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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 14:17 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

MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

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password: purplelemon096

dates to Remember

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

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. We still need a cook for that night

October 22 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

October 24 - Ladies Day at West Visalia Church of Christ

**Sign up sheet in back corner. 8:30 - 9:15 desserts and beverages
9:30 - 12:00 with lunch to follow at Marie Callender's: \$20
RSVP for lunch by Friday, Oct. 16th**

October 29 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

November 3 - Elders Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

November 5 - Thursday Night Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Cook: Nancy

**November 7 - Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m. in the kitchen
Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:30 a.m. at Nancy's**

GLORIFY GOD

What temptation is your greatest struggle as you follow God? May answer today would not be the same as I would have given thirty or fifty years ago. Over the years, I have struggled with many things. They range from youthful lust, ambition, anger, impatience and greed to selfishness, resentment, worry, doubt, and thoughtlessness. Each time I think I have laid one of these to rest, it somehow resurfaces. Which was most troublesome? Depending on the day or period, the answer could have been any of the above or several at once.

My battles have changed over the decades. And now I see a temptation not mentioned on my list. Yet, it has been there all the time. Most Christians know the strong desire to be complimented for doing good work. Yet, when Jesus did amazing things, people praised God. That is what Jesus wanted! God deserves all the honor. My yearning for praise arises too often. Pray that this old servant will stop looking for applause and serve God with a pure heart.

(Taken from Power for Today by Robert Blair)

Pastor's Corner

To Worship or NOT to Worship

Biblical worship is our response to who God is and what He has done. We're creatures who respond and we're hardwired to respond when we see and encounter God. But a response to God should be different from a response to a mountain peak because God is infinitely good, unfathomably beautiful, perfectly holy, incomprehensibly wise, and full of steadfast love.

The only appropriate response is complete devotion to Him. That's why when people encounter God in up-close-and-personal ways in Scripture, they often fall on their faces (**Gen 17:3; Ezek 1:28; Rev 1:17**). Tim Keller describes our complete devotion in response to God as "worth-ship," the origin of the English word worship, saying "Worship is seeing what God is worth and giving Him what He's worth." If worship is giving God what He's worth, then it's more than merely listening to worship music or going to church on Sundays. Worship is more than saying a few words of praise to God now and again or giving a portion of our income to the church.

Worshiping God is the lifelong, all-encompassing response of dying to self and living every moment unto him (**Lk 9:23; 14:33; Col 3:3**). Worship requires that we surrender all we have to God and become His willing and adoring servants all our days (**1 Cor. 3:9; Eph. 2:10; Col. 3:23-24**). Worship is a continual posture of our hearts as we consistently react and respond to Him and His work all around us (**Ps 71:8; Heb 13:15**).

The ultimate example of worship in Scripture is Christ Himself. Jesus used His words to worship. He showed His devotion to the Father through prayer and thanksgiving (**Mark 6:41; Luke 5:16; John 17**), bearing witness to God's character and ways (**Matt. 7:11; Luke 13:18-21; John 15**). Jesus also used His works to worship. He perfectly obeyed God's law and commands as He went about His work (**Matt. 12:1-14**). His "food" was to do His Father's will and accomplish His work (**John 4:34**). Through both public ministry and His private mundane moments – Jesus's works glorified God (**Matt. 15:30-31; Luke 7:44-50**).

The aim for us as believers is to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus so we don't miss every chance to see and praise Him in our lives. This requires removing ungodly distractions from our lives, regularly meditating on God's Word and seeing Him all around us in our day to day routines. The goal isn't to make things complicated or to check the box of "I worshiped God today" but to genuinely express our love and appreciation for God.



Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32 RSV

THERE'S A LOT TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT. THERE'S MORE TO BE HOPEFUL FOR.

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

John 18:36

I don't watch a lot of TV, I think the real world is way more interesting. But because I have several friends who work for the US government, and I serve as the Honorary Consul for the Republic of Uganda to the US, I need to stay up on things. I'll be honest, though – watching the news can be a real grind. It can make a person think everything is doom and gloom and that nothing good happens ever. I guess that's good for ratings. But the sad truth is, throughout the world, every day something devastating is happening. A country overrun by war, a community crushed by a mass shooting, a person targeted for a hate crime. Still, I believe God is at work to put an end to this suffering.

Sure, there's a lot to be concerned about but we have even more reasons to be hopeful. Here's why: Jesus said His kingdom wasn't of this world. He said evil would win for a while, but that His kingdom of love would have the last word. And He said those of us who follow Him will be the ones who are laying the groundwork for His return. We'll be the runners who sprint ahead with the good news of what's coming.

Don't believe the people who tell you there's no hope. It's everywhere. It's like the smell in the air right before the rains come. We have hope because we trust in the God who sits above every conflict. We bring hope when we choose to fix our eyes on Jesus rather than on all the distractions around us.

Next time you hear bad news, ask yourself how you can be hope in the midst of it.

(Taken from Live in Grace, Walk in Love by Bob Goff)



Love is patient; love is kind; . . . it does not insist on its own way.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

If only I could help them, God. Sometimes I just wish I could reach into their lives and change them – to save them the struggle and pain of learning the hard way. But, Lord, that's not your plan, and I need to be willing to wait as you work gently from the inside out in the lives of those I love. Help me to not say too much. Help me to not say too little. Grant me wisdom and sensitivity in my words, and most of all, help me not to be afraid to say, "I love you."

(Taken from My Personal Daily Prayer Book)

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

Brenda had heart surgery this past week

Gene and Eddie both had dermatology procedures this past week

Mike continues to have blood pressure issues

Continued Prayer

Sandy continues to struggle with stomach issues. Pray that a proper course of action
will soon be determined.

LeRoy has been dealing with a body rash

Reuben, Borjas's brother-n-law, needs knee surgery as soon as possible

Jan, back, neuropathy and tendonitis issues

Clara, Buggies friend, waiting for the pathologist results from her recent surgery

Sally, having knee issues

Trina's **Aunt Doreen**, had a massive stroke and had to have surgery due to swelling
and bleeding.

Borjas's grandson is having serious health issues

Debra continuing with PT and has some testing coming up from the new neurologist

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

John and Ashley are dealing with personal family issues

Natalie is dealing with work stress

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

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

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

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the
light, we have fellowship with one another
and the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us
from all sin.*

1 John 1:7 NIV



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