



7, 2026

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 8:31 ff

Classes in English & Spanish

PRAISE & WORSHIP

9:00 Prayer Worship

Please give us your requests

9:30 Worship Service

Worship in English & Spanish

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Let's Not Be People Pleasers

(Obey) not like those who do their work only when someone is watching – as people pleasers – but as slaves of Christ doing the will of God from the heart.

Ephesians 6:6 NET

Too often we get caught up in people pleasing, a form of idolatry. Our focus should be on pleasing God, not people. Of course, we want to be favorably accepted in the eyes of others, but their approval is often fleeting. As we emulate the character of Jesus, we are pleasing in his sight. In God alone can we find our secure identity and purpose.

Let's pause and evaluate with transparency the purity of our hearts and why we do what we do. Is it to feel good about ourselves, to impress someone else, or to check it off our do-good list? Do we seek to do as little as possible, putting on a show to appear to be doing more than we are? And what is our character when we feel no one is watching, even though Jesus is? It is the attitude of our heart that determines our character.

Jesus of patience, help us refine our motives by focusing on living in your ways, pleasing you with our whole hearts, purely, with no condition or expectation in return.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June 18 - Thursday night dinner; Cook: Buggie/Sharon

NO MEN'S or WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFASTS IN JULY since it falls on the July 4th holiday

June 27 - Celebration of Life for James Pflugh; 11:00 a.m. here at the building with lunch to follow

October 24 - 22nd Annual Fall Ladies Day at West Visalia Church of Christ; Guest Speaker is Vicki Bruce from Oklahoma City, OK

Pastor's Corner of Light: Signs of Dead Faith

Crossway.org 11/28/25 Robert L. Plummer

James continues his discussion of a dead faith which results in unanswered prayer in a similar statement (**5:15,16**) about how sickness might also be the result of sin. The Bible's teaching on sickness and sin is sometimes broken down by some into a rather simplistic viewpoint that is **too simplistic**. Sickness CAN result from sin (**1 Cor. 11:30**). Sickness and even death can be Fatherly discipline—or even judgment (**Acts 5:1–11; 1 Cor. 11:29–32**). But more frequently a person's sickness or disability has no correlation with sin, and yet, sickness is not outside God's sovereign purposes of bringing glory to His name (**John 9:3** man born blind). In each situation a true assessment of one's spiritual and physical condition should be determined.

An additional factor behind one's defective faith may be the result of a superficial hearing of God's word. James avers that a person is self-deceived if he only listens to the word of God and then does not alter his behavior in response to that word (**1:22**). The world is filled with religious pretenders, and James repeatedly warns his recipients against the dire situation of being found in that category.

Sinful speech is another sign of insincere or inauthentic faith (**1:26**). To "bridle the tongue" supports the idea of guarding one's speech from all manner of sinful utterance, such as slander, lies, or coarse jesting. Speech is an overflow of the heart (**Luke 6:45**), and sinful patterns of speech indicate the true nature of one's faith. To have a life characterized by sinful speech and still think oneself "spiritual" or "religious" is to be self-deceived, declares James. Over time, both our words and our actions show who we really are (**Mtt. 7:15–20** "You will know them by their fruits: **Mtt 15:19** from out of the heart comes evil thoughts, ...)

Simply to affirm monotheism ("God is one," **2:19**) is not sufficient to prove one has a living faith. Even the demons believe (intellectually) that there is one God and tremble in response (**Jas 2:19**) — a response that, ironically, is more visible and measurable than the reaction one expects from a person of dead faith. Intellectual or doctrinal statements about God, while necessary and proper, are inadequate to discern if one has a living or dead faith. James provides this pungent summary: "For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead" (**2:26**). Let us make sure that our actions are reflecting a living and productive faith – let us make sure that we are living our lives bearing our cross and following the Lord.

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.

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

NEW

Vivian, is sporting a bright pink cast on her right arm which will stay with her for a few weeks for her broken wrist; thankfully she did not require surgery

Trina had an ablation for her heart this past week; pray this will permanently take care of the issue

Dom, Trina's relative, was in a motorcycle accident

Anne, Nina's daughter, her CT and PET scans are showing improvement; some areas are getting smaller and others are stable; may increase the number treatments

Lynn McDougal, dealing with **multiple** health issues; please pray for healing, strength, peace and calmness for Lynn and wisdom for the doctors treating her.

Earl will be having surgery for a hernia in the next few weeks

Bob, Nina's relative, was to be released from the hospital on Thursday with home therapy

Continued Prayers

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

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

Sandy has upcoming appointments. Trying to figure out how to help her

LaDona, continue to keep her safety in your prayers.

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

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 these will be moved from Newsletter to the Extended Long-Term Prayer List.

If you would, please keep this list handy so you can continue to pray for those on the list, *but we still need you to let us know updates so we can know how to pray for those on the list.*

Prayer for Strength and Guidance

Heavenly Father, when my heart feels heavy and my path seems unclear, be my steady light in the shadows.

Grant me the courage to face what lies ahead, and the wisdom to choose what is right over what is easy.

Strengthen my spirit when I grow weary, and remind me that I am never walking alone. Guide my steps so they align with Your purpose, and let peace fill the spaces where fear tries to dwell. I trust that even in uncertainty, "Your" hand is leading me toward hope, and Your love will carry me through. *Amen.*



You once desired it, but now you're persuaded that you need it. Once you've named it a need, it has you.

It may be the sloppiest, most all-inclusive word used in human language: *need*. We put far too many things into our “*need*” category. That’s why Jesus reminds us that we have a heavenly Father who knows exactly what we need (see Matthew 6). Embedded in that reminder are both a comfort and a confrontation. The comfort is that there is One who once created and now controls everything that is, and who has unleashed his awesome power so that you and I may receive from his hand every good thing that we need to be what we were designed to be and to do what we have been called to do. No need has been unmet by his gracious hands. But his statement also carries with it a humbling rebuke. We need a heavenly Father who knows what we need, because we don’t. We get *want* and *need* confused all the time.

Here’s how need-driven addiction (spiritual slavery) develops. It all starts with *desire* (“I want . . .”). There is nothing evil about desire. God created us with the capacity to desire. Everything we say and do is the product of desire. Yet it is very hard for sinners to hold desire with an open hand. It doesn’t take long for our desires to morph into *demands* (“I must . . .”). The thing that was once a desire is now taking hold of us. We’re less willing to live without it. We’re more and more convinced that we have to have it. Then demand morphs into *need* (“I will . . .”). Now, with great resolve and surety, we are convinced that we cannot live without it. This thing that was once an open-handed desire has been christened a need. We’re now fully convinced that it would be impossible to live without it. It is now in control of our hearts. We think about it all the time. We are fearful when we’re without it. We plot how to keep it in our lives.

But the cycle of slavery doesn’t end there. Need forms *expectation* as to what God ought to do (“You should . . .”). You see, if you’re convinced it’s a need, you will think you’re entitled to it, you will be convinced that you have the right to demand it, and you will judge God’s love by his willingness to deliver it. Expectation then leads to *disappointment* if God doesn’t deliver (“You didn’t . . .”). We can’t believe that God would say that he loves us yet not meet this “need.” The fact is, God has been faithful to all that he’s promised us, but this desire that morphed into a need is not something he’s promised to give us. So disappointment leads us to some kind of *anger* (“Because you didn’t, I will . . .”). Because we now judge God as unfaithful, we quit trusting him as we should and we let go of our good habits of faith. Isn’t it good to know that Jesus came to free us from our idolatry?”

For further study and encouragement: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

(Taken from New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp)



I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.
2 Timothy 1:12b