

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 6:6 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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Important Dates and INFORMATION

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

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

May 2 - Prayer Breakfasts

Men's at 8:00 a.m. in the church kitchen

Women's at 9:30 at Nancy's

May 5 - Elder's Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

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

May 7 - Thursday night dinner - Cook: Jan

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 14 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

May 21 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

May 21 - Thursday night dinner

May 28 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

June 4 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

June 6 - Quarterly Brunch/Lunch at 11:00 a.m.



Our next quarterly luncheon will be on Saturday, June 6th. Instead of having our men's and ladies' breakfasts that Saturday morning, we will join together at 11:00 a.m. and have a brunch/luncheon instead. Mark your calendars now and be sure to attend for food and fellowship together.

A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.

Proverbs 25:28 ESV

PASTOR'S CORNER - Attendance – Scripturally Speaking

In last week's article we saw that there is research after research which has found the positive value in our attendance – being with one another in order to worship the Lord. And it must be admitted, there are situations in which on-line services serve a valid need in some people's lives. But if the truth is to be confessed – God's word insists that individuals need congregational worship.

When the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost in Acts 2, the church sprang up and gathered regularly – and in the earliest of days, they did so frequently, if not daily. By Acts 20:7, Christians were gathering each Sunday for the express purpose of “Breaking Bread” and in other passages we see that singing, giving and teaching became important aspects of their gathering together. Hebrews 10:25 goes so far as to warn against missing such gatherings. Here are 3 incentives God gives to every Christian to wake up and go worship with their local church. **1). Show up to stir up:** Just before encouraging Christians to gather, Heb. 10:24 says, “Let us consider how to stir one another up to love and good works”. Watching on-line simply can't do that with the same force. God's people need you to stir *them* up, and you need them to stir *you* up. **2). Gather to make it to the last day:** the author of Hebrews summons us to gather “all the more as [we] see the Day drawing near” (10:25). Do two things: gather faithfully as that day draws near and view corporate worship as a means of grace to help believers persevere to the end.

3). Gather to evangelize the lost: “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you. By this all people will know you are My disciples, if you have love one for another.” (John 13:34,35) Christians gather together, visibly and regularly, so those on the outside identify them as a distinct group. Self-giving love binds them into a unified body thereby making it virtually unthinkable that they would skip their gathering opportunities. Such unity displays the gospel's power so that even “rulers/authorities in heavenly places” look on the church with wonder (Eph 3:10). The church is God's chief evangelistic strategy for a lost & dying world.



Let's Be the Lamp of Jesus

The Law of the Lord is a lamp, and its teachings shine brightly.

Correction and self-control will lead you through life.

Proverbs 6:23 CEV

The Word of God is full of instructions to correct us, to keep us from harm, to refine us, and to equip us for what he has designed for each of us that no one else can fulfill. A lamp cannot shine until a light bulb is placed in its socket. In the same way, we cannot demonstrate the characteristics of Jesus until we fill ourselves with his teachings from God's Word and learn what it is to be like Jesus.

Even with a light bulb, a lamp emits no light until we plug it into electricity. Likewise, the Holy Spirit ignites the teachings we receive from God's Word as we seek to hear his voice of direction and guidance along his divinely orchestrated pathway. Even so, a lamp with a light bulb plugged into electricity still does not shine unless we turn it on. Similarly, the Holy Spirit lives within us and through us, enabling us to put into action the teachings we read in God's words.

Jesus of peace, remind us to turn on our lamps each morning, illuminating a path to your light living through us.

(Taken from Pause and Pray)



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

NEW

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

Earl was not feeling well last Sunday

Earl's brother-in-law, who has ear cancer, is now being cared for by hospice
Tom, friend of the Nelson's, is battling leukemia again; please pray for remission

Vanessa, Buggie's friend, found out she has stage 4 kidney disease

Joe Acosta, friend of Eddie's, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer

Continued prayer:

Anne has begun her chemotherapy

Trina's aunt **Betty** passed away; pray for her daughters, **Karen** and **Laurie**

Joyce had a laser surgery on her cataracts

Bob, Nina's relative, has been diagnosed with cancer

Tonya's mom is doing better but dealing with heart and respiratory issues

David is still trying to work out his transportation situation after his car accident

Pray for **Everett's wife and three children** as they grieve his passing

Wendi, friend of Buggie's, will have brain surgery in the next few weeks

Jim is will waiting for a date for valve replacement

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

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

God's Comfort

by Deborah Ann Belka

God brings me comfort
when I am afflicted.
He brings me peace
when I feel conflicted.

My soul he soothes
when I'm knee deep in trouble.
My heart he calms
when with care I struggle.

God brings me comfort
when down in the valley
His love causes me
to rise up and rally.

My mind he quiets
when filled with stress.
My thoughts he stills
when with worry I wrest

God brings me comfort,
On Him I can rely
to give me peace of mind
that only He can supply.



CONFIDENT IN YOU, IN THE LORD!

I have confidence in you, in the Lord.

Galatians 5:10

The German writer Johann Wolfgang von Goethe once observed, "Correction does much, but encouragement does more."

Yes, but correction and encouragement, wisely combined, do the most.

When he wrote to the Galatians, Paul devoted a bottle of ink to correcting and reproving his readers for theological carelessness. But along the way, he sought to encourage them and express his love and confidence toward them. Constant correction tears us down and demoralizes our hearts. When we're the object of nagging, harping criticism, things only get worse. We change our ways more quickly when surrounded by people who are both honest and uplifting.

Notice that Paul doesn't just say, "I have confidence in you." He adds an intriguing qualification: "I have confidence in you, in the Lord." He means, "I have confidence in the Lord that He can work in you what is pleasing to Him."

Don't just be on people's backs all the time. Don't harp and criticize too much. Add a spoonful of sugar. Learn to say, "I have confidence in you, in the Lord!"

Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him, and to let him know that you trust him. . . . Every individual responds to confidence."

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

(Taken from Walking With God by David Jeremiah)



ALWAYS AWARE

Because you are close to me and always available,
my confidence will never be shaken,
for I experience your wrap-around presence
every moment.

Psalm 16:8 TPT

Father, I want to know your presence in every situation I face. I want to have you close to me, so I don't fear the unknown but am confident in whatever I face. Help me to rest in you and allow for your goodness to surround me.

Whether I am in night or the day, in the darkness of despair or in moments of bliss, fill me with your presence so I am always aware of you. Help me to recall your Word and your faithfulness to it.

(Taken from 365 Power Prayers for Men)