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Are you in a difficult place today because the winds of trial are sweeping over your life? Remember when you are walking through a valley...a mountaintop experience lies ahead. Instead of complaining, thank God for the assurance that, “after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.” (1 Peter 5:10)

Being strengthened by the strongest being in the universe sounds pretty good, doesn't it? Having the Almighty Himself affirm who you are and what you're doing is exactly what is needed after enduring hardship. There is a reward for those who adjust their attitude and await the added power and grace that come through adversity.

Blessings,
◇◇ John

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PREACHING
Next Sunday
Daniel Walker
“Remove Sin”

Website Update
Members Only

Today's Scripture Readings
Acts 7:44-8:25
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“However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says:  
“Heaven is My throne,  
And earth is My footstool.  
What house will you build for Me?  
Says the Lord,  
Or what is the place of My rest?  
Has My hand not made all these things?”  
Acts 7:48-50 NKJV

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Welcome Family, Friends & Guests

# Turlock CHURCH of Christ

Take the Next Step

**July 31, 2016**

**Entering To Worship Learning To Serve**

Sunday am—10:45  
Sunday pm—6:00

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.

*Please welcome Glenn Colley, our guest speaker  
this morning. He and his wife, Cindy, conducted  
the Marriage Enrichment Seminar the past two days.*

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## VISUABLES - Bristlecone

Last Monday morning I was at 8,600 feet elevation in Angel Fire, New Mexico in the mountains near Taos. I recently finished preaching at the amazing Angel Fire Bible Symposium and was enjoying a day of rest and reflection in this quiet, wooded setting. During that rumination I was reminded of an article that appeared in the Reader's Digest telling about a most unusual tree called the Bristlecone Pine. Growing in the western mountain regions, sometimes as high as two or more miles above sea level, these evergreens may live for thousands of years. The older specimens often have only one thin layer of bark on their trunks. Considering the habitat of these trees—such as rocky areas where the soil is poor and precipitation is slight—it seems almost incredible that they should live so long or even survive at all.

The environmental adversities, however, actually contribute to their longevity. Cells that are produced as a result of these rigorous conditions are densely arranged, and many resin canals are formed within the tree. Wood that is so structured can withstand enormous adversity. The article made an interesting point saying, "Bristlecone Pines in lower elevations and richer conditions grow faster, but die earlier and soon decay. The harshness of their surroundings, then, is a vital factor in making them strong and sturdy."

How similar this is to the experience of Christians who graciously accept the hardships God allows to come into their lives. In 2 Corinthians 1:9 we read, "Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God..." This has proven one of my own personal challenges. I still opt first to rely on my own strength and only after that fails do I rely on God. You would think after thirty-four years of following Christ I would have learned better. This just reminds me that the great challenge in faith is truly trusting God.

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## PRAYER AND ENCOURAGEMENT NEEDS

**Mike Summerlot** is scheduled to have surgery tomorrow in San Francisco.

**Carl and Bonita Wallers** will be travelling for the next few weeks.

**Jami and Zaidyn Blewitt** will be leaving Texas tomorrow and returning home on Tuesday.

**Esther Farnstrom** has a compression fracture in her spine after taking a fall. Prayers requested for healing and freedom from pain.

Continue to remember **Dalton and Willie Lee Ellis** as they have been home bound for quite some time dealing with advancing age.

Betty Mathis requested prayers for her sister, **Mary**, who fell and broke some ribs.

Martha Gomez asked for prayers for **Yuri and Andy Duran** and **Armando Lopez** who are having family problems.

**Anthony Washington** has been ill.

Walter Jackson asked for prayers for the **Scott family** who are having some medical issues.

The memorial service for **George House** will be at the Hughson Church of Christ on Friday at 10:30 am. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made in George's name to the Hughson Christian School.

**Richard and Carol Maxfield** will be travelling home in a couple of weeks.

## CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Staci Isaac, Bethany Garman, Brenda Armistead, Susie Tandy, Chris Nunes and his cousin, Katie van Zee, and Verna and Rod Delaney.



Week of July 24, 2016

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| Attendance -               |     |
| Sunday Morning Bible Class | 81  |
| Sunday Morning Worship     | 153 |
| Sunday Evening Worship     | 55  |
| Wednesday Bible Class      | 62  |

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| Weekly Budget               | \$ 4,999  |
| Contribution                | \$ 3,086  |
| YTD Below Budget            | -\$12,073 |
| New Families -              | 7         |
| Responses/Prayer Requests - | 4         |
| Baptisms -                  | 5         |

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

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

This Morning

|                |                                                                                                        |
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| Greeters       | Ruth, Myreia<br>and Tiara Enos                                                                         |
| Song Leader    | John McCranie                                                                                          |
| Opening Prayer | Tim Davis                                                                                              |
| Lord's Supper  | Bill Falk<br>Sam Flippins*<br>Lee Dayton<br>Clifford Falk<br>Hoy Brown<br>Jim Madsen<br>Harold Blewitt |

Attended Nursery - Lysie Isaac  
Children's Bible Hour - Adam Enos

This Evening

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Song Leader    | David Jigour   |
| Closing Prayer | Walter Jackson |

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

Next Sunday Morning

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| Greeters       | Bill and<br>Norma Falk                                                                                          |
| Song Leader    | John McCranie                                                                                                   |
| Opening Prayer | Mark Anglin                                                                                                     |
| Lord's Supper  | Stan Gustafson<br>Jim Browning*<br>Harold Blewitt<br>Lee Dayton<br>Rod Delaney<br>Steve Tucker<br>Kelán Blewitt |

Attended Nursery - Terri Rolling,  
Sherrill Farnstrom

Children's Bible Hour - David Jigour  
Next Sunday Evening

SONGFEST

Month of August

Scripture Reader - Steve Mayfield  
Prepare Communion - Ruia Walker  
Women's Group:  
**Men in charge this month!**

# HUGHSON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NOW HIRING

Yard Duty/Lunch Room Assistant  
for the 2016-2017 School Year.  
Looking for a healthy and energetic  
person to start August 9.

Please contact Sheila Parnell at 209-883-2874  
to schedule an interview.



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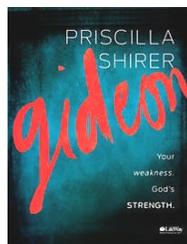
## Women's Bible Study

Led by Sheri Yagi

"Your Weakness God's Strength"

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM at the building.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheri Yagi.



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**YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE...THE NEW SESSION**  
**SPORT FOCUS IS SOCCER AND FLAG FOOTBALL.**  
**SATURDAY MORNINGS, 9:00-11:00AM.**

SEE JOHN MCCRANIE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

**BOOK CLUB** - resumes at 7:00pm on Monday, August 1, at the Walker home. The book selection will be the one originally planned for July. If you have any questions, please see Daniel.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - 6:30pm, Tuesday, August 2. Please see Sheri Yagi for more details.



**AREA WIDE SINGING** - 7:00pm, Tuesday, August 2, at the Hughson congregation.

**YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE** - 9am - 11am, Saturday, August 6. K-3rd Soccer and 4th-8th Flag Football. See John McCranie for more information.

### FIRST SUNDAY ACTIVITIES, AUGUST 7



**PHOTOGRAPHER** - Esther will be available in the conference room following morning worship. Anyone who is not included on the foyer picture board and those needing to update their photo are highly encouraged to see Esther.

**DEACONS' MEETING** - In the conference room at 4:30pm. Steve Mayfield is scheduled to be the moderator.



**EVENING WORSHIP** - 6:00pm.

**CHILI COOKOFF** - and potluck, August 7, 2016. **MEN!** You are responsible for all of the kitchen activities for this potluck! This includes cooking, setup and cleanup. The main event will be a CHILI COOKOFF to be judged by a panel of women. Side dishes will also be needed, including homemade ice cream. Joe Tapley is heading up this month's potluck. If you would like to compete in the cookoff, help out with food and serve in this event, please contact Joe. There is also a sign up sheet in the foyer.

