



1, 2026

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
Mark 1:9 ff

Classes in English & Spanish



9:00 Prayer Worship
Please give us your requests

9:30 Worship Service
Worship in English & Spanish

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Bible on your phone

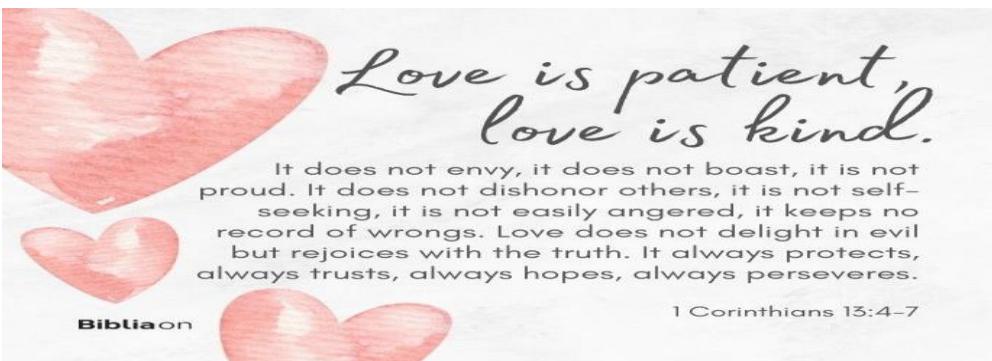
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The annual business has been changed to next Sunday, February 8th



Important Dates and INFORMATION

Reminder...The sign-up list for the building cleaning for February is on the back left table. Please sign up.

January 29 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

Elders Meeting at 8:00 a.m. - date to be determined

February 3 - Bakersfield Prayer Breakfast

February 5 - Thursday night dinner - Cook: Jan

February 7 - Prayer Breakfast

Men's at 8:00 in the kitchen

Ladies at 9:30 at Jan's

February 8 - ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

February 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY

February 19 - Thursday night dinner



Demetrio and Adelfa on the 19th



Vivian Fisher on the 19th

Sally Gonzalez on the 27

PASTOR'S CORNER - Living in Community (abridged)

by:

Portia Collins Crossway.org/articles Aug 2025

When we think of community, most of us long for the same things. Things like joy, safety, love, camaraderie, and a place where we're seen, supported, and encouraged. Those are good and right desires that reflect the kind of fellowship for which we were created. But because of the presence and power of sin, our experience of community often falls short. Whether in our neighborhoods, families, or churches, community is hard. Sin has fractured human relationships, distorted our expectations, and shaped the ways we pursue or withdraw from others. Even in the church, which is meant to be the clearest picture of what redeemed community should look like, we experience tension, disconnection, and relational pain. So what do we do when our reality doesn't align with that vision? How do we respond when we're disappointed, disillusioned, or tempted to disengage with our respective communities?

When it comes to living out the heart of God and His design for community, we can't rely on our preferences or personal experiences to guide us. We need to hear from God. Specifically, we need Scripture—the very word of God. The book of Galatians is especially instructive on what it looks like to live in gospel community. In it, we find both a theological foundation and a practical vision for building communities shaped by grace, truth, and the Spirit of God.

One of the first points made in Galatians is that we are justified by faith in Jesus Christ, not by works of the law. In essence, this is the sum of the whole book. But this foundational truth doesn't just shape our relationship with God; it also reshapes how we relate to one another. Paul says, "For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" ([Gal. 5:14](#)). The law was never meant to be a checklist for earning righteousness. It was always pointing toward something deeper—a life changed by the gospel. When we are truly transformed by grace, we're free to reflect God's heart in how we treat one another. That's why Paul urges the Galatians to stop devouring each other with judgment and pride ([Gal. 5:15](#)) and instead to use their freedom to serve one another in love ([Gal. 5:13](#)). Real community requires the kind of humility that flows from knowing we're all recipients of the same mercy. [I am reminded of John 13 and the Lord's foot washing with the subsequent command to "do likewise."] Grace doesn't just change how we talk about community; it also changes how we live in said communities.

[May our love for the Lord influence our love for our neighbor!]

More next week



Because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

Romans 8:2NLT

Prayer REQUESTS

If you need prayer, please let the Elders know, or call Vivian Fisher (889-4075) to start the prayer chain.

NEW THIS WEEK

Lord, give me concern and compassion for the lost that I meet today. Open doors so I might share YOUR message!

Linda, Sally's relative, has double pneumonia

Garry, Buggy's husband, has serious health issues and mental struggles as well

Nina's family are traveling this week and are struggling due to weather difficulties; pray for all travelers dealing with weather conditions

All those struggling with weather related issues due to the severe storm east

Mary P., pray for good results on the doctor's report

Tank began his radiation and chemotherapy and seems to be tolerating it okay

LaDona is now at 11605 Revolution Road, Bakersfield, CA 93312 until she is able to come home if you would like to visit or send a card



Continued Prayer:

Sammy, pray he gets a full-time job with the company he is working for

Tate to continue to improve in rehab

LaDona to continue to improve with her physical therapy

Earl prayer for health concerns

Joyce as she grieves the loss of Tom

Janese, Nina's daughter, had a biopsy of a node on her right temple

Dave, LaDona's son, has been ill with the flu

Sylvia, Trina's friend, recovering from breast surgery for cancer

Bob, Earl's brother-in-law, requests prayer

Susan, LaDona's roommate at Brookdale to know the Lord

Kimara, friend of Chris & Natalie, for strength and comfort after the passing of Bob

Numerous **members of Sally's family** have health problems: Father recovering from work accident; cousin Kelly recovering from surgery; Rueben, brother, knee injury.

Mike G., Borjas' friend, has prostate cancer and having radiation treatment

Anthony, Borjas' grandson needs strength to help him with his co-workers

Buddy continued healing of his shoulder

Mark Keeley continued healing from knee replacement

Vivian dealing with blood pressure problems

HELMETS AND CAULIFLOWERS

***Take the helmet of salvation.
Ephesians 6:1-7***

Each of us owns a jewel more valuable than any displayed at Cartier or Tiffany's. It's a three-pound blob of gray pulp resembling a rotting cauliflower. This jewel is the most incredible creation in God's universe, a fabulous, living supercomputer with unfathomable circuitry and unimaginable complexity. It's the human brain – a collection of billions of neurons, each as complex as a small computer. Yet the brain is only as useful as the material it feeds on. Our thoughts should be fixed on Christ and filled with His word.

The Bible tells us to set our minds on things above, not on the things of earth (Colossians 3:2). Wearing the helmet of salvation means our minds are protected by the saving truth of Christ. We're transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:1-2), for those who live according to the Spirit set their mind on what the Spirit desires (Romans 8:5).

Psalm 37:3 tells us, "Feed on His faithfulness." Be careful what goes into your mind today. Remember that it's the battleground of the soul – and by focusing on Christ, we can win the victory.

*"Our defeat or victory begins with what we think,
and if we guard our thoughts we shall not have
much trouble anywhere else along the line."*

~ Vance Havner

(Taken from Walking With God by David Jeremiah)

Let's Cherish Answered Prayers

***Jesus, turning and seeing her, said, "Daughter, take courage;
your faith has made you well." And at once the woman was
made well. ~ Matthew 9:22 NASB***

Jesus places miracles throughout our days, we are just too hurried to notice. Too often, our faith is hopeful, but we're not intentional about noticing them or expectant that God will do what he promised. That's not faith. The woman who touched Jesus' cloak in Matthew 9 expected Jesus to heal her, and he did.

We are masters at taking things for granted. Even the slightest bits of favor go unnoticed, but if we realize that the hand of God carefully arranges every detail of our lives out of his pure love and tenderness for us, we might take more notice.

***Jesus of patience, we pray that we become more keenly aware of the
little things you do to make our lives smoother rather than failing
to acknowledge that you are involved in the details of our
days. Forgive us for the times when we have taken for
granted the blessing you arrange. We are grateful
to You for the miracle moments you
have provided. Let us make you smile as we pause
throughout the day and say, "Thank you, Jesus."
We are grateful for all you do.***

(Taken from Pause and Pray; New Habits Create Change)