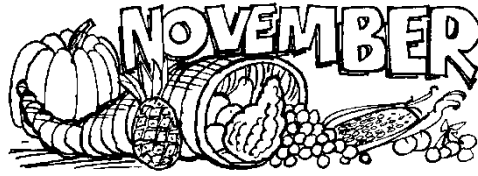


ANNOUNCING



Mariners: To be announced

Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, November 13, at 9:30am

EVERY MONTH SCHEDULE

Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Worship Hour	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Commissions	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
General Board	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Friday Fellowship	Friday	1:00 p.m.
Mariners	3rd Friday	1:00 p.m.
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

Friday Fellowship gathers at 1:00 p.m. every Friday for lunch. Mariner's meet at 1:00p.m. on the third Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome to both. Please join us!

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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;
he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.



You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. *Psalm 91, vs. 1-6*

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

PRAYER CONCERNS



Pat Benton – Back Pain
Lindy Frantz – Healing from Surgery
Suzanne Frantz – Healing from Surgery
Josephine Moore – Rehab for Back Surgery
Beverly Welch – Stability and Safety Blessings



WHEN FAITH GIVES WAY TO FEAR

Thoughts inspired by Charles Stanley

When your faith gives way to fear you make a mess of things. We must do things **God's** way not our own. And we **must not** allow fear to interrupt God's plans for us. Genesis chapter 12:1-3 we find God's unconditional promise to **Abraham** when God asks him to leave his country and travel to a new land. God promises Abraham that he will be a great nation; that God will bless him and make his name great; that he will be a blessing to others. God will bless who bless Abraham and curse who curse Abraham. Abraham claimed God's promises to him. Then became fearful for there was famine in the land, and traveled to Egypt. In the grip of fear Abraham claimed his beautiful wife was his sister. Pharaoh took her into his house and treated Abraham well. But God punished Pharaoh for this sin with **Sarah**. He asked Abraham why he did this to him. Abraham answered that he was afraid for his life. Pharaoh sent him away.

Fear moves our focus from God to our circumstances. We begin with faith then focus on the circumstances and we lose our focus on God and things go bad for us. *Our focus must stay on God.* Keep your eyes on **Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit**. Do not change because your circumstances change. When we step out of the will of God, plan of God, purposes of God; trouble comes. Fear takes over when we make decisions on human reasoning, instead of faith in God. Abraham reasoned that he needed to go where the food was. The reasonable thing to do is not always the right thing. When we forget how good God is we take things into our own hands. Abraham should have sought God and followed what God said to do.

God is our provider and protector *so trust God always*. At times we are totally dependent on God so He can teach us or mature us toward **His kingdom**. Obedience is doing what God says to do. When He says to do it, how He says to do it and when we don't, we pay the price for our disobedience. Abraham's focus began guiding him and he walked away from God and God's will. Abraham focused on himself, willing to trade his precious possessions for his life. When we forget God's promises and fear men life goes wrong for us. When we go where we should not be, we do what we should not do, and feel what we should not feel, then we pay a price we don't want to pay. Faith gives way to fear when we make ungodly decisions. God's way is not always comfortable.

Abraham should have stayed in the land God gave him and believed God would provide for him. When we are willing to cause others pain and great harm in order to protect ourselves, hardships will come We can rationalize wrong behavior. Once we are out of the will of God we cannot assure the next stop and life goes down. You might delay God's plan but you cannot change it by your decisions or behavior, When my faith gives way to my fears I will make a mess of things, no matter what.

When fear takes over things get worse, never better. Decisions based on fear never honor God.
Follow God only and trust Him no matter the circumstances.
He, and you, will prevail in the end.

HOW BLESSED AM I?

Author Unknown

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness . . .
you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment,
the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation . . . you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death . . .
you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep . . .
you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, money in your wallet, and spare change in a dish somewhere . . .
you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder . . .
you are blessed because you can offer healing touch.

If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare, even in the United States.

If you can read this message . . . you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world
that cannot read at all.

If you hold your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful . . .
you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.



GOOD STUFF CORNER

A movie I am recommending for your viewing and enjoyment: "*God's Not Dead III A Light In Darkness*". We bought it at Majesty Christian Bookstore in Modesto; it is a great movie!

Susan Price

AUGUST 2018 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 32

Giving:

Local:	\$6,118.00
Sunday School:	66.00
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	53.00
Other:	535.40
Total:	\$6,772.40



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POSITIVE INSIGHTS

“That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

With God’s help, I preached the same sermon in the pulpit every Sunday for thirty years. It has had a little variation but it is the same theme, namely: If an individual will surrender his life to Jesus Christ, accept Him as Lord and Savior, and condition his life according to His will, he will have the precious secret of life. I believe that today even more so than in the days gone by. I believe there is no human problem, no human weakness, no human frustration that cannot be solved, overcome, and a victory attained if a person will build his life around Jesus Christ and live by His principles. To me it is that simple.

Life Lifter: We may live victoriously, not because we have any power within ourselves, but because when we give ourselves to God, He gives Himself to us. This is the great key to humble self-confidence. The unconquered and unconquerable of this world are those who hold ever fresh in the hearts an abiding faith in God and in their own destiny. Don’t waste mental energy brooding over past events or worrying about the future. Live a day at a time and do a job at a time. Practice creative anticipation, the power of positive expectation. Have confidence that you can draw the best, not the worst, to yourself.

Norman Vincent Peale

SHED SALE

Thank you friends for all the help at our **Shed Sale**, to make it a success. Thanks **Butch** for the help with all those tables! **Total Sales: \$320.00.**

Kathleen

Don’t waste life in doubts and fears; spend yourself on the work before you, well assured that the right performance of this hour’s duties will be the best preparation for the hours and ages that will follow it. *Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82)*

DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

14th – Jerry & Amy Stokes

BIRTHDAYS

01st – Heather Winchester

02nd – Ken Barklow

03rd – Wendla Dyer

05th – J.J. Storne

08th – Erica Price

10th – Candice Arellano

11th – Merle Snider

18th – Clark Hartman

Tim Vaughn

20th – Jerry Goodman

Harold Harger

22nd – Mary Rariden

25th – Uriah Winchester

26th – Geri Masellis

30th – Laura Snyder

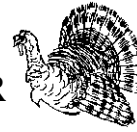


If we have missed wishing you a happy birthday or a happy anniversary, we may not have your dates.

Please turn in your name and dates to the church secretary. You are important to us!



NOVEMBER 2018 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 Luke 10:25-37 Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Molly Arellano Donna Ayres	2 Isaiah 46:3-4 Elaine Azevedo Ben Baker Ken Barklow Shirley Beekley	3 Philippians 4:4-9 Don & Pat Benton Wanda Bollinger Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam.
4 Exodus 3:7-15 Pastor & Teachers Ron Cadruvi & Fam. Helen Campbell Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy	5 Philippians 4:10-13 Ashley Cooksey & Family Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp Karen Davis & Family	6 Psalm 34:1-9 Jean Davisson Gary & Charlotte DeHart Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family	7 Joshua 1:1-9 Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zack Fear Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin	8 Malachi 3:6-10 Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman	9 Isaiah 40:27-31 Thomas & Patricia Guthrie Betty Harms & Fam. Clark & Melanie Hartman	10 Genesis 18:1-15 Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam.
11 Philippians 2:1-7 Pastor & Teachers David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family	12 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Norman Johnson Randy & Teri Johnson & Family Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott & Fam.	13 John 4:1-26, 39-42 Eunice Lasater Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes	14 2 Peter 1:3-11 Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Edna May Miller Josephine Moore	15 John 10:1-6 Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish & Fam.	16 James 5:13-16 Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family Dennis Peterson Marge Peterson	17 Ephesians 3:14-19 Eileene Petros Oscar Phan Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family Skip & Kathleen Powell
18 Genesis 45:4-15 Pastor & Teachers Jeff Price Jeremy & Erica Price & Family	19 1 Kings 19:1-14 Joel & Susan Price & Family John & Kathy Price Nathan & Kim Price & Family	20 Ephesians 1:15-23 Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Fam.	21 Matthew 14:22-33 Lana Royer Vance Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Family	22 1 Chronicles 16:34-36 Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder & Family Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford	23 Philippians 3:10-14 Loretta Stein & David Jerry & Amy Stokes & Family Jerry & Judeen Stokes	24 2 Samuel 22:1-7 J.J. & Soleena Storne & Family Veronica Suderman & Family Arthur Syverson
25 Exodus 6:1-7 Pastor & Teachers Mark & Amber Syverson & Family	26 1 John 5:11-15 Mike Syverson Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent	27 Psalm 121:1-8 John & Sue Vacca Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family	28 Matthew 21:18-22 Linda Ward & Family Bev Welch Roger & Cynthia Welch & Family	29 2 Samuel 22:29-31 Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam.	30 Psalm 118:24-29 Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt	



PRAYER















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NOVEMBER 2018 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1  4:15pm Christmas Choir	2  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Old Mill Cafe 600 9 th Street	3 FIRST SATURDAY  9:00am-2:00pm
4 All Church Potluck <small>(Finger Foods Only)</small> Daylight Savings Ends 2:00am <small>(Set clock back one hour)</small>	5	6  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	7  7:00 am Government Commodities Distribution	8  4:15pm Christmas Choir	9  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Golden Bowl 7144 Hughson Ave.	10
11	12	13 EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 9:30am Women's Fellowship Mtg.	14	15  4:15pm Christmas Choir 6:00pm Board Meeting	16 11:00am Mariners Round Table Century Center	17
18  Harvest Dinner	19	20  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon Mirror Deadline	21	22  Thanksgiving Day Church Office Will Be Closed	23 NO MEETING	24
25 FALL LOVE FEAST TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP	26	27  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	28	29  4:15pm Christmas Choir	30  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at La Morenita 226 S. Golden State Turlock	

EVERY SUNDAY

- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am Informal Worship
- 11:00am Worship Hour