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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 12:41ff

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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I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Psalm 139:14

I'm glad you've made me, Lord. Thank you for the qualities I like most about myself, things you've built in that make me feel special. Help me remember these positives during those times when others put me down or when I'm feeling down about myself. Teach me to accept myself, my whole self - weaknesses, warts, and all - remembering that I am a work in progress, created by your hand and being recreated within by your love.

(taken from My Personal Daily Prayer Book)

dates
to Remember

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

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.

Cook: Darlene

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

October 1 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

October 1 - Thursday night dinner @ 5:30 p.m. Lori

October 6 - Elders Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

October 8 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

October 15 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

October 15 - Thursday Night Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

October 24 - Ladies Day at West Visalia Church of Christ

Pastor's Corner of Light

Does Money Buy Happiness?

Steve Jobs passed away at 56 with pancreatic cancer. Here is what he said from his death bed: "Many would consider my life to be an epitome of success. But aside from my work I have little joy. In the end wealth is only a fact of life that I am accustomed to. As I lay here on my sick bed, I realize all the recognition that I took pride in have paled and become meaningless in the face of death. Material things can be lost but here is one thing that can never be found when it is lost: life! Treasure love for your family, spouse, and friends. Treat yourself well. Learn to cherish as you grow old and wiser that whether we wear a \$300 or \$30 watch, they both keep the same time; whether we own a 1,000 sq. ft or 3,000 sq. ft house – loneliness is the same. You should realize that your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world. Therefore, I hope you realize that your life with your friends and family is what brings true happiness. There are 5 undeniable facts of life that you should learn quickly; **1)** Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy **2)** Eat your food as medicine or you will be eating medicine as food **3)** the ones who love you will never leave you for another because he/she will find at least one reason to hold on to you **4)** There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few really understand this. **5)** You are loved when you are born; you are loved when you die – and in between you have to manage!

It appears that Steve's answer to "does money buy happiness" is a resounding NO! The answer to what does bring happiness is relationships. Scripture affirms this: **Prov. 18:24** "One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." **Ecc 4:9-12** "Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the other one will lift up his companion. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help him up. Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Having people in our lives is extremely important and I believe that is why Jesus instituted the church and Paul tells us to consider how to stimulate one another – to love and good deeds. ALONE we are more susceptible to Satan's shenanigans and deceptive lies and pitfalls that he constantly puts before us. Let us not forsake one another but instead: "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." – **1 Thessalonians 5:11**



I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

~ Isaiah 61:10

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!

TRAVELING

Ron & Nancy will be headed to the coast on Tuesday for a couple of weeks

Garry & Jan left yesterday for Oregon; be back on Monday, the 14th

Earl left Thursday for a family fishing trip in northern California for a few days

NEW

Pete Morris, Nelson's SIL's father, had a successful heart valve replacement on Tuesday

Sally was having sciatica issues last Sunday

Adrianne was not feeling well last Sunday

Borjas's grandson is having serious health issues

Brenda's knee operation is on Monday

Rhonda, Trina's friend, has been diagnosed with stage four lung cancer

Continued Prayer

Prayers for **Joe/Lori's children** as they deal with various life struggles

Natalie is dealing with work stress

Doreen, Trina's aunt, was airlifted to Sioux Falls for a brain bleed

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

John and Ashley are dealing with personal family issues

Tank as he deals with health issues and **Mary** as she cares for him

Mike will be having several tests over the next few weeks; he and **Sandy** are having multiple issues

Sandy will hopefully see the surgeon on the 12th if the date does not change again

Several on the continued prayer list
were moved to the long-term prayer list.
Please continue to remember them also in your prayers.

*Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I
am he who will sustain you. I have made you
and I will carry you. I will sustain you and I
will rescue you.*

Isaiah 46:4



DO YOU WANT IT?

*When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had
been in this condition for a long time, he asked
him, "Do you want to get well?"
John 5:6 (NIV)*

Jesus showed compassion throughout his ministry, often to those whom society overlooked. In this instance, a man who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years drew the attention of Jesus. Before healing him, Jesus asked, "Do you want to get well?" Can you picture that scene? Can you imagine asking a man who had been hurting and in need of healing for almost four decades if he wants to be well? Can you see the love in Jesus's eyes as He talks with him? Can you see the resignation change to hope as the man talks with Jesus? What a question!

Christ's powerful example reminds me that I should be asking that question of the people I meet every day. I can't heal the physically sick as Jesus did, but I can offer the Savior's path to perfect health of the soul. The beauty of the gospel message is that it is for everyone. Everyone can receive the wonderful promises Christ offers. We have the opportunity to be children of God, receive the hope of the Holy Spirit within, and become joint heirs with Jesus. What promises! Do you want to get well?

*Lord, please help me to be bold as I meet others each day. Help me
to show through my words and actions that Your word
offers sweet healing. Through You Son I pray. Amen.*

(Sharon Forster – Taken from Power for Today)



About Your Business

*Commit your actions to the Lord,
And your plans will succeed.
Proverbs 16:3 NLT*

When I am making a decision, I want my first thought to be, "What does God think about this?" Jesus, the reality is far from this, as you know, so help my mind process to be re-oriented to start with you.

Waking up in the morning, I want to first think of you, and going to sleep at night, I want my last thoughts to be about you. If I could somehow do this, and my life was devoted to you, I would be successful in what I put my hand to because I would be about your business.

*You have plans that never fail. You know what you want and how to accomplish it. I don't
doubt in your ability to be successful, or your wisdom to know how to deal with a situation.
You have the power to overcome any adversary. There really is nothing to stop you doing
that you want except for your great love. Everything you do is laced with love.*

(Taken from 365 Power Prayers for Men)