

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
AND EVENTS**

NO POTLUCK TODAY!

SUNDAY NIGHT TOGETHER

All groups meet at the building
tonight at 5:00pm.

AREA WIDE SINGING - 7:00pm,
Tuesday, January 3, at Empire.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8:

DEACONS' MEETING, 12:15pm
in the conference room. Perry
Stinson is the moderator.

ELDER TIME, 4:00pm in Room
18.

L.I.F.E. GROUPS resume.

YOUTH DEVO, 7:00pm at the
Waller's Ranch.

NO SENIOR SAINTS IN JANUARY.

**ANNUAL CORPORATION
MEETING**

Sunday, January 15, immediately
following morning worship.

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**CHANGE FOR
KIDS**



\$377.38
collected!

This is an ongoing effort and you
may pick up your can and start
again. Thank you for caring for
the kids of Agape Village!

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The office will be closed:
Monday, January 2.



Today's Scripture Reading
Acts 25:13-26:23

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"Therefore, having obtained  
help from God, to this day I  
stand, witnessing both to small  
and great, saying no other  
things than those which the  
prophets and Moses said would  
come—that the Christ would  
suffer, that He would be the  
first to rise from the dead,  
and would proclaim light to  
the Jewish people and to the  
Gentiles."  
Acts 26:22-23 NKJV

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

Welcome Family, Friends & Guests

**Turlock  
CHURCH  
of Christ**

Take the Next Step

**January 1, 2017**

Entering to WORSHIP

SUNDAY AM - 10:45

SUNDAY PM - 5:00

Learning to SERVE

SUNDAY AM - 9:45

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 - Prepared

Are you an armchair prognosticator? Do you like to predict what lies ahead in our future? I know that many of us dwell on such things on New Year's Day. Well, I must warn you that State Section 899 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of New York states, "persons pretending to forecast the future" can be considered disorderly as defined by subdivision 3, section 901 of the code. Such disorderly people are liable to a fine of \$250 and six months in jail. So, you might want to avoid posting your predictions on Facebook.

I doubt that many of us would fancy ourselves as prophets. However, it is entertaining to try and guess what the future holds. With that in mind, consider the surprises of the past several decades. We have been devastated by the AIDS virus and persistent prevalence of cancer. We've been stunned to see an upsurge in heavy drug use, teen violence, unwed mothers and suicide. There once was a wave of liberalism in politics but the pendulum swung toward the right, then back to the left and now appears to be swinging back to the right. Materialism and consumerism are binding more and more into debt. We have seen the fall of the hero, the moral and ethical decline of priests and high profile preachers which has caused the ridicule of Christianity in much of the media. We have also had to watch missionaries in foreign fields come back to the U.S. due to lack of funds caused by a stubborn apathy for global evangelism.

It seems as though the entire mess crept up on us and left its dirty residue wherever it went. Now for the coming year, what's next? I don't know exactly but I do know it will bring more surprises. As someone once said, "We should be more concerned about the future, because that is where we will have to spend the rest of our lives."

New Year's Day is a time to reflect on the past. A time to forgive others and grant forgiveness to ourselves for wrongs done. It's a time to look ahead, dream, make goals and plans to improve ourselves. It's also a time to prepare. How does God prepare us for the unknown ahead? By using His Word to teach us, to train us. Certain traits can be gleaned through carefully reading the Bible. These qualities have secured countless Christians through the upheavals of time. Here are some verses that reveal the bigger attributes necessary to always be

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## PRAYER AND ENCOURAGEMENT NEEDS

Betty Mathis went forward last Sunday morning to re-dedicate her life to Christ and be a better Christian. Patsy Rice, a former member, is in very serious condition at UC Davis Hospital. She had a blood clot in her leg that necessitated an amputation of her lower leg and her doctors are very concerned that she might lose the knee. Please remember Mark Rice also. Lucille Hampton was kept in the emergency room over night and then admitted to Emanuel Hospital on Wednesday. She has a severe case of the flu and was dehydrated. Carolyn Defeo is having tests to determine a course of treatment. Sheila Parnell (Hughson) had surgery on Tuesday to repair a hip/femur that was broken in a fall. The surgery went well and recovery should take 6-12 weeks. Verna DeLaney is now at home and doing better. Maverick, Donna Nelson's six month old grandson, has a lung condition and difficulty breathing. Cheryl Cline, Diane Welch's sister, has pneumonia. Steve and Angela Prine have been ill for several days. Betty Mathis's sister had knee surgery on Wednesday. Megan Jigour's aunt passed away suddenly last week after a short illness. Katie van Zee has had the flu.

## CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Those who are grieving: Karen Tackett, Destiny Alvarado, Adam Enos and the Isaac Family. Austin Segars, Doyle Dortch, Amanda Wortham, Ben Yagi and Ignacio Alvarado's sister, Maria.

## NEW YEAR

I do not ask to understand  
The way thou leadest me,  
But this I ask: Teach me to do  
The thing that pleases thee.  
I want to know thy guiding voice,  
To walk with thee each day.  
Dear Master make me swift to hear  
And ready to obey.  
And thus the year I now begin  
A happy year will be,  
If I am seeking just to do  
The thing that pleases thee.  
Unknown Author

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| Week of December 25, 2016       | Weekly Budget                 | \$ 4,999   |
| Attendance -                    | Contribution                  | \$ 3,243   |
| Sunday Morning Bible Class 68   | YTD Below Budget              | - \$27,566 |
| Sunday Morning Worship 151      | New Families - 10             |            |
| Sunday Night Worship/L.I.F.E. — | Responses/Prayer Requests - 5 |            |
| Wednesday Bible Class 47        | Baptisms - 5                  |            |

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

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

This Morning

Greeters Bob and  
Ellen Fletcher

Song Leader Tim Davis

Opening Prayer Adam Enos

Lord's Supper Ray Nelson

Steve Mayfield

Steve Prine

Lee Dayton

Jim Madsen

Perry Stinson

Hoy Brown

Attended Nursery - Donna Nelson  
Children's Bible Hour - August and  
Carey Spradling

Sunday Night Together  
John McCranie

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

Next Sunday Morning

Greeters Orval and
Diane Welch

Song Leader Joe Tapley

Opening Prayer Bob Fletcher

Lord's Supper Mark Anglin

Matt McCranie

Chuck Bergendahl

Doug Isaac

Harold Blewitt

Adam Enos

Attended Nursery - Megan Jigour
Children's Bible Hour - Brenda Bunnell

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Month of January  
Scripture Reader - Mark Anglin  
Prepare Communion - Dolores Davis  
Women's Group Leader:  
Dana Rickard

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prepared. 1 Corinthians 16:13, "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong." Proverbs 23:23, "Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding." Colossians 4:2, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." 2 Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

Father in heaven, we really don't need to know what the future holds. What we truly need is to fully trust You by getting to know You better by reading Your Scripture. Help us rely on Your Bible like a trustworthy disaster survival kit. Help us to never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. Amen.

Blessings,  
◇◇ John

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### C.I.A. ICE SKATING DAY

Saturday, January 7th.

Meet at the Enos home at 11am for a Sandwich Lunch.

Afterwards we will go skating at

Fields of Ice in Turlock

from 12-2pm.

The cost is \$10 per person,

Lunch included.

Please R.S.V.P by January 4th  
so that the Enos family will have  
enough food for everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact  
Adam or Ruth Enos or Donna Nelson.



## The Best Gifts

Part 7: "Forgiving Ourselves"

### Opener

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#### I. God is \_\_\_\_\_ than our hearts 1 John 3:19-20

A. Why is it important to remember this.

B. The Conscience

James 4:17 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 2:14-15 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 14:23 \_\_\_\_\_

Jeremiah 17:9-10 \_\_\_\_\_

C. "The \_\_\_\_\_":

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D. What we are really saying to God:

E. What does lingering guilt says about us? \_\_\_\_\_

Psa 103:10-14

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#### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ for those who forgive themselves 1 John 3:21-24

A. We have open hearts.

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B. Look what happens to our prayers! :22

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C. The Holy Spirit gives us \_\_\_\_\_

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### Closer

Philippians 3:12-14

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