of our
guests and invite you back
at any time.

VISUABLES - The Player

I really enjoy the fact that this congregation dedicates itself to the public reading of Scripture (1 Timothy 4:13). Last Sunday night, we read the latter half of Romans chapter one. When I heard verse twenty-two read it triggered a memory of a parabolic story that appeared in The London Observer about a family of mice who lived all their lives in a large piano. To them in their piano-world came the music of the instrument, filling all the dark spaces with sound and harmony. At first the mice were impressed by it. They drew comfort and wonder from the thought that there was an invisible Someone who made the music — above, yet close to them. They loved to think of the Great Player whom they could not see.

Then one day a daring mouse climbed up part of the piano and returned very thoughtful. He had found out how music was made. Wires were the secret; tightly stretched wires of graduated lengths that trembled and vibrated. They must revise all their old beliefs: none but the most conservative could any longer believe in the Unseen Player. Later, another explorer carried the explanation further. Hammers were now the secret, numbers of hammers dancing and leaping on the wires. This was a more complicated theory, but it all went to show that they lived in a purely mechanical and mathematical world. The Unseen Player came to be thought of as a myth. Yet, though their limited vision kept them from seeing who he was, the Unseen Player continued to play.

Do you still hear the sounds the Player plays? When I hear His songs, they help everything make sense. Has the American mind become so educated that it has out-thought and distanced itself from *faith* in order to be *intelligent*? Must the two be mutually exclusive? It says in **Romans 1:22, "Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools."** True atheists are only a minority, but they are by no means silent. They heavily influence presidents of universities and editors of the media. Biblically based Christian faith within our culture has been out of vogue for decades and our society is showing the consequences. In the Bible, a fool is someone who stubbornly refuses to comply with God's wisdom and directives. Fools satisfy their carnal impulses and refuse to exercise self-control.

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PRAYER AND ENCOURAGEMENT NEEDS

Esther Farnstrom would like to thank everyone for the prayers on behalf of her brother, **Howard Langford**. His cancer is in complete remission. **Brenda Armistead**, Don Findley's sister, was at Memorial Hospital on life support. She has since been taken off and is doing much better. Kathy Findley's **Aunt Helen**, who lives in Tennessee, has been placed on Hospice. Also, a **young boy** that Kathy knows (who cannot be named) was in a van with other kids on their way to school when he jumped out and was hit by another car. He is awake and remembers everything but has several broken bones. Marilyn House has requested prayers for **Doug Hickman**, who has a brain tumor, and for his family. Lillian and Vern Ford visited with us last Sunday and requested prayers for **Lillian**. She suffered a stroke in December and is receiving physical therapy. **Cristina Andrada's** mother recently passed away and she has requested prayers for her brother, **Chris**, who is taking it very hard. Janet Blair would like to say thank you to everyone who showed so much love and support for her daughter **Chrissy and baby Noah**. Unfortunately, they had to take Noah back and are deeply saddened by this. Please pray for **Adam Enos and his family** as they mourn the loss of a close family member.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Holly Penick, Brenda Armistead, Sherry, Elizabeth, Mike Summerlot, Carol Anderson, Steve Prine, Jim Madsen, Edie and Roland Ferrari, Bill Falk, Bud Robb and Taneeka Williams.

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Week of February 5, 2017	Weekly Budget	\$ 4,999
Attendance -	Contribution	\$ 6,322
Sunday Morning Bible Class 66	YTD Below Budget	-\$ 3,834
Sunday Morning Worship 159	New Families -	
Sunday Night Worship 31	Responses/Prayer Requests—2	
Wednesday Bible Class 58	Baptisms -	

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

Open/Close/Organizer this week:
Matt Rickard, 968-4628

This Morning

Greeters Bob and
Ellen Fletcher

Song Leader Joe Tapley

Opening Prayer Bill Falk

Lord's Supper Mark Anglin
Matt McCranie
Stephen Tucker
Lee Dayton
Kelan Blewitt
Kenneth Rickard
Steve Prine

Attended Nursery - Megan Jigour
Children's Bible Hour - TBA

Open/Close/Organizer next week:
August Spradling, 595-2256

Next Sunday Morning

Greeters Bill and
Norma Falk

Song Leader David Jigour

Opening Prayer Hoy Brown

Lord's Supper Joe Tapley
Tim Davis
Sam Flippins
Dan Borrás
Rod DeLaney
Chuck Bergendahl
Derek Gustafson

Attended Nursery - Lysie Isaac
Children's Bible Hour - Joe Tapley

Month of February

Scripture Reader - Bob Fletcher

Prepare Communion - Jennifer Bobst/
Valerie Collins

Women's Group Leader:
Sheri Yagi

Fixer Upper

Part 5: "Yearning" (Matthew 5:6)

Opener

I. What are you hungry for?

- A. Need or greed? _____
B. Humility and hunger are _____.
Deut 8:2-3 _____
C. Irony of the paradox: _____

II. What does it mean to hunger and thirst?

- A. Americans don't really know what it is to hunger and thirst.
B. The idea is _____.
Psa 63:1 _____

III. For what are we to hunger?

- A. Most folk think we are to hunger for _____.
B. Many church goes hunger for _____ experiences.
Many church goes seek happiness in the _____
_____.

IV. What is the result?

- A. We get _____!
Eph 3:19 _____
Psa 107:9 _____

Closer

The Greek King Tantalus: _____

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY 14

Senior Saints in Oakdale @ noon

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### FEBRUARY 19

#### Teachers Meeting @ 4PM

If you are, have been or ever wanted to be a teacher or an assistant, please come to this meeting. The Spring Quarter starts February 26. If you have any questions, see David Jigour.

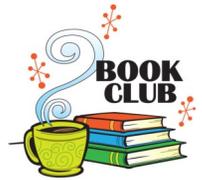
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March 6

The Book Club is resuming and will meet to discuss "Waking the Dead" by John Eldredge at Panera on March 6 at 7:00pm. If you have any questions, please call Marna Bynum or Ellen Fletcher.

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### March 11

#### 2nd Annual Turlock CoC Round-Up

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. There is no set cost but donations will be accepted.

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March 18

The group will be hosting dinner at the Turlock Gospel Mission.

