

November 16, 2025

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Galatians 1:6ff

Classes in English & Spanish

*Worship
& Praise*

9:00 Prayer Worship

Please give us your requests

9:30 Worship Service

Worship in English & Spanish

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www.shafterchurchofchrist.com

Bible on your phone

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Our Quarterly luncheon is
TODAY immediately following
services here at the building.
Everyone is welcome; please
stay and join us for a
delicious meal and good
fellowship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 LaDonna know.

November 13 - **LAST THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER UNTIL
JANUARY 8th**

November 20 - Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. in church kitchen

November 27 - Thanksgiving

December 2 - Elders Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

December 6 - Prayer Breakfasts

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

Women's 9:30 a.m. at Nancy's



"No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket.
Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light
to everyone in the house.

Matthew 5:15 NLT

Lord, show me how I can be a light for you.
I know there are plenty of people in my life
who are hurting and need you desperately.
Highlight opportunities where I can share
your truth with those around me.

PASTOR'S CORNER - The Prodigal "Spouse"

Besides the prodigal son, there's another parable of a prodigal in the Bible. It isn't told by Jesus; instead, it was lived in real life by the prophet Hosea. God told Hosea to marry a prostitute. Hosea took her away from the men who had bought her, gave her a home, and had children by her. She didn't stay with him, but instead ran away to her old life, the life he had rescued her from. God wouldn't allow Hosea to let his wife go. He directed him to go and buy her back. Think of how painful it must have been for a husband whose wife has run away from his loving provision to have to purchase her from another man. But Hosea did it because God has done that for us. Through Hosea's story, God sent a powerful message to His people. Though they had served other gods and run away from His love, He wasn't through with them. He loved them and would redeem them so they could come back into the safety of His love. He said, "I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for My anger has turned from them" (Hos. 14:4).

You know God experiences pain each time one of His children forsakes His steadfast love for some fleeting pleasure the world can offer. He experiences this pain because He isn't just looking for good behavior; He's looking for intimacy with us.

When Satan goes after our family member, he also goes after us. He loves to kill two birds with one stone.

When Satan attacks someone you love, he attempts to attack your faith at the same time, either by doubt or by pride. You don't have to fall victim to his scheme. By God's grace, waiting on a prodigal can actually **strengthen your faith**.

The very best thing you could do for the prodigal in your life is to grow in your own faith. He or she needs you to be a prayer warrior, and warriors need good nourishment. If you pursue God with all your heart, soul, and strength while you wait on your prodigal's return, one of Satan's favorite strategies will be thwarted.

If you've been abandoned by your spouse, the Accuser will attack your self-worth. He may tell you that you weren't pretty enough or smart enough. He will remind you of all the ways you didn't measure up. You must fight this by finding your worth in your identity as a redeemed child of God. You were so precious to God that Jesus died for you. He didn't do this because you were pretty or smart or had your act together; He did it because He wanted you to be His.

Attending a church that emphasizes the sovereignty of God may help you realize that God can use something sinful in another person's life for good in yours. Attending a Christ led church will bring you the affirmation and encouragement that you will need to get through Satan's traps and in finding encouragement you may find someone to encourage.



If you need prayer, please let the Elders know, or call Vivian Fisher (889-4075) to start the prayer

NEW THIS WEEK

Lord, give me concern and compassion for the lost that I meet today. Open doors so I might share YOUR message!

Praises! David's struggles have been resolved.

Mike G., Borjas' friend, has prostate cancer and will begin radiation treatment in the next couple of weeks

Anthony, Borjas' grandson needs strength to help him with his co-workers

Tristan has pneumonia and possibly Valley Fever

Our family members who are traveling this week

Jan's pericardial effusion getting better; still dealing with nerve pain and fatigue

Anne, Nina's daughter, it appears nodules on her lung have enlarged; sees doctor in February to begin treatment; is going for a second opinion

Tate, Anne's son, has various medical issues and has just been diagnosed with lupus

Continued Prayer:

Buddy healing of his shoulder

Mark Keeley recovering from knee replacement

Robert is struggling with some digestive problems

Reuben, Sally's brother, was injured at work and is still struggling with physical problems

John Maltby, prostate cancer

Sally's father hurt his back and can hardly move and is in a lot of pain

Vivian dealing with blood pressure problems

Kelly, Sally's cousin, had surgery on Tuesday

Tank's cancer situation is back and getting worse

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Isaiah 61:10

KEEP RECHARGING YOUR BATTERIES

*Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words:
Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony
and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.*

2 Corinthians 13:11 NLT

Even the most faithful believers can, from time to time, find themselves running on empty. The demands of daily life can drain us of our strength and rob us of the joy that is rightfully ours in Christ. When we find ourselves tired, discouraged, anxious, or worse, there is a source from which we can draw the power needed to recharge our spiritual batteries. That source is God.

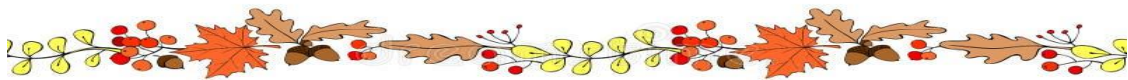
Are you tired or troubled? Turn your heart toward God in prayer. Are you weak or worried? Take the time – or, more accurately, make the time – to delve deeply into God’s holy Word. Are you spiritually depleted? Call upon fellow believers to support you, and call upon Christ to renew your spirit and your life. When you do, you’ll discover that the Creator of the universe stands always ready and always able to create a new sense of wonderment and joy in you.

*One of the greatest techniques of human well being
is surrendering yourself to the recuperative power of God.*

Norman Vincent Peale

A Prayer to Start Your DAY

Dear Lord, sometimes I grow weary; sometimes I am discouraged; sometimes I am fearful. Yet when I turn my heart and my prayers to You I am secure. Renew my strength, Father, and let me draw comfort and courage from your promises and from Your unending love. Amen.



*Follow the steps of the good,
And stay on the paths of the righteous.*

Proverbs 2:20 NLT

God, I want to follow in the steps of the good.
Help me to stay on a path that honors you.
As I keep my eyes on you, you will make sure
my steps are steady. Your ways are good,
and your plans for me are better than my own.

Extended Long Term Prayer List

Please email or text updates to Jan or Sandy

Health issues: Physical, mental, and spiritual health:

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 some

mental 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 ~ former member

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.