



Mitchell Community Church

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Mission Statement

Developing Passionate Followers of Jesus Christ

We at Mitchell Community Church are dedicated to providing a Biblical ministry to the people of this community. Our goal is to provide love and support for each member of this body of believers and to share the love of Christ with all members of our community. We are convinced that the Bible is God's word to man. We believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised again on the third day according to the Scriptures..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)

If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact one of our Pastors or Elders.

Church Officers 2022 – 2023

Chairman	Randy LaFollette	
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Sunday School Superintendent	Jennifer Maimone	
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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:30 - Sunday School

10:15 – Coffee & Donuts

10:45 - Church



Our church calendar is online:

<https://www.mcchurchturlock.org/google-calendar/>

This Saturday!

Ladies Brunch on the Lawn

Join us for delicious food and special speaker! Mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends all welcome!

Saturday May 6th 10am
1507 S. Mitchell Rd. Turlock, CA 95380

Men!
Put these dates on your calendar...

Saturday, July 15th
**Men's Skeet Shoot & Corn Hole
Tournament**

Sept. 8 – 9
Men's Retreat at Pilot Lake

Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



**My flesh and my heart may fail, but
God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.**

(Psalm 73:26)

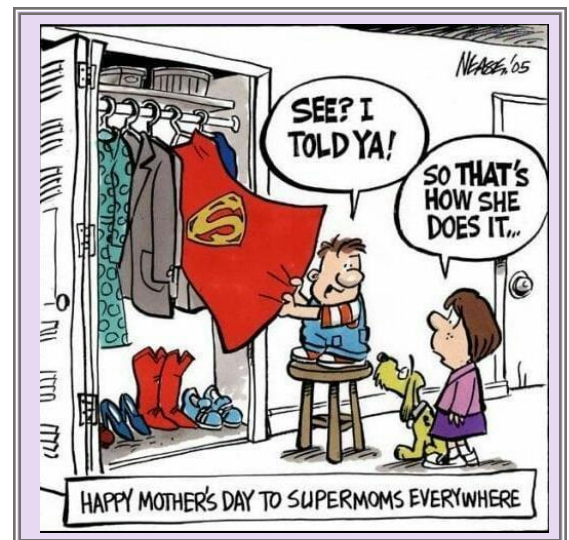
Learn Religions

**PRAYER
MEETING**
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**wed
7 pm**

**Sunday
9:30am**

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Classes for all ages



An article provided by Pastor Dave:

How Pure Must a Leader Be?

Becoming a person of integrity.

Titus 1:5-9

Popular author and educator Chuck Swindoll, who also pastored for many years, discusses the importance of integrity in the life of a church leader:

Is integrity visible? Can you recognize a leader who has it?

Chuck Swindoll: With a person of integrity, you feel something solid. That's the idea in the Hebrew root word—there's something solid, of substance. It isn't a veneer.

In the New Testament, the apostle Paul tells Titus that overseers are to be "blameless," and yet we're all sinners. How pure does a leader need to be?

The words "without reproach" and "blameless" are a sweeping way to start that list. I don't think we can take "blameless" to mean simply "without blame, without sin"; in that sense, I've never met anyone blameless. I'm certainly not. The point is that when we do fail, we say it. Integrity means we don't hide our stumble; we don't act like we didn't.

Of course, there's some point on the spectrum of sin where disqualification for church leadership occurs. When you can sin and live with it, you're in trouble.

To what extent does the person's attitude toward the sin figure in disqualification?

Paul says, "Lest, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified..." I'm convinced certain sins reveal such a breakdown in integrity, the fallen one is disqualified from returning again to high-profile leadership.

I don't think repeated acts, such as sexual immorality or extensive cover-up, are only a matter of sin. I think they reveal a character flaw. People say, "Well, aren't sins forgiven?" Absolutely. I don't think it's a matter of forgiveness anymore; the person lacks the substance required of that office.

The only reason I am able to sit in this room clothed and in my right mind is that I have been absolutely forgiven by Jesus Christ. But for people in high-profile leadership, there are stricter requirements. As James says, we will be judged "more strictly."

To whom should a leader be accountable?

I have carefully selected a group of three men with whom I meet. There's confidentiality, objectivity, and freedom for all of us. The purpose in meeting is not to dwell only on sin, but also to be friends. It's not for my benefit only, but also for the others.

I am regularly accountable to my staff and officially to our elder board, though the larger that gets, the more unwieldy it gets. With some board members, there isn't anything I wouldn't tell, and to others I'm not as close. I'm certainly also accountable to my wife and our grown children. All the Swindolls feel the freedom to address any area or offer any warning. I admit it is occasionally painful to hear, but being in ministry doesn't shield me from straight talk at home; it *requires* it.

In selecting people to hold you accountable, isn't it a temptation to choose people who see things your way?

Absolutely. I love yeses. But I need people like the man who leaned over my desk several years ago. A raw-boned construction guy, he looked right into my eyes and said, "Swindoll, do you have anybody to lean across this desk, look you right in the eye, and say, 'B.S.!'? (only he didn't say 'B.S.')" "

"Yeah," I said, "I've got several."

"Good," he said. "I see our rapid growth, and I get real scared that you can get alone in this office and start believing your own stuff."

I have a very small group of people to whom I voluntarily expose my inner being. With them, a trust has been built over the years.