



MAY 8, 2022

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

BIBLE CLASS

Titus 2:6

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Youth Class: Debra Young

PRAYER TIME

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM

WORSHIP TIME

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

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Elders meet the 1st 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.

May 12th Cook: Nancy ~ Talk with Vivian if you can do Cookies: Desserts:

May 19th Cook: Barbara ~ Talk with Vivian if you can do Cookies: Desserts:

May 26th Cook: Danara ~ Talk with Vivian if you can do Cookies: Desserts:

May 14 - Women's Prayer Breakfast at Vivian's Home 9:30 am

May 13 - Movie Night 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.

June 11 - Lavender Fields Trip 10 am we will all meet at the building to car pool

June 26 - Fellowship luncheon

July 4 - July 26 Yosemite Bible Camp 2022 See the flyer on bulletin board

Saturday September 24th Ladies add to your calendar today so you will be free to attend! Annual Fall Ladies Day at West Visalia Church of Christ. "Called According To His Purpose" Romans 8:28

Travelers

Jan & Garry are traveling the Southeastern States
Ann out of town visiting with her girls
Danara as she travels back and forth for work down south area.
Anne & Jeff in Hawaii
Mark & Leann in Texas for a couple months

Contact information for the child the Church Family has picked from "Compassion" is Tamirat. And if you'd like more information pick up there are Response letters that you can use to contact him in the foyer. If you have questions or take the last one notify Jim

CONGRADUATIONS TO THESE UPCOMING GRADUATES



RICHLAND Jr High, David Diaz
CSUB, Andrew Fisher - Grandson of Vivian & Eddie
SHAFTER HIGH, Nikki Morris - Granddaughter of Jan & Garry
REDWOOD HIGH, Kiersten Moshier - Granddaughter of Jan & Garry
RIO BRAVO Jr High, Madison Westbrook - Granddaughter
CSUB, Melissa Westbrook Daughter-in-law of Sandy & Mike

PASTOR'S CORNER OF LIGHT:

Are We Willing to Burn/Take Up Our Cross???

Last week we looked at the story of Shadrach and his friends in Babylonia and their conflict with King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 3. Their problem was that they had a decision to make: obey their King or obey their God. Daniel 3:7 says everyone was going along with the order to bow to the King's statue. The three Jewish men's decision to obey or not obey was going to have life changing results. What was at stake concerning their decision was their very lives. What is at stake for us is our very souls.

We need to realize that the one true God has a big problem with all the other things in our lives if they are getting in the way of how we are living and worshipping our Lord. God made the very First Commandment in Exodus 20 to say: "You shall have no other Gods before Me." And the second commandment says "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them **or worship them.**"

Jesus said nobody can serve two masters. Too many have given **first place** to a job, a person, a cause, a pleasure, a sport, a dream. **Mt 6:33** "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness". In **Mt 13:44** Jesus tells of a man finding a treasure in a field and sells all that he has in order to obtain that field/treasure. Our hearts and lives need to love the Lord first and foremost. We are warned that failure to do so will result in our being rejected from the kingdom: **Mt 7:21** "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the **one who does the will of my Father** who is in heaven." **And what is the will of the Father?** That would be obeying the Greatest Commandment – **Love** the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.

Evidence of this love will be reflected in the way we desire to please Him and obey Him. **1 John 2:6** tells us: "Whoever says he abides in HIM ought to walk in the same way HE walked." Paul tells us "Whether, then, you eat or drink or **whatever you do**, do all to the glory of God." (**1 Cor 10:31**) The thought is summarized very clearly in **Phil 1:21** "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Gal 2:20a "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me". Gal 5:24 "Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." Maybe this is what Jesus was referring to in Mt 16:24 "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

As we look at our daily lives, decisions and activities do they reflect that we have put God first in our lives or is "self" still the predominant concern that is driving us? How often in our day does God pop-up in our thoughts and His will drives our decisions? Have we truly begun to live out **Colossians 3:17** "And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Are we really willing to suffer and sacrifice in order to follow Him and please Him????

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)**

***New**

***April & Earl** not feeling well

***Connie Tucker's daughter-n-law, Christina** is 6 or 7 months pregnant with twins and has come down with COVID

***Kali, Nina's granddaughter** is traveling with a group to Costa Rica

***Kevin Compton** has a heart doctor's appointment to access his situation

***Victor's son** has been missing for about a week. Pray that he contacts Victor and he is safe

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

*** Jose**, suffering with kidney stones

*** Kyela Moshier** as she prepares for a trip to Uganda the end of May

*** Syble** as she heals from first eye surgery & put on hold while the first continues to heal and has upcoming knee replacement the 17th

Keep those on our Long-Term Lists

In your daily prayers.

Military ~ First Responders, Medical Field

Cancer ~ Chemo ~ Radiation ~ Remission

Chronic Illness ~ Confined or Care Home

God,

The past year and more of life has been marked with so much anxiety, fear, even death. So much has happened in our country and across the globe. Everyone has been affected, including our mothers. Some have been unable to see their children, grandchildren. The isolation has been unreal. I pray that you bring comfort to mothers. I pray that you restore them in relationships that have been strained or lost. Help them to keep safe from the coronavirus as they seek to re-establish these relationships.

Please reunite parents and children who may have been at odds politically due to the pandemic. I ask that you help them to prioritize the relationship over being right, that they would prioritize love over winning.

Thank you God for those mothers you kept in good health. May those who passed away rest in peace.

No one is quite sure what the future of schooling or work life look like for some places. Please help the mothers affected in these areas to make smart and wise choices. God, guide them in continuing to live lives that are devoted to you and are of service to those around them.

Pandemic or not, you are watching over us. Comfort them with that knowledge today. Amen.

