

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
1 Samuel 17:31

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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Recognized by Our Fruit

Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them."

– Matthew 7:20

The world judges religion not by what the Bible says, but by how Christians live. Christians are the Bible that sinners read. The emphasis, then, is placed on holiness of life. In selecting church workers, the quality of holiness is not considered.

Prayer may seem insignificant in the eyes of the world, but it is important in all of God's movements and in all of His plans. He looks for holy people, those noted for their praying habits. As a child of God, bear fruit in such a way that the world may see to whom you belong.

Ask the Spirit of God to guide you to a more holy life.

*Father God, I want to bear good fruit so that the
 world can see to whom I belong. Guide me to a more
 holy life. In Jesus' name. Amen*

(taken from The Power of Prayer by E.M. Bounds)



**Mark Your
 Calendar**



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

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

July 17 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30

August 2 - Prayer breakfasts

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

Women's at 9:30 - location to be announced

August 5 - Elders Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

**September 27 -Ladies Day at Visalia Church of Christ
 8:30 - 1:00; see Debra if you are interested**

PASTOR'S CORNER – What Does Jesus Think of Us?

The last couple of “Corners” I tried to bring encouragement during those times when things may be going down a very difficult path. Such “opportunities” are a time for us to draw closer to the Lord and build our trust in believing that He is walking with us – much like the *“Footprints in the Sand”* illustrates. Jesus modeled this in the Garden. Today I would like to share a message that during our difficult times we may not always exhibit the *“faith/trust”* He would desire and during the good times we may not always be the *“obedient/faithful”* child He wants from us. Recently I read something which mentioned how at Easter we feel a joy and appreciation for what was accomplished on that fateful weekend but then on Monday we may question whether we are good enough to truly deserve such a sacrifice. We acknowledge that God Loves us, but wonder if He actually knows us and care for us? After all there are more than 7 billion of “us” in this world. We may wonder if there may even be a sense of anger towards us because of our failures and shortcomings after His great and tragic sacrifice? But, Consider these situations: 1) Jesus appears in a locked room with the apostles and says: “Peace to you.” He is standing and speaking to those very people who spent the last three years with Him – and deserted when the soldiers came; they left Him unattended hanging on the cross (less John and some women) – yet His response to them was not accusations & condemnation. It was – “Peace!” 2) To continue this “appearance” His next words were to encourage them to see and feel the marks of the cross on His body. They apparently are fearful and unbelieving about His resurrection and again, no anger at their lack of faith but encouragement and proof.

Too quickly we can read this as a rational and logical proof of the historical authenticity of the resurrection and miss seeing this relational drama demonstrating the heart of Jesus toward anxious and doubtful people like you and me. We have been given this short passage as insight into Jesus’ relationship with His disciples – so that we can be encouraged about His relationship to us today. We too have sins and struggles in our lives, but we need to know that He brings His “unconditional” affection and love right to our very individual and personal hearts and needs.

COOKS FOR JULY

- 17 – Debra and Sally
- 24 – Barbara and LeRoy
- 31 – Darlene



***If you're God's child, the gospel isn't an aspect of your life,
it is your life; that is, it is the window through which
you look at everything.***

It has been a theme of my ministry, a sad recognition that has motivated me to speak the things I speak and to write the things that I write. Thousands and thousands of sincere believers have a huge hole right smack dab in the middle of their gospel. They tend to see the gospel as a thing of the past and a thing of the future; an entrance thing and an exit thing. Sure, they celebrate the forgiveness they have been given and their welcome into God's family, and they look with hope to the future, when they will be with the Lord forever, but they don't understand the radical, mind-changing, and life-altering *nowism* of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. They don't grasp that when they came to Christ, it wasn't just their past and future that changed; no, everything in their lives right here, right now changed.

For a believer, nothing in his or her life is unchanged by the gospel. If you look at life from the vantage point of the present benefits of the person, work, presence, and promises of the Lord Jesus Christ, nothing in your life looks the same. The apostle Peter encourages people to live in a radical new way because they have been given "all things that pertain to life and godliness" (2 Pet. 1:3). So you and I aren't left to our own maturity, character, ingenuity, righteousness, wisdom, or power. Not only that, but the gospel redefines how we understand our whole story, how we think about the meaning of life, how we understand the human struggle, where we get our identity, where we look for peace and security, what we consider in life to be dangerous, what we see as successful living, and so on. It is true that when Jesus takes up residence in us, everything in life changes, nothing remains the same.

Now, if you don't know this, you celebrate your salvation, but for help with you marriage, parenting, sex, money, friendships, fear, addictions, decisions, and such, you don't look to the gospel. You log on to Amazon.com and scan for the latest self-help book that addresses your topic of concern. You do this because you're a functional gospel amnesiac. You've forgotten who you are as a child of God. You've forgotten the glorious warehouse of spiritual wisdom that you have been given. You think you are poor when really you are rich. You think you need wisdom when you have been united by grace to the One who is wisdom. You think that there is something you need that you haven't yet found, when in fact you have already been given every single thing you need to be what you're supposed to be and to do what you're supposed to do in the place where the Savior has positioned you. The gospel gives you everything and changes everything in your life. Are you living as if you actually believe that?

For further study and encouragement: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

(Taken from New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp)

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

Trina's kids are on a two-week road trip

Mary C.'s daughter and son-in-law are traveling

Eddie and Vivian over to see kids at the coast

NEW THIS WEEK

The families in Texas and other areas that are flooded or missing family members

Jason, Borjas' grandson, is in the hospital

Sharon, personal issues

Tristan, pneumonia

Paula, Nancy's friend, is hospital for gallstones but has sepsis that has to be treated first before gallbladder surgery

Gary, Mikes brother was released from Goodyear Hospital to return home in Kingman after being hospitalized with pneumonia

Recovering from surgery: **Cathy Turner, Robert Tucker, Oliver McKenzie, Carrie** (Buggie's friend), **Tonya** (Earl's daughter), **Earl**

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: **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 ~ **Pat** (Debra's co-worker)

Physical, mental, and spiritual health: **Lupi** (Gonzales's granddaughter) ~ **Ronnie** (Nancy's son) ~ **Hannah** (Trina's daughter) job-seeking ~ **Jerry** (Nina's son) lost an employee in a work accident

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

