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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 9:9 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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Calendar

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

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

July 2 - Thursday Night dinner, Cook: Lori Sanchez

July 7 - Elders' Meeting at 8:100 a.m.

July 16 - Thursday Night Dinner - Debra is still looking for a cook for that date

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

Let's Value the Gift of Prayer

At that time Jesus went up a hill to pray and spent the whole night there praying to God.

Luke 6:12 GNT

Prayer is the most vital gift, a cherished blessing, which enables us to talk to the creator of the universe at any hour, like Jesus did. God our Father devotes his undivided attention to each of his children when we approach him in prayer to converse about the things on our hearts: our regrets, our shame, our despair, our joys, and times when our hearts feel grateful for his many blessings. We can visit with God anytime.

Jesus, God's Son, felt a need to go off alone and share in quiet communion with his Father, apart from the hustle of life. We should do likewise and intentionally schedule quiet, meaningful times to visit with the Master. In the meantime, amid the noise and busyness of life, we can talk with God all day long. He will devote his attention to anyone who calls him up for a chat. He always cherishes hearing from his children even if only in our thoughts or for a few quick words.

Jesus of love, help us not take for granted this enormous gift of twenty-four seven communication with you.

(Taken from Pause and Pray)

Pastor's Corner of Light: Daniel's Prayer

To continue our discussion of faith and its influence upon our prayers we would do well to look at a prayer offered by Daniel. Scripture is rich with knowledge and wisdom and gives us many examples of how to best live our lives. Our prayer life could be enriched if we contemplated the example given to us by Daniel in the 9th chapter of his book. Daniel made prayer a priority in his life, but prayer wasn't just a spiritual discipline that he checked off his to-do list. It was a lifeline. He cried out with rawness of emotion: True prayer is never passive. It is a desperate plea, a passionate outpouring, a lament, an emptying, an ache laid bare before God.

The opening words of his prayer is to declare the wonders and greatness of our God. There is wisdom in beginning with adoration of the almighty. Reverent praise sets our heart in the right direction. Prayer is a powerful way of reminding ourselves of who God is. As we sit in God's presence and meditate on His attributes, we lift our hearts above our fears. It moves our gaze upward instead of merely inward or outward. As we ponder and proclaim the nature of God, we begin to grasp our fallen-ness. True prayer prompted by the Spirit of God is inherently humbling. When we pray, we are essentially saying, "Lord, on my own, I cannot. But I know that you are able." A posture of prayer is a posture of dependence.

Despite his own upright walk with God, Daniel did not separate himself from the sins of his people. Throughout his confession, his language is marked by the pronoun "we," not "they." Daniel didn't pray a timid prayer for his people. He prayed with passion, believing that the Lord hears and acts. In sackcloth and ashes before God, he cried: *We have sinned, we have not listened, we have rebelled.* Daniel's prayer challenges us to stop pointing fingers and, instead, become people who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Instead of blaming others, we can emulate Daniel's humility before God as we recognize our own frailties and fallen-ness. He prayed in repentance, believing that restoration would bring glory to God. Beautifully woven through Daniel's confession is the character of God. Daniel proclaimed that the Lord is righteous. He was reminding himself that the Lord God is merciful and forgiving.

When we speak back to God what He has revealed about Himself in the Word, our spirits are strengthened. Isn't it true that when we are consumed by worship, our supplications often become an afterthought? Yet God in His love invites us to cast our burdens on Him. As our world plunges into the depths of divisiveness and depravity, may we come before God as Daniel did. May we humble ourselves, confess our sins, ground ourselves in Scripture, cling to the character of Christ, and passionately plead for the healing of our land.

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

Joyce is slowly getting better from her fall but pray for continued healing

James, Darlene's brother, is home recovering from his cancer surgery

Janese arrived this last week to visit

Connie had a biopsy this last week; waiting for results; praying for good results

Kathy Mains, friend of one of our members, is having health issues plus she and others are being evacuated due to fires in the area

Earl has a relative who is in his final days; prayers for peace and comfort

Hannah, Trina's daughter, needs to find a place to do her internship

Demetrio, had a medical test this past week

Kiersten, Nelson's granddaughter, passed her certification for registered nurse and is job hunting

Spohn family, former members, Chris recently passed away

Pflugh family as they prepare for the Celebration of Life for James on Saturday

Continued Prayers

Gene lost a grown foster grandson in a bicycle accident

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

Debbie, Vivian's cousin, had hernia surgery recently

Vivian, as her wrist continues to heal

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

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 is abandoning hope of independent capability and believing that in Christ you're given everything you need for life and godliness.

Prayer is an act of worship. Prayer is an act of submission. Prayer is an act of obedience. But prayer is also an act of admission. Every instance of prayer is a confession in which I own my condition and embrace my need. Prayer that doesn't do this may be a religious recitation of some sort, but it ceases to be prayer. In prayer, I confess once again that I won't ever be what I'm supposed to be and do what I am supposed to do without the forgiving, empowering, and delivering grace of the One to whom I am praying. Prayer decimates my independent self-surety; it puts my utter dependence before my eyes and calls me to cry out for the help that I am so often tempted to deny I need.

No passage gets at this more clearly than Christ's parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector in Luke 18:9-14.

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

The tax collector prayed the prayer that should be on the lips of every one of us every time we pray. The mercy for which he cried is the mercy that each of us constantly needs. To reduce prayer to a grocery list of things that you want and think you need not only demeans prayer, but it also demeans the sacrifice of love that the One to whom you are praying made so that you and your prayers would be received. The heart of true prayer is vertical confession, not horizontal desire.

The Pharisee's prayer was not a prayer at all. He basically raised his head to heaven and said: "Here I am, God. I'm as righteous as I need to be, so I don't really need your help at the moment." He was revolted by the thought that he might be as sinful and needy as the low-life tax collector who stood not far from him. Self-righteousness crushes prayer, reducing it to an empty religious recitation spoken by one who sees himself as a grace graduate. Run to Jesus in your poverty and weakness, and know that he is never revolted when you do, but always greets you with arms of grace.

For further study and encouragement: James 5:13-16
(Taken from New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp)