

MAY 02, 2021

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

**PRAYER TIME**

**9:00 AM – 9:30 AM**

*At this time no Sunday morning  
adult classes or Wednesday  
evening classes*

**WORSHIP TIME**

**9:30 AM – 10:30 AM**

**Children's Class:** Debra

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**Elders meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at Church Kitchen at 8:00 a.m.** If you have questions or comments, please put in the box or see one of the Elders.

**Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> Cook:** Debra ~ **Cookies:** Nina

**Thursday Meal this week 5:30 PM IF ANY MEMBERS** are wishing to attend please text or call Sandy or Debra no later than Tuesday so we can prepare enough.

We would like to begin to serve on the patio on Thursday's but will need to have a few more helpers as we will need to set up chairs tables and serve meals which we will start serving at 5:30

**Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2 PM to 7 PM** Truth Church next door is having a blood drive and a Bizarre and we have been invited to set up a booth. If you're interested let Jim know!

**Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – MOVIE**

There will be a **sign-up list** for those who plan to attend. We will provide popcorn in individual bags. There will be ice set out, but please **bring your own drinks.** Movie title TBD

**MOTHERS DAY SUNDAY MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY**

7 – Beverly Mitchell

7– Jane Akman

7 – Tank Waldrum

7 – Steve Mann

**22– Roni Sue & James Anniversary 39 years**



**Email Note from Ed Coleman**

Thanks for the cards this week. Very much appreciate them.

I and my son-in-law are planning a run to Wasco tomorrow to get more stuff out of the shop. We are also going to the high school to see the new memorial that was built with all the new construction. This memorial was originally thought up and built due to our son, Tim, when he was killed in 1987 in a car wreck. This was not just for him, but any students, and now too faculty, that have died way too early in life due to tragic circumstances.

I can at least for the time being sit up for a good while as long as I have a chair backing, and am able to ride for a good while in a vehicle. We figure we better make this run before the weather gets too hot and I got eaten up more by the tumor. I am working on stretching the tumor like a tight muscle so I can flex the leg and maybe get around a bit better. I am gaining weight ok, but so is old Mr. cancer. Talk to you later. Ed



*Love God ~ Love Each Other ~  
Love the Lost ~ Live in His Light*

# God Answers Prayers

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.

## **Praise**

We don't have any members pending COVID tests and that more have gotten their second vaccinations.

## **\*New**

**\* Kali's Graduation from Harding next week.** Safe travels for Jerry and Susan

**\* Ron,** had a CT last Monday needs to have follow-up

**\* LaDona,** will be having cataract surgery May 5<sup>th</sup>

**\* Mike** to have MRI of his brain Monday

**\* Mary,** pulled a muscle in her hip

**\* Andrew,** low case of lupus and arthritis. No treatment needed at this time.

**\* Steve Mann.** Prayers for comfort and that Dr can figure out how to help him. Prognosis unknown at this time.

**\* Jane Herniak,** Nina's niece, has been in and out of the hospital.

**\* Jan,** has upcoming Dr appointment at UCLA May 6<sup>th</sup>

**\* Unspoken Prayers** . . . we know their names, and, above all, God knows them. Some are having health issues others stress issues

**\* Truth Church next door** . . . their upcoming Blood Drive and

**Christopher's (minister in Uganda)** son was in an accident and is in the hospital with injuries.

**Anne Taylor** ~ health issues (Nina's daughter)

**Robert Tucker** ~ continued struggle with blood pressure

**Darren Armstrong** ~ child custody case is being re-opened. Pray the decision will be in the best interest of the children.

**Brea,** Young's, niece struggling with world's temptations

**Annie Elrod,** Eddie's friend, still ill with COVID

**Garry and Buggy** going through a rough time

**Susan Keeley** liver checkup -will follow-up next month,

**Christopher** in the Uganda church

**Our Prayers be lifted often for the direction of the nation**

**Prayers that we continue to grow closer to one another and in doing the Lord's work individually and as a family.**

## PASTOR'S CORNER OF LIGHT

### How Important is Humility???

In Lk 7:36ff, Simon is told a parable about two debtors who are forgiven their debts. When asked, Simon admits that the one who is forgiven the most is probably the one who most appreciates the blessing. This happens in the context of Jesus interacting with him AND with a woman who is probably a prostitute. In Simon's mind Jesus should not be having anything to do with this woman (such a sinner that she is) – unmindful of the fact that he is a sinner also. If asked straight out, Simon would probably admit that he too was a sinner but that is not something that he normally considers about himself. Why is that?

This question is particularly relevant because he is in a room with the Son of God and with a woman who is morally repugnant. He sits with the BEST and one of the worst – and doesn't think to look at himself. There does not appear to be a mirror in his soul. Do **WE** ever glance in our mirror when we are dealing with others? Do we frequently compare ourselves with those whom we are interacting with? Do we get smug and haughty when we see or "help" those less fortunate? Do we feel "less" or "unequal" when in the presence of those we consider gifted, blessed, educated, wealthy, etc.??? 1 Peter 5:6-7 tells us: "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you."

There are a number of messages to be found in this verse but my reflection today is on the idea that we are to humble ourselves so **GOD** can exalt us. In other words we **MUST** be aware of ourselves with relation to who God says we are and how He sees us. He sees us in all our imperfections and shortcomings. He knows we have no right to be prideful and superior with others. He also knows us as HIS children and therefore has great plans for us – not to **be great** but to **do great**.

Look at **Col 3:12** "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, . . . just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you." Do you see what you are to **be doing**? It is not who you are that will make you special to God, but it is what you do and how you treat others that lifts you up in God's eyes. Jesus makes this very clear in Mt 23:11,12 & Lk 9:48 where we are told the greatest are those who are the least.

Consider Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" also James 3:13 "Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom." Do you see the action verbs in these passages and how they are couched in a context of lowliness. Look at what Philippians 2:5-8 says: "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death. even death on a cross."



## LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

### **Military ~ First Responders, Medical Field**

**Amanda Self** ~ is working as a case manager at Red Rock Behavioral Health Services

**Eric Mann** ~ great-grandson of Nina's Air Force

**Jeremiah Hooper** ~ Shafter Fire Department

**Katrina Holliman RN**, daughters **Brittany DR.**, **Breonna** nurse

**Tim Eaton** ~ Mike's nephew CHP

**William** ~ April's son Hall ambulance Tehachapi

### **Cancer ~ Chemo ~ Radiation ~ Remission**

**Clark** (April's cousin) leukemia,

**Danielle Gray** - is at home but continues to have health issues after a mass in her stomach

**Ed Coleman's his spirits are good** the tumor in his leg is still a problem. Pray it will change for the better.

**Gary Westbrook** Multiple Myeloma

**Jack Currier** friend of Lynn's liver cancer

**Karen Preston**, Mary's friend, cancer

**Lisa Wilson**, (Joyce's niece) She was able to come home but her husband is having to stay somewhere else because he tested positive for COVID

**Maegan Campeau**- Liver is failing and needs a Transplant. Pray they find a liver for her. (Debra)

**Patricia Smith Parks** cancer, you can follow Patties journal on CARINGBRIDGE.ORG

**Ronnie Phillips**, Lynn's brother, struggling with stronger chemotherapy treatments. Also, please pray for his clarity of mind in considering salvation.

**Wayne Grainger**, Darlene's brother, liver cancer

**Wendy**, Debra's friend, brain cancer has returned; terminal

**Amanda (Fisher) her mother-in-law**, cancer, COPD and other health issues

### **Chronic Illness ~ Confined or Care Home**

**April** -struggling with leg pain

**Angela Rumbo**,

**Beth Rumbo**, Ron's daughter, health issues

**Beverly Mitchell** ~ Assisted Living

**Desiree Diaz**, Health issues

**Earl Cotton**, close friend of the Self's is in hospice

**Elsie**, has a heart condition and the heart is working at 15%

**Earl's sister**,

**Gail Jones** ~ Rehab Center of Bakersfield

**Greg, April's brother** had his surgery and is expecting a year of healing and regaining strength.

**Jane Akman** multiple health issues ~ Home

**Jane Herniak**, MS, see prayer requests

## Continued... PASTOR'S CORNER OF LIGHT

Let us look at and follow the example of Christ our Lord. Let us hold ourselves as servants and make sure as we see those around us as opportunities to live our lives with love and compassion. Let us not have condemning eyes and attitudes for those we might consider to be less than we are. Let us fulfill the words of **1 Jhn 3:18** "Let us love in deed and truth." AND if we can become the Lord's vessels of service then consider the following verses and get a small glimpse in what might be in store of us as a reward:

1. 1 Kings 21:29 "Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the disaster in his days; but in his son's days I will bring the disaster upon his house."
2. 2 Chron 34:27 "Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God when you heard his words against this place and its inhabitants, and you have humbled yourself before me and have torn your clothes and wept before me, **I also have heard you**, declares the Lord."
3. 2 Chron 7:14 "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then **I will hear from heaven** and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

### **Chronic Illness ~ Confined or Care Home**

**Janese**, Nina's daughter, migraines

**Jason**, has serious liver issues. Debra's nephew,

**Jerry Akman** blood issues ~ Home

**\*Mike**, complications caused during his issues from COVID Will be having MRI of the brain, labs and speech therapy

**Larry Westbrook & Nick his roommate** ~ Assisted Living

**Ron Treddenbarger** ~ Nina's son-law COPD

**Tank Waldrum** ~ Home

**Lynda Rosales** - multiple issues; in Brookdale

**Tom & Ruth Watson** ~ Family is there to help with their care.

### **Our Thursday & Mission Extended Family**

**Alice** is in Brookdale. She is hoping to return home in May.

**\*Craig Watkins** had recommendation to get a knee replacement he will have a consult in June unless something comes available sooner.

**Jesse Lugo** getting settled in Bakersfield. He and Craig will be sharing a house

**Earl Cotton on hospice care** and strength for his wife Cleona as she cares for him

**Kevin Compton** Dr has recommended with his health issues that he stays in, so he will be away for a while. Also, please keep his son **Kamron** in prayer to make better choices and for his ex-wife, **Karyn**, as she goes through her chemo treatments.