November 29,2026

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
Ephesians 1
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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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

TONIGHT – Song & Supper 5:30 Bring a dish to share and a song to sing

December 1 – Elder's Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

December 3 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

December 5 – PRAYER BREAKFASTS
Men's in the kitchen at 8:00 a.m.
Women's at 9:30 a.m. at Jan's

December 10 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

December 17 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

December 20 – Christmas Program at Shafter Mennonite Church at 6:00 p.m.

December 25 – Christmas Day

Look at the birds in the sky; They do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you more valuable that they are?
Matthew 6:26 NLT

Our Scripture Whisper today reminds us that we should never worry about any details when we invite Jesus to navigate the moments of our lives. Since he cares about feeding the smallest bird, how much more is he concerned about providing our every need? We are his chosen ambassadors, vessels for him to make a difference through our lives. May we share the gospel by the way we live, magnetically drawing others to his kingdom to join us in his heavenly home.

Let's intentionally commit any sign of worry to the care of Jesus since God asks us to cast our cares on him. He cares for us, and that includes all our worries too. He already has every detail of our lives planned. Everything is all part of God's design when we get out of the way and let God be God.

Jesus of goodness, deafen our ears to worrisome thoughts and instead remind us to give our cares to you because you provide for all our needs.

Pastor's Corner

The Blessings of Sleep

Taken from Brett McCracken's article "Obey the Greatest Commandment … While you Sleep" 08/08/2026 www.thegospelcoalition.org

Sleep is all the rage in the wellness industry. For good reason. The scientific consensus is clear: It's wise to sleep. But the wisdom of sleep goes deeper. There's a way sleep teaches us truth and forms us spiritually. Here are a few of many examples of how our sleep can bring us closer to the Lord and be an act of love for others.

1) Sleep should bring out a heart of gratitude. Sleep is perhaps the greatest gift God wired into our biological design. It nightly restores us, mind, body, and soul. When we lay our head down at night and drift into sleep—and then when we wake again to new morning mercies—we ought to thank and worship God for His extravagant grace.

2) Sleep reconnects us to the story of the Lord. As our nightly sleep-wake cycle mimics death and resurrection, it can remind us of our spiritual death and the regeneration possible in Christ. What happens in the "death" of our nightly sleep is nothing short of miraculous. Every biological system in our body is renewed as we sleep. The healing power of sleep we receive, not achieve. The "death" of sleep literally brings forth new life. As it does, it can direct our worship to the God whose death brings forth our eternal life.

3) In sleep we are putting our trust in God's sovereignty. Every night's sleep is an invitation to trust God. I am reminded of a child's prayer: "*Now I lay down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep.*" Scottish theologian John Baillie says, "Sleep comes best to those who most put their trust in God." He's right. Like a child we surrender into the safe and loving embrace of our Father.

4) Sleep allows us to prepare for honoring the command to love our neighbor. Well-rested people have the energy to be a loving, attentive and relaxed presence in the lives of others. We are mentally focused and physically ready to serve. We can be a source of peace and needed encouragement for people who are struggling.

We should praise God in the morning and the evening. We should praise Him *for* the morning and the evening. We should praise God as we rest and as we work. We should praise Him *for* the gifts of rest and work.



Don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval.
John 6:27 NLT

INSTEAD OF TELLING PEOPLE WHAT JESUS MEANT, LOVE EVERYONE, THE WAY HE DID.

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with action and in truth.
1 John 3:18

You would think one of the things we could all get behind is Jesus' message of love. Everywhere He went, Jesus told people to love others more than they love themselves. He said if someone asks you for money, give it to them and give generously. He said to do right by those who don't treat you well in return. He lived the message even more passionately than He taught it, engaging every person in front of Him or behind Him like they were His one and only priority.

His message wasn't confusing or hard to understand. But it's surprising how divisive it can be to live out Jesus' message of love. People blast you, saying love actually means rejecting people when they don't act a certain way – they call it "tough love." Or they bring out their Greek and Hebrew words, saying love means keeping people at arm's length until they change their behaviors. Somehow we can turn even Jesus' message of love into a dividing line to determine who's in and who's out.

Jesus was criticized because of who he brought close, not those he sent away. He was scandalous because of who He let in, not those He cast out. Keep it simple. Instead of telling people what Jesus meant, love everyone the way He did.

You might be misunderstood when you love like Jesus, but you're in good company. Jesus was misunderstood. The people in power killed Him. What makes you think you won't take a hit? He was ridiculed because He chose to live like every person, no matter who they were or what they had done belonged in His family. Do the same.

Don't get bogged down by arguments about what it means to follow Jesus. Lose all the fancy words. Just love everyone the way He did.

What would change today if you chose to love those around you sincerely and without caution?

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



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

David is struggling with stomach problems

Debra continues to struggle with her health issues

Anthony's mom and other **family members** as well as his **friend Phillip** are struggling with various issues

Joe/Lori's daughter, **Hope**, is fighting addiction issues

Jim/Debra's daughter, **Jennifer**, is also fighting addiction problems

Keeley family and other **holiday travelers** who are on the road this week

Continued Prayer

Lynn's (Barbara and Adrianne's sister) cancer has returned and she is home on hospice

Robert continues to have struggles with his health issues

Lori's mom had surgery this past week and is recuperating but in pain

Rosa (Vivian's friend) your kidney cancer was contained; PTL

Ron has two CT scans scheduled for December 8 and sees the doctor on December 20

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

Mary Porter's niece who lost her husband recently to COVID
Ayden, John/Ashley's son, is struggling with some teenage problems

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

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

