



2, 2026

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 10:41 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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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

TODAY – **David Diaz**

Miguel Angel Franco

5 – Adrienne Booth

12 – Borjas Gonzalez



Thank you doesn't seem enough to let you know how grateful and thankful we are for the loving service you provided for our brother. Everything was so lovely, and yummy. It's nice to have a Christian family! What a great example. ~ Dwight and Teddy Plumley

We want to remind you once again how special you all are to us. Thank you for loving and caring for our precious Mother. She truly considered you all her family!

~ Love, The Keeley Family



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

August 4 – Elders' Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

August 6 – Thursday Night Dinner @ 5:30 p.m. Cook:Darlene

August 20 – Thursday Night Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.

Need someone for Aug 20th and if you think you can do in Sept. Please! Please! Let Debra know now.

September 1 – Elders' Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

September 3 – Thursday night Dinner @5:30 p.m.

September 6 – Men's and Ladies' Prayer Breakfasts

September 17 – Thursday Night Dinner @5:30 p.m.

Pastor's Corner of Light
"To Partake or NOT to Partake"

Sean DeMars pastor

Many Protestant churches practice what's called fencing the table—offering a brief warning before the Lord's Supper about who should and should not partake. This instinct is rooted in Scripture and church history. The supper is a sacred ordinance, and pastors rightly want to protect it from being taken lightly or profaned. Recently, in an article I wrote that Scripture doesn't only help us see the need to fence the table; it also helps us see how *not* to fence the table.

In many churches today, fencing focuses on cultivating individual self-examination. While self-examination and personal repentance is certainly an important part of the Christian life, it's not Paul's concern in **1 Corinthians 11:29**. In that context, the apostle calls out a specific abuse of the table—Corinthian believers who dishonored one another and despised the church through their conduct at the meal.

Paul calls these church members to reconcile before they partake. But he doesn't place the primary responsibility for deciding who should take communion on individual Christian consciences. His goal isn't for introspective believers to worry over whether they're worthy enough.

The New Testament gives that responsibility to the congregation. The church—not the individual's self-assessment—determines whether coming to the table is appropriate. When someone claims to be a believer but refuses to repent of ongoing sin, the church is told to no longer treat that person as a member in good standing (Matt. 18:17; 1 Cor. 5:11–13). But aside from this, struggling believers are called to come to the table of grace. *Grace and peace, Sean*

In Mt 4:22, 1 John 2:9,10 & 3:10, 17 we see Scripture's emphasis on family relationships within the church family. Even a parable told by the Lord is about our placing a gift to God to the side until we make things right with a brother. Let us ensure that we are loving our brothers and sisters as Christ did and thereby avoiding any "unworthy" taking of our Lord's Supper each week.



*Therefore, there is now no
condemnation for those who are
in Christ Jesus. ~ Romans 8:1*

Prayer REQUESTS

*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's friend, **Bob**, who is dealing with pneumonia and sepsis

Prayer for all of those traveling this week. Praise for all of those who made it home safely.

Tristan, as he mourns the passing of his grandmother, **Kitty Jo**

Continued Prayer

Debbie, Glen and Matt, friends of the Hoopers; Debbie's son, Matt had a stroke and is in the hospital; Debbie's husband, Glen is undergoing chemo and having heart issues; Debbie as she cares for everyone, including her mother who is in assisted living

Sandy had a follow up with cardiologist on Wednesday and has an upper GI scheduled before they make an appointment with the surgeon

Mike has an appointment with the neurologist August 19th

Trina's dad's carotid artery surgery went well. Prayer for continued good health

Joyce's family as they grieve the passing of her brother-in-law

Three of **Earl's family members (cousins)** were killed recently in a car accident.

Jennifer, one of our Thursday night members, chemo treatments

James, Darlene's brother, is improving but has a long way to go; needs prayer

Debra Continued prayers for her strength in her health and the ability to walk easier

Borjas/Sally's children are struggling in various areas and need to find the Lord

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

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

Several on the list were moved to the long-term prayer list.

Please continue to remember them also in your prayers.



But as for me, the nearness of God is my good . . . ~ Psalm 73:28 (NASB)

It was a packed flight from Honduras to Houston, and due to an airline mix-up, my wife and I were seated several rows apart.

I'm an admitted introvert. So sitting with strangers for extended periods is never my favorite thing. But since I fly a lot, I've got the moves down: feigning sleep or opening a book usually wards off interaction. It's not that I don't enjoy people. I'm just a bit more comfortable at a distance.

I heard the woman before I saw her. And I knew – the way you always seem to know these things on planes – that she'd be my seat mate.

I dug for my book. Where was the thing? Too late.

She dropped down next to me with a sigh, all scarves and hats and fluffy things. Maybe I could try the sleep trick? She made eye contact – nope.

I tossed a silent petition to heaven for mercy. Heaven only smiled.

"So, what's your name, son?" the woman said. Heaven's smile turned into a laugh.

I told her and she introduced herself in turn. Then she leaned in. "Isn't it great?"

"Isn't what great?"

She grinned. "How much God loves us." So began a conversation that lasted the rest of the trip.

The thing is, no matter how many tricks we have, God will always find a way into the next seat. His nearness might not always be comfortable, but it's always good.

My new friend waited with me at the end of the jet way, just to give my wife a hug. Then she left us with a wave and a grin.

My wife smiled. "Wow. So . . . how was your flight?"

"You know what? I loved it."

***Thank You, Lord, for pulling us out of ourselves. And into Your love.
~ Buck Storm***

(Taken from Walking in Grace)

Heavenly Father, my life is full of adventure. It gives me a sense of anticipation and excitement, especially now when I am beginning a new month. What is unknown to me is not frightening, when you are with me. And because I know you're here, I don't mind taking the kinds of risks that help me grow in my faith. Lead me today even more into the adventure of living.

