

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 2:23 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

MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

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password: purplelemon096

BE SURE TO STAY AND JOIN US AFTER SERVICES TODAY FOR OUR QUARTERLY LUNCHEON. THE FOOD IS GOOD AND THE FELLOWSHIP EVEN BETTER.



Important Dates

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

March 8 - QUARTERLY LUNCHEON AFTER SERVICES

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

March 19 - Thursday Night Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

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

TRUSTED LEADERSHIP

If the whole body were an eye, it would not be able to hear. If the whole body were an ear, it would not be able to smell. If each part of the body were the same part, there would be no body. But truly God put all the parts, each one of them, in the body as he wanted them.

1 Corinthians 12:17-18 NCV

Jesus, thank you for the people who are part of your body. Help me to love those who are not the same as me. Help me to see the value of each person I meet and love them as you love them.

I ask that you would help all of us to look to one another for help, and to be strengthened by the gifts that you have placed in each of us. Immerse us in your Spirit and bring unity to us.

Thank you that you have given me a part in your body, Father. Thank you that you have made me unique and that you have plans for my life far beyond what I can see. You are a masterful builder, and you know how to intricately engage each of us in our plans. I trust in your leadership, Jesus.

(Taken from 365 Power Prayers for Men)



*Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power
and the glory, the victory and the
majesty; for all that is in heaven
and in earth is Yours.
1 Chronicles 29:11*

PASTOR'S CORNER - Living in Community abridged

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Part 2

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. But even in the church, which is meant to be the clearest picture of what redeemed community should look like, we sometimes experience tension, disconnection, and relational pain.

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.

Galatians makes it clear that we are justified by faith in Jesus Christ, not by works of the law. 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](#)). When we are truly transformed by grace, we're free to reflect God's heart in how we treat one another. One of the most powerful examples of this is when Paul confronts Peter in [Galatians 2](#). Peter had been eating with Gentile believers, fully embracing the freedom they had in Christ, but when certain men came around, he withdrew in fear ([Gal. 2:12](#)). While Peter didn't outright deny the gospel, his behavior sent a message that contradicted it. So Paul addressed Peter's behavior publicly and directly, "because their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel" ([Gal. 2:14](#)). Paul's correction to Peter is incredibly instructive for us today. Paul demonstrates that a gospel-centered community is also a gospel-corrected community. Sometimes, living out the gospel in love means having hard conversations and preserving good, gospel community means addressing behaviors that undermine grace.

When grace shapes our relationships, we become people who really reflect God's design for community. Grace makes space for love, gentleness, patience, and burden-bearing. But it also makes space for more. Grace moves us toward others, even those who don't easily fit within our existing community. It compels us to seek out and welcome those who are different. While that kind of community won't always be comfortable, it will be beautiful, because it reflects the heart of the One who brought us together in the first place: whether it be ethnically, culturally, socioeconomically, or even denominationally.

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, praises that he can have his valve repair procedure without open heart surgery

Trina shared with her husband and now **James** is under the weather

Brenda is traveling this week to Oklahoma to visit her sister and then to Kentucky to visit her daughter



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

PUSHED TO THE EDGE

*I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.
Romans 1:16*

We've all experienced it: a clique of "cool kids" at school decides to reduce our significance. We aren't welcomed or included. We may even be called unpleasant names. In the workplace, a particular employee might not be invited to significant policy meetings or be excluded from social gatherings. This treatment is what the Bible is experiencing today in our culture. God's word is being marginalized – pushed to the edges of our families and even our churches!

The gradual process of marginalization happens so slowly that we almost don't notice societal shifts until after the fact. We wake up one day and the Bible has moved from a central position of education and authority to a shelf next to books by leading atheists, trivializing its content and intimidating its readers.

You and I can't control how others view or treat the Bible. But there's one place we can stop its marginalization; our own lives. When we do that, the Bible will gain new traction in our homes, churches, and communities. Don't miss the significance of living in this particular moment of history. Nothing could be more dangerous than to wander thoughtlessly down the path of marginalizing the Bible.

*Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts
itself but because it contradicts them.
Unknown*

(taken from Walking With God by David Jeremiah)

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. . . . For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ~ Romans 6:12,14

Lord, thank you for the interests, convictions, and loves that help drive me toward meaningful action. But, God, I need your wisdom to keep watch over my natural passions. I can sometimes become obsessed or act compulsively, speak out of turn, or not know when to stop pushing myself and others. Forgive the times I've gotten carried away, and help me learn from those mistakes. Please work through my mind to steer my heart in good and healthy directions.

*It is with our passions, as it is with fire
and water, they are good servants,
but bad masters.
~ Sir Roger L'Estrange*