



Nov. 23, 2025

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Galatians 1:1ff

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

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password: purplelemon096

A BIG  Thank YOU

Thank you to all who helped to make last Sunday's quarterly luncheon a delicious meal and a time of good fellowship. From the people who set up the tables, the people who ordered and picked up food, the people who cooked and brought food, those who decorated the tables, the men who served the food and those who helped to clean up – it was a living example of what Christ wants the church to be which is all the members working together in unity.

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 LaDona know.

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 4 – Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. in church kitchen

December 6 – Prayer Breakfasts

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

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

January 8 – Thursday night dinners resume

Dec 27-30 – Winter Camp at Yosemite Bible Camp; 7th grade and up; www.wvcoc.org/ybc



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God".

Philippians 4:6



PASTOR'S CORNER - Comparison Is the Enemy of Contentment

Crossroad.org 08/14/25 [Dave Kraft](#)

Be content with who you are, where you are, what you are doing, and what God is doing through you. (To do anything different is to let Satan get involved.)

Phil 4: In this chapter Paul instructs and exemplifies an attitude of trust, peace and contentment – in all things. And in v. 13: "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength." Trust and let the Lord direct you.

Making comparisons within the Church Body is dangerous because it can fuel discord, dissention, and jealousy and it never results in anything pleasing to Jesus. Jealousy and coveting seldom bears good fruit and can create huge dysfunctions and trust barriers.

Let me clarify that I think comparing is a good idea. What? I think it is good to compare what is happening through me (and in me) with what could *potentially* happen. It is good to compare where I am in my growth and ministry effectiveness with where it is possible to be, with God's grace. But where we get into trouble is when we compare ourselves with others who have different gifts, callings, capacities, and personalities. I oftentimes find myself coming up short. **2**

Cor 10:12 clearly warns us about going down the comparing/competing road: *"Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding."*

Doing some self-analysis with my personal design in mind and wanting to see future growth is at the heart of vision and goal setting. It's healthy to compare me with me but unbiblical to compare me with others. If I am honest about who I am in light of my sin and as I depend on Christ, I am freed up to grow, achieve, and bear fruit. God has created each of us uniquely. I love **Psalms 139:13,14** on this point: "For You formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

It is unhealthy to try to be like someone else. I want to be, with God's grace, the best I am capable of being. I am going to be different than everybody else, because God has made me the unique creation that I am.

Consider **1 Cor 4:7** which tells us that we are who we are and can accomplish what we can because of the **gifts which we have been given**. We need to learn to be content with who we are, where we are, what we are doing, and what God is doing through us!

Prayer REQUESTS

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

NEW THIS WEEK

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

Brenda is waiting an approval for an apartment

Trina's dad, had a heart procedure on his valve on Thursday morning; pray for good results.

Hannah, Trina's daughter, continue to pray for her

Jan will have some further testing beginning of December for the rapid heart rate and shortness of breath

Continued Prayer:

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

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

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



The God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will personally restore, establish, strengthen, and support you.

1 Peter 5:10



Christmas for Seniors

Sponsored by the Shafter Woman's Club

It's time once again to bring joy to some of our senior citizens in the retirement homes. Below will be a list of suggested useful/needed items. Stick this part of the bulletin with you to have in town when you are shopping.

Lotions/creams	Lip balm	Crossword puzzles
Body Wash	Non-skid socks	Poly Grip
Denture cleaning tablets	Shampoo/conditioner	Deodorant
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste	

You may do one of the following with your items:

Drop off by December 9th at 289 Pine St. Shafter, Ca 93263 661-529-1340

OR

Bring them to church by December 7th and Jim will take and drop off.



"Why then, are you now testing God by putting on the disciples" necks a yoke that neither our forefathers nor we have been able to bear?"

Acts 15:10

Like a leech, legalism saps the lifeblood out of its victim. It enters the door in the name of righteousness to vacuum out all the dirt and then ends up vacuuming out all the spirit.

Do you have impossible expectations of other people? Do you expect things from them you wouldn't want to have to deliver yourself? Do you expect near perfection in your children and tireless commitment from your coworkers? Are you a yoke breaker just looking for an unsuspecting neck?

Yoke breakers are miserable people because they are never satisfied with less than perfection. Their obsession with everyone else's lack of perfection helps them keep their minds off their own.

Let's return to the simplicity of salvation. Not adding to. Not taking away. When we paint the picture of our salvation for others to see, we may use different colors, textures, and shapes on the edges of the parchment. But in the center can only be a cross. Anything else cheapens grace and cheats the believer. Paul wasn't about to let that happen to his beloved flock.

Christ has liberated us into freedom. Therefore stand firm and don't submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1

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.