



21,2025

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

## WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Ephesians 3:11

Classes in English & Spanish



9:00 Prayer Worship

Please give us your requests

9:30 Worship Service

Worship in English & Spanish

### Elders

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Monday ~ Tuesday ~ Wednesday  
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Thursday  
11 am to 4:30 pm

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[www.shafterchurchofchrist.com](http://www.shafterchurchofchrist.com)

Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFi8-2G

MySpectrumWiFi8-5G

password: purplelemon096

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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 please  
let LaDona know.

September 25 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30

Barbara & LeRoy

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

October 4 - Prayer breakfasts

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

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

October 7 - Elders' Meeting at 8:00 a.m.



Ron Nunlist and Borjas  
Gonzalez have expressed an  
interest in serving as elders  
for our congregation. If you  
have any questions or  
concerns, please talk with one  
of the elders.

Debra is looking for cooks for the  
month of October. The following dates  
are available:

- October 2
- October 9
- October 30

Please let her know if you can cook or  
help one of those dates.



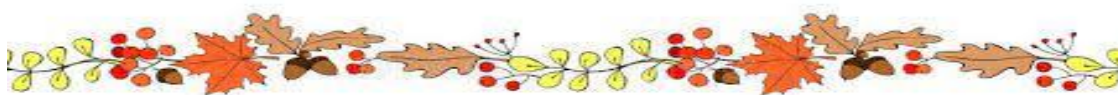
## PASTOR'S CORNER – Anxiety: *continued part 2 of 2*

Fear is focused on the here and now and anxiety is focused on a possible threat in the future. Anxiety is an orientation toward the future with two basic assumptions that work to make us miserable: my future is vulnerable, and my future is up to me. The first assumption is true. Even Scripture tells us that our lives are but for a short span of time. As humans, we're stuck with the ability to know this about ourselves and to feel it in advance.

The second assumption occurs because we tend to feel responsible for those uncertain futures and never more so than today. By instinct, we try to bring as much of this world under our control as we can so that we can optimize our experience wherever possible. When we push back on anxiety by looking at all we bring to the table, we are feeding the very problem we hope to solve. AND "the future is up to you" is just another way of saying, "You're on your own." In a way, anxiety is a form of loneliness. If this world is everything, and if it's on us to make the most of it, anxiety really does make sense. But fortunately, there is more than this world/life – there **IS** something after this world/life. In **John 14** Jesus shares how He is leaving to prepare a 'place' for us when we leave this world. **1 Peter 1:3-5** expands this message: basically it says that there are two pillars to our hope (future is imperishable & reserved for you) that are perfectly matched to the two major factors in our anxiety (my future is vulnerable, and my future is up to me). On earth we are vulnerable, but our inheritance/**future** in heaven is not. We often feel responsible, but our lives are guarded by God. Peter says our inheritance is kept in heaven, so our future is not vulnerable and our future is not up to us – God has taken care of it!!!

Our new inheritance is *imperishable and undefiled and unfading*. In this world every good thing comes tainted and ends. That is why in heaven all joy is pure. There, no joy ever fades. That's what God is keeping for us in heaven. **Rev 21:4** reveals to us a world where "death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." A new world is coming where nothing is vulnerable. In our future we're born again to a living hope and **verse 5** tells us that we are not responsible for that future – God has it under control.

For now, we're still vulnerable and may struggle with anxiety but we do **NOT** have to live like pagans. God has given us exactly the medicine we need in the hope of heaven—a future that is not vulnerable, guaranteed by a God who is responsible. The key is to figure out where to apply that medicine. We feel anxious when we're expecting something negative for our future. The hope of heaven should change our perspective on our future. We have an inheritance to set our hearts on that nothing can possibly touch and a Father who will guard us for that day no matter what may come our way in the meantime. These are the pillars of our hope for the future. When we feel anxious, we should ask which pillar is wavering and shore it up with the truth of the gospel.



*For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be  
a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.  
~ Psalm 84:10*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

If you need prayer or have a request for someone, please let the Elders know or call Vivian Fisher to start the prayer chain (889-4075).

### **NEW THIS WEEK**

- **Lord, give me concern and compassion for the lost that I meet today. Open doors so I might share YOUR message.**
- **Darlene's** second cataract surgery went well
- **Brenda** is better but her brother **Michael** is still in the hospital. He is on and off life support
- **Gary**, Buggy's husband, had surgery Wednesday for colon cancer; will find out next week if chemo is needed
- **Adrianne** received good news from her PET scan; another scan in six months, but will be having further testing for colon issues and a colonoscopy soon
- **Janae**, Nelson daughter's recent kidney biopsy is going to have to be redone because they did not retrieve good samples
- **Kelly**, Sally's cousin, has been diagnosed with breast cancer
- **Johnnie Rudat** and family; she is 12 years old and is fighting her second occurrence of cancer; doctors said it was terminal (Sharon's friend)
- **Francis and Suzanne**, sisters in Christ, are both recovering from operations
- **Deloris M.** and **Maybell J.**, sisters from Central, passed away recently
- **Jan** will be having a CT scan end of September and then surgery scheduled for knee replacement
- **Keith**, our Thursday night friend who brings Arlie, has double pneumonia

### **Continued Prayer**

**Wes Agee**, Kern County firefighter, is being moved to a medical center in Colorado which specializes in the area of his injuries

**Jason**, Sharon's son, will be having more tests for his liver

**Joan**, Vivian's sister is back in the hospital with a blood clot in her lung

**Kelly**, one of Doris Friesen's sons, has been diagnosed with stomach cancer

**Bera**, from Central, is suffering with Covid as is her daughter

**James**, continued improvement with his health

**Paulette**, friend of Nancy's, breast cancer has metastasized into her bones and is Stage 4

**Karen**, Vivian's niece, came home from the hospital and is doing better

**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

**Tammy Shipley**, wife of SHS principal, has been dealing with several severe health issues

**Leanne Brock** is home now recovering from what was diagnosed as a brain mass; no surgery scheduled but will recheck with MRIs every six weeks.

**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)

### **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**

**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 result

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



**Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."  
~ John 15:5**

God, you are the source of life. I confess that at times I have sought to disconnect from your Spirit and pull away from your presence. I have pretended to be ripened and completed fruit, no longer in need of its home on the vine. In reality, though, I continue to develop and ripen. As long as I live, I am like seeds, blossoms, and green fruit. Hold onto me, Vine of Life, that I may grow in your sustenance, becoming more and more all that you desire me to become.

**Vintners excel at grafting – that is, joining of branches to the sturdy prime vine so the best fruit can grow to fullest bouquet. Some grafts don't take, falling aside. Within moments, they begin to shrivel, removed from the root that offers new life and nourishment.**

(Taken from My Personal Daily Prayer Book)