



8, 2025

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

## WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

1 Samuel 13

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

MySpectrumWiFi8-2G

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password: purplelemon096

## Important Dates and INFORMATION

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

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

June 12 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30

### Gift of Health

My body aches, and I feel miserable. I don't have time to be sick. I'm humbled, God, because it's in my sickness that I am ever so aware of the many days I'm healthy. How quick I am to complain when I'm in bed but forget to praise You for the days I wake healthy and strong I repent of this everyday miracle of health.

Health is a daily gift. Forgive me for taking this for granted. Today I will rest. I put on music and rest my body in soft sheets and pretend You are holding me while I'm ill. Use this ailment to deepen my dependency and humble me more to your Spirit. Awaken me to ways that the world goes on while I lie here resting. Invite me to further surrender my control and receive rest from You.

*This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet  
Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities  
and bore our diseases."*

*Matthew 8:17 NIV*

*(Taken from*

### COOKS FOR JUNE

12 - Adrienne & Barbara

19 - Need someone

26 - Barbara and LeRoy



## PASTOR'S CORNER - The Road to Joy

The road to joy, for Jesus, ran through Jerusalem. It was a path of self-denial, sacrifice and death – before it was a passage into joy, redemption, and glory. So it is for all who would follow in His footsteps. To walk with Jesus is to take the way of the cross. True joy moves through hardship. True joy goes with Jesus through Jerusalem. The way is narrow, and the gate is small, but freedom and joy await the disciple who stays on the path. Jesus said, 'Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. (Mtt 16:23) This is one of His most intimidating challenges. It is also one of the most misunderstood. "Get off the road that leads to death," He is saying. "Choose instead this unexpected way to the good life – through denying and dying to self."

Christian spiritual formation rests on this indispensable foundation of death to self and the formation of a new self – a new heart devoted O God, a life of honesty, vulnerability, acceptance, friendship, communion and purpose. Self-denial leads to a joyful submission to the Father. It is the freedom to reject the ways of the world – its anger, greed, and envy. It is an active choice to become like Jesus in His radical inner simplicity and wholehearted devotion to the Father. Self-denial frees us to love and serve others; we can and will be merciful toward others because God is merciful toward us.

Self-denial, then, is both the most difficult thing in our Christian life and the simplest. Laying down our lives cannot happen just once; it's a complete surrender we make moment by moment, every day. Only if we truly embrace Jesus' self-denying, non-defensive death on the cross can we believe we are accepted into His Father's delight. As we abide in Him, walking by His spirit, we come out with complete joy. In this world consumed with acquiring and consuming self-denial seems like a radical and dangerous thing. But in the right-side-up of Jesus' kingdom, it is the safest, simplest, and happiest place. **John 15:10,11** "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made complete." In this way we will find/achieve that abundant life He has promised us (**John 10:10**).



*For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be  
our guide even to the end.. ~ Psalm 48:14*

## THE ARMOR OF GOD

*Be strengthened by the Lord and by His vast strength. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the Devil. For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand.*

Ephesians 6:10-13 HCSB

Our world is often a frightening place. But you don't have to face the world defenseless. You are blessed because God not only gives you access to His vast strength, but He also offers you His armor to wear. The real battle isn't against the external dangers of this world but rather against attitudes and emotions, against the darkness in the spiritual realm. With God's help, wearing His armor of love, peace, and hope, you'll be ready to stand up for God, no matter how scary the world may seem.

*When the world scares me, Lord, remind me  
to put on Your armor. Thank You that You  
have promised to defend my heart.*

(Taken from God Calls You Blessed)



*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

1 Peter 4:10-11 NIV

# Prayer Request

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

*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.*

## NEW

- ❖ **Lord, give me concern and compassion for the lost I meet today. Open doors so I might share YOUR message.**
- ❖ **Robert** is in pain but getting better. He is expecting to finish the necessary paperwork so he can be moved into rehab
- ❖ **Vivian's** cousin, who lost her son recently, fell but thankfully was not hurt badly.
- ❖ **Ron/Nancy** leaves Tues for two weeks – traveling to Arizona
- ❖ **Nancy** David's friend, , is suffering from a lot of pain
- ❖ **Nina** has family members traveling the next couple of weeks
- ❖ **Adelfa's brother-n-law** from Mexico passed away after his surgery on Thurs
- ❖ **Sandy** had cataract surgery on Monday

**Hannah**, Trina's daughter, is home from the hospital and is job-seeking

**Buggy's** surgery was successful; pray for full recovery

**Georgia**, Sharon's sister-n-law's mother, passed away

**Lupi**, Gonzales's granddaughter, is struggling with mental health issues

**Lori**, a young co-worker of Debra, had a double mastectomy; surgery went well

**Bill**, Rose's brother, fell and broke his hip; in the hospital in Oklahoma City

**Casey**, young friend of Nancy's, still on feeding tube; prayer for continued healing

**Charles Jones**, a brother at Central, is having serious liver problems.

**Syble** struggling with various health issues; most likely will need back surgery

**Jason**, 20 year-old grandson of Syble's friend, has bone cancer

**Oliver**, Earl's friend, started his chemo treatment for his throat cancer

**James**, Darlene's brother, chemo; possible surgery after chemo and radiation

**Joyce** is doing better with pain after surgery; has people there to help her

**Adrianne** is experiencing a flare up with her sciatic nerve

**Sammy** ulcer

**Barbara Pflugh** is struggling with back pain

**Rhonda**, Nina's niece, hemoglobin still going low;

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

**Tom and Joyce** are struggling with some issues

**Jessie**, Earl's relative, had his cancer return and has spread throughout his body

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

**Bill**, Debra's brother, cancer treatments

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

**Wendy**, member of Debra's family, brain cancer

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

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

**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