



24, 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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Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

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password: purplelemon096



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

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

May 31 - SONG AND SUPPER; Please plan to attend

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

June 4 - Thursday night dinner; Cook: Jan

June 6 - Quarterly Brunch/Lunch at 11:00 a.m. - NO Men's or women's Prayer Breakfasts this month

NO PRAYER BREAKFASTS IN JULY DUE TO THE HOLIDAY



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.

Joyce Vontz has recently moved into Bakersfield to live with her sister. Please change in your directory. Her new address is:

5717 Wisteria Valley Road
Bakersfield, CA 93306



The teaching of the wise is a foundation of life, so that one may avoid the snares of death.

~ Proverbs 13:14

I seek your wisdom, God, in the sound counsel of the mentors you've given me. I value my friends who speak truth to me and aren't afraid to redirect me with their wise counsel. Thank you for giving me your help in this tangible way. Help me never to be too arrogant or too self-sufficient to receive what you have to give me through my friends.

PASTOR'S CORNER OF LIGHT- God's Silence Does Not Mean His Absence

It is interesting that throughout the whole book of Esther, nowhere is God evident yet Mordecai indicates His can be trusted: **Esther 4:14** "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

Esther faced an impossible choice: risk her life to plead for her people or stay silent and save herself. Unlike Ezekiel or Daniel, she received no vision, no dream, no clear instructions from God. Yet God was not absent. He was at work behind the scenes—shaping events, guiding conversations, softening hearts. He placed Esther in the palace at the exact moment she was needed. And through one ordinary young woman, God delivered an entire nation.

But Israel's rescue pointed to a greater need. Humanity needed more than temporary safety, we needed eternal salvation. So, God orchestrated another story—one that fulfilled every prophecy and arrived in the most unexpected way: through a seemingly insignificant child born in Bethlehem.

Esther's courage and Jesus's birth remind us that God's ways are often quiet and mysterious. We may not always see Him move, but we can trust that He is working for our good. "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1).

Shadrach and his friends illustrate this in Daniel 3:16,17 when they faithfully chose not to bow down and worship the king's golden image. Their declaration that they believed God could deliver them but even if He didn't they still would not worship the king's statue stands as one of the greatest examples of what it means to be faithful.

Like Esther and Shadrach, we too can place our faith in God—confidently, joyfully—knowing that the One who gave His life to save us will also provide for us that abundant life which He promised. (John 10:10)



So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6-7

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!

NEW

Debra's procedure went well and, after one night in the hospital, she was able to go home to recover; prayers for speedy healing

Gerald's radiation and chemo was not effective for him. He will see another doctor from USC; pray the doctor will have another plan of treatment for Gerald; pray also for **Mary** as she helps care for her brother

Nina's relative, **Bob**, was taken to the hospital on Wednesday with slurred speech and weakness and been falling recently; prayers for his wife, **Rhonda**, (Nina's niece) as she cares for Bob and also keeps watch on her mom, **Janette**, who lives next door to her. Janette is Nina's sister who just turned 100.

Casey Poteet, young friend of Nancy's who we prayed for previously for cancer, is having surgery June 1 to correct the damage on his face from the cancer treatment

Dover Family, Mike (who has been on our prayer list) passed away recently

Continued Prayers

Sandy CT results for her just lead to needing to see cardiologist, neurologist and a gastrologist. In the meantime, has more medication adjustments and restricted from driving.

Sandy's sister, **Sue**, fell and broke her arm at the shoulder joint.

Earl saw a doctor regarding his stomach problems.

LaDona , continue to keep her safety in your prayers.

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

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

Anne is part-way through her chemotherapy

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

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

Many of those from Newsletter were moved to the Extended Long-Term Prayer List.

If you would keep this list handy so you can continue to pray for those on the list

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



Is Busyness Keeping You from Knowing God”

by Rick Warren

“I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death.”

Philippians 3:10 (NLT)

Happiness is found in getting to know God more every day.

Paul said in Philippians 3:10, *“I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death”* (NLT).

Another translation says that Paul became *“thoroughly acquainted”* (AMP) with God because he had a relationship with him and took the time to get to know him. He understood the difference between knowing *about* someone and actually knowing someone—and Paul wanted to really *know* Christ.

You don’t become thoroughly acquainted with God by accident. You don’t just wake up and accidentally fall into a relationship with Jesus. Paul says it’s a determined purpose. It’s something you have to *do something about*. You have to invest your time in it. You have to invest your heart in it. You have to invest your resources and your energy. Getting to know God requires the best of everything you have!

One trap that can keep you from getting to know God better is busyness. Just like busyness can destroy your relationships, it can also destroy your relationship with God.

Psalm 46:10 says, *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (NIV).

To grow in your relationship with God, you need to make time for him and be still. Just a few minutes of focused time every day can make all the difference in the world. I’m not saying you have to spend an hour in prayer every day. You can start with 10 or 15 minutes each morning, reading the Bible and talking with God.

The most important thing is to make it a habit and commit to getting to know God. Only then will you, like Paul, begin understanding the wonders of God with greater clarity.

Make this your daily prayer: “Lord, if I don’t do anything else today, I want to get to know you a little bit better and I want to love you a little bit more.” As you pray and live this out, you’ll begin to experience greater happiness in your life.

Talk It Over

- What are some things you do every day for at least 15 minutes? Do you do them because they’re essential or just because they’ve become habitual?
- What distractions can keep you too busy to spend time with God?
- How will you adjust your schedule so that you can spend more time with God?