



9, 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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Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFi8-2G

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

August 20 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

August 20 - Thursday Night Dinner @ 5:30 p.m. Cooks: Buggie Sharon

August 22 - Swim Party at the Nelson's home

August 27 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

August 30 - Song & Supper Bring a dish to share and your voices

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

September 3 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

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

September 5 - Prayer Breakfast Men's Breakfast 8:00 am in the church kitchen and Ladies' at 9:30 am at Vivians Home

September 10 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

September 17 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

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

September 24 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

Tate Siemens is the son of Anne
He lived in Shafter as a young
child for a while so we hope he
finds it welcoming and will
make new friends here.
He is Nina's oldest Grandson
and will be staying at the house
for now and we welcome him to
the Shafter Church Family and
the area.

Swim Party for the Youth and the young
at heart will be happening

Saturday August 22nd 10 am – 2 pm

Garry and Jan Nelson's home

727 Acacia, Shafter

Hamburger and Hotdogs will be provided



Pastor's Corner of Light

IMITATORS / FOLLOWERS

1 Cor 11:1 “Be imitators of me (Paul), just as I also am of Christ.”

No matter where we go, we are being watched. There may not be anybody we know but we are still being watched. We may or may not influence some of those around us but in all likelihood we will. Consider ‘Black Friday’. I remember my wife telling me about some of the awful behavior that she saw. And like dominoes, so often one bad reaction precipitates the next one. And we know the truth that the opposite can also happen. Someone opens a door and greets the person being allowed through with a smile and well-wishes. A positive comment is made about a hair-cut or a beautiful dress and a whole person's day is changed - to then influence others. We so often imitate what we hear and see. That is why how we spend our hours and what activities we indulge in is so important.

Imitating others is not just a matter of habit and common-sense wisdom; it is baked into Christianity. Christian discipleship works by both instruction and imitation. **Phil 4:8** “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” Even Jesus had something to say about His apostles seeing and doing as He did on the night before His death: “If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” ([John 13:14–15](#)). Jesus makes His own love not only the motive and means but also the measure of how we must love each other: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” ([John 13:34](#); cf. [John 15:12](#)). And Peter tells us that even Jesus's death, with all its unrepeatable redemptive effect, is also our example: “But if when you do good and suffer for it, you endure it, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps” ([1 Pet. 2:20–21](#); cf. [Phil. 2:5–11](#); [Eph. 5:2, 25, 28](#))

So, let us follow Paul's example & imitate our Lord & Savior in all our ways!

Love God ~ Love Each Other ~ Love the Lost ~ Live in His Light
Amar a Dios ~ Amarse Vnos a Otros ~ Amar a los Perdidos ~ Vivir en Su

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!

PRAISE

John Malby finished with chemo and radiation from our Extended Long-Term Prayer list
He is doing well. (Thank you, Darlene, for the update)

NEW

- **Adrienne** has been under the weather so pray she's feeling better
- **Barbara and LeRoy** health issues
- **Gerald** had cancer surgery **Wednesday**
- **Janifer and family** have moved in temporarily with Nancy and Mark as the house they were renting was put on the market.
- **Joe and Lori's children** are struggling with various life problems
- **Nancy**, daughter of Mike and Sandy had Lung CT Tue and waiting on results.
- **Sandy**, Upper GI was changed from Tue to Fri so will be waiting for results
- **Trina's** high school friend **Denise** passed Friday from her cancer battle. Remember her children **Nolan- Emily and Grayson** in your prayers.

TRAVELERS

Nelsons, Nunlist, at the coast. **Joyce** left for Nebraska for a week.

Praise for those who made their travels and returned home safely

CONTINUED from prior week

Vivian's friend, Bob, who is dealing with pneumonia and sepsis
Praise for all of those who made it home safely. Prayer for all of those traveling this week.

Serving in the Military:

Charlie Nina's great-great nephew, **Air Force** has been sent overseas

Chris & Jonah (friends of Trina) who are soldiers in the Middle East

Jason McCune, Navy (Sandy's niece's husband they are stationed in Washington), has been sent to Italy for 12+ weeks while family stays in Washington.

Karli Winter, Air Force in Ohio finishing schooling

Continued prayers for those serving that we don't know and their families missing them at home to be returned safely

Moved many that were in the Green from last week to the new long-term prayer list.
Please remember to include them in your prayers along with the many we have on that list.
Which we move from the current after a couple week to it and continue to rely on you to keep us on their updates. Please! let us know if there are any updates on any of your prayer requests.



*Lord, we do rejoice even in our struggles
because we are rejoicing in who You are
and Your good purposes for us.
You are powerful, loving, in control,
and eternal. We trust You and love You.*

Rest at God's Table, Even in the Battle

By Rick Warren — 08/04/2026

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." Psalm 23:5 (NIV)

King David knew what it meant to be attacked emotionally, verbally, and physically. As a young man, he was anointed by the prophet Samuel to be the next king of Israel, but Saul was still king and decided to kill him. David had to hide from Saul in caves while lies were being told about him across the kingdom. Yet David never retaliated, because God was preparing him to be a king who followed God's heart.

David said of God, *"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies"* (Psalm 23:5 NIV).

Does it sound like David was stressed out? No! He didn't have to use up all his energy defending himself, because he trusted God to be his defender.

It takes a lot of faith and humility to trust God and rest when you're under attack, when you're misunderstood, and when rumors are spreading about you. When that happens, everything in you wants to rise up and do something about it. How do you handle people who attack you? You don't. You let God handle them.

Trust God to be your defender.

Not only does God want to defend you, but he also wants to fellowship with you. The Message paraphrases Psalm 5:11 this way: *"You'll welcome us with open arms when we run for cover to you. Let the party last all night! Stand guard over our celebration."*

Both Psalm 23 and Psalm 5 paint the picture of a banquet, or a party, at an unlikely time—not just when good times are happening but when you're under attack.

If you're in the heat of the battle right now, God knows about it. Maybe you're fighting for your job, your health, your sanity, or your dignity. While the battle is going on, God wants to throw a banquet for you to offer just a little encouragement.

God wants to host a banquet on a battlefield. That kind of encouragement is available to you today when you surrender your worry, pain, and control to Jesus and rest in his promises to you.

If you're a child of God, your heavenly Father is proud of you. Critics may spite you, slander you, ignore you, ridicule you, or libel you, but they can't stop God's blessing on your life.

As the Bible says, *"He brought me to his banquet hall and raised the banner of love over me"* (Song of Solomon 2:4 GNT).

Talk It Over

- What battle are you in right now? What opposition is staring you down?
- What will you have to let go of in order to surrender your defense to God?
- How does resting during a battle help you fight better?

