



26, 2025

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



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

If you will help out with a dessert or cookies please let LaDona know.

October 30 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30 Adrienne & Barbara

October 30 - Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. at Tin Cup

November 1 - Prayer Breakfasts

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

Women's 9:30 a.m. Joyce's Home

November 2 - Daylight Savings Ends "FALL BACK 1 hour" (set clocks before you go to bed Sat. or you'll be late Sun.)

November 4 - Elder's Meeting 8:00 a.m.

November 27 - Thanksgiving

Pray for Others

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. ~ James 5:16 NLT

Wonderful God, in your wisdom you set us in families and communities. You knew that we needed each other; family was your design from the outset of creation. You wanted us to share our lives with each other. I'm so thankful that I was never meant to be alone. I am not a self-sufficient island. When life gets to be too much to bear, help me to reach out to those around me for help.

Help me to pray consistently for the people in my life. I know my faith will be strengthened as much as theirs will be in answers to prayer. Have seen your power at work in my village of friends, and it leaves me wanting more. Build me up as I live within the context of community, sharing in both the victories and the burdens that we walk through. I will know you more as I live with the grace given in relationship.

When is the last time you prayed with a friend?

(Taken from 365 Days of Prayer for Life)

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Ephesians 5:22ff

Classes in English & Spanish



9:00 Prayer Worship

Please give us your requests

9:30 Worship Service

Worship in English & Spanish

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Monday ~ Tuesday ~ Wednesday
8 am to 1 pm

Thursday
11 am to 4:30 pm

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www.shafterchurchofchrist.com

Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

MySpectrumWiFif8-5G

password: purplelemon096

COOKS FOR NOVEMBER

November 6, 13, 20 will need Cooks!

Will not serve on Thursday the 27th



PASTOR'S CORNER - "Study to Show Thyself Approved"

The NASB puts it this way: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth.**" **2 Tim 2:15** Christianity is a taught religion. Other approaches to religion exist: ritual religion, philosophical religion, political cause religion – regardless, religion becomes a major factor in any culture's worldview. It is how they perceive and categorize reality. Christianity is unique. As a taught religion, we are invited to study and consider the revelation of God to man. Many religions begin with man and try to work their way back to God often resulting in gods being made in the image of mankind. The biblical definition of "faith" includes a mental grappling with revealed truth. **John 6:45** "It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught of God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me." The biblical definition of faith continues to the inner man (heart conviction). **Heb 11:6** "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

Finally, the faith that is depicted from the time of Noah all the way to Christ, always included obedient behavior. **James 2:26** "For just as the body without the spirit is dead so also faith without works is dead." Even Jesus is recorded as saying "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." (**John 14:15**) Earlier He confirms that the Scriptures we have been provided, thus implying the need to find and need/know them, bring us eternal life. (**John 5:39**)

In numerous places we are warned to beware of false prophets and that is why we are told that all Scripture is inspired by God, profitable in teaching, correcting, and training (**2 Tim 3:16**). Knowing, recognizing and avoiding these false leaders can only happen by our studying and knowing/applying God's Word – meaning there is a necessity for our reading it on a habitual basis. If we are to keep Christ's commandments, we must know them inside and out so that like Christ in the 40-days of temptation, we can be ready always to give an answer to the hope that is within us.



Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

~ Ephesians 4:29 NIV

TRAVELING

Buddy was able to get his elk the first day of hunting!

Brandan, Alex & Jesse will be visiting 28th – 4th **Joey, Melissa, and Maddie** fly in the 30th for Brandan & Alex wedding on the 1st and fly home the 3rd

NEW THIS WEEK

- **Pat**, the father of Jim'/Debra's grandchildren has suffered a stroke. He is doing ok but prayers for continued improvement
- **Jan** came out of her surgery well but prayers for continued improvement
- **Zoey**, Earl's granddaughter, is struggling with some personal issues
- **Robert** is struggling with some digestive problems

Continued Prayers

Brenda's brother **Michael** had a relapse and is back in the hospital

Janae, Nelson's daughter, will be doing more lab work in 10 days to see if it is her lupus that is active or something else

Jennifer, Keith's wife, had surgery and talked with Dr Tuesday of results

Keith, our Thursday night friend who brings Arlie, is recovering from pacemaker

Mabel, Trina's cousin's young granddaughter, had severe burns on three of her fingers as well as a broken index finger; had her second surgery this week Will be having more surgeries.

Tanks cancer situation is getting worse

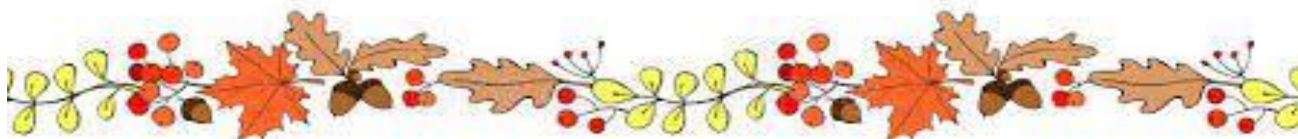
Heavenly Father,

I come before You with a heart that seeks Your comfort and peace. In moments of pain, weakness, or uncertainty, I ask for Your healing touch to restore my body, mind, and spirit. Strengthen me, Lord, when I feel weary, and remind me that Your power is made perfect in my weakness.

Fill me with courage to face each day, knowing that You Walk beside me. Let Your love be my anchor and Your promises my hope. Surround me with Your presence, and grant me the encouragement I need to persevere.

Thank You for being my refuge and strength, a constant help in times of trouble. I trust in Your unfailing love and believe in Your power to heal and renew. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

May this prayer bring you comfort and remind you that you are never alone. You are deeply loved and cared for.



Extended Long Term Prayer List
Please email or text updates to Jan or Sandy

Health issues: Physical, mental, and spiritual health:

Adrianne, diagnosed with lupus ~ **Bonnie** (April's daughter) ~ **Barbara P** ~ **Earl's Aunt Christine, Casey, Charles Jones** ~ **Chris** (Buggy's friend) ~ **David & Millie** (Ron's brother & wife) ~ **Gary**, Buggy's husband, is struggling with health issues ~ **Hannah** (Trina's daughter)

Lupi (Gonzales's granddaughter) ~ **Mel**, Barbara P.'s brother health issues ~ **Nancy** (David's friend) ~ **Francis and Suzanne**, sisters in Christ, are both recovering from operations ~ **Jason**, Sharon's son, will be having more tests for his liver ~ **Joan**, Vivian's sister, is not doing well with COPD ~ **Jason** (Borjas's son) ~ **Joyce & Tom** ~ **Richard** (Sammy's friend) ~ **Kelly**, Sally's cousin, is struggling with multiple serious health issues ~ **Paula** (Nancy's friend) sepsis ~ **Ronnie** (Nancy's son) ~ **Sally's daughter**, upcoming surgery ~ **Syble** ~ **Tate**, Anne's son and Nina's grandson, health issues ~ **Tammy** (a relative of the Fisher's son-n-law) paralyzed from waist ~ **Wes Agee**, Kern County firefighter, was moved to a medical center in Colorado ~

Serving in the Military: **Chris & Jonah** (friends of Trina) who are soldiers in the Middle East

Cancer and treatments:

Bill (Debra's brother) ~ **Cathy Turner** ~ **Everett** (relative of Nancy's) is nearing his final days due to his cancer ~ **Gary** (Mike's brother) ~ **James** (Darlene's brother) ~ **Jessie** (friend of Earl) ~ **Kristina** (Debra's co-worker) ~ **Johnnie Rudat** and family; she is 12 years old and is fighting her second occurrence of cancer; doctors said it was terminal (Sharon's friend) ~ **Kelly**, one of Doris Friesen's sons, has been diagnosed with stomach cancer ~ **Oliver** (Earl's friend) ~ **Pat** (Debra's co-worker) ~ **Paulette**, friend of Nancy's, breast cancer has metastasized into her bones and is Stage 4 ~ **Tom** has been given 6-8 months; pray for his comfort and Joyce's peace of mind as she deals with this situation ~ **Wendy** (member of Debra's family) ~

Our Youth: to pray to make good choices

For all those that have upcoming tests: this week or test results

Unspoken Prayers: We know their names, and, above all, God knows them.

A short prayer can be our most powerful one yet. Powerful prayers are intentional and don't have to rely on their length in order to reach God. Let's seek His grace as we build ourselves back up, recovering from our own mental battles.

Dear God, thank You for never giving up on me, even when I had seemingly given up on myself. You give me so much hope to continue walking on this path You carved out for me. When all seemed hopeless, You were there to light my way. You are my light in the darkness, and I pray that Your light continues to give me the mental fortitude to overcome the evils that hinder my road to recovery. Amen

