



9, 2024

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



**BIBLE CLASS**  
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM  
John 3:19 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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**Bible on your phone**

**MySpectrumWiFi8-2G**

**MySpectrumWiFi8-5G**

password: purplelemon096

**June 13 - Thursday Night Dinner Sharon & Buggie**

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

**June 16 - Father Day**

**June 20 - Thursday Night Dinner Ron & Nancy**

**June 23 - World Broadcasting Presentation**

**June 27 - Thursday Night Dinner Adrienne Barbara Lynn**

***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!***

**Uninterrupted Awareness**

Unceasing prayer may sound complicated, but it needn't be that way – just change your definition of prayer. Think of prayer less as an activity *for* God and more as an awareness *of* God. Seek to live in uninterrupted awareness. Acknowledge his presence everywhere you go. As you stand in line to register your car, think, *Thank you, Lord, for being here.* In the grocery store as you shop, think, *Your presence, my King, I welcome.*

People struggle with life when they don't have answers. The darkest valleys are blackened by the shadow of question marks. So what do you do? Think harder? Try harder? Have longer conversations with yourself? Ephesians 6:18 (MSG) says, "Pray hard and long." Why not pray to the One with all the answers and let him take over?

Taken from Max Lucado - Trade Your Cares for Calm

## **Pastor's Corner of Light: Running the Race** 1 Cor 9:24-27

When the apostle Paul challenged the Corinthian church to “run in such a way as to get the prize,” he used a recognizable image: the athlete. “They do it to get a crown that will not last,” Paul wrote. “But we do it to get a crown that will last forever” He challenged them to treat their life like an athlete: to train, run, fight, and finish well.

Often, we meditate on the gift of salvation but there is a difference between a *gift* and a *prize*. A gift is given freely; a prize is earned and won. The prize Paul speaks of is not salvation, but the reward for the works we do as saved people of God. How we live out our salvation on earth has real ramifications, both in the present and eternally. Paul spoke of this earlier: **1 Cor 3:11-13** “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work”. Each follower of Christ receives the free gift of salvation by the grace of God (**Eph. 2:8**). How we *build* on that gift is the working out of our salvation – how it plays itself out in our living (**Phil. 2:12**). If we build with hay and straw— worthless, temporary pursuits—there is little to be shown for our faith on earth. But when we build with the gold, silver, and costly jewels of a mature Christian life, of good works done for the world, the quality of our building will be revealed at the last.

To build in such a way, we must be strong. Like an athlete training for the games, we must discipline our bodies and keep them under control: not out of legalism, shame, or fear, but out of love for the God who saved us. Discipline—living a disciplined life—brings freedom. By saying no to unhealthy impulses and listening to the Holy Spirit’s leading us, we are freed to have deeper relationships, better health, stronger faith, and a greater witness. The disciplined life is not aimless, but focused. We have set our eyes on the prize of “well done, my good and faithful servant”. (**Matt. 25:21**) and we run with His approval in mind.

We do not choose discipline to earn salvation; we choose to discipline ourselves because we ARE saved and want to enjoy the fruits of that salvation today. Because we are in Christ, a new creation, we must choose to say “no” to some things and say “yes” to what is better—for the sake of our time, for rest, for connection, for discipleship, for health, and for growth - so that we may experience a much deeper, more fulfilling “yes” to God. Any area in which we learn to delay gratification out of love for God leads us to a deeper experience of His affection and the profound impact of the Spirit-led life. The reward which Paul says we are to receive is not one that is perishable, but rather, imperishable – eternal and unchanging. May we too echo Paul’s words: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. In the future there is laid up for me crown of righteousness . . .” (**2 Tim 4:7.8**)

*“Eyes on the Prize of Faithful Service” by Phylicia Masonheimer*

*Lord, thank you for the guidance and wisdom we have received from your Word today.  
Father, we ask for your continued guidance and protection as we go about our day.  
Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to come together and study your  
Word. Lord, we pray for strength and courage to follow your will and share your love  
with others.*

## *Building My Life on Values That Last*

### **What You Believe Shapes Your Life**

By Rick Warren — 06/03/2024

***“When the foundations of life are undermined, what can a righteous person do?”***

**Psalm 11:3 (GW)**

What we believe about the world around us shapes everything about our lives. Why? Because what you believe determines your behavior. Your behavior then determines what you become, and that has a direct effect on the direction of your life.

The same is true of a country or the world. They are largely shaped by the values we believe.

The problem is, we’ve bought into three very destructive philosophies that have replaced truth in our lives: **Individualism** is the lie that we’re the only standard for our lives. **Secularism** can be summarized in three words: *God is unnecessary*. **And relativism** is when we’re told that there are no absolutes—what’s true for you may not be true for me.

The Bible says, *“When the foundations of life are undermined, what can a righteous person do?”* (Psalm 11:3 GW).

What can we do about it?

We have to start with God. He embodies truth. What is right and wrong gets its meaning in the character of God himself. Dishonesty is wrong because God is honest. Unfaithfulness is wrong because God is faithful. You can know truth by looking at how God interacts with us.

The Bible says, *“[God] shows how to distinguish right from wrong, how to find the right decision every time”* (Proverbs 2:9 TLB). We can know the character of God through his Word. The Bible tells us what’s true, whether or not we like what it says.

Once we encounter truth—God’s truth—we’ll recognize two key features of it every time we see it.

**It’s universal.** It applies to everyone. If it doesn’t apply to everyone, it’s not truth. It’s an opinion.

**It’s unchanging.** It won’t be moved by fads or fashions. Adultery was wrong 2,000 years ago, it’s wrong today, and it will be wrong 4,000 years from today.

Our world today gives us three options for how to discover truth: We can choose to base our morality on what we think, on what other people think, or on what God thinks. The choice is ours.

When you build your life on absolute, universal, unchanging truth, you won’t stumble so much, because you’ll always have a firm foundation and an unshakable God determining your path.

*“Those who listen to instruction will prosper; those who trust the LORD will be joyful”* (Proverbs 16:20 NLT).

#### **Talk It Over**

- How has our culture tried to convince us that truth changes?
- Why do you have to make the choice *every day* to base your morals on God’s truth?
- If someone determined how much you trust God’s Word by the amount of time you spent reading and studying it, what would they say you put your trust in?

**We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping with His purpose. — Romans 8-28**

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# 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.

## TRAVELING

**Trina and her father** are traveling to Utah on Thursday and returning on Monday

**Garry and Jan** traveled to New Mexico to visit Garry's sister; 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

**Ann** as she goes through the stressful job of moving; prayer for safe travel and peace in her new home. She will be greatly missed here.

## \*NEW

\***Buddy** has a PET scan this week and doctors' appointments; pray for good results

\***Mary Nixon** had an epidural Monday

\***Mindy traveling to Las Vegas** where she will be doing internship for audiology practice

\***Continued prayers for those at Carrington that have been touched by the bug**

\***All those experiencing severe weather conditions;**

**Sean**, friend of Trina's, was run over by a fork lift on the job in Texas; crushed pelvis and one leg amputated above the knee and the other below the knee

**Beverly Hurlbert** as she continues to heal from the car accident her family was in recently

**Mary C.'s daughter** is having legal issues and **her son, Terry**, is looking for a job.

**Wesley**, Connie's son, is dealing with some serious legal issues.

**Chelsea**, continued improvement from the scooter accident

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

**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

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