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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 14:26 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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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 15 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

October 15 - Thursday Night Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Cooks are Buggie and Sharon

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 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 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

November 12 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.



OCTOBER

8 - Ron McDougal

21 - Jim Young

10 - Borjas and Sally Gonzalez

14 - Jim and Debra Young

19 - Mike and Sandy Westbrook



The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. . . His mercies never come to an end. . . They are new every morning. . . Great is his faithfulness.

Pastor's Corner

TGC: "5 Habits for Better Prayer" Jan 3, '26 [Blake Glosson](#)

Every Christian's relationship with God thrives with good prayer habits. A healthy prayer life involves a steady stream of shorter communications (brief prayers throughout the day), paired with more intimate and extensive conversations (unhurried times of solitude with God).

Jesus modeled both forms. Sometimes He'd send up a brief prayer like "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" and on other occasions He set aside extended time to pray—even praying all night. Many Christians are comfortable with short prayers in moments of need but struggle with extended prayer. How do you use that time? What do you talk to God about?

Consider five habits or mindsets that can enrich your extended times of prayer.

1. Relax and enjoy your Father's presence. Prayer is, first and foremost, being in our Father's presence. One of the most common hindrances to prayer is the fear of not "doing it right". Prayer is about cherishing a relationship, not following the right formula. It's not the eloquence of our words but the posture of our hearts that the Lord considers (see [Ps. 51:17; 62:8](#); [Isa. 29:13](#); [Hos. 6:6](#); [Matt. 6:7](#); [Luke 18:10-14](#)). Go to Him and simply open yourself up to Him. Let Him love you." Like any loving father, God isn't critiquing you. He isn't counting how many spiritual-sounding words you use. He simply wants to be with you.

2. Give God your full attention. Giving God your full attention takes practice. Praying out loud in secluded places (e.g., in the car, in a closed room, at a forest preserve) has been a game-changer in helping many to focus. Putting your phone away has been key too.

Prayer walks are a lifeline for some. The combination of fresh air, increased oxygen to the brain, and the freedom to speak aloud to God with emotion is unmatched. Being surrounded by God's creation also aids worship.

If you get distracted while praying, let it drive you to deeper intimacy. Whether you feel distracted by anxiety, longing, anticipation, your to-do list, or anything else, bring that to God. Lay it out before Him. Invite Him in. Cast all your cares on Him, because He cares for you ([1 Pet. 5:7](#)).

Next week we will look at the last three suggestions.

*Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel
before the Lord our Maker.
Psalm 95:6 NIV*

*Lord, spending time with you is the most important thing
I will ever do. Forgive me for the times I haven't
prioritized worship. I bow down to you today and
praise you for all that you have done.*



Lord Jesus, when the man came to you asking you to define “neighbor” for him, you told the story of the Good Samaritan. By that parable, you’ve made it clear that our neighbor is anyone who is in need, anyone we happen to meet who requires our help. Open my eyes to the neighbors around me today, Lord, and show me how you would have me reach out in love to encourage them.

Corporate worship is designed to once again clear up our confusion as to what is truly important in life.

Here’s what we all need to understand. This side of eternity, it’s very hard for us to keep what God says is important as important in our hearts. For all of us, things rise to levels of importance far beyond their true importance and begin to command the thoughts, motives, desires, choices, and allegiance of our hearts. As human beings made in the likeness of God, we don’t live by instinct. No, we are value-oriented, goal-oriented, purpose-oriented, and importance-oriented beings. We are always living in the quest for something. We are always in pursuit of some vision, some desire, or some dream. Every day we all name things as important, and when we do, we work to have those things in our lives. You could argue that everything we do and say is our attempt to get what is important to us from the situations, relationships and locations in which we live.

What I am describing is a huge spiritual battle that is fought on the turf of your heart. You see whatever important thing rules your heart also shapes your words and behavior. The fact of the matter is that we all lose sight of what is truly important. Winning an argument becomes too important for us. A beautiful house rises in importance beyond its true worth. Getting that next promotion becomes too important. Having a comfortable and predictable life takes on too much value. Being liked by other people becomes more important to us than the favor of God. Physical beauty and pleasure take on too much value in our hearts. A cool car, a great steak, nice clothes, or the last bowl of cereal from the box rises in value far beyond its true significance. We all need to be reminded again and again of what God has declared are the most important things in life.

So, in grace, God has designed us to regularly gather together and remember the things that are worth living for. Corporate worship reminds us of his power, glory, and grace. It reminds us of the depth of our spiritual needs. It reminds us of the eternity that is to come. It reminds us of salvation past, present, and future. And as it reminds us of these things, it clears up our values confusion once again, rescuing us from our wandering and often-fickle hearts, and pointing us to the One who rightly commands our allegiance and in grace gives us every important thing that we would ever need.

For further study and encouragement: Hebrews 10:19-25

(Taken from New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp)

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

Praises for **Gene's** healing

Adrienne is struggling with multiple health issues

Mike went for his scan on Tuesday morning only to find out it was canceled; it was rescheduled for the 27th.

Sandy will be having a consultation with her doctor regarding her upcoming surgery

Debra had nerve tests on Monday and Tuesday for arms and legs

Marsha, friend of the Nelsons, is having pancreatic surgery soon to deal with a tumor on her pancreas

Jan will be having an ultrasound on lower extremities to check for vascular issues on October 23rd

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-in-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

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*