

**Mariners: To be announced**

**Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, March 19, at 8:30am**

**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           | 2nd 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 second 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** – Migrains & Back Pain

**Ron Cadruvi** – Heart Surgery

**Don & Suzanne Frantz** – Cancer Treatment

**Kirby Frantz** – Tumor Treatment

**Cheryl Leib** – Healing from Knee Replacement Surgery

**Dennis Peterson** – Eye Surgery Pending

**Jeff Qualls** – Cancer Treatment

**Beverly Welch** – Stability and Safety Blessings



## GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

Thoughts from Charles Stanley (continued from January)

*Listening to God is part of the Christian life.* The all knowing God knows what is best for you. You can wait, the problem is you do not want to wait. Look at your own life: Are you living according to God's plan, His will for your life? Are you asking God for direction and guidance in your life? Are you asking Him about His timing in your life? Or are you making up your own mind doing your own THING? Do not be deceived by appearances. Sometimes we are just impatient and do not wait on God. **Listening to God is absolutely essential to walking with God.** And walking with God is the only way to a Godly life. God will provide, His way in His timing. Fear of failure can cause us to get ahead of God. You never go wrong listening to God and following His lead. **Submit to God and do the RIGHT thing.** God will tell you if you will ask Him.

God will lead you to success if you follow Him. The issue is always the will of God. God's way or your way. God's way may not be the easy way but it is always the right way. Our vision is limited, God's is not. Without listening to God you will not have God's best for you. We delay God's purposes for our life when we do it our way. Not following God's plan creates disharmony in our life. God acts in behalf of those who wait for Him.

We must trust God to have His guidance. Happiness, Joy, Peace, Contentment, and Satisfaction is worth more than anything else and these only come from obedience to the will of God. Choose God and live the best life possible. Trust, surrender and obedience is the key to a Godly life.

**So how are you doing?**

*Pastor John*



## POSITIVE INSIGHTS

*“On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him, he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him.” Job 23:9*

Howard M. LeSourd was a dean of one of the colleges of Boston University. He is not emotional toward religion, yet he brings God into the little activities of life. He wrote to me a note saying, “Thank you for the Sunday morning services which have brought comfort and inspiration to us,” and went on to tell of this incident: “Last night our car stalled on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. It would not start.” His wife began to pray for help. “When she opened her eyes a man was standing by the car saying, ‘If you have a pair of pliers I think I can help you.’ I produced the pliers. He raised the hood, released the choke, and the engine started immediately.” Isn’t God wonderful?

That is a very simple illustration, but God always has His eyes on you. He notes the fall of a sparrow; even the very hairs on your head are numbered. So He is big enough to be interested in everyday human life.

**Life Lifter:** Always remember that you will receive as a result of prayer exactly what you think, not what you say. If you pray for achievement but think defeat, your words are idle because your heart has already accepted defeat. Therefore, practice believing that even as you pray you are receiving God’s boundless blessings, and they will come to you.

*Norman Vincent Peale*



## GOOD STUFF CORNER

**Youtube: Ron Wyatt: Amazing Discoveries Full.** A thought to consider. As Jesus was leaving he said to his disciples: “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

Our life is always deeper than we know, is always more divine than it seems, and hence we are able to survive degradations and despairs which otherwise must engulf us. *William James (1842-1910)*

## JANUARY 2019 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 30

### **Giving:**

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Local:         | \$4,609.00        |
| Sunday School: | 63.00             |
| Youth:         | 0                 |
| Messenger:     | 0                 |
| Mariners:      | 65.00             |
| Other:         | 551.00            |
| <b>Total:</b>  | <b>\$5,288.00</b> |



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# HOLDING ON TO EARTHLY THINGS

Author Unknown

There is an old legend of a swan and a crane. A beautiful swan alighted by the banks of the water in which a crane was wading about seeking snails. For a few moments the crane viewed the swan in stupid wonder and then inquired: "Where do you come from?"

"I come from heaven!" replied the swan.

"And where is heaven?" asked the crane.

"Heaven!" said the swan. "Heaven! Have you never heard of heaven?" And the beautiful bird went on to describe the grandeur of the Eternal City. She told of streets of gold, and the gates and walls made of precious stones; of the river of life, pure as crystal, upon whose banks is the tree whose leaves shall be for the healing of the nations. In eloquent terms the swan sought to describe the hosts who live in the other world, but without arousing the slightest interest on the part of the crane.

Finally the crane asked: "Are there any snails there?"

"Snails!" repeated the swan. "No! Of course there are not!"

"Then," said the crane, as it continued its search along the slimy banks of the pool, "you can have your heaven. I want snails!"

Why do we hold on so tightly to what we are familiar with? The things of heaven are so much superior; but we would hate to give up our "snails."

Lord, help us to desire the things of heaven.

## FUN

**Artist:** "Has there been any interest in my paintings?"

**Gallery owner:** "Well, I have good news and bad news. The good news is that a gentleman inquired about your work and asked if it would appreciate after your death. When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings."

**Artist:** "That's wonderful. So what's the bad news?"

**Gallery owner:** "The man was your doctor."

*No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.*

## DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH



### ANNIVERSARIES

24<sup>th</sup> – Don & Susan Wyatt

### BIRTHDAYS

01<sup>st</sup> – Cheryl Leib

04<sup>th</sup> – Suzanne Frantz

06<sup>th</sup> – Christopher Heiny

20<sup>th</sup> – Sarah (Wyatt) Peterson

26<sup>th</sup> – Ben Baker



*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!*



# MARCH 2019 PRAYER CALENDAR























| S   | M  | T  | W  | T   | F   | S  |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|
|   |  |  |  |   | 1<br>1 Corinthians 12:12-27<br><br>Sarah Adams<br>Gerald Allinson<br>Alex & Cathy Arellano<br>Molly Arellano<br>Donna Ayres | 2<br>Ephesians 3:14-19<br><br>Elaine Azevedo<br>Ben Baker<br>Ken Barklow<br>Shirley Beekley<br>Don & Pat Benton<br>Wanda Bollinger |
| 3<br>Matthew 18:23-35<br><br>Pastor & Teachers<br>Pauline Bert<br>Michael Best<br>Earleen Cadruvi & Fam.  | 4<br>Joshua 1:1-9<br><br>Ron Cadruvi & Fam.<br>Helen Campbell<br>Phyllis Caudle<br>Linda Carter & Ivy                | 5<br>John 15:12-17<br><br>Ashley Cooksey & Fam.<br>Naomi Covey<br>Arlene Cupp<br>Karen Davis & Family                      | 6<br>Acts 16:22-31<br><br>Gary & Charlotte DeHart<br>Chuck & Wendla<br>Dyer & Family<br>Jim & Sue Eikenberry | 7<br>Philippians 3:10-14<br><br>Zack Fear<br>Pam Franklin &<br>Cherith Franklin<br>Kerby & Heather Frantz               | 8<br>Psalm 18:1-6<br><br>Lyndall & Lois Frantz<br>Lloyd Fullmer<br>Jerry Goodman<br>Thomas & Patricia Guthrie               | 9<br>Psalm 42:5-8<br><br>Betty Harms & Fam.<br>Clark & Melanie Hartman<br>Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield<br>Marvene Hilkey              |
| 10<br>Philippians 3:17-21<br><br>Pastor & Teachers<br>Ryan & Kelly Heiny<br>& Fam.<br>David & Evelyn Hurlbut  | 11<br>John 14:15-19<br><br>Kevin & Deborah<br>Hurlbut & Family<br>Jay Irizarry<br>Norman Johnson                     | 12<br>Ephesians 5:17-20<br><br>Randy & Teri<br>Johnson & Fam.<br>Darlene Kennard<br>Sheryle Knott & Fam.<br>Eunice Lasater | 13<br>Matthew 25:31-46<br><br>Mary Lou Lee<br>David & Cheryl Leib<br>JoAnn Lusk<br>Norma Lutes               | 14<br>Matthew 7:9-12<br><br>Gerri Masellis<br>Ric Mason<br>Edna May Miller<br>Josephine Moore                           | 15<br>Exodus 31:1-11<br><br>Stacy Nelson<br>Suzanne Neptune<br>Kelly Olsson<br>Clifford Parker                              | 16<br>Philippians 4:10-13<br><br>Brad Parrish & Fam.<br>Tommie Parrish<br>Daymon & Sarah<br>Peterson & Family                      |
| 17<br>Matthew 14:13-21<br><br>Pastor & Teachers<br>Dennis Peterson<br>Marge Peterson<br>Eileene Petros<br>Oscar Phan  | 18<br>Proverbs 3:5-8<br><br>Jason & Kirsten<br>Piazza & Family<br>Skip & Kathleen<br>Powell<br>Jeff Price            | 19<br>Romans 5:1-6<br><br>Jeremy & Erica<br>Price & Family<br>Joel & Susan Price<br>& Fam.<br>John & Kathy Price           | 20<br>Mark 12:28-33<br><br>Nathan & Kim<br>Price & Fam.<br>Kay Qualls<br>Mike & Laura<br>Radcliffe & Family  | 21<br>Genesis 33:1-11<br><br>Mary Rariden<br>Charlotte Rice & Fam.<br>Lana Royer<br>Vance Shafer<br>Vern & Patty Shafer | 22<br>Psalm 148:1-14<br><br>Troy & Joy<br>Slaybaugh & Family<br>Marilyn Snider<br>Tony & Laura<br>Snyder & Family           | 23<br>Philippians 4:4-9<br><br>Gayle Stanfill<br>Glenn Stanford<br>Loretta Stein & David<br>Jerry & Amy Stokes<br>& Family         |
| 24/31<br>Romans 6:3-11<br>1 Samuel 1:1-28<br>Pastor & Teachers<br>Jerry & Judeen Stokes<br>JJ. & Soleena Stome & Fam.<br>Veronica Sudeman & Fam.<br>Arthur Syverson | 25<br>2 Corinthians 1:3-7<br><br>Mark & Amber<br>Syverson & Family<br>Mike Syverson<br>Natasha Towe<br>Carolyn Trent | 26<br>Jeremiah 29:10-13<br><br>John & Sue Vacca<br>Tim & Catherine<br>Vaughn & Family<br>Linda Ward & Family<br>Bev Welch  | 27<br>Psalm 139:1-6<br><br>Roger & Cynthia<br>Welch & Fam.<br>Josh & Heather<br>Winchester & Fam.            | 28<br>Matthew 9:35-38<br><br>Derek Wyatt<br>Don & Susan Wyatt<br>Donny Wyatt  | 29<br>Psalm 56:8-13   | 30<br>Hebrews 4:13-16  |



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**MARCH 2019**  
**ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**


| S   | M         | T  | W   | T  | F  | S  |
|---|-----------|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |           |  |   |  | <b>1</b><br><br>1:00pm Friday<br><b>Fellowship at</b><br><b>La Morenita</b><br><b>in Turlock</b>                | <b>2</b><br><b>FIRST</b><br><b>SATURDAY</b><br><br><b>9:00am-2:00pm</b> |
| <b>3</b><br><br><b>ALL CHURCH</b><br><b>FINGER FOOD</b><br><b>POTLUCK</b>  |           | <b>5</b><br><br><b>EMERGENCY</b><br><b>FOOD PANTRY</b><br><b>9:00am-Noon</b>    | <b>6</b><br>7:00 am<br><b>Government</b><br><b>Commodities</b><br><b>Distribution</b><br>6:00 pm<br><br><b>Bible Study</b> | <b>7</b><br><br><b>4:15pm Easter</b><br><b>Choir</b>   | <b>8</b><br><br><b>Mariners</b><br><b>11:30am</b><br><b>at</b><br><b>Round Table</b><br><b>Century Center</b>   |  |
| <b>10</b><br><br><b>Daylight Savings</b><br><b>Begins 2:00am</b><br><small>(Set clock forward<br/>           one hour)</small> |           | <b>12</b><br><br><b>EMERGENCY</b><br><b>FOOD PANTRY</b><br><b>9:00am-Noon</b>   | <b>13</b><br><br><b>6:00 pm</b><br><b>Bible Study</b>  | <b>14</b><br><br><b>4:15pm Easter</b><br><b>Choir</b>  | <b>15</b><br><br><b>1:00pm Friday</b><br><b>Fellowship at</b><br><b>Old Mill Cafe</b><br><b>Modesto</b>         |  |
| <b>17</b><br><br><b>All Church</b><br><b>Birthday Dinner</b><br><b>After Church</b>  |           | <b>19</b><br><b>EMERGENCY</b><br><b>FOOD PANTRY</b><br><b>9:00am-Noon</b><br><b>8:30am Women's</b><br><b>Fellowship Mtg.</b><br><b>at Fruit Yard</b>             | <b>20</b><br><br><b>6:00 pm</b><br><b>Bible Study</b>  | <b>21</b><br><br><b>4:15pm Easter</b><br><b>Choir</b><br><b>6:00pm Board</b><br><b>Meeting</b> | <b>22</b><br><br><b>1:00pm Friday</b><br><b>Fellowship at</b><br><b>Olive Garden</b><br><b>Modesto</b>        |  |
| <b>24/31</b>  | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br><br><b>EMERGENCY</b><br><b>FOOD PANTRY</b><br><b>9:00am-Noon</b> | <b>27</b><br><br><b>6:00 pm</b><br><b>Bible Study</b>  | <b>28</b><br><br><b>4:15pm Easter</b><br><b>Choir</b>  | <b>29</b><br><br><b>1:00pm Friday</b><br><b>Fellowship at</b><br><b>Dynasty</b><br><b>Coffee &amp; Sylvan</b> | <b>30</b>  |

**EVERY SUNDAY**

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