



10,2026

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 6:53 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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MOTHERS' PRAYERS IN THE BIBLE

HAGAR: Genesis 21:16-19

HANNAH: I Samuel 1:10-11, 27-28; 2:1-10

LEAH: Genesis 29:31-15

MARY: Luke 1:46-55

NAOMI: Ruth 1:8-9; 2:20a

RACHEL: Genesis 30:22-24

SYRO-PHOENICIAN MOTHER: Matthew 15:22-28

ELIJAH ON BEHALF OF ZAREPHATH WIDOW: I Kings 17: 17-22



If you are looking for a local place to take mom for lunch today, GIOVANNI'S will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. They will be serving their full menu plus some specials.

REMEMBER to sign up in the back for the **QUARTERLY LUNCHEON** on **SATURDAY, June 6th** in lieu of the monthly prayer breakfasts. Tri-tip and chicken will be provided so side dishes and dessert are all that need to be provided.



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

TODAY - 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 - Cook: Darlene

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER OF LIGHT- Three Lessons from Judges (2)

The Gospel Coalition (TGC): Moriah Lovett – “Don't Skip Judges...”

In **1 Cor 10:11** we are told that the record of the Old Testament is meant as an “example” to us. In other words, God gives us the whole truth about biblical characters, their sin, their failures, their victories and good deeds, and we are to learn from their example, what to do and what not to do. In fact, this is one of the ways God teaches us what we need to know in order to make good choices as believers. We can learn the easy way by knowing and obeying God's Word and we can learn by watching others and “taking heed” from their experiences or we can learn the hard way by suffering the consequences of our mistakes. In **Judges 19**, we find a gut-wrenching story where a Levite offers his concubine to a group of worthless, evil, lustful men to protect himself and a male guest. The wicked men viciously rape and abuse her, leaving her to die on her master's doorstep. We weep with this woman and others who have been abused and abandoned by men who failed to protect them. And we may wonder about God—does this story mean that God doesn't value or care for women?

But when we look at this sad, complicated story in the context of the rest of Scripture, we see it's revealing the depravity of human character rather than reflecting God's character. Given over to sin, mankind doesn't reflect God's heart for his people. (That is why it is so important that we seek the things above. **Col 3:1,2**) Our sin nature leads us to exploit the vulnerable, weak, and marginalized instead of protecting them as God calls His people to do over and over again in Scripture. The book of Judges gets worse the longer you read because the people are living more entrenched in sin with each year that passes.

While we can hardly fathom the horrors of this specific instance, we all face the root temptation of denying and dishonoring God's image in other people. We may recognize moments in our lives when we choose to protect ourselves or our reputations at the expense of another. When we're left to our own devices, sin can lead to more and more horrendous acts. This passage makes us confront the deep depravity of sin and warns us not to grow callous to its effects around us or lazy in fighting its temptations within us. We need to use God's word for His guidance. (**2 Tim 3:16,17**)

ENCOURAGEMENT CHANGES EVERYTHING

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in our own opinion.

ROMANS 12:15-16

Everyone needs to feel special. A mother's love and encouragement deeply impacts her children and nurtures their self-esteem. The Bible invites you to “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” Rejoicing and weeping are both heartfelt emotions. Sharing them with your children and your family creates the kind of deeply felt connection that happens only when you choose to get involved in the lives of those you love. The time a mother spends encouraging her loved ones creates a strong bond and mirrors for them the love of God.

(Taken from Time with God for Mothers)

PRAYER REQUESTS

TOGETHER WE WILL 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!

Praises: Jim's procedure went well and all is good!

Debra will have a stent put in her stomach's aneurysm tomorrow.

LaDona is home after getting the pins removed. She is getting around carefully, but getting around. She hopes to be back with us soon. Continue to keep her safety in your prayers.

Westbrook Family: Mike's brother Gary recently passed away; prayer for comfort

Mike Dover's health problems continue to worsen. Pray for healing as the Lord sees fit.

Earl – the recently death of his brother-in-law, "Little Bob"

Tank continues to struggle with his health problems

Angela's boyfriend's mother is in the hospital with pneumonia

Continued Prayer

Wendy, Debra's SIL, brain surgery went well; mobility and speech affected but to what extent not yet known; will be transferring to rehab

Mary C.'s daughter fell and broke her arm and wrist

Doris Friesen, remember her in prayer for the recent passing of her son

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

Anne is part-way through her chemotherapy

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

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

Sally's father is in Delano Skilled Nursing Care

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

We awaken in the morning,
Wondering how we'll meet the day,
Not knowing God stands ready
To help us if we pray.



The integrity of the upright guides them, but the
crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.
Proverbs 11:3



Today call upon God for His heavenly guidance.

Don't Be Afraid of Being You

By Rick Warren — 04/08/2026

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

God didn’t create you to be somebody else. When you get to heaven, he’s not going to ask you why you weren’t more like your sister, your father, or your neighbor. God made you one of a kind, and he wants you to be real.

He wants to use you as *you*.

The Bible says, *“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago”* (Ephesians 2:10 NLT).

The problem is, many people try to be someone they’re not. They live for the approval of others. Or they think God would love them more if they acted differently. But God’s love isn’t based on how you act. He loves you no matter what you do.

One barrier that often keeps people from being used by God is the fear of being real. You’re afraid people won’t like you if they find out who you really are, so you live an insecure life. But the Bible says, *“The Spirit we received does not make us slaves again to fear; it makes us children of God”* Romans 8:15 (NCV).

The antidote to insecurity is God’s Spirit at work in you. When you live as a child of God, despite your mistakes and weaknesses, you’re liberated to be who God made you to be.

Did you know your imperfections are actually a good thing? People don’t grow from strengths; they grow from weaknesses. Showing only your strengths to the world won’t make others feel close to you; it may even make them feel jealous or distant. But when you admit your imperfections—when you’re real with others—people draw closer to you.

So you have a decision to make. Are you ready to be real? You can be stuck and enslaved by fear. Or you can be the real you and enjoy the good things God planned for you long ago.

Think It Over

- In what situations are you tempted to be someone you’re not?
- What level of insecurity are you living in right now? How does the reminder that you are a child of God help you live more authentically?
- When was the last time someone revealed their weaknesses to you? How did it make you feel toward them? What has been the result when you were honest with someone about your own weaknesses?

