



22, 2026

## WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 2:1 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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The church parking lot will be used by COLOURS on this Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m.



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

February 26 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

February 26 - Community Chest Spaghetti Dinner - Drive Through from 3:30 - 6:30

February 26 - March 1 - SHAFTER COLOURS EVENTS

March 3 - Elders Meeting

March 5 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

March 5 - Thursday night dinner - Jan

March 7 - Prayer Breakfasts (Men's and Women's)

Men in the kitchen at 8:00 a.m.

Women at Vivian's at 9:30 a.m.

March 8 - QUARTERLY LUNCHEON AFTER SERVICES

March 12 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen



To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars . . . to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ, and to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit in God's out-of-doors - -these are little guideposts on the footpath to peace.

~ Henry Van Dyke

*We have freedom now, because Christ made us free.  
So stand strong. Do not change and go back  
into the slavery of the law.*

*Galatians 5:1 NCV*



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## **PASTOR'S CORNER - 10 Really Good Excuses to Explain Being Late.**

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**Reasons to be Late:** It happens to everyone! Here are some good excuses:

- 1) **"I prayed too long this morning and lost track of time"**: Sometimes you end up being late because of how super-duper-spiritual you are.
- 2) **"My children attempted to murder each other"**: This typically happens every Sunday morning before church.
- 3) **"I have 20 shoes, but they were all left feet and I couldn't find any of their matches"**: More than just women have this problem.
- 4) **"I was making godly, biblical memes about the Bible and stuff"**: You do know that the ability to create spicy memes is a spiritual gift, right?
- 5) **"I had to own some libs on Facebook"**: Doing the Lord's work.
- 6) **"The last shall be first"**: You were just trying to follow the words of Jesus and be the last one to church.
- 7) **"Greta Thunberg was sitting in the road"**: Should someone be expected to run over protesters?
- 8) **"I'm not here this week, but I'm actually getting here REALLY early for next week"**: You're getting to church a full week before the pastor even shows up. Way to go!
- 9) **"I was caught up to the Third Heaven"**: Your pastor will be in so much awe that he'll forget you were late.
- 10) **"You know who I am married to?"**: Say no more.

Rattle off one or more of the excuses listed above, and you'll be golden. Become a master of the "late-to-church" excuses, and you can just show up whenever you want **OR** see if you can find a reason – to be early.

**Reasons to be Early:** **1) Catch up on the latest Events:** Some people have had a really wonderful week or a truly trying week. Let them SHARE. It may bless them and maybe you as well. **2) Get to know someone a little better:** Your life will be blessed as you develop your friendship with others – and so will theirs. **3) Arrive early because you value the deep-felt friendship you have with others.** There is always one or two people you especially connect with. Arrive to ensure that you have time to connect with them a little bit more before you reach out to the rest of the family. **4) Show respect to others** – they thought it was important to be there and find time for you, return the favor. **5) Show respect to those leading the activity** – they have been faithful to put in time and effort to be ready to lead, we should be faithful in being ready to participate.

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said: "I think we consider too much the good luck of the early bird and not enough the bad luck of the [late] worm." There may truly be reasons for being late which are beyond our control but let us make the effort to come together in such a fashion that it follows the example of Acts 2 of fellowshipping with one another. One of our country's founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin, espoused the virtues of being early to bed and early to rise. Incorporating this philosophy can make us healthy, wealthy and wise in a spiritual sense as well.

# 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!**

**Nelsons** and **Nunlists** are at the coast

**PRAISE** – **LaDona** was released to come home on Wednesday

**Anne**, Nina's daughter, her lung biopsy showed granulosa cells in nodule; doctors at UCLA will be working on a plan of treatment

**Tammy Wiedmann**, friend of Jan and Darlene, had a stroke and was in an induced coma; she passed away last Sunday afternoon; pray for her husband and children

**Billie Giles**, a sister in Christ, is struggling with blood clot issues

**Another sister**, unnamed, is struggling with serious health issues

**Hannah** needs our prayers

**A relative of Borjas/Sally** has passed away. Prayers for the family.

## Continued Prayer:

**Jim's** angiogram on Monday morning showed he needs a new valve; will be running one more test in the new few weeks and then come up with a plan

**Demetrio** will be having some additional medical tests; he also has a meeting with the state on his disability on February 26<sup>th</sup>

**Ben & Jeannie**, Nina's daughter and SIL, will be traveling to Oregon sometime in the next few weeks to continue their search for a home

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

**Mark Keeley** continued healing from his second knee replacement

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

**David** has an acquaintance he is encouraging regarding her religious acceptance

**Mary P.**, continued healing

**Earl** prayer for health concerns

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

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

**Kimara**, friend of Chris & Natalie, comfort after the passing of her husband

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

**Vivian** dealing with blood pressure problems

***God's care comes in many forms. Fellowship is God caring enough to put people in your life to encourage, rebuke, and comfort you.***

Read the following passage carefully, and when you've finished reading it, read it again:

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And, above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (Col. 3:12-14)

This passage immediately confronts us with the fact that our relationships don't belong to us. They belong to God for his use for his purpose. We cannot allow ourselves to have an owner's view of our relationships, as if they exist for the sole purpose of our happiness. Something big, important, and transformational is being said here about us and our relationships, something that we need to know, understand, and live out. This passage is a statement of need, identity, and calling for every believer.

First, this passage defines our *need*. We were not wired by creation or re-creation to live on our own. Independent, self-focused living never goes anywhere good. We must all come to understand and accept the truth that our walks with God are community projects. We were not designed to live the Christian life on our own. The reason God calls us to this high quality of relationships is because relationships are an irreplaceable tool in his redemptive hands.

Second, this passage defines our *identity*. Think with me; where did Paul get this character list? The answer is that these are traits of Christ. Paul is figuratively telling us to put on Christ, and in telling us to put on Christ, he is defining what our identity is in the right here, right now work of God. The best word for that identity is *ambassador*. Every believer is called to be an ambassador of the Savior King. Now, you know that the only thing an ambassador does is represent the king who sent him. This means that Jesus makes his invisible presence visible through his people, who represent him in one another's lives. You are the look on Christ's face. You are the tones of his voice. You are the touch of his hands. You are the physical representative of his grace. This is your mission in every relationship of your life – to make the grace of the invisible King visible.

Third this defines our *calling* – to ask again and again, "What of the person and work of Jesus does this person need to see in this particular moment of his or her life?" Now, none of us is up to this task, so the Redeemer who sent us also comes with us so that we will have the grace we need to represent him well.

**For further study and encouragement: Ephesians 4:1-16**  
(Taken from New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp)



*Be joyful. Grow to maturity, encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.*

**2 Corinthians 13:11 NLT**