



March 17, 2024

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 850 MINTER AVE., SHAFTER, CA 93263

We Need Your Help



Please let Debra know if you could provide one dozen plastic Easter eggs filled with candy for the children's Easter egg hunt at the end of this month. (No chocolate in case it ends up a warm day.)



Upcoming events

March 21 - Thursday Night Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

Cooks: Buggie

March 31 - Easter Sunday

APRIL EVENTS



April 2 - Elders meeting

April 6 - Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m. in the kitchen

Women's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 a.m. at April's house

April 7-10 - Singing with the Spirit at West Visalia Church (see flyer in the foyer)

April 12 - MOVIE NIGHT 6:00 p.m.

Congratulations



Ron has been selected to go on the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. from April 22-24. His son, Loren, will be going with him as his companion. There will be more information coming later to let you know if you would like to go to the airport to welcome him and the others home.

Congratulations!

To Samuel Diaz who will be graduating from Electrician School on April 12th.

BIBLE CLASS

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Philemon

Youth Class: Eddie Fisher

Children's Class: Debra Young

PRAYER TIME

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM

WORSHIP TIME

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Elders

Eddie Fisher 342-8337

Garry Nelson 331-3858

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Monday ~ Tuesday ~ Wednesday
8 am to 1 pm

Thursday
11 am to 4:30 pm

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Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFi8-2G

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password: purplelemon096

Pastor's Corner of Light: What Does It Mean To Be A "SAINT"?

First, whatever it means be assured you ARE a saint. Just as we are called "Christians" (Acts 11:26) so we are called saints. Acts 9:13, 32; Rom 12:13, 15:25,26. There are other verses as well which refer to believers in Jesus Christ as "saints."

What does this mean to us? The word saint means "holy one." **2 Thess 2:14** "It was for this He called you through our gospel – that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." Therefore, we should acknowledge and act in such a way that our role as a saint is fulfilled as we become more and more like our Lord. While we may never attain such a quality, nevertheless it is still our goal to be "more" like Him with each passing day. **1 Peter 2:21** "For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving an example for you to follow in His steps".

How is it possible for you to become more Christ-like? Paul tells us in **Gal 2:20** that we are to crucify our old selves and begin to live for Him. In **Col 3:10** we have a new self because we are being renewed in the true knowledge of our Creator. Likewise **Rom 12:1,2** informs us that our lives are to become a living and holy sacrifice (see, like Christ) and in our minds we are being transformed into His likeness (**2 Cor 3:18; Rom 8:29**) We become more and more like Him because our lives are turned over to Him more and more as we study, pray and devote ourselves to His kingdom.

Peter expands upon our growing "saintliness": **1 Peter 2:1,2,5** "Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander – like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, . . . you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." Later in **verse 10** we see that we are now **people of God**, having received His mercy (and forgiveness) and should therefore abstain from fleshly lusts and keep our behavior excellent before the Gentiles so that God may receive the glory. This should be happening because we see in **verse 9** that we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood proclaiming the excellencies of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Living our lives dutifully as God's royal priesthood is the message Paul is restating for us in **2 Cor 5:18-21**. He tells us how we have been given the ministry of reconciliation and now we are to go out into this world as Christ's ambassadors. James likewise tells us that our lives are to have purpose: "but prove yourselves **doers of the word**, and not merely hearers who delude themselves." **James 1:22**

Our position as God's saints gives us focus, purpose and a blessing: salvation with the promise of an eternal home. Let us try our best to let our sainthood shine for Christ.

CLEANING

There are sign-up sheets on the round table in back for March if you would put your name down to help with cleaning assignments of the building.


They are broken up into 3 groups so should make it a little easier to pick a group you feel you can do to help with. And we really need the help!

- 1. Clean auditorium and disinfect chairs / door handles*
- 2. Clean the 2 outside restrooms and North entry doorway*
- 3. Clean foyer floor, dust, glass doors / windows / Nursery restroom*

Ask Vivian or April where the vacuums are and cleaning supplies. If supplies are needed let Mike know as he has key for toilet paper and paper towels.

We really would appreciate it if you or your family would pick 1 of the 3 chores that need to be done. THANK YOU!





*I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its décor.*

*But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp --
The thieves, the liars the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.*

*There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.*

*Bob, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.*

*I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?
I would love to hear your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake."*

*And why is everyone so quiet,
So sober – give me a clue."
"Hush, child," He said. "They're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you."*

A reminder to JUDGE NOT. . .going to church doesn't make you a
Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.
Every saint has a PAST. . .
Every sinner has a FUTURE!
Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil . . . it has no point!

My friend determined that the underground water pipe in his front yard had a leak. As we pulled into his driveway, he did not need to tell us the location of the water pipe. It was obvious! The rest of the lawn paled compared to the grass above the pipe. Over several weeks, the slow leak watered the ground resulting in green, thick, lush grass. The consistent watering made the difference.

After keeping a low profile at the Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus stood up and spoke to the large crowd gathered in Jerusalem for the festival. His invitation consisted of eleven words, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." Jesus offered them living water and eternal satisfaction, something their tradition could not give.

Are you thirsty? Spend time in the gospels with Jesus. Sit quietly and fill your mind with Him. When you do, His thoughts, words, and actions will flow from your life. Others will not wonder if you are a disciple. It will be obvious! Like the steady water from the pipe, consistently spending time with Jesus will make a noticeable difference in your life, both now and eternally.

Father, help us respond to Jesus' invitation and drink deeply. In Jesus' name. Amen. (Sally Jan Shank, Edmond, OK)

Prayer List

If you need prayer, please let one of the Elders know, or put a note in the box at the back of the auditorium. You can call Vivian **Fisher (889-4075)** to start the prayer chain.

*NEW

Lord, give me the same concern and compassion for the lost that you have. Open doors that I might share your message of love and salvation.

***Charla Morgan**, is still in the hospital She now has blood clots in both legs and is on TPN since she is unable to eat. Her daughter has been staying in her room with her. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: Charla Moran, c/o Jenna Barber

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***Mary N.** had a lump removed from her arm on Monday

***Janese** is struggling with a severe flair-up fibromyalgia; severe headache and pain all over

***Buddy** had a chemo treatment on Tuesday

***Rose** is struggling with a cold

***Barbara**, pray for continued healing after her recent shoulder surgery

***Dyanna** says hello to everyone and she has found a Church of Christ there in Michigan

***Buggie** continued prayer for her blood sugar issues

***Sharon** is dealing with a lot of pain in her hip

***Mary Porter**, test results showed no valley fever or pneumonia; praise the Lord

***Nick** as he recuperates after his 4 wisdom teeth were removed

Earl, his nephew, **David**, passed away after a lengthy illness

Mary C. has not been able to contact her two sons; pray all is well

Joyce as she takes care of Tom who is now at home and **Tom** as he adjusts

Nancy, pray her issue with fraud at the bank is resolved fairly

Nicole Wireman, Caroline's niece, just found out she has precancerous cells in her stomach

Nikki, Nelson's granddaughter, struggling with mental health issues; pray for effective treatment

Chris, Jim's son, and **Aaron**, Mary C.'s son, are looking for jobs

Lucia, Ron/Lynn's granddaughter, continues to struggle emotionally and physically post COVID

Arnold C., one of the owners where Debra works, will find out the results of his biopsy for pancreatic cancer on March 15

Millie, Ron's sister-in-law, is being cared for by hospice

Dan C., Debra's boss, has blocked arteries in his neck

Robert is dealing with a bad cold

Tank is struggling with health problems

LeRoyce Savage, is terminating his cancer medications and letting Hospice come in

Mary C.'s son, Aaron continues to struggle with health issues

Aidan, great grandson of Barbara, undergoing physical therapy after brain surgery

Jim, liver cancer; needs a transplant, (a request from Adrianne's niece)

Billy, Debra's son unspoken prayer

Unspoken Prayers . . . we know their names, and, above all, God knows them...

Mary N. having struggles with her health