



29, 2025

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

1 Samuel 16

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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www.shafterchurchofchrist.com

Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

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password: purplelemon096

Important Dates & Holidays

**DON'T FORGET SONG AND SUPPER TONIGHT AT
6:00 p.m. in the kitchen. Bring a food you enjoy!**

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.

July 1 - Elders' Meeting at 8:00 am. Church kitchen

NO THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER ON JULY 3

July 12 - Women's Prayer Breakfast at Debra's at 9:30

Men's 8:00 am in the Church kitchen



Robert and Connie on July 11th



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Brenda White

4 - Victor Franco Moved
but nice to say a prayer for a Blessed Day

5 - Gene Lytle

15 - LeRoy Pflugh

16 - Darlene Hooper

19 - Connie Tucker

21 - Rose DeClippel

25 - Nina Keeley

26 - Elias Diaz



PASTOR'S CORNER – Is There a Purpose Behind Suffering?

Some might suppose that hardships or tragedies are a result of God bringing about such things for a form of Divine Judgement. But when you examine God's doing such things in the past you will quickly see that each time *He has announced* His forthcoming actions (Flood, Sodom, leaving Egypt, Israel's captivity, etc.). In today's world we have no oracles of prophecy to tell us He is at work. In our post-Christ era God is focused on our individual lives. In Heb 12 we read that God disciplines us because He loves us – not wanting any to perish (2 Peter 3:9). During Christ's ministry He indicated that some tragedies (Luke 13:1ff) are not God's handiwork. Here, the passage of Rom 8:28 declaring that God will work all things together for good may have more relevancy. He does not cause to happen but causes to bring resolution.

Many things happen because there are evil people behind such atrocities. That is why Paul tells us that the civil authorities have the responsibility of bearing the sword to bring wrath upon evildoers (Rom 13:4). Additionally, the Book of Revelations reveals that even the world's authorities may at times be evil themselves and God will wreck justice at the right time. Thankfully Christ Himself warns us that there **will be troubles** in this world – but He has overcome (John 16:33). In **John 9:1ff** Jesus told His disciples that a blind man was in his situation in order that the works of God might be displayed in him. Similarly, Lazarus's death & resurrection occurred so that the glory of God and the Son of God might be displayed (John 11:4). You will notice how the Lord's work has shifted the focus in these situations to explain what "*purpose*" was being served. This means that these situations were not some kind of punishment but an opportunity.

When difficulties enter into our lives, rather than speculate about God's involvement, let us strive to see what lessons we can learn from these situations and see how we can serve Him and bring glory to Him. Let us bring our situations, good and/or bad, into opportunities to glorify God.

COOKS FOR JULY



**3 – Will not be serving a meal as
Shafter will be doing the Fireworks
Show that evening**

10 – Adrienne and Barbara

17 – Debra and Sally

24 – Barbara and LeRoy

31 – TBD

Our Brothers and Sister have placed membership with
Shafter Church of Christ They were attending Central but
Central was sold and members were in search of an added
family to worship with and **we are Blessed to Welcome them here with us.**

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Borjas and Sally's Anniversary 11/12 **CORRECTION 10/12**

DEEP PEACE

And he said to her, "Daughter,
your faith has made you well;
Go in peace and be cured."

Mark 5:34 NASB

In the New Testament, which was originally written in Greek, the word that's been translated as "peace" was *eirene*. This is a beautiful word with a great depth of meaning. It is a type of peace that knits all the essential parts of our lives together, so that everything is in harmony. All the broken pieces of our hearts are healed. Everything is exactly as it should be, with all the beauty that God intended. That is what Jesus promised in this verse.

You can choose to turn away from God - but why would you want to? Your faith in God has the power to heal you. You will be blessed with a deep peace that reaches down to the very bottom of your being.

Jesus, thank you for the peace and healing You
offer me. Increase my faith so that I can become
exactly the person You intend me to be.

(Taken from God Calls You Blessed)

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.

TRAVELERS

Ron/Nancy traveling to coast and back

LaDona's family is traveling

Leah flew home Friday to Germany. Praises for her time here with us.

Garry/Jan will be heading to the coast on the 2nd for July 4th weekend

NEW THIS WEEK

Robert is still struggling with back pain but is showing some improvement

Earl, continued prayer for recovery from COVID (waiting to get over so can reschedule passmaker)

Jerry, Nina's son, lost an employee in a work accident

Pat, sister of Debra's co-worker, has stage 4 pancreatic cancer

In the Hospital: **Earl's daughter, Tonya**, is had shoulder surgery last Thursday have no updates ~ **Carrie** (Buggy's friend) had open heart surgery last week

Recovering from back surgery: **Robert Tucker** and **Oliver McKenzie**

Health issues: **Tate**, Anne's son and Nina's grandson, pneumonia along with other health issues ~ **Casey, Charles Jones, Joyce & Tom, Sammy, Barbara P, Rhonda, David & Millie, Nancy** (David's friend), **Syble ~ Tyson** (Janese's son and Nina's grandson) was injured ~ **Tammy** (a relative of the Fisher's son-n-law) had a stroke and is unable to walk. ~ **Sandy**, scheduled second cataract surgery for Aug 17th but hoping it'll get moved up like the last one.

Cancer and treatments: **Cathy Turner** (former member here) chemo since March will have surgery July 1st ~ **James** (Darlene's brother) ~ **Jessie** (friend of Earl) ~ **Kristina** (Debra's co-worker) ~ **Bill** (Debra's brother) ~ **Wendy** (member of Debra's family) ~ **Oliver** (Earl's friend) ~ **Everett** (relative of Nancy's) is nearing his final days due to his cancer.

Physical, mental, and spiritual health: **Lupi** (Gonzales's granddaughter) ~ **Ronnie** (Nancy's son) ~ **Hannah** (Trina's daughter) job-seeking

Serving in the Military: One of Earl's nephews is serving in Syria; ~ **Chris** and **Jonah** (friends of Trina) 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

