

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
John 19:1

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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Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

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password: purplelemon096

Upcoming EVENTS

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

If you will help out with a dessert or cookies let LaDona know.

February 27 - Thursday Night Dinner at 5:30 Cook: Barbara P.

February 20 -23 - COLOURS CELEBRATION - The schedule of events papers are on the back table

March 1 - Prayer Breakfasts

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

Women's at 9:30 at Nancy's

March 4 - Elders' meeting 8:00 a.m.

March 9 - Quarterly Luncheon at Giovanni's. Please sign up at the back so we will have an accurate count.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 - Mike Westbrook

4 - Nick Booth

20 - Rebecca Diaz

29 - Robert Tucker

30 - Samuel Diaz

30 - Tom Vontz

MARCH COOKS:

March 6 - Buggie/Sharon

March 13 - Adrienne/Barbara

March 20 - Jan

March 27 - Barbara Pflugh



Pastors Corner of Light: Wisdom and Truth

God's Word is unlike any other book. The Bible is a roadmap for life here on earth and for life eternal. (**B. I. B. L. E.** = Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth) As Christians we are expected to study God's Holy Word. **1 Tim 4:6** "In pointing out these things you will be a good servant of Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following." **Rom 12:2** "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." **Luke 1:1-3** "In as much as many have undertaken to compile and account of the things accomplished among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word – it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught."

As believers who seek to follow the footsteps of the One from Galilee, we must study and meditate upon the Word and its meaning for our lives. In so doing it becomes transforming and life-changing. Only in God and His Word are we going to be able to acquire the wisdom to transverse our time on this earth in order to enjoy the blessings of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **James 1:5,6** "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to Him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind."

To obtain and enjoy the fruits of this "wisdom" we must not only learn the lessons of the Christ-like life, but we must live them out in our lives. Today, as you prepare yourself for the inevitable ups and downs of everyday life, remember God's wisdom can only be found in His treasured Word. Read, heed, and live accordingly.

SEEK FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship with other believers should be an integral part of your everyday life. Your association with fellow Christians will be uplifting, enlightening, encouraging if you find a group of friends who encourage you to pray more and worry less.

Are you an active member of your fellowship? Are you a builder of bridges inside the four walls of your church and outside it? Do you contribute to God's glory by contributing your time and your talents to a close-knit band of believers? I hope so. The fellowship of believers is intended to be a powerful tool for spreading God's Good News and uplifting his children And God intends for you to be a fully contributing member of that fellowship. Your intentions should be the same.

A Prayer to Start Your Day

Heavenly Father, You have given me a community of supporters called the church. Let our fellowship be a reflection of the love we feel for each other and the love we feel for You. Amen. (Taken from Prayers to Start Your Day)

Today you are not alone against temptation because the One who is your Savior is also your fortress, your hiding place, and your defense.

The Bible calls you, as a believer, to live with three realities in view. The first greets you every day. It is the reality that you live in a world that has been dramatically broken by sin and does not function the way God intended. Paul says it very well in Romans 8, noting that the whole world is “groaning” as it waits for redemption. Because the world you live in isn't operating as per God's original design, it presents you with temptations everywhere you live. These temptations play to the sin and weakness that still lives inside you and that is being progressively eradicated by God's transforming grace. You and I must live temptation-aware; to fail to do so is to fail to recognize the fallenness of the world that happens to be the address where we live.

The second reality is that even though we are God's children, we lack the power on our own to fight the spiritual battles in which the world of sin and temptation engages us. As we face our vulnerability and weakness, there are things you and I should pray for regularly. We should pray for purity of desire, wisdom to recognize the enemy's tricks, and strength to fight the battles we can't avoid. All of this comes out of a humble recognition that wrong doesn't always look wrong to us. What God says is dangerous doesn't always seem dangerous. Evil doesn't always appear so evil in our eyes. So we need protection, not just from external temptation but from our own blind eyes and wandering hearts.

Finally, you and I are welcomed as God's children to rest in the reality that in this fallen world that throws temptation at us every day, we are never, ever alone. God is with us. He provides the safety we could never provide for ourselves. He fights on our behalf even when we don't have the sense to resist. He gives us wisdom and strength at those moments when that's exactly what we need. You and I can face the harsh realities of life in this broken world with courage and hope because we do not face them all by ourselves. Immanuel (“God with us”) is indeed with us in power, glory, and grace. The words of Zephaniah 3:17 ring with as much hope today as they did generations ago when they were penned: “The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save.”

For further study and encouragement: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

(Taken from New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp)

WAIT ON THE LORD

Wait on the Lord;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the Lord.

Waiting is not a very popular word in the life of most people in our culture. We want everything . . . *now*, but God has promised that He will act on our behalf when we wait for Him. Many times we choose not to wait; instead, we run ahead of Him and try to fix things on our own. If we will only wait on the Lord, He promises to strengthen our hearts and give us the courage to wait for His answers. Seek His strength today.

Prayer REQUESTS

If you need prayer, please let the Elders know, put a note in the box in back of the auditorium or call Vivian Fisher (889-4075) to start the prayer chain.

Buddy and Darlene are at the coast today to attend events for the grandchildren

NEW

- ❖ **Lord, give me concern and compassion for the lost I meet today. Open doors so I might share YOUR message!**
- ❖ **Debra** will be seeing a vascular surgeon in April
- ❖ **Jessie**, Earl's relative, had his cancer return and has spread throughout his body
- ❖ **Bentley**, James' grandson, broke his collarbone and received a concussion.
- ❖ **Prayers for those in our country experiencing extreme weather conditions**

Brenda's surgery went well, and she is improving. Her financial situation is critical. Prayers that solutions can be found to resolve her situation.

Mary Nixon is doing better but her breathing continues to be a struggle

Fisher's neighbor's son was in a serious car accident

Ronnie, Nancy's son, is need of prayers for physical, mental and spiritual health

Syble fell and is having a lot of back pain

Joyce has been sick with the flu

Trina's DIL's grandmother has dementia; pray for decision on her care

Demetrio – prayers to speed up paperwork so he can receive disability check

Vivian continues to struggle with her high-blood pressure issues

Rose fell and broke her ankle

Colleen, Sharon's family member, collapsed; may be the result of heart problems

Kristina, Debra's co-worker, is struggling with serious liver/kidney problems

Lynn M. and **Nick B.** are struggling with health issues.

Bill, Debra's brother, cancer treatments

Casey, a young friend of Nancy's, stage 4 cancer in his face is on a feeding tube;

One of Earl's nephews is serving in Syria; prayers for all our first responders

Robert continues to struggle with back pain

Ron's brother/wife, serious health issues and other difficulties

Hannah, Trina's daughter, continued prayer for her

Wendy, member of Debra's family, brain cancer

Everett, a relative of Nancy's, is nearing his final days due to his cancer.

Mary P.'s relative, Sam, is recovering from a **serious** heart condition

Chris and Jonah, friends of Trina's who are soldiers in the Middle East

Our Youth to pray to make good choices

For those that have upcoming tests this week or test results

unspoken Prayers . . . we know their names, and, above all, God knows them

