

# April

21, 2024

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

## UPCOMING

**April 25 - Thursday Night Dinner Cooks; Ann and Jan**  
**May 4 - Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m. in the kitchen**  
**Women's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 a.m. at Nancy's**  
**May 7 - Elders meeting**  
**May 10 - MOVIE NIGHT at 6:00 p.m.**  
**June 23 - World Broadcasting Presentation - Please plan to be here**



Please remember to text Jan with updates on the prayer list and let her know when to take someone off or any praises for answered prayer.

Henry worked 70 hours a week. He loved his job and brought home a sizeable paycheck to provide good things for his family. He always had plans to slow down but he never did. One evening he came home with great news – he had been promoted to the highest position in his company. But no one was home. Over the years, his children had grown up and moved out, his wife had found a career of her own, and now the house was empty. There was no one to share the good news with.

Solomon talked about the need to keep a balance in life with our work. He wrote, "Fools fold their hands and ruin themselves" (Eccl. 4:5). We don't want to go to the extreme of being lazy, but neither do we want to fall into the trap of being a workaholic. "Better one handful with tranquility than two handfuls with toil and chasing after the wind" (v.6). In other words, it is better to have less and enjoy it more. Sacrificing relationships at the altar of success is unwise. Achievement is fleeting, while relationships are what make our life meaningful, rewarding, and enjoyable (vv. 7-12)

We can learn to work to live and not live to work by choosing to apportion our time wisely. The Lord can give us this wisdom as we seek Him and trust Him to be our Provider.

*Lord, show me if my priorities are skewed and where I need to make changes. Thank You for the gift of family and friends.*

### BIBLE CLASS

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

John 1:24ff

Youth Class: Eddie Fisher

Children's Class: Debra Young

### PRAYER TIME

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM

### WORSHIP TIME

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

### Elders

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

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Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFi8-2G

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*There are sign-up sheets on the round table in back for April if you would put your name down to help with cleaning assignments of the building.*

*They are broken up into 3 groups so should make it a little easier to pick a group you feel you can do to help with. And we really need the help!*

- 1. Clean auditorium and disinfect chairs / door handles*
- 2. Clean the 2 outside restrooms and North entry doorway*
- 3. Clean foyer floor, dust, glass doors / windows / Nursery restroom*

*Ask Vivian or April where the vacuums are and cleaning supplies. If supplies are needed let Mike know as he has key for toilet paper and paper towels.*

*We really would appreciate it if you or your family would pick 1 of the 3 chores that need to be done. THANK YOU!*

## **Pastor's Corner of Light: Don't Miss the Moment** CT/Pastors March 26, '24 Rich Perez

*Rich Perez shares some insights with his parenting experiences:*

The childhood days of my son are gone: He's not a kid anymore. He is growing up and things feel like they are changing. It's a phase, they say, but don't miss it. I think of the story in Genesis 28 when Jacob wakes up from his sleep and his dream. He says to himself: "Surely the Lord is in his place, and I did not know it."

God is present and often at work in our lives, among the people we live with and **we can often fail to be aware of it.** I wonder, can God be attempting to reach me through my relationship with my son, in this phase. Don't miss it, I say to myself. This isn't just about weathering a storm; it's about building a bridge. To build that bridge, I need my son, in every sense. No hidden half-truths, no secrets hiding behind forced smiles. I need him to show up, authentic and unfiltered, with the storm in his eyes and the sunshine in his laughter. But for that to happen, he needs to feel safe with me. The last thing he needs is fragile company, reacting with fear to his emotions.

What he needs is a steady presence, a calm amidst the chaos of his inner world. In the end, it is there—the inner world—where God desires to establish integrity; it is there that God will teach his wisdom (Ps. 51:6). **How we show up with one another is deeply important to our journeys with Jesus.** Reacting impulsively is easy. I need to resist the urge of my parents whenever I shared something they weren't ready to hear, or perhaps something that I said or did that they wouldn't have done themselves. It's the only way to understand him if I truly care to, at least. Instead, I listen openly, creating a safe haven for his words, no matter how difficult. My questions become guides, enlightening options without dictating his path.

My son needs to know, with unwavering certainty, that my love is without condition. We're navigating uncharted territory together, but we're not parenting *the situation*, we're parenting him. Every experience, light-hearted or difficult, clear or nuanced, holds the potential for growth—resilience, compassion, creativity. After all, **isn't this the love we have received?** There's risk in all of that, of course. The storm of the teenage years might rage, a rejection may balloon to feeling that the world is against them. It tests the strength of our connection. But the rewards, like the calm after a turbulent night, will be unbound. Perhaps we'll emerge stronger, our bond forged in shared vulnerability. And in that shared space, we'll find the magic in the bridge we built together.



## GOD'S GOOD PROMISE

*Blessed be the Lord. . . There has not failed one word of all His good promise.*

*1 Kings 8:56*

When we purchase something of great value - a house, for example - we are usually required to put down a deposit to indicate our sincerity and to promise that our intentions are serious. That deposit is a form of insurance, a guarantee that adds substance to our word.

God has made some incredible promises to us - promises that stagger our imaginations. He has promised that we might have a relationship with Him through His Son. He has promised never to leave us or forsake us and to be with us always. He has promised to take us to Heaven when we die. The Bible is full of God's promises.

Someone might ask, "What insurance do we have that God is serious? How do we know His promises can be trusted?" God's deposit is the most precious investment anyone could make: His Son, who by His death and resurrection purchased our salvation - completely and fully. Not only is Jesus Christ a sufficient "down payment" on God's promises. He is, in fact, payment in full!!

(Taken from Hope for Each Day by Billy Graham)



*"Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer."*

*Romans 12:12*

## A WORLD WITHOUT SIN

***Then wolves will live in peace with lambs, and leopards will lie down to rest with goats.***

***Isaiah 11:6***

Can you imagine a world minus sin? Have you done anything recently because of sin?

At the very least, you've complained. You've worried. You've grumbled. You've hoarded when you should have shared. You've turned away when you should have helped. . . .

Because of sin, you've snapped at the ones you love and argued with the ones you cherish. You have felt ashamed, guilty, bitter.

Sin has sired a thousand heartaches and broken a million promises. Our addiction can be traced back to sin. Your mistrust can be traced back to sin. Bigotry, robbery, adultery - all because of sin. But in heaven, all of this will end.

Can you imagine a world without sin? If so, you can imagine heaven.

(Taken from Grace for the Moment by Max Lucado)

# Prayer List

If you need prayer, please let one of the Elders know, or put a note in the box at the back of the auditorium. You can call Vivian **Fisher (889-4075)** to start the prayer chain.

## \*PRAISE

**Debra's** angiogram showed no plaque buildup in her arteries. She now is making an appointment for the aneurysm on her aorta. Pray that is removed soon.

## \*NEW

Lord, give me the same concern and compassion for the lost that you have. Open doors that I might share your message of love and salvation.

\***Buddy** upcoming tests and appointments

\***Elizabeth, 14**, daughter of Gerald's friend, went for a bike ride this last week and never returned. The police are looking for her. Pray for her safe return

\***Chris**, Jim's son, broken collar bone and looking for a job

\***Jordan, Jasmine and Jamesson are flying into town this week**

\***Ron McDougal and Nancy Nunlist** were both ill last week

\***Demetrio**, pray for good results from his MRI and for **Jan** for good results from endoscopy

**Chelsea**, granddaughter of Trina's friend, scooter accident; improving; pray for complete recovery.

**Tucker**, Nina's great-grandson, had surgery recently for two leg fractures because of an accident

**Marsha**, terminal cancer; prayer also for her husband, **Wayne** (friends of Don Loveless) of our

**Ron**, Nancy's son, recently lost his job and is looking for a new one

**Hannah**, Trina's daughter, is continuing to struggle with life issues

**Olive**, Jan's 90-year old cousin, fell a few weeks ago and is in a nursing home; improving some

**David**, Ron's brother, dealing with kidney stones; to see doctor soon about removing them

**Robert** is still struggling with arthritic pain

**Sharon** continues to have serious pain in her hip

**Janese** is struggling with a severe flair-up fibromyalgia; severe headache and pain all over

**Barbara**, doing physical therapy after her shoulder surgery

**Buggie** continued prayer for her blood sugar issues

**Mary C.** has not been able to contact her two sons; pray all is well

**Joyce** as she takes care of Tom who is now at home and **Tom** as he adjusts

**Nikki**, Nelson's granddaughter, struggling with mental health issues; pray for effective treatment

**Aaron**, Mary C.'s son, looking for job

**Lucia**, Ron/Lynn's granddaughter, continues to struggle emotionally and physically post COVID

**Millie**, Ron's sister-in-law, not doing well and is being cared for by hospice

**Tank** is struggling with health problems

**LeRoyce Savage**, is terminating his cancer medications and letting Hospice come in

**Mary C.'s son, Aaron** continues to struggle with health issues

**Aidan**, great grandson of Barbara, undergoing physical therapy after brain surgery

**Jim**, liver cancer; needs a transplant, (a request from Adrienne's niece)

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