



31, 2025

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Ephesians 2:3

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

MySpectrumWiFi8-2G

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Important Dates and INFORMATION

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

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

TONIGHT - Song and Supper 6:00 p.m.

September 2 - Elders Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

September 4 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30 ~ Jan

September 6 - Prayer breakfasts

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

Women's at 9:30 - Vivian's home

**September 27 -Ladies Day at Visalia Church of Christ
8:30 - 1:00; see Debra if you are interested;
sign-up sheet in the back**



COOKS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 4 - Jan

September 11 - Adrienne/Barbara

September 18 - Still Need a Cook

September 25 - Barbara/LeRoy

Help Me

Help me to find someone today
Who needs what I have to share –
A kindly word, a thoughtful deed,
A bit of loving care.
Help me to take the time to be
An understanding friend
To someone who needs a helping hand
On which they can depend.

Help me to love as Jesus loves –
That same unselfish way.

Help me to be like Jesus
In all that I do and say.

~ Vera Beall Parker

PASTOR'S CORNER – Life's Struggles part B

TGC - May 14, 2025 | [Bethany Broderick](#) "What (NOT) to Say..."

This article & many other great articles can be found: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org>

Sometimes life's troubles can get us down and what we need to do is find the passages that point them to unshakable truths in God's Word that **lift their eyes upward**. Last week we noticed that we could offer up a remembrance of how God knows us and **loves us unconditionally**. **1 John 4:16** tells of God's love for us and in us. We truly encourage when we remind them that their worth isn't based on performance but on God's perfect love for them.

Secondly, believers often feel inadequate because of their God-given limitations. They feel anxious and exhausted because they're trying to be and do what God never intended for them as finite creatures. Reminding them that God's power is made perfect in their weakness ([2 Cor. 12:9](#)) frees them to rest in the good boundaries God has put around them. We can encourage our friends that their weaknesses deepen their dependence on God's grace. Today

3. God Is Working in You One mistake is that some believe that they are alone in their struggles. When our encouragement points others to look **inward** for goodness, we only promote self-righteousness. True encouragement reminds them of God's faithful work in their lives—that He's faithful even when they're faithless ([2 Tim. 2:13](#)). Paul's exhortation in Phil 1:6 reminds us that God is continuing His work within us to make us into what He has created for us to be. When life feels overwhelming we can encourage others that God is always faithful to complete His work in us: Romans 8:28.

4. True Hope God has given us His Church to remind us of truth on days when we're prone to forget. As the body of Christ, we can offer each other better encouragement than the popular messages of social media influencers, self-improvement books, or podcast hosts. The world's affirmations are built on the shifting sands of **our** emotions and performance. We can encourage our brothers and sisters with God's rock-solid truth. Sharing biblical truth won't automatically fix our friends' problems. But by the Holy Spirit's power, biblical encouragements can take root in their hearts and give them true hope that's better than any self-help affirmation.



Father God, I know that You don't always use the most qualified person to do Your work. Sometimes You use ordinary people like me, and equip them to work in Your harvest. Amen

PRAYER REQUESTS

TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

If you need prayer or have a request for someone, please let the Elders know or put a note in the box on the back wall of the auditorium or call Vivian Fisher to start the pre prayer chain (889-4075)

TRAVELERS

Garry and Jan at the coast; back on Monday

PRAISES

Darlene's cataract surgery went well

NEW THIS WEEK

- Buggy's husband, **Gary**, has been diagnosed with colon cancer and will be having surgery on September 17th
- **James**, is in the hospital waiting to get pacemaker but in the mean time are taking care of the fluid and some other issues to help him.
- **Buddy** has a doctor's appointment on September 10 to discuss shoulder surgery
- **Adrianne** has a PET scan scheduled on September 6
- **Janae**, Nelson's daughter, will be having a kidney biopsy at Cedars Sinai in the next week or two
- **Paulette**, friend of Nancy's, breast cancer has metastasized into her bones and is Stage 4
- **Tom** has been given 6-8 months; pray for his comfort and Joyce's peace of mind as she deals with this situation

Sally is struggling with a respiratory problem

Debra continues to be in pain with her pulled chest muscle but it is getting better

Wes Agee, a Kern Co. firefighter, was severely injured while fighting the Canyon Fire and was flown to an L.A. area hospital after his truck rolled several hundred feet down a canyon

Tammy Shipley, wife of SHS principal, has been dealing with several severe health issues and has spent most of the summer in the hospital; is now home recovering

Leanne Brock is out of the hospital and in rehab center; please remember her and her son, Kevin

Health issues:

Gary ~ Buggies husband, **Earl's aunt** ~ **Christine**, Sally's daughter, upcoming surgery ~ **Tate**, Anne's son and Nina's grandson, health issues ~ **Casey**, **Charles Jones**, **Joyce & Tom**, **Nancy** (David's friend) ~ **Syble** ~ **Sammy**, **Barbara P**, **David & Millie**, **Tammy** (a relative of the Fisher's son-n-law) paralyzed from waist ~ **Paula** (Nancy's friend) sepsis ~ **Chris** (Buggy's friend)

Cancer and treatments:

Gary (Mike's brother) ~ **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) ~ **Cathy Turner**

Physical, mental, and spiritual health: **Lupi** (Gonzales's granddaughter) ~ **Ronnie** (Nancy's son) ~ **Hannah** (Trina's daughter) ~ **Sharon** ~ **Richard** (Sammy's friend) ~ **Bonnie** (April's daughter) ~ **Jason** (Borjas's son)

Serving in the Military: **Chris** and **Jonah** (friends of Trina) who are soldiers in the Middle East

Our Youth: to pray to make good choices

For all those that have upcoming tests: this week or test results

Unspoken Prayers: We know their names, and, above all, God knows them.



Let's Think Maturely

Let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you. ~ Philippians 3:15 CSB

To become spiritually mature takes a journey over our lifetime. However, haven't we all met young people whom we call "old souls" because they make sound choices and speak from God's word with godly wisdom far beyond their age?

We can accelerate our spiritual maturity by focusing on the presence of God surrounding us as we go about our day, chitchatting with Jesus as we would our best friend, and grabbing his word throughout the day. Even a glance at a verse instead of our phones is an opportunity to draw near to God. As a result of these Jesus-centered moments, our way of life will be filled with an overflowing desire to live in Jesus' footsteps, walking together with him and casting our moments into his care. This creates fertile soil for our spiritual maturity to blossom so that we can live in the niche of God's plan.

Jesus of joy, help us live in excellence in all we do. May we surround ourselves with spiritually minded people who want to excel in their walk with God and who share the same goals and have like-minded hearts and souls. Companions like these strengthen and mature the spirits of us all.

(Taken from [Pause & Pray – New Habits Create Change](#))



He has not dealt with us as our sins deserve or repaid us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his faithful love toward those who fear him.

Psalms 103:10-11