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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
Mark 15:1 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
MySpectrumWiFif8-5G
password: purplelemon096

Did you Remember to set your clocks **BACK** one hour on Saturday night. You got an extra hour of sleep and sunrise and sunset happen an hour earlier by the clock

BIRTHDAYS

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

4th Jan Nelson
11th Analyse Harper
19th Mary Nixon
22nd Mark Keeley
24th Ron Nunlist

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

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

November 1 – Time Changed! did you remember to fall back one hour

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

This will be our last Thursday until January 7th 2027.

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.

November 29 – Song & Supper 5:30 or 6 pm Bring a dish to share and a song to sing

God Will Steer but You Must Row
Quote from Matt Hagan

Pastor's Corner "Whose Job Is It, Anyway?"

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done it.

The story may be confusing, but the message: Nobody took responsibility.

Paul addresses a similar issue in **1 Cor 12:12ff**: (paraphrased) [12] There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. [13] We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so, we are formed into one body. We were all given the same Spirit to drink. [14] So the body is not made up of just one part. It has many parts. [18] God has placed each part in the body just as He wanted it to be. [19] If all the parts were the same, how could there be a body? [20] As it is, there are many parts. But there is only one body. [22] .... But God has put together all the parts of the body. [25] In that way, the parts of the body will not take sides. **All of them will take care of one another**. [26] If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy. [27] You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.... 31 **And I show you a still more excellent way**": and from there Paul goes into chapter 13 – the chapter about love.

There are many things that can be done in God's kingdom that honor Him and bring Him glory. Jesus Himself tells us this as do many other scriptures: **Matthew 5:16** "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. One of the most obvious illustrations of bringing glory to God was when the saints in Jerusalem began to sell some of their property and giving it to the church. This was such a "family" sharing that Scripture says this: "For there was not a needy person among them" (**Acts 4:34**).

Give thought to what Paul tells us: **Eph 2:10 "**For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Let us not waiver, be slack or timid with regard to stopping our chariots and going into the ditch to help those who are broken/suffering. Let others truly see God's light shining within us!

"This Little Light of Mine" is based primarily on Matthew 5:14–16, with related themes also found in Mark 4:21–22 and Luke 11:33.

Matthew 5:14–16

This passage from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount teaches:

- ***"You are the light of the world."***
- **A lamp should not be hidden but placed where it gives light.**
- **Believers should let their light shine through good works.**

Cornucopias and Thanksgiving in the Bible: Meaning and Connection

In the Bible, a cornucopia — the "horn of plenty" — is a vivid symbol of God's abundant blessings, often linked to harvest offerings and thanksgiving, while biblical thanksgiving is a commanded act of worship acknowledging God's provision and grace

Cornucopia in the Bible

The word *cornucopia* comes from Latin *cornu* (horn) and *copia* (abundance)

In Scripture, the image appears in the ***First Fruits Offering*** described in ***Deuteronomy 26:1–10***. When the Israelites entered the Promised Land, God commanded them to bring the *first* of the land's produce in a basket, presenting it before the Lord and declaring, "I have brought the first fruits of the land, which the Lord… has given me"

These overflowing baskets visually expressed **God's faithfulness and generosity**, a tangible reminder of His provision. The cornucopia, in this sense, is not just a decorative symbol but a **biblical metaphor for God's abundant gifts**

Thanksgiving in the Bible

In the Bible, **thanksgiving** is not a holiday but a **spiritual act of gratitude toward God** for His goodness, provision, and grace

- **Old Testament**: Thanksgiving is tied to offerings and sacrifices (Leviticus 7:12–15) and to festivals like the Feast of Tabernacles, which celebrated God's harvest provision
- **New Testament**: Jesus gave thanks before miracles (John 6:11), and Paul commands, "Give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

The Hebrew *yadah* ("to give thanks with outstretched hands") and the Greek *eucharisteo* ("to give thanks") both emphasize **active, heartfelt gratitude**

Connecting Cornucopia and Thanksgiving

The cornucopia's biblical imagery aligns with the **thanksgiving theme**:

- **Abundance as a gift from God** — The overflowing basket recalls God's provision, which is the very reason for thanksgiving
- **Worship through gratitude** — Presenting the first fruits was both an act of thanksgiving and a public acknowledgment of God's faithfulness
- **Seasonal and spiritual meaning** — In the harvest season, the cornucopia symbolizes the tangible blessings of God, while thanksgiving is the spiritual response that honors Him

In short: The cornucopia in the Bible is a symbol of God's abundant blessings, and Thanksgiving in Scripture is the commanded, worshipful response to those blessings. Together, they form a complete picture: **God's provision (cornucopia) and our gratitude (thanksgiving)**

Prayer Request

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

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

- **Anne** is traveling around and made a stop in to fellowship with us Sunday
- **Rosa Lopez,** new friend of Vivians that will be having a kidney removed November 18th due to cancer.
- **Adrianne** has 4 upcoming Dr Appointments this week
- **Sandy** has another CT Thursday
- **Earl** will be having hernia surgery Friday
- **Garry and Jan** returned from trip to San Juan Capistrano Thursday

Continued Prayer

Borjas's grandson is having serious health issues

Debra waiting to get results of her nerve tests

Clara, Buggie's friend,

Hannah, Trina's daughter waiting to hear how her interview went

Jan waiting for results of MRI and Ultrasound

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

John and Ashley are dealing with personal family issues

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

Natalie is dealing with work stress

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

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

Sally, having knee issues

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

Tank as he deals with health issues and **Mary** as she cares for him
Trina's **Aunt Doreen**, had a massive stroke

Vivian, with her blood pressure fluctuations

We give thanksgiving for all that You have done: for the shelter that protects us, the food that sustains us, the guidance that leads us, and the comfort that sustains us. We thank You for the blessings we have, the lessons we have learned, and the opportunities to serve and to grow in Your grace

Lord, keep our faith strong, our hope alive, our love pure, and our gratitude deep. May we live in a way that reflects Your goodness and draws others closer to You.