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made it happen received a big blessing too. Before long, Dana Rickard and I came up with the TITUS 3:14 MINISTRY and appealed to members to donate cash or gift cards so we could build a fund for future needs. You guys stepped up and ten other students were blessed. This school semester we have already received and filled requests for two students.

If you would like to join our Titus 3:14 Ministry team, let me or Dana know. We can always use more shoppers and those who can deliver the items. If you want to be a contributor, then we ask that you give cash or VISA GIFT CARDS. We are phasing out using Walmart and Target gift cards since VISA cards can be used anywhere clothing and personal item bargains happen. Hand your donation to me, Dana or Donna Nelson. Notify us if you need a special donation letter from the church for tax purposes.

I am grateful for the trees in the Turlock Church orchard that bear bountiful fruit. Our congregation is blessed with members that have a heart to meet urgent needs. They hear of someone in distress and they are filled with compassion to improve that person's condition by supplying them with what they need. Like Jesus said, "...a tree is known by its fruit." (Matthew 12:33).

Blessings,
◇◇ John



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Today's Scripture Reading
Acts 15:6-35
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"And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: 'Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as He did to us, and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.'"  
Acts 15:7-9 NKJV

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

Welcome Family, Friends & Guests

# Turlock CHURCH of Christ

Take the Next Step

**September 18, 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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**SUNDAY NIGHT  
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**5:00pm**

**TONIGHT**

## Welcome!

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

### VISUABLES - Titus 3:14 Ministry

When reading the end of the Apostle Paul's letter to the evangelist Titus, he concludes with a list of names. You probably haven't heard many sermons on these believers. Evidently Artemas, Tychicus, Zenas and Apollos were men dedicated to carrying out Paul's directives so that his mission continued to impact the region. These are the kind of people who have made the kingdom run through all the ages. Because of them needs got met. Being around these kinds of Christ-followers, you are changed somehow.

Now as Paul completes his letter he writes, *"And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful."* We see that the apostle is adamant that the preacher get the church members to learn something. Only this isn't a scripture learning thing. This isn't another Bible class teaching what the Word of God says. This is not a devotional but a devotion. This is being dedicated and committed to doing good works in order to benefit others. In so doing, these members ensure they are fruitful.

In my backyard I have a dozen rose bushes. There is one bush that grows like crazy and I have had to prune it more than the rest to keep it under control. The thing is that in sixteen months of watering, feeding and pruning, that plant has yet to produce one single rose. So, guess what? I'm going to dig that thing out and plant something that will produce. It is important that a fruit tree be in the right orchard. Nevertheless, there is something even more paramount than being planted in correct soil – namely, that the tree bears fruit.

Last spring, I discovered from the Turlock Unified School District's Department of Student Services that there are more than one hundred "invisible families" that have students registered and attending our schools but do not have their own permanent address. They are staying at someone's home (likely a relative) and often are impoverished, lacking basic necessities. These families can submit a request for clothing, backpacks, blankets, etc. I spoke to the woman in charge of this and told her that the Turlock Church of Christ wants to help these kids and to please forward these requests to me by email. Within a week we had our first request and filled it within a few days. The items were delivered much to the joy of the student, and the sister who

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## PRAYER AND ENCOURAGEMENT NEEDS

Bobbie Deffee had to be treated for a serious kidney and urinary tract infection this past week.

Stan and Barbara Gustafson are travelling this coming week.

Jim Browning is still recovering. Jim and Fran would like to thank everyone for their visits, cards and calls.

Susie Tandy will be in Alaska for the next three weeks.

Kathy Findley requested prayers for her friend, Nadine, and Nadine's aunt, Yolanda, who was in a coma after surgery.

### CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Armando Gomez, Willie Lee Ellis, Ruth Yates, Mike Summerlot, Ashton, Linda Carvallo, Betty Mathis, Richard Maxfield, Dorothy Nelson, and Bobbie Deffee's daughter and grandchildren: Collette, Gabriel and Kimariyan.

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### MISSING ITEMS

Several toy items are missing from the Cradle Roll classroom. The teachers ask that they be returned as soon as possible!

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### ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE

**2016 EQUIP WORKSHOP, "Our Strange, Alien Existence," Friday-Sunday, September 23-25, Woodward Park Church of Christ, Fresno. A flyer with the schedule of speakers and other activities is posted on the foyer bulletin board.**

**FAIRWAYS FORE FOSTER KIDS, Agape Villages Fundraiser, Friday, September 23. More information and registration forms are in the foyer.**

**2016 WEST VISALIA CHURCH OF CHRIST YOUTH FORUM, "Labeled," Friday-Sunday, October 7-9. The Forum is for 7th grade - Young Adults. See the schedule of events posted on the foyer bulletin board. Housing and meals are free. Registration on-line is required. Go to: [www.wvcoc.org/youth-forum](http://www.wvcoc.org/youth-forum)**

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Week of September 11, 2016      | Weekly Budget                 | \$ 4,999  |
| Attendance -                    | Contribution                  | \$ 3,562  |
| Sunday Morning Bible Class 102  | YTD Below Budget              | -\$16,769 |
| Sunday Morning Worship 182      | New Families - 10             |           |
| Sunday Evening Worship/LIFE 103 | Responses/Prayer Requests - 4 |           |
| Wednesday Bible Class 69        | Baptisms - 5                  |           |

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

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

This Morning

Greeters Doug and  
Staci Isaac

Song Leader Jeremy Davis

Opening Prayer Ray Nelson

Lord's Supper Sam Flippins  
Harold Blewitt  
Adam Enos  
Hoy Brown  
Caleb Fletcher  
Perry Stinson  
Doug Isaac

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

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

Next Sunday Morning

Greeter Dan Borrás

Song Leader John McCranie

Opening Prayer Bob Fletcher

Lord's Supper Tim Davis
Sam Flippins
Kelan Blewitt
Rod DeLaney
Steve Tucker
Kenneth Rickard
Jared Jeffries

Attended Nursery - Megan Jigour
Children's Bible Hour - Adam Enos

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Month of September

Scripture Reader - Ethan Mayfield

Prepare Communion - Becky Benere

Women's Group: Linda Tucker,  
Linda Nelson

## You Are Divided!

1Corinthians 1:10-17; Sunday Morning, 9.18.2016

*"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment." (1Corinthians 1.10, ESV)*

**T / F – 21<sup>st</sup> century Americans should be able to identify very well with the people and church in Corinth.**

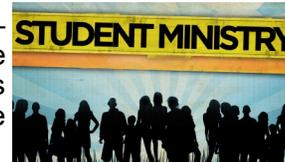
**The scenario: DIVISION (1.11-12)**

**The appeal: UNITY (1.10)**

**The reason: JESUS CHRIST (1.13)**

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

**STUDENT MINISTRY ACTIVITY—**  
**TODAY** following morning worship. The group is going bowling! If anyone has questions about this activity, please see Donna Nelson.



**ELDER TIME** - This afternoon at 4:00pm. The elders have set aside a regular time (on even dated Sundays) to be available for anyone to meet with them. This is an informal opportunity to bring any concerns or positive feedback to them.

**AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL** - 7:00pm, September 25th at the Wallers' Ranch. A main dish will be provided (baked potato bar) and side dishes may be brought. The next youth devotional will be on October 9th and spaghetti is on the menu. If you have any questions, please see Carl Wallers or call Eric Wallers.

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### FIRST SUNDAY ACTIVITIES - OCTOBER 2

**PHOTOGRAPHER** - Esther Farnstrom will be available in the conference room following morning worship for anyone needing their picture added or updated on the foyer picture board.

**POTLUCK** - immediately following morning worship. A group leader and workers are needed...please step up!

**DEACONS' MEETING** - 3:30pm in the conference room. Brian Blair will be the moderator.

**ELDER TIME** - 4:00pm. (See above.)

**SUNDAY NIGHT TOGETHER** - October 2, at 5:00pm. All groups will meet for worship at the building.

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**BOOK CLUB** - 7:00 pm, Monday, October 3, at the Walker home. The book for discussion is *A Prayer for Owen Meany: A Novel* by John Irving. It is available on amazon.com. Please see Daniel if you would like more information.

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### BABY SHOWER

*Save the date! There will be a shower for Lynna Jeffries at 11:00am on Saturday, October 7, in the Fellowship Hall. Lynna is registered at Target and Babies R Us.*

*Hosted by Bethany Fletcher — please RSVP to her.*



*(Please note the corrected phone number.)*