



14, 2026

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 9:1 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 Embrace Our Authority

Ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.

Colossians2:10 KJV

Satan's goal is to tear us down, confuse our identity and keep us questioning who we are in Christ. But when we give our hearts to Jesus, surrendering our sinful ways to his forgiveness, he overcomes every power and authority, and Satan is defeated. Yes, evil forces still attempt to interrupt God's plan, but as our Scripture Whisper reconfirms, in Christ, we have the power and authority to shut down the forces of evil because Jesus lives within us.

Adopting Jesus' blueprint of life creates a barrier against Satan's intrusion. Living the fruit of the Spirit in our daily walk results in victory because of the power of Jesus living within us. Whenever we're tempted to give in to Satan's scheme, remember that Jesus has already won.

Jesus of kindness, help us always remember that your death on the cross transferred your power and authority to us, your children, to shut down the evil forces, We call on you to fill the atmosphere with our presence.

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: What determines our Church Appearance?

Modified version of Daniel Stegeman's Oct 15th, 2025 article

Does it matter how we dress when we enter the Lord's house? In times past coming to church meant wearing our "Sunday best" and was the highlight of our week. In recent decades our thinking has shifted to concerns that visitors might feel uncomfortable if everyone was dressed to the hilt. In truth, the Bible is largely silent on this topic. "Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind" **Rom 14:5**. So whichever side you come down on I encourage you to put on the kind of intentionality that recognizes worship's significance and doesn't treat it casually. Dressing up is just **one way** we can prepare for worship, but whatever you wear, don't give your neighbor a reason to think Sunday worship is **insignificant** to you.

Many members dress up for church, not for the sake of promoting vanity but to honor the Lord. When a congregation gathers for worship, we should realize that we are coming together in the presence of Christ, the King of kings, Lord of lords, and Creator of the universe. If you're called to go to Buckingham Palace and meet with King Charles, you'll give thought to what you wear. In fact, there's a dress code for meeting with the royal family. When we gather for worship, we should feel even more the privilege of meeting with our great and holy God. When we wear the same outfit to church that we'd wear to a baseball game or the movies, this can communicate that we have a low view of corporate worship. It can communicate that we think it's appropriate to approach God casually, even thoughtlessly. We live in an increasingly casual and unserious society. Dressing up for church won't change these cultural dynamics, but it can convey the gravity and importance of worship amid a casual culture.

If you have young children, the idea of dressing the whole family up will certainly add more work to your Sunday morning routine but think of dressing up as an opportunity to disciple your children, to remind them of the value of corporate worship. Choosing an outfit the night before can even be a bonding time.

We shouldn't dress up merely to please people or fit in. After all, "man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart" ([1 Sam. 16:7](#)). But if we want our dress to communicate that corporate worship matters, we should look at how our society shows that other gatherings matter – they arrive early and dress as appropriately as possible. Following the cultural precedent, we should dress up for our engagement with the Lord of glory.



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

Sandy and Lynn are each having multiple health issues; please pray for answers

Gene lost a grown foster grandson in a bicycle accident

Joyce had a head injury from a recent fall

James, Darlene's brother, was to have cancer surgery this past week

Debbie, Vivian's cousin, had hernia surgery recently

Janese will be driving to California to visit Nina; prayer for safe travel to and from Washington

Jan is having an eye procedure tomorrow

Continued Prayers

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

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

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, is still waiting for surgery to correct what was done as a result of the chemo.

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.*

ONE INSIGNIFICANT ACT

You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God.

1 Samuel 13:13

King Saul, a man chosen to lead God's people, found himself in a bind. It was time for a burnt offering, but the prophet, already seven days late, had not yet arrived. Taking matters into his own hand, Saul offered the burnt offering himself. As a result, he was met with harsh words by the prophet: "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the Lord . . . Now your kingdom shall not continue" (1 Samuel 13:13-14).

As it did for Saul, one seemingly insignificant choice has the potential to destroy your testimony. King Saul no doubt thought that making an offering was an insignificant act, but it cost him his kingdom, and more importantly, it damaged his relationship with God.

How can you keep your testimony strong and unblemished? Keep purity foremost in your heart and mind. Tune your heart to the Holy Spirit's gently voice, and obey when He speaks to you. Keep a consistent prayer life so that your heart remains sensitive to the things that are important to the Lord. And above all, take the advice of the apostle Paul to the Thessalonians, "Test all things; hold fast to what is good. Abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22).

Things insignificant to man may be great in the sight of God.

Unknown

(Taken from Walking With God by David Jeremiah)



***Your words were found and I ate them,
And Your words became a joy to me and
the delight of my heart;
For I have been called by Your name.***

Jeremiah 15:16 NASB

***When I was a new believer, I needed help understanding
Your Word. The more I learn about who you are, the
More thankful I am to be known by you. The continuous
Realization that I am yours brings me great delight.***

(Taken from Prayers and Promises for Women)