



19, 2024

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 23 - Thursday Night Dinner Cooks: Adrianne & Barbara

June 1 - Men's and Ladies Breakfast

June 4 - Elder's Meeting 8 a.m.

June 14 - MOVIE NIGHT at 6:00 p.m.

June 23 - World Broadcasting Presentation - Please plan to be here

HYMN - I MUST TELL JESUS

If you've ever shared something with the wrong person, then you are aware what poor confidants people can often be. Sometimes they fail to sympathize with what we are going through. Other times they make our personal pains public. A secret shared with the wrong someone can result in a lot of regret. Or maybe you made the mistake of not telling anyone about a struggle, believing that you could handle it on your own. There are some things that no one understands except Jesus.

Elisha Hoffman wrote "I Must Tell Jesus" in 1894. Hoffman served in many churches and chapels around Ohio and is credited with the writing of thousands of gospel songs. We don't know what trials or burdens his lyrics allude to, but we can certainly imagine some of our own while singing them. We have all dealt with discouragement and disappointment, bitterness and betrayal.

Although several verses of Scripture seem to have been on Hoffman's mind as he wrote this hymn, one clear passage is Hebrews 4:15-16. We have a High Priest who understands and sympathizes with our weaknesses. Because of this we can come to Him, boldly approaching His throne, in times of trial or temptation. He, in His compassion, will extend mercy and grace in our time of need. Whatever it is you've been trying to handle on your own, you can tell it to Jesus.

**Thank You, Lord, for being a place I can run
to with all my sorrows and celebrations.**

BIBLE CLASS

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

John 2:14 ff

Youth Class: Eddie Fisher

Children's Class: Debra Young

PRAYER TIME

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM

WORSHIP TIME

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

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Pastor's Corner of Light: The Problem with Pain

Often people raise the problem of believing in God because of all the pain seen in the world. They struggle with the idea that "IF" there is a God then why has all this evil and suffering been allowed? Since it doesn't make sense that a loving God would let this happen, and it has/is happening, then there can't be a loving God, thus there isn't a God.

We would all admit that the world is not as we would want it. God would agree with. He created a "and it was good" world for us to live in but His love came with the need to give people the dignity of choice to obey His commands or reject them. From the very first people and onward, people have chosen, to some degree, disobedience and rebellion against God and the direction He has set before us. The world, and our lives, have been out of whack ever since. The good news – God began a work of redemption at the very beginning of when sin and/or brokenness entered the world (Gen 3:15).

God knew the path man was going to take was one which would bring pain and destruction to the lives of His children, so He first put us in a world which also includes beauty and goodness. While the world no longer operates as He intended and includes thorns, death, and other negative factors, it also has flowers, magnificent landscapes, beautiful sunsets and many, many Good Samaritans who make it their goal to heal and serve the many needs of those around us. For many the teachings of God's word has led them to find a life filled with contentment, peace, and fulfillment. On top of that He then sent His Son to redeem us from the eternal penalty of our sins and in His Son's resurrection brought us the guarantee of our own resurrection.

Our resurrection then leads us to the glory of an eternal life free from pain and problems. We look forward to a world that will be recreated in its original perfection and beauty and this time there will be no rebellion or sin to mar its beauty. There will be no brokenness, pain or suffering to deal with. God has brought a path into this broken world to help us deal with the struggles today and tomorrow – and has promised us a tomorrow with no struggles when His Son returns. **John 10:10, ESV** "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." **1 John 5:11, ESV** "And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son."

1 John 5:12,13,20 ESV "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. ... We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true by being in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life."



So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6-7

THE MOST WONDERFUL FAIRY TALE OF ALL

The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. – Luke 19:10

As a little girl, I watched fairy tales through cynical glasses, never quite believing the knight-in-shining-armor myth. I told myself I didn't want to be rescued. I wanted to be the one doing the rescuing.

I know now that life had taught me not to look for a rescuer. No one was coming, so I'd better take care of myself.

Now, at fifty-two, I believe in the most wonderful fairy tale of all – which is actually a true story. I believe that I am loved and pursued by the greatest Prince who ever lived. I believe he sees me as I am and loves me completely. I believe now that, as my friend Max Lucado says, I have never lived an unloved moment in my life.

No, this is not some kind of female midlife crisis. I don't believe that, because I love Jesus, I will be spared pain and sorrow. I don't believe all my prayers will be answered as I would like them to be, but I do believe that God is in control and is watching over me.

Do I still have moments of doubt? Sure. But the voice in those moments is far less convincing than it used to be. With Christ as my guide, I have been able to face the truth about my past and not just accept it but embrace it.

You can do the same. Every painful step on our various journeys has led us to where we are today, and I for one celebrate that.

- Sheila Walsh, taken from Daily Gifts of Grace; devotions for each day of your year



There are sign-up sheets on the round table in back for May if you would put your name down to help with cleaning assignments of the building.

They are broken up into 3 groups so should make it a little easier to pick a group you feel you can do to help with. And we really need the help!

- 1. Clean auditorium and disinfect chairs / door handles*
- 2. Clean the 2 outside restrooms and North entry doorway*
- 3. Clean foyer floor, dust, glass doors / windows / Nursery restroom*

Ask Vivian or April where the vacuums are and cleaning supplies. If supplies are needed let Mike know as he has key for toilet paper and paper towels.

We really would appreciate it if you or your family would pick 1 of the 3 chores that need to be done. THANK YOU!

Prayer REQUESTS

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

*NEW

Lord, give me the same concern and compassion for the lost that you have. Open doors that I might share your message of love and salvation.

***LaDona** fell and bruised her ribs. Pray for a speedy recovery.

***Charles**, Garry's uncle, fell down his basement steps and is non-responsive in critical condition

***Wesley**, Connie's son, is dealing with some serious legal issues. Pray they get resolved quickly and positively and that he find some sense of peace as he goes through his situation.

***Hannah**, Trina's daughter, has gotten her job and schooling stabilized – Praises! But she continues to struggle with health issues.

***Travelers** pray for safe travels for all those traveling

***Buddy** has a PET scan on June 5th; pray for good results

***Chelsea**, update from scooter accident: all 5 brain bleeds healed, neck sprain healed, skull fracture not healed yet but is going in the right direction; thank you to everyone for your prayers

***Ron**, Nancy's son, has a job interview this week; prayer for a good interview

***David**, Ron's brother, impacted bowels and kidney stones and possible blood clot in his leg

Cheryl White, is in rehab after a stroke caused her to fall and fracture in one of her vertebra. If you would like to send a card, mail to: Bakersfield Rehabilitation Hospital, 4400 Kirkcaldy Dr., Bakersfield 93306

Chloe, daughter of Lynn's missionary friends in Thailand and **Lucia**, Lynn's granddaughter, are both suffering from long COVID with extreme fatigue, depression, and anxiety

Demetrio, pray for good results from his MRI and for **Jan** for good results from endoscopy

Mary N. continued prayer for her well being

Tucker, Nina's great-grandson, had surgery recently for two leg fractures because of an accident

Marsha, terminal cancer; prayer also for her husband, **Wayne** (friends of Don Loveless) of our

Millie, Ron's sister-in-law, declining on hospice; sleeping most of the day and low blood pressure

Robert is still struggling with arthritic pain

Janese is struggling with a severe flair-up fibromyalgia; severe headache and pain all over

Barbara, doing physical therapy after her shoulder surgery

Joyce as she takes care of Tom who is now at home and **Tom** as he adjusts

Nikki, Nelson's granddaughter, struggling with mental health issues; pray for effective treatment

Lucia, Ron/Lynn's granddaughter, continues to struggle emotionally and physically post COVID

Tank is struggling with health problems

LeRoyce Savage, terminated his cancer medications and letting Hospice come in

Aidan, great grandson of Barbara, undergoing physical therapy after brain surgery

Jim, liver cancer; needs a transplant, (a request from Adrienne's niece)

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