

←←←—VISUABLES Continued

The one quality which insulates them from the ring's demonic influence? They are meek. Jesus made clear that the greatest heroes in His kingdom possess this same characteristic.

God has fixed a principle, a law of life, that is immutable – meekness is non-optional if you want His blessings. Jesus said of Himself, "I am gentle and humble in heart." An infant born in a cattle stall reveals the meekness of Jesus. Quietly submitting to His Father's will as they try, beat and murder Him, reveals the meekness of Jesus. From beginning to end Christ demonstrated the power this beatitude holds over evil.

Father, thank You for reminding us that our weakness is not having meekness. May we brave the obstacles ahead knowing that we have been offered the victorious weapons in spiritual warfare – a submissive spirit and a courageous faith. Help us humbly carry upon our necks the Master's yoke, which is easy and light. And one day if You count us faithful in the tasks You've assigned, give us rest for our souls. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessings,
◁> John



**Feb 12 -- Part 5:
"Yearning"**

Today's Scripture Reading
Romans 1:1-16
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"I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."  
**Romans 1:14-16 NKJV**

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**"SUNDAY NIGHT TOGETHER"  
ALL GROUPS MEET AT THE  
BUILDING, 5:00PM**

Welcome Family, Friends & Guests  
**Turlock**  
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Take the Next Step

**February 5, 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 - Gentle

When asked, "Hey John, what is your favorite all-time movie?" Without difficulty I reply, "Lord of the Rings." The power of the story, depth of acting and immersive cinematography is simply unmatched in my estimation. The Trilogy totals more than ten hours and all of that without a sex scene or any profanity. Amen! My kudos to director Peter Jackson and New Line Cinema for their allegiance to adapting J.R.R. Tolkien's creation to the cinema without folding in modern, and popular, offensive elements.

What conditions in Tolkien's life shaped his world view? The world wars he witnessed? Being raised by a priest to be a devout Catholic surely influenced his writing and its emphasis on good versus evil. I'm convinced Tolkien wanted his readers to realize *how* good triumphs. I believe he wanted us to grasp one exceptional trait. This one personality trait is elusive to find today. In fact, the name of this characteristic is completely missing in modern print and never heard in dialogue.

When was the last time you read or you heard the word "meek" used outside of church? Not even preachers give the word much attention which shows this is a rare characteristic even within the kingdom of God. The biblical definition of meekness is beautifully uncomplicated. The Greek word "praus" simply means a gentle and humble attitude that expresses itself in submissiveness. It is power divinely controlled. It is the opposite of pride and the absence of malice. In **2 Corinthians 10:1-4** the Apostle lays out the potency of this trait, "**I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ — I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away . . . For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds**" (ESV).

In the Lord of the Rings, it is diminutive Hobbits who destroy the strongholds. All full size characters in the story cannot wear the ring without swiftly succumbing to its evil influence. It is Frodo Baggins who bears the burden of carrying the ring to its fate. This "halfling" and his loyal servant, Samwise Gamgee, possess one quality the other brave characters do not.

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Lucille Hampton's memorial services were held Thursday morning. She had many family and friends present celebrating her life. Please continue to remember **Sharon Dayton** and **Carolyn DeFeo** as they mourn the loss of their mother and all of her extended family as well.

## PRAYER AND ENCOURAGEMENT NEEDS

**Holly Penick** came forward last Sunday morning asking for strength and courage for decisions and issues she is facing. **Brenda Armistead** fell. She was bruised but nothing was broken. Destiny Marquez requested prayers for her friend, **Sherry**, whose cancer has returned. Betty Mathis requested prayers for her daughter, **Elizabeth**, who has the flu. **Mike Summerlot** was in the hospital last Sunday night due to kidney stones. **Carol Anderson**, Doug Cherry's sister, was in the hospital due to fluid around her heart. **Steve Prine** and others with him have been sick while in the Philippines. **Jim Madsen** is home and recovering well after shoulder surgery. Visitors are welcome. **Edie Ferrari** and her husband, **Roland**, are both being treated for cancers and are home bound. No visitors please but calls and cards are welcome. **Bill Falk** is very sick. Please pray he does not have pneumonia. **Luke Isaac** had several days of testing this past week as part of a job application process. Pray that he did well and can get a job closer to home. **Bud Robb** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and plans to start radiation treatment next month. **Taneeka Williams**, a former member here and a good friend of Kathy Findley, had a close friend pass away recently. She is having a difficult time dealing with this loss and other issues she is having in her life.

## CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Vic and Anna Baugus, Alfreda Stow, Clyde and Charlotte Amburn,  
Willie Lee Ellis, Patsy Rice and Richard Maxfield.

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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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| Week of January 29, 2017      | Weekly Budget               | \$ 4,999 |
| Attendance -                  | Contribution                | \$ NA    |
| Sunday Morning Bible Class 89 | YTD Below Budget            | - \$ NA  |
| Sunday Morning Worship 167    | New Families -              |          |
| Sunday Night Worship 62       | Responses/Prayer Requests—2 |          |
| Wednesday Bible Class 57      | Baptisms -                  |          |

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

Open/Close/Organizer this week:  
Dan Borrás, 535-0223

This Morning

Greeters Orval and  
Diane Welch  
Song Leader Stan Gustafson  
Opening Prayer Steve Mayfield  
Lord's Supper Sam Flippins  
Hoy Brown  
Doug Isaac  
Derek Gustafson  
Perry Stinson  
Harold Blewitt  
Rod DeLaney

Attended Nursery - Donna Nelson  
Children's Bible Hour - Brenda Bunnell

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

Next Sunday 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

Month of February

Scripture Reader - Bob Fletcher  
Prepare Communion - Jennifer Bobst/  
Valerie Collins  
Women's Group Leader:  
Sheri Yagi

# Fixer Upper

Part 4: "Gentleness" (Matthew 5:5)

## Opener

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### I. What does Jesus mean by "meek"?

- A. The Greek word carries rich meaning
- B. The teaching triad:  
Eph 4:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Col 3:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
Titus 3:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. The word "meek" used to describe \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Cor 10:1 \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Meekness is not weakness!  
It is \_\_\_\_\_ under \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Look who the Bible calls meek:  
Numbers 12:3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt 11:29 \_\_\_\_\_

### II. How do we become meek?

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Take a close and hard look at the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: See things from faith's point of view
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Entrust the \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_ into God's care
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Apply this \_\_\_\_\_

### III. How is gentleness rewarded?

- A. Blessedness
- B. We \_\_\_\_\_ the earth  
Rev 21:1 \_\_\_\_\_

## Closer

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## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### TODAY

Come back at 5PM for  
Sunday Night Together!



### FEBRUARY 7

Area Wide Singing, 7PM @ Whitmore

### FEBRUARY 11

#### *"Night at the Café."*

5-7PM at the Main Street Café in Hughson. \$5 per person. Hosted by the Blairs, Kathy Findley and the Bigelows. There will be food, crafts and games so come spend an evening hanging out and having fun. Please R.S.V.P. to Marramonie Blair or Donna Nelson by February 8.



### FEBRUARY 14

Senior Saints in Oakdale @ noon

### 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.

