



Agape Villages

**COATS FOR KIDS!**

We are collecting coats, new or gently used, that will be given to Agape Kids. There is a tub in the foyer where they may be dropped off. Other warm gear is also appreciated...

If there are questions, Linda Tucker is heading up this activity.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR AGAPE KIDS!**

6:00pm, Thursday, December 8 at the Manteca Bowl.

Everyone is invited.

\$12 will sponsor a child and \$48 will sponsor a foster family; If you have any questions, please contact Hank Lawson.

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**WEBSITE INFORMATION**

Check out photos from the Fall Festival!



Website: turlockcoc.org  
Members Access Page  
Photo & Calendar Login Information:  
Email: turlockfamily@mail.com  
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Today's Scripture Reading  
Acts 21:26-40  
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"Now as they were seeking to kill him (Paul), news came to the commander of the garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. He immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul."  
Acts 21:31-32 NKJV

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Welcome Family, Friends & Guests

**Turlock CHURCH of Christ**

Take the Next Step

**November 20, 2016**

Entering to WORSHIP

Learning to SERVE

SUNDAY AM - 10:45

SUNDAY AM - 9:45

SUNDAY PM - 5:00

WEDNESDAY PM - 7:00

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**Doug Isaac**

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## Welcome!

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

## VISUABLES - Thankful

In 2007, I visited a leper colony during a mission trip to India. It was a government-sponsored facility far removed from all other villages. My team had arranged to have meals prepared for each of the lepers we expected to meet. The meals were tightly wrapped in newspaper and tied with yarn. We also had in our van boxes of Bibles in the Tamil language and were excited to present these to the colony.

Upon our arrival we were instructed to meet with the village chief and the lepers underneath a huge tree in the center of the compound. When we climbed out of the van the chief came up to greet us and his people remained seated in the shade of the tree. The chief was an exceptionally short man, missing several digits from each hand and yet was very bold and commanding. He was definitely what we would call an "alpha male." Louis Swakkiam served as our spokesman and interpreter. Two of the preachers on our team grabbed the tub from the van that held the meals and brought it under the tree. The chief inquired what it was and he then told Louis that his people were ready to hear our message.

I preached about why we had traveled half way across the world. That we were compelled to help them in their condition and that we ourselves once had terrible diseases - spiritually - and life had become very discouraging. I spoke of the beautiful result of turning to Christ in faith to heal us and make our lives manageable. I finished by explaining that when the Word became flesh He shared in our humanity (Heb. 2:14) and that Jesus knows from experience how difficult it is to be human in a fallen world. His compassion for those who were hurting was the source of our compassion to be there that day.

All the while as I was preaching, it dawned on me that there is probably no other malady that makes a person more self-conscious than leprosy. The entire time, lepers were hiding their hands and bare feet from view. When the chief pointed to the tub and gave us permission to hand out the meals, Louis and I grabbed several and began to give them to each person there. They were very grateful for the food but at the same time deeply embarrassed that we could see they were missing teeth, fingers, toes and even hands and feet.

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## PRAYER AND ENCOURAGEMENT NEEDS

Prayers were requested for the family of Deputy Sherriff Wallace who was killed while on duty last Sunday and also for all of those serving in law enforcement.

Walter Jackson requested prayers for, Mary Miles, a friend of his family. She has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Willie Lee Ellis has had some heart issues in the past few weeks.

Charlotte Amburn was seeing her doctor to be scheduled for knee surgery.

On Friday, Edie Ferrari's husband, Roland, was scheduled to have a biopsy on the lung tumors.

Carl and Bonita Wallers have travelled to Oklahoma and will be gone for about another week.

Sherryl Murray will be having an angiogram to determine if she needs a stent. She is scared but is trusting in God.

Maria Alvarado was to have tests to check for an aneurysm. Please pray for all of the Alvarado family.

Carol and Richard Maxfield's daughter, Susan Dias is recovering from surgery.

The Walker family arrived safely in Kentucky. Please remember them all as they settle in to their new home.

## CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Austin Segars, Lucille Hampton, Marilyn House, Megan Jigour's father, Marilyn Machado, Kathy Findley, Amanda Wortham, Naomi Baldwin, Edie Ferrari, Ruth Yates and Pearl Graves.

## NEW BABY!

Congratulations to Lynna and Jared Jeffries. Their daughter, **Phoebe Jane**, arrived Monday, November 14 at 3:28pm. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Vaughn and Sue Jeffries and Tim and Vicki Davis. Great Grandmother is Dolores Davis. All are doing well.

Week of November 13, 2016

Attendance -  
Sunday Morning Bible Class 84  
Sunday Morning Worship 214  
Sunday Night Worship 58  
Wednesday Bible Class 53

Weekly Budget \$ 4,999  
Contribution \$ 5,029  
YTD Below Budget - \$18,640  
New Families - 10  
Responses/Prayer Requests - 5  
Baptisms - 5

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

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

This Morning

Greeters Steve and  
Linda Tucker  
Song Leader Stan Gustafson  
Opening Prayer Hoy Brown  
Lord's Supper Sam Flippins  
Adam Enos  
Steve Mayfield  
Kenneth Rickard  
Carl Fletcher  
Jared Jeffries

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

Open/Close/Organizer next week:  
Steve Mayfield, 668-1431

Next Sunday Morning

Greeters Katie Cook and  
Winkelman Family  
Song Leader Stan Gustafson  
Opening Prayer Jim Madsen  
Lord's Supper Tim Davis  
Perry Stinson  
Chuck Bergendahl  
Derek Gustafson  
Hoy Brown  
Steve Prine  
Steve Tucker

Attended Nursery - Lysie Isaac  
Children's Bible Hour - Brenda Bunnell

Month of November  
Scripture Reader - Tim Davis  
Prepare Communion - Ellen Fletcher  
Women's Group Leader: Patty Anglin

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

**ELDER TIME** - This afternoon at 4:00pm in Room 16.

**L.I.F.E. GROUPS** - resume tonight. Please see John if you have any questions.

**C.I.A. ACTIVITY** - 5:00pm, Saturday, November 26. Parents are highly encouraged to attend. There will be a short devo led by John McCranie followed by a parent meeting. Students will be preparing Christmas cards that will be given to some select members. Dinner will be provided. Please let Donna Nelson know if you are planning to attend. A Scavenger Hunt will finish out the evening.

**AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL** - 7:00pm, November 27, at the Wallers' Ranch. Soup and Mac'n'Cheese are on the menu. Side dishes may be brought. The next devo will be December 11. (Menu: Nachos and Tacos). Any questions, please see Carl Wallers or call Eric Wallers (209) 874-1002.

**DEACONS' MEETING** - Following morning worship Sunday, December 4.

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### OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed  
Thanksgiving Day.

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### FALL FESTIVAL T SHIRTS

If you borrowed an orange church t-shirt, please return it (clean, please!) to Mike Summerlot as soon as possible.

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### HOLIDAY PROGRESSIVE DINNER

SAVE THE DATE!

**DECEMBER 9**

The Welch L.I.F.E. Group is hosting  
the annual Progressive Dinner.

A signup sheet is in the foyer and the cost is  
\$5 per person. The deadline

for reservations is Sunday, December 4.

More information to come...



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Then came a sequence of surprises. I instructed a young preacher to retrieve a box of Bibles from the van. He brought them to me and I grabbed one and presented it to the chief as a gift. He was shocked that we had given him such an expensive gift. We then asked his permission to give each person under the tree a Bible and he heartily agreed. As they clung to their meals and Bibles, I stated that we wanted to provide food for both their bodies and their souls. The lepers became surprisingly animated. I asked Louis what they were saying and with tears in his eyes he said, "Brother John, they are praising God."

Luke 17:11-19 records the story of ten lepers that Jesus healed. *"One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He **threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him**, and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and **give praise to God except this foreigner?"***

Being thankful leads us to being worshipful. Gratitude changes everything because it changes our whole perspective. It changes us from angry, sullen, negative complainers and whiners to sensitive, caring and joyful Christians. Heartfelt gratitude is the only appropriate response to the reception of God's tender mercy. An attitude of gratitude causes us to praise God. That is thanksgiving!

As the team drove off in the van all of us were also praising God, thankful that we were used by Him to bring such joy to such suffering people. May this time of Thanksgiving be a time when our minds and hearts are dominated by thoughts of gratitude and the worship of God.

Blessings,  
<>< John

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### SPECIAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

WEDNESDAY EVENING

NOVEMBER 23

We will all join together  
for a special time of thanksgiving.

Classes will not be held this week and will  
resume on the 30th.