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him." (11:6). I believe the toughest part of that verse is not in believing God's existence but in trusting that God will bless us if we purposively seek to please Him. It is very easy to become short-sighted. We do a few things God requires and expect full-blown bounty from heaven. When it doesn't come fast enough, we give up on the demands of discipleship. As Hebrews makes clear, only those completely committed to God's ways obtain salvation. The promise He makes is this: No matter how pressured you feel to return to your old life, remember if you stay the course you will be with Him in paradise.

How do we stay the course? How do we remain faithful? That's found in another passage that burns the fog off our horizon. *"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."* (12:2-3). The reward is out there and it's big even though we can't see it. Let us persevere, for Jesus' sake.

Blessings,  
◇< John

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### WEBSITE INFORMATION

**Pre-Register for the  
Fall Festival!**  
Check out other information  
in the members'  
section of the website.

Today's Scripture Reading  
Acts 18:1-23  
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"And he (Paul) reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks. When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was constrained by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ."  
Acts 18:4-5 NKJV

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**SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP  
5:00PM AT THE BUILDING**

Welcome Family, Friends & Guests

# Turlock CHURCH of Christ

Take the Next Step

**October 16, 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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## Welcome!

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

## VISUABLES - Seeing Clearly

Years ago while preaching in Simi Valley, my youth minister, D.J. Iverson, and I accepted an invitation to attend Pepperdine's annual preacher's luncheon. We opted for taking my convertible since the weather was gorgeous. It had been windy recently; so windy it felled a tree in the church's parking lot. But this day was perfect. Winding our way through Las Virgenes Canyon toward the coast we were having animated conversations about all the things that mattered to us; family, ministry, music, and life experience. But the talking was suspended once we crested the summit and got the shot. That shot being the new expanded view.

I never tired of driving down that two-lane grade with its powerful presentation of the Pacific. It's a panoramic view that encompasses rugged mountains, the vast blue ocean and white sand beaches. But this time it was . . . majestic. I could not only see much, I could see for miles. Because of those recent winds there was no smog. The light from the low winter sun was reflecting off the calm water causing a wide shimmer. As my eyes traced its outline, I realized I was seeing something I had never seen from this vista. That's what replaced our banter with silence. D.J. blurted, "Whoa, what is that? It looks like a mountain." I said, "It looks like an island!" Now our minds began to process. An island? Which one? We knew it couldn't be one of the Channel Islands because we were too far south. Back at my office a quick search on Google Earth gave the answer. What D.J. and I saw was Catalina.

It's a rare day indeed when one can see Catalina from Malibu. There's something to this. That island has been there all along but we couldn't see it for the poor air quality. Then it struck me. God has made great promises to those who please Him. Those promises are like that island. Always there but difficult to keep in mind. The daily grind of life smogs our view of God's presence. We lose sight of the Lord and the rewards He promises to those who are faithful.

Read the Book of Hebrews this week. In it you will see a theme: "Don't turn back and never give up." Here's an excerpt, *"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who*

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## PRAYER AND ENCOURAGEMENT NEEDS

Verna Davidson has contracted a 'super bug' and is not doing well.

Mike Summerlot's uncle, John Shipman, is undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

John and Becca McCranie's friend, Pam Alfred, had surgery and the cancer was not as bad as her doctors originally expected.

Destiny Alvarado sent thanks for the prayers offered on behalf of her mother, Linda Perea. She attends the Sonora Church of Christ and became a member last week. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Gabby asked for prayers for her faith and to be a better Christian.

## CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Fran Browning and family, Kathy and Don Findley, Isaiah, Willie Lee Ellis, Melissa Stevens, Betty Mathis and Tammy Austin and family.

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## THANK YOU!

*Diane Welch sends her thanks to everyone who helped by working in the kitchen, bringing food, and cleaning up for the luncheon after the Browning memorial service. The family also appreciated it very much!*

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## ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE

**"SCARY MONSTERS" YOUTH FORUM, "My Soul to Take," LUKE 12:13-21. Friday-Sunday, October 28-30. Martinez Church of Christ. More information is available in the office.**

Week of October 9, 2016

|                            |     |
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| Attendance -               |     |
| Sunday Morning Bible Class | 91  |
| Sunday Morning Worship     | 165 |
| Sunday Night Worship/LIFE  | 87  |
| Wednesday Bible Class      | 78  |

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| Weekly Budget                 | \$ 4,999  |
| Contribution                  | \$ NA     |
| YTD Below Budget              | -\$20,760 |
| New Families - 10             |           |
| Responses/Prayer Requests - 4 |           |
| Baptisms - 5                  |           |

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

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

This Morning

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| Greeters       | Matt Rickard and David Gardner                                                                                 |
| Song Leader    | John McCranie                                                                                                  |
| Opening Prayer | Orval Welch                                                                                                    |
| Lord's Supper  | Stan Gustafson<br>Dan Borrás<br>Harold Blewitt<br>Hoy Brown<br>Chuck Bergendahl<br>Tim Davis<br>Jared Jeffries |

Attended Nursery - Donna Nelson  
Children's Bible Hour - David Jigour

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

Next Sunday Morning

Greeters	Orval and Diane Welch
Song Leader	Stan Gustafson
Opening Prayer	Jim Madsen
Lord's Supper	Mark Anglin Joe Tapley Sam Flippins Steve Prine Steve Tucker David Jigour Kenneth Rickard

Attended Nursery - Marcia Downey  
Children's Bible Hour - Brenda Bunnell

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Month of October  
Scripture Reader - Derek Gustafson  
Prepare Communion - Brenda Bunnell  
Women's Group: Diane Welch,  
Lou Jenkins

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

**ELDER TIME** - This afternoon at 4:00pm in Room 16 and again on October 30.

**AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL** - October 23, 7:00pm, at the Wallers' Ranch. Mexican food for dinner is provided. Side dishes may be brought. The next youth devotional is November 13 (Hot dogs, chili and chips are on the menu). Any questions, please see Carl Wallers or call Eric Wallers (209) 874-1002.

**FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING** - Wednesday, October 26, following Bible class. This will be a time to go over the final details prior to the Fall Festival. Everyone who has signed up to help and anyone who still wants to help in any way should plan to attend this meeting.

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**FALL FESTIVAL - Saturday, October 29, 5:00-7:00pm.**



**FALL FESTIVAL ITEMS NEEDED:**

**WORKERS!**

- CHIPS - INDIVIDUAL SERVINGS**
- CANDY, HOT DOG BUNS**
- WATER, MINI-CUPCAKES**

- EXTENSION CORDS**
- LARGE SIZE ICE CHESTS**
- POP-UPS, OUTDOOR LIGHTING**

You may start bringing these items NOW.

During the week, the building is open from 9:00am-3:00pm.

Please contact MIKE SUMMERLOT for more information.

**True Wisdom**

1Corinthians 2.6-16; Sunday Morning, 10.16.2016

*"We impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory." (1Corinthians 2.7, ESV)*

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