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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 12:18 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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IMPORTANT DATES



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

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

August 30 - Song and Supper - Bring a dish and your voice

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

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

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

September 5 - Men's and Ladies' Prayer Breakfasts

Men's 8:00 a.m. in the church kitchen

Women's 9:30 a.m. at Vivian's house

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

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

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

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

October 24 - Ladies Day at West Visalia Church of Christ



NEW ADDRESSES

In case you missed it in last week's
prayer list, Trina has a new address.

**309 Windsor Park Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93311**

Also, Mary Nixon has moved to
Room 5 at Carrington

O God, your love is so great. I'm not sure that I can
love as you do or even love others in a way that will
please you. God, teach me how to really love my
family, my friends, and even strangers. I trust in the
power of your love to make me into a far more
loving person than I am today. Amen

Pastor's Corner of Light

Reading the Bible

I have become increasingly convinced that some of our resistance to the Bible is rooted in our failure to really see it for what it is fundamentally: a gift. Because it comes from God, we undoubtedly feel obligated to it. But do we view Scripture as grace from God, a gift given for our earthly and eternal happiness – this can really shape how we feel about reading and submitting to it.

The psalmist writes of God, “You are good and do good; teach me Your statutes” ([Ps. 119:68](#)). God’s statutes are not just illustrating His role as just lawgiver, but also as a kind and giving Lord. Scripture is an extension of God’s loving presence. Clearly, for the psalmist, the goodness of God and the goodness of Scripture go hand-in-hand. And God, as not only a judge but also a loving Father, cherishes and watches over His word in order to preserve His saving gospel.

Let’s consider when Moses is preparing Israel to enter the promised land. He sees it necessary to remind them of what makes them so unique and blessed among the nations. He says: For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon Him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ([Deut 4:7–8](#)) Unlike the other nations, Israel had a God who was faithful and near presence to them, ever desiring to respond to their prayers. He was also a God who gave them good laws—statutes that were in themselves righteous but that also enabled them to live upright lives. God gives His word to His people so they could experience His presence—His personal and verbal presence—and this is what makes them who they are. God’s personal and verbal presence are the unique treasures given to His treasured possession - Israel ([Ex. 19:6](#); [Deut. 7:6](#)). It is no less true for us. God and His word together are our crown, our distinctive glory as His people. Do we believe this? Unless we believe this, we will not be able to make sense of Bible passages that praise God’s word, let alone Scripture’s grandiose, 176-verse love song to God’s word: [Psalm 119](#). And, most important of all, unless we believe it, we will have a hard time delighting in Scripture. Unless we fully embrace the goodness of God in the gift of Scripture, we may be prone to approaching Bible reading as a chore rather than a joy.

Once our thinking is sound regarding Scripture, and we really do receive it as a gift, how do we train our hearts to catch up to our heads? In other words, how do we cultivate delight in the Scriptures? We must regularly remind ourselves that, through Scripture, God is personally speaking to us because He wants to grant us gift upon gift. We need to remind ourselves that the Bible is a relational book through which God is extending His hand to us over and over again—to shape us, refine us, bless us, and redeem us. Ps. 119:2 “How blessed are those who observe His testimonies.”



Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.

~ Psalm 73:23-24

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

NEW

Borjas and his son Tommy picked David up in Oklahoma and were traveling back when David had a stroke and was airlifted to Flagstaff, AZ. Borjas continued to drive to Flagstaff until more information can be determined. Pray for David's health and Borjas' situation as he looks after David.

Brenda has had knee surgery this past week

Cynthia Stevens, a member at Central, her husband passed away this week

John and Ashley are dealing with personal family issues

Mike had an appointment with the neurologist on Wednesday, and will be having more test done over the next month but was given permission to eat more salt due to his low blood pressure.

Nancy was not feeling well this past week

Sally's brother, **Reuben**, is struggling with back pain

Tank had surgery on Tuesday, the 18th He is home recovering and won't know his results until next week. Continue to pray for his needs and for Mary and family caring for him.

Trina's aunt Alice had gall bladder surgery this past week and is home recovering

Continued Prayer

Borjas/Sally's family members are struggling with family issues.

Debbie, Glen and Matt, friends of the Hoopers; Debbie's son, Matt had a stroke; Debbie's husband, Glen, chemo and multiple health issues; Debbie as caretaker

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

Debra's nephew, Wyatt and his brothers Colton Mason and Austin in prayer, with the loss his mother recently

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

Earl's nephew passed away

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

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

Mike he and Sandy are having multiple issues

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, stationed in Washington), back from his time Station duty in Paris. His family is thankful to have him home

Karli Winter, Air Force, just went to Okinawa this past week

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

**Several on the list that are in green will be moved to the long-term prayer list.
Please continue to remember them also in your prayers.**



***God will call you to do what you cannot do,
but will provide everything you need to do it.***

Noah didn't have the power to get all those animals into that ark, but the Lord provided what was necessary for it to happen.

Joseph didn't have the ability to preserve his life and put himself in a position of power in Egypt, but the Lord made it happen.

Moses didn't have what it takes to free the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt, but the Lord empowered him to lead them to the Promised Land.

The Israelites didn't have the means to get across the Red Sea, but the Lord parted the waters for them.

The pilgrims in the wilderness had no means of feeding and sustaining themselves, but the Lord provided everything they needed.

The children of Israel had no means of defeating the walled city of Jericho, but the Lord gave them victory.

David had no personal power to overcome Goliath, but the Lord gave him courage and strength in the alley of Elah.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had no ability to keep themselves from burning up in that fiery furnace, but the Lord preserved their lives.

The disciples had no means of feeding the hungry crowd that had gathered to hear Jesus, but he fed them well from a little boy's lunch.

Paul had no ability to preserve himself and those who were with him from shipwreck, but the Lord exercised his power so that none were lost.

The apostles had no ability to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the known world, but the Lord gifted them and provided for them so that they could do so.

You and I have no natural abilities to rise and do what God calls us to do, but he refuses to leave us to our own resources. He is not so unwise, unkind, or unfaithful as to ever call us to a task without enabling us to do it. I am not able to love my wife the way Jesus loves the church, but I am not left by God to my own character and strength. I am not able to keep my heart pure, so God fills me with his empowering Spirit. You see, what 2 Peter 1:3 says is really true; we have been given everything we need for life and godliness. The God who calls us to a radical new way of living meets us with radical empowering grace. Have courage. Be active. Your Savior really is your strength.

(Taken from New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp)

