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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
Mark 2:14 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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Reminder...The sign-up list for the building cleaning for March is on the back left table. Please sign up.

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



REMINDER:

Next Sunday, March 8th will be our Quarterly Luncheon following services. We will be having tri-tip, chicken and potato salad. If you haven't already done so, please sign up on the back table to bring a side dish or a dessert and plan to stay and enjoy the food and fe

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 - Mike Westbrook

4 - Nick Booth

20 - Rebecca Diaz

29 - Robert Tucker

20 - Samuel Diaz





So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NLT

PASTOR'S CORNER - The Importance of Prayer

Text: James 5:13-20 Physical and Spiritual Sickness

Praying for the Sick (v. 13-18) (physically and spiritually)

- We offer prayers to God when we are suffering (v. 13; cf. Philippians 4:6-7)
- We pray for others when they are sick (v. 14-15)
- We pray for those who confess sins (v. 16; cf. Acts 8:24)
- Prayer is a necessary practice – *“The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much”* (v. 16); James lived in the miracle age, but the point is the same that prayer is effective because of God; pray that God’s will be done (cf. Matthew 26:39) because it will be (1 John 5:14-15); James mentioned a similar idea earlier (4:15)
- James also mentioned calling for the elders of the church (v. 14) – this is part of the elders’ role as *shepherds* of the flock (1 Peter 5:2); we have a responsibility to call upon others
- This means we must be willing to let others help us – we should mutually benefit one another (2 Corinthians 8:14); one of the characteristics of Jesus’ disciples is their love for one another (John 13:35)

Prayer When We Have Sinned (v. 16) Immediately when we recognize our sin we are to repent and pray (Acts 8:22)

- James also said we are to confess our sins to one another (v. 16) – not every sin (note the context); we are to confess every sin to God (1 John 1:9) in conjunction with repentance and prayer; James was talking about confessing sins from which we want to *“be healed”*; more than just forgiveness
- This is about sins that we struggle with – not just a one-time failing, but an ongoing battle; this is when we need encouragement/accountability from our brethren (Hebrews 3:12-13)

When Others Have Sinned (v. 19-20) There will be times when brethren stray from the truth (v. 19) – a Christian can fall away (Heb 3:12; Gal 5:4; 1 Cor 9:27)

- We should want to help turn a wayward brother back to the Lord – remember the lesson on the Prodigal Son and his need for recognizing his situation.
- By turning them from sin we help them avoid eternal death (Romans 6:23)
- This will *“cover a multitude of sins”* (v. 20) – by leading him to repentance, he receives forgiveness; helping to correct someone is an act of love (1 Peter 4:8; cf. Revelation 3:19)

Conclusion: Our sickness/other’s sickness (physical/spiritual) can be affected by coming to the Lord and entreating the help of God and His family.

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!

Jim, pray that the exploratory procedure done on Friday morning produced a good report to his heart valve repair which will be scheduled at a later date can be done intravenously.

Trina has been under the weather



Continued Prayer:

Relative of Borjas/Sally passed away; prayers for the family

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

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

Hannah needs our prayers

Anne, Nina's daughter, doctors at UCLA will be working on a treatment plan for her

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 met with the state on his disability on February 26th

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

LET'S LIVE IN READINESS

Their arrows are sharp, all their bows are strung; their horses' hooves seem like flint, their chariot wheels like a whirlwind.

Isaiah 5:28 NIV

Let's always be ready, sharpened, on guard, and equipped with the armor of God in these evil days, unfolding throughout our world. We are to influence others by expressing the importance of readiness to those with lost souls and hopeless hearts. As Jesus' ambassadors, we are to draw others to him so they can join us in heaven's eternity, a place of peace where Satan can no longer abide.

Let's be ready to share God's love to the brokenhearted, always sharpened with the Scripture that fits the individual needs of someone's hurting soul. May we create a whirlwind of his gentleness and tenderness, drawing in those who are confused and downhearted and transforming the chaos into the peace of God.

Jesus of patience, help us live a life of readiness, always aware of your divine moments. Give us courage to show joy amid the storms of life, attract others to our open door of your love, and always be prepared to share the gospel. Please keep us strong, courageous, and moving forward toward your path of light in this world of darkness.

(Taken from Pause and Pray)



Chameleon Crawl

When we think of the chameleon, we probably think of its ability to change color according to its surroundings. But this lizard has another interesting characteristic. On several occasions I've watched a chameleon walk along a pathway and wondered how it ever reached its destination. Reluctantly, the chameleon stretches out one leg, seems to change its mind, attempts again, and then carefully plants a hesitant foot, as if afraid the ground will collapse under it. That is why I couldn't help laughing when I heard someone say, "Do not be a chameleon church member who says, 'Let me go to church today, no, let me go next week; no, let me wait for a while!'"

The house of the Lord" at Jerusalem was King David's place of worship, and he was far from being a "chameleon" worshiper. Rather, he rejoiced with those who said, "Let us go to the house of the Lord" (Ps. 122:1). The same was true for believers in the early church. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer . . . Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts" (Acts 2:42, 46).

What a joy it is to join with others in worship and fellowship! Praying and worshipping together, studying the scriptures together, and caring for one another are essential for our spiritual growth and unity as believers.

(Taken from Our Daily Bread by Lawrence Darmani)

Worshipping together brings strength and joy.