November 15, 2025

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
Mark 15:40 ff
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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Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFif8-2G
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password: purplelemon096

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

November 19 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

November 26 – THANKSGIVING DAY (no men's Bible study)

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

December 5 – PRAYER BREAKFASTS

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

Women's at 9:30 – Place to be announced

December 8 – Elder's Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Shared Life

If we claim that we experience a shared life with him and continue to stumble around in the dark, we're obviously lying through our teeth – we're not living what we claim. But if we walk in the light, God himself being the light, we also experience a shared life with one another.
1 John 1:6-7 MSG

People don't need to know much about the Bible or God to be able to tell if you're living a life of love, as Jesus told us to do. Living in close relationship with God spills over into your relationships with people. It empowers you to connect with people meaningfully. As you g row closer to God, you will find yourself growing in relationships with others as well.

The apostle Paul wrote that in Jesus we are connected, the way the parts of a body are connected (1 Corinthians 12:27). Our lives are interdependent, united in Christ. At the deepest level, we share the same life.

So walk in the light and you will be blessed by the life you share with others in Jesus.

Jesus, thank You that I am part of Your body.
May I contribute to the life of that body.

(Taken from God Calls You Blessed)

Pastor's Corner

2nd Greatest Commandment: Love Your Neighbor

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Proverbs 3:34 "Toward the scorners He is scornful, but to the humble He gives favor." **James 4:7,8,10** "… 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.' Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you… . Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you."

You can sum up the Christian life in the phrase 'The way *up*… is *down*." That's a principle which is deeply embedded in the teaching of the whole Bible.

James knows that one of the biggest threats to the life of every local church is selfishness. When I am looking out for me and you are looking out for you, then sooner or later, our interests will clash and conflict will ensue. In chapter 4, James writes to address this problem.

Drawing on Proverbs 3:34, James explains how to deal with our own propensity to follow our desires. He supplies six separate actions we can take: (1) Submit to God. (2) Resist the devil (3) Draw near to God (4) Cleanse your hands… and purify your hearts, (5) Be wretched and mourn and weep. (6) Humble yourselves before the Lord. These all amount to essentially the same thing: **we are to repent of our desire to put ourselves first** and collapse onto Christ by faith.

These varied descriptions of the response God asks of us highlight various facets of the same basic problem: our rebellion, our susceptibility to temptation, our proneness to wandering off, our impurity, our foolishness and our pride are all expressions of our inherent sinfulness.

The great news is that now that Christ has come and the Spirit dwells in us, we have the resources we need at any given moment to take this step of "humbling ourselves" before God. When we do this, the marvelous news is that we will repel the Devil, and God's presence will be made obvious to us. And as Proverbs makes clear, we will bask in the favor of God—or as James says, we will be "exalted" or "lifted up". To be "exalted" here means to be honored or praised or even held up as an example. In God's upside-down kingdom, this is the shape of the life to which God invites and calls us. And the way to get there? It's always down. **Matthew 23:11** – *"The greatest among you shall be your servant."* **Luke 9:48** – *"For whoever is the least among you all is the one who is great."*



For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:11 NIV

GRACE MEANS TOMORROW'S ALWAYS
A FRIEND AND YESTERDDAY ISN'T
AN ENEMY ANYMORE.

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.
Isaiah 43:18

Peter Pan has a unique shadow. You might recall the scene from the Disney movie when Peter and his shadow chase each other around the kids' room until Peter wrestles his shadow down so it can be sewn back on his shoes. Sometimes our past gets stuck to us like our shadows. As much as we try to shake it off or outrun it, we turn around and there it is. I suppose you could eliminate your shadow by living in total darkness, but that's no life either, is it? Sometimes I wish I could just detach my past from myself permanently. There'd be no chase on my part. I'd let it run out the door and wave as it headed down the street.

We can't escape our shadows like Peter Pan did, if only for a while. In some ways our past is stuck to us no matter what we do. We don't need to let who we used to be decide who we're going to be. When we treat the shadows of our past like they're living, breathing versions of ourselves today, we give our past too much power. Here's a truth that's worth believing: the stuff that happened yesterday that's hounding you is irrelevant to the tomorrow waiting to greet you. We can move forward in grace, knowing the fight with yesterday is over. Grace won, even if we don't realize it yet.

Tomorrow is our Neverland, where our tries never run out of time. You can't escape your shadow, of course, but you also don't have to give it as much airtime. Grace means this: tomorrow's always a friend. It isn't that yesterday didn't happen. It just doesn't matter anymore.

What from your past do you need to let go of today?

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



When I'm feeling down, Lord, brought low by people or circumstances or both, lift my eyes to see your smile, lift my voice to speak your name, and lift my heart to sense your love. There's no one else who knows me as you do. There's nothing that can fill the emptiness in my soul. You are my comfort and my hope.
~ Amen

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

Ron and Nancy are at the coast this week. **Ron** will be having tests the following week for a newly discovered aneurysm to determine treatment.

Garry was on an off-road adventure this past week for a few days

Dustin/Bernice Hooper are traveling in Indonesia

Debra has been in a lot of pain because of her sciatic nerve flair up

Adrianne continues to struggle with her health issues as her doctor tries to determine a diagnosis and treatment

Vivian's test for bacteria in her lungs came back negative, praise the Lord, but she is still having blood pressure issues

Mary Porter's niece lost her husband this past week to COVID

Jan had tests at UCLA on Thursday

Continued Prayer

Ayden, John/Ashley's son, is struggling with some teenage problems

Anthony's (visitor) **mom** is having health problems

Rosa Lopez, new friend of Vivian's who will be having a kidney removed November 18th due to cancer.

Sandy, more tests and waiting

Barbara & LeRoy, Sandy continue to have issues and are under doctor supervision and waiting for results

Mike, doctors are still working on finding a solution to his blood pressure problem

Debra waiting on results of her nerve tests

Clara, Buggie's friend, suffering from a low hemoglobin count

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

Reuben, Sally's brother, needs knee surgery as soon as possible; having many doctor visits; also struggling with back pain

Sally, having knee issues

Borjas's grandson is having serious health issues

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

John and Ashley are dealing with personal family issues

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

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