

←←←—VISUABLES Continued

Father, are we so busy in our flocks that we cannot hear the cries for help of those stranded in sin? Attune our ears to the weeping of the worn-out. We must be urgent but not impetuous. The only way we can teach others is to have already learned the lesson ourselves. Remind us, Lord, of the fear and the tears of being stranded on our own cliff sides. Remind us that we are the rope in Your hands to rescue the grieving. Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted. Amen.

Blessings, <> John

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**Feb 5 -- Part 4:
"Gentleness"**



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YouTube channel!

Several of John's sermons were recorded on video and they are posted on YouTube. Go to YouTube.com and check it out. We encourage you to share with your friends and family! You can also find links to these sermons on our Facebook page and our turlockcoc.org website.

Today's Scripture Reading
Acts 28:11-31
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"So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved."  
**Acts 28:23-24 NKJV**

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**January 29, 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 - Grieving

In the Highlands of Scotland, sheep love to wander. A Scottish sheep will often stray off into the rocks and get into places from which they can't get out. They say the problem is that the grass on these mountains is very sweet and the sheep like it. They love it so much they will even jump down ten or twelve feet to reach some, but then they can't jump back up again. They may be there for days, and they won't even mind that much as long as there is grass to eat. But once it's all consumed they regret their actions. The shepherd then hears the sheep bleating in distress but will deliberately wait until they are so faint that they can barely stand. It is then he will go to them, put a rope around them, and pull that sheep up out of the jaws of death.

Why don't Highlander shepherds go and rescue their sheep when it first gets in that predicament? Why wait so long? Well, it's actually for long term survival. You see, sheep are dumb but have good memories. If the shepherds rescue them too soon, the sheep is so foolish it would dash right back over the precipice for the remaining sweet grass and possibly be killed in doing so. While they are strong, their appetite is stronger. That appetite can lead to death – something it won't forget. But it's insightful that the shepherd only intervenes when the animal is exhausted.

This is the way with our Great Shepherd. He knows the sinner won't go back to Him until they have no hunger for the things of the world. So, He waits until they have spent themselves in foolish living. He waits until they see their friends for what they truly are. He waits until the world's allure has lost its appeal. This shepherd will wait until He hears a bleat. God responds to stranded calls for help from depleted sheep. The Prodigal's father did not search him out. Instead he waited until the wanderer came home squandered.

We too are called to be shepherds. When we hear a lost lamb cry for help, the Chief Shepherd calls us to the rescue. Sometimes we must let others hit bottom and become wearied by their actions before spending our efforts in pulling them up. Far too many souls have broken free from the church only to dash over a precipice to their destruction.

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## PRAYER AND ENCOURAGEMENT NEEDS

Charlotte Amburn has requested prayers for **Clyde Amburn**. He is in the hospital in Abilene, Texas with complete loss of function to his legs. They are running tests to find out what is causing this. Also, please continue to pray for **Charlotte and Willie Lee**.

Ray Nelson has requested prayers for **Alfreda Stow**. She is in a hospital in Oklahoma with fluid around her heart and other health problems.

**Patsy Rice** is at English Oaks in Modesto. She still has an infection but is doing better. Thank you to everyone for the phone calls, cards and prayers. They expressed their love for everyone. Please continue to pray for the infection to clear and for healing.

Please keep **Vic and Anna Baugus** in your prayers. Vic has not been feeling well.

## CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Connie Norstrom, Jerry Wickstrom, Austin Segars, Lucille Hampton, Patsy Rice, Richard Maxfield, Diane Welch, Jan Martin and Ben Yagi.

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March 11

SAVE THE DATE!!



Don't miss out
on our
Second Annual
Round Up
Dinner

Week of January 22, 2017

Attendance -	
Sunday Morning Bible Class	84
Sunday Morning Worship	169
Sunday Night Worship	73
Wednesday Bible Class	57

Weekly Budget	\$ 4,999
Contribution	\$ 3,509
YTD Below Budget	- \$ 4,015
New Families -	
Responses/Prayer Requests—1	
Baptisms -	

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

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

This Morning

Greeters	Bill and Norma Falk
Song Leader	Joe Tapley
Opening Prayer	Ray Nelson
Lord's Supper	Hoy Brown Steve Mayfield Adam Enos Harold Blewitt Doug Isaac Rod DeLaney Derek Gustafson

Attended Nursery - Michelle Tapley
Children's Bible Hour - August and
Carey Spradling

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

Next Sunday Morning

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

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

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Month of February

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

Fixer Upper

Part 2: "Regret" (Matthew 5:4)

Opener

I. Why does Jesus mean "Blessed are those who mourn"?

- A. In the Greek there are ___ different verbs for grief.
- B. In Scripture not all mourning is righteous.
1 Kings 21:4 _____
2 Sam 13:2 _____
2 Sam 18:33 _____
- C. The kind of sorrow Jesus is talking of _____ sorrow
2 Cor 7:6-10

- D. See the connection between this and the 1st Beatitude?

- E. It's mourning over the death of your _____ with God.

II. What is Reward?

- A. Etymology
- B. **2 Cor 1:2-5**
- C. Of all people who do you want to comfort you most?

Closer

Luke 9:23-24 _____

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY 5

The first potluck of the New Year! It is also *Super Bowl Sunday* so...Sheri Yagi is asking that every one bring their favorite Super Bowl appetizer, chocolate dessert or sign up to bring an ingredient for the taco bar. Sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer.



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



MARCH 6

The Book Club is resuming. We are reading "Waking the Dead" by John Eldredge. The first meeting to discuss this book will be March 6 @ 7PM at Panera. If you have any questions, please call Marna Bynum or Ellen Fletcher.

