



20, 2025

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
1 Samuel 18:1

Classes in English & Spanish



9:00 Prayer Worship

Please give us your requests

9:30 Worship Service

Worship in English & Spanish

Elders

Eddie Fisher	342-8337
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Monday ~ Tuesday ~ Wednesday
8 am to 1 pm

Thursday
11 am to 4:30 pm

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Don't forget to check out our
website

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www.shafterchurchofchrist.com

Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

MySpectrumWiFif8-5G

password: purplelemon096

Upcoming EVENTS

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 24 - 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**

Stay Focused on the Right Things

This day -and every day hereafter - is a chance to celebrate the life that God has given you. It's also a chance to give thanks to the One who has offered you more blessings than you can possibly count. What is your focus today? Are you willing to focus your thoughts on God's blessings and upon His will for your life? Or will you turn your thoughts to other things?

Today why not focus your thoughts on the joy that is rightfully yours in Christ? Why not take time to celebrate God's glorious creation? Why not trust your hopes instead of your fears? When you do, you will think optimistically about yourself and our world, and you can then share your optimism with others. They'll be better for it, and so will you. But not necessarily in that order.

***Dear Lord, help me to face this day with a spirit of
optimism and thanksgiving. And let me focus my
thoughts on You and Your incomparable gifts.
Amen.***

A previous article shared the story of a good sister in Christ working in a local Leper Colony providing food for the students in their after-school program. This sister is a widow & has two children who are now in college, and she provides for her mother. She never asks for anything more than what she is provided each month. When asked if there is something else that might be needed, she replied, “I am very grateful for the help you are already providing.” When she was pressed she confessed that her small stove was not working very well. A new propane stove with two burners has been provided and is also being used to provide the evening meal for the school children.

The children range from 6 to 13 years old and attend this special government school (they are not allowed to attend a public school). Besides being fed these children also receive help with their homework & are taught basic Bible stories and lessons. Unfortunately, teaching the Bible and about Christ has become a problem. Hindus in the area are trying to get the landlord to stop renting to her because they do not want someone teaching children about Christ. So far, the owner has not forced her out, but every month he asks if she has found another place.

While enough food is prepared for 50 children each day, the average attendance is approximately 35. The extra food is packaged to be taken home for their household family. Sometimes an adult from the leper colony will ask for something to eat, and if there is food left over, they will not be turned away.

This is a special program and most of these children would not receive a good meal on a regular basis. Please remember them in your prayers. If you would like to contribute to this program makes checks payable to:

India Missions
attention: Leper Colony support
P.O. Box 448
Hamilton AL 35570

COOKS FOR JULY

24 – Barbara and LeRoy

31 – Darlene



A Thousand Generations

*Know therefore that the LORD your God is God;
he is the faithful God keeping his covenant of
love to a thousand generations of those who
love him and keep his commandments.*

Deuteronomy 7:9 NIV

A thousand generations would be around thirty thousand years. Hundreds of thousands of people would be involved in those generations. Think of all the people in your family line going back through the centuries, individuals who suffered and rejoiced, toiled and sacrificed, lived and died. If just one of them had died without bearing children, you would not be here today. But God was with your ancestors, back through the countless generations. He was already blessing you thousands of years ago – and He will bless your descendants as well. He did not forsake your ancestors, and He will not forsake you or your children.

*Thank You, Lord, for Your faithfulness that reaches
across the years into the past and stretches into the
future. Thank You that You were with my ancestors
and that You will be with my descendants as well.*

(Taken from God Calls You Blessed)

PRAYER GENERATES LOVE

*For you have been born again, not
of perishable seed, but of imperishable,
through the living and enduring word of God.*

1 Peter 1:23

Prayer invariably generates a love for the word of God. Prayer leads people to obey the Word of God and puts an unspeakable joy into the obedient heart.

Praying people and Bible-reading people are the same kind of people. The God of the Bible and the God of prayer are one. God speaks to man in the Bible; man speaks to God in prayer. One reads the Bible to discover God's will and prays in order to receive power to do that will.

Bible reading and praying are the distinguishing traits of those who strive to know and please God.

*Dear God, guide me in my prayers to You and in my Bible reading so that I may
discover Your will. Amen.*

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

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 traveling

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

Joyce & Tom are in Nebraska; will return tomorrow

Garry & Jan and **Ron & Nancy** will be at the coast this week

NEW THIS WEEK

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

Jason, Borjas' grandson, has returned to the hospital due to a serious infection

Christine, Mary C.'s daughter, is recovering from surgery

Mother of a friend of Borjas' son has been diagnosed with ALS

Hall family in Visalia, death of Drew due to a hiking accident; 36 years old with a wife, a two-year-old and a three month old baby

Buddy, fell several weeks ago and having shoulder and knee issues

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-in-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. ~ **Tristan**, pneumonia ~ **Paula** (Nancy's friend) sepsis

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; **Sharon**

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