

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 5:18 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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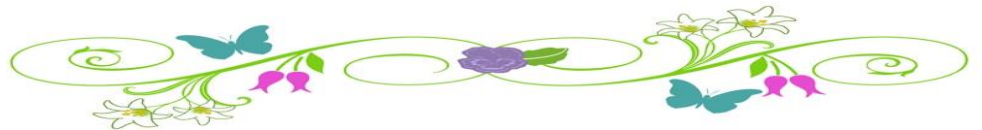
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He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. Matthew 28:6

HAPPY EASTER



UPCOMING Events

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

April 5 - EASTER

April 7 - Elders Meeting 8:00 a.m.

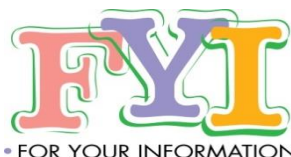
April 9 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

April 16 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30 Cook: Darlene

April 16 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

April 23 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Mary Nixon is still at Carrington but has moved from room #37 and is NOW in #10

**PASTOR'S CORNER – TGC: The Logic of Penal Substitution in Leviticus**  
**October 25, 2025 Greg Gilbert**

The doctrine of penal (punishment) substitution is central to the book of Leviticus (Lev. 16:21,22) Atonement is accomplished by a substitute whose death and blood secure forgiveness because they're given for the sinner's life.

A beautiful picture of redemption can be seen in a couple of ways throughout Leviticus. First, the identification of the sinner with a substitute through the laying on of hands. Second, the punitive death of the substitute who takes the sinner's place. These themes teach us to look to Jesus who died for us (Eph 5:2).

In the first theme God instructs the worshiper to "lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering." The act of the worshiper identifying with the animal is intentional, so that the animal will be his atonement (1:4). Admittedly no specific wording connects the laying on of hands with the transfer of sin in this verse. But two details are suggestive. First, after the laying on of hands, the animal is immediately killed (v. 5). This pattern repeats throughout Leviticus. Again, the text doesn't explicitly state why killing logically follows the laying on of hands, but it seems likely that it's meant to remind worshipers of God's warning in Genesis that death is the penalty for disobeying him (Gen 2:1,17).

In the second theme, the result of the sacrifice is that the worshiper himself will "be accepted before the LORD" (Lev 1:3). Thus, the text depicts the sacrificed animal as a substitute that atones for the sin of the worshiper by receiving the due punishment of death. On Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), the Israelites observed a ritual involving two goats (16:15-22). When the first goat is slain as a sin offering, its blood is carried inside the veil and sprinkled "because of the uncleanness of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins" (v. 16). Penal death is offered to God in answer to the guilt of His people's sin to restore the holiness of their place of worship. The second goat also shows sin being transferred to a substitutionary sacrifice through confession. This illustrates that the sin is transferred to the animal: "Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel and he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness" (v. 21). It's clear that confessing the people's iniquities is linked to the laying on of hands and transference of sin so that the animal bears the people's sin into the wilderness. As we are told in Heb. 10, the old system was a foreshadowing of what Jesus was to accomplish for us with His life, death and resurrection. Leviticus gives us a living picture of the spiritual accomplishment of Christ our Savior and John 3:16 explains it explicitly for us!





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

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

### PRAISE

**Adrienne** found out from her doctor that her heart tests were good this past week

**Buddy and Darlene and Garry and Jan** made it home safely

**Tank** is home and doing some better but still has difficulties; continue to pray for him

- **Sally** is under the weather
- **Bob**, Nina's relative, has been diagnosed with cancer
- **Tonya's mom** is doing better but is still in the hospital with heart and respiratory issues
- **David** is still trying to work out his transportation situation after his car accident
- **Eddie and Vivian** traveling home this next week; prayer for safe travel
- **The family of Everett**, Nancy's friend at Carrington who passed away last Saturday. Pray for his wife and three children.
- **Wendi**, friend of Buggie's, will have brain surgery in the next few weeks

### Continued prayer for those on last week's prayer list:

**Anne** had a port inserted on the 30<sup>th</sup> then 31<sup>st</sup> a pet/CT scan at CBCC with a follow-up on the 5<sup>th</sup> with coordinator to explain the plan of treatment

**Jim** will have a cat scan April 10<sup>th</sup> then follow-up with Dr. Peck when he gets the results

**Trina's uncle Leon** had a stroke last week and moved to Encompass for rehabilitation

**Sally's grandfather** is in the hospital with multiple health issues

**Earl's brother-in-law** has ear cancer

**Grandson of Sally and Borijas** is struggling to find his way with the Lord

**Both of Nina's sons, Mark and Jerry** have been having stomach issues

**Joyce** getting over a sinus infection

Prayers for **Earl's daughter, Tonya**, that her mom's health improves. She is still having heart and respiratory problems.

**David's** leg was injured and his car banged up in a car accident.

**Ben and Jeannie** as they settle into a new home in Oregon



### *We will be moving names to the Extended Long-Term Prayer List*

We want to keep those all in our daily prayers, but we still need you to give us updates so we know how they are doing and if we need to change what we are praying for them. Everyone on our lists is important to us whether they are on the weekly Newsletter or Extended Long-Term Prayer List. Moving them to the Extended Prayer List continues to remind us of those needing prayers.

But we still need you to let us know on updates so we can stay current on the prayers



*Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has real power and produces wonderful results. ~ James 5:16 NLT*

## RIGHTEOUS REWARD

Trouble pursues the sinner, but the righteous  
are rewarded with good things.

Proverbs 13:21 NIV

Lord, I don't want my sins catching up to me. I want to be far from them. Forgive me again for the things I do wrong and change my heart to seek after what is right. You have to help me because I am weak and have a propensity to chase after the desirous things of this world.

You, on the other hand, teach me and show me how to live, and I want to follow you. Give me strength and strategy to walk in your ways and not be found wanting when you return.

*You are coming back, Jesus. You have promised that you will return and that when you do you will separate the tares from the wheat and the wolves from the sheep. The sinner will be banished from your presence and the righteous rewarded. You are just and right in doing this and you do it out of mercy and love for those who seek after you. You are a faithful warrior king and priest.*

*(Taken from Pause and Pray - New Habits Create Change)*



## FEAR IS THROWN AWAY

*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts  
out fear, because fear involves torment.*

*1 John 4:18*

When children are frightened, they need comfort more than courage, consolation more than logic, and compassion more than proof. Frightened children need to be wrapped in the caring arms of a loving adult until the fear melts away – finding consolation in the presence of someone who cares.

That's exactly what God does when we are afraid. He longs to wrap us in His loving arms. He wants us to know Him intimately as our wonderful, protective Father. The closer we draw to Him, the more we can trust in His perfect love. We can't really fathom what perfect love means, because our best attempts at understanding God's flawless love are marred by our sinful nature!

The apostle Paul reminds us that God's perfect love is indeed difficult to understand. He writes in Ephesians 3:17-19, "That you may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height – to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Today, let His perfect love throw away your fears. As you do, you will feel His loving arms wrapping around you with comfort, consolation, and compassion.

*Fear knocked on the door. Faith answered. No one was there.*

*Anonymous*