

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 National Day of Prayer - Community Prayer Services 12:00pm Stockton City Park	2	3 8:00am WMU Clean-up Day 6:00pm Sportsman's Banquet
4 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 12:00 pm Trustees Meeting 5:00pm WMU Meeting 5:00pm Youth, Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Children 7:00pm Business Meeting	5	6 6:00pm VBS Information Meeting & Dinner	7 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am No evening activities 7:00pm Baccalaureate Service at Stockton Assembly of God	12	13	14 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	15	16	17
18 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 2:00pm Stockton Graduation No evening activities	19	20	21 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	22	23	24 8:00am-3:00pm Mission Trip Fundraiser/Rummage Sale
	Meals on Wheels—May 19th thru 23rd					
25 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 10:45am Benevolence Offering 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27	28 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	29	30	31

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Birthdays
of the
Month

- Betty Jo Bryant
- Steve Ewing
Linda Porter
Jeanette Schmid
- Wyatt Turner
- Brad Belcher
- Colleen Collier
- Roger Turner
- Hannah Ewing
Larry Johnston
- Blanche Cowan
- Rachel Wheeler
- Dixie Dawes

Anniversaries
of the
Month

- Ed & Sandy Camp
- Roy & Dorothy Mantonya
- Jeff & Michelle Wheeler
Brad & Cindy Hall



I wanted to start by thanking everyone for your love and support Sunday. Thank you for the love offering. Thank you all who made and brought food.

Special thanks to Jeana Wilson for her incredible Bible cake. I felt so bad cutting into it, but we all enjoyed it so much. Chrissy and I didn't know what to expect when we moved here, but this church has consistently showed us how much we are loved and accepted into your family. On Sunday night some of you, my family, Chrissy, and I took part in my ordination which is a tradition almost two thousand years old. A great example found in Scripture is the thirteenth chapter of Acts. In the church at Antioch there were men who were serving as prophets and teachers. In this group of men were Paul and Barnabas. Verse three says that while they were worshiping together and fasting that the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul (Paul) for the work to which I called them." This work that God had for Paul and Barnabas was their first missionary journey during which they preached the gospel and planted many churches. After the Spirit spoke the church at Antioch laid hands on the two men and sent them off. There are three interesting things to note in this passage that we need to understand. First, it was the Holy Spirit who appointed or ordained the two to the ministry God was calling them to and it was the same Spirit who empowered their ministry. It was not the suggestion of the church, or even of Paul and Barnabas. Second, the church clearly recognized the call on the men and supported it. Third, the church at Antioch laid hands on the two men representing their commissioning and support of their God ordained work.

Sunday night I met with a council of ordained pastors who asked me questions about my conversion and my calling. There were questions about my theology, my understanding of Scripture, my personal walk, and spiritual disciplines. Darrel Auvenshine was there as a witness, attesting to my character and qualifications according to 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9. After the pastors affirmed my calling they presented me to the church who also affirmed the decision of the council. What followed was the laying on of hands, words of encouragement, and prayer by the council, then our family, then you our church family. It was such an amazing evening of God affirming, through His people, that we were in His will by moving to Stockton.

I grew up seeing ordinations both for elders and deacons and as a "regular" Christian felt at times somehow how lesser or less important because I didn't have a special calling like pastors or deacons. It is true that pastors have a special calling which not every believer is called to. Ephesians 4:11-12 teaches that there are certain men with a secondary calling whose job it is to build up the body of Christ and equip the church with the tools of service. However the service you and I are all called to is the primary ministry of all believers. Before I'm a pastor I'm first called as a disciple, to proclaim the gospel to all nations, calling those who don't know Jesus to be reconciled to Him (Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20). Obedience to this calling was the last thing that Jesus commanded his disciples here on earth. There is no end to this call until His return. Will we be moved out of compassion for the lost and obedience to our Savior to impact our community for the Kingdom of God? I hope that you will join me!



Sportsman's Banquet



6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 3rd
Here at FSBC in the CLC.

FREE TO AREA FAMILIES

Guest Speaker:

Eldon Combs

Springfield Sports Radio Personality

Men of the Church, please bring:
A-M (Side Dish), N-Z (Dessert)



Mission Trip Fundraiser

Saturday, May 24th
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

In the CLC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS

• JULY 7-11 • 6:00PM—8:30PM •

WEIRD ANIMALS:

WHERE JESUS' LOVE IS ONE-OF-A-KIND

Please call Stacie Spurgeon (276-5047) or the church office if you or someone you know would like to ride the church van to services on Sunday mornings.

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