

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Galatians 6:6 ff

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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The annual business meeting will be next Sunday, January 25th

Stand firm, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. Ephesians 6:14-15 NIV

THE ARMOR OF GOD



Lord, give me courage, and help me to put on your armor daily. Thank you for giving me what I need to stand against the devil's schemes. In you I am well equipped and fully able to find victory.

(Taken from Prayers and Promises for Women)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

January 22 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

January 22 - Thursday night dinner - 5:30 p.m.

January 25 - Annual Church Business Meeting

January 29 - Thursday night dinner 5:30 p.m.

Elders Meeting at 8:00 a.m. - date to be determined

February 3 - Bakersfield Prayer Breakfast

February 5 - Thursday night dinner

February 7 - Prayer Breakfast

Men's at 8:00 in the kitchen

The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD have never forsaken those who seek you.

Psalms 9:9-10



PASTOR'S CORNER - Comparisons (part B)

I believe that biblical humility is being content with simply being myself. This is what **Rom 12:3** is getting at: "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned."

Comparing ourselves with others shows an attitude of not trusting the sovereignty of God in our lives. It reveals that we don't really accept and are not genuinely thankful for who we are and what God is allowing us to accomplish. It shows that we are jealous and envious of others.

We can deal with the temptation to compare ourselves with others by praying daily, filling our mental hard drive with verses like those above, and confessing my sin as soon as I am aware that I am again headed down the comparison road.

Who I am. This has to do with being self-aware: aware of who I am and who I am not. I need to be aware of my strengths and weaknesses. I want to know my capacity and limits, when I have hit the wall emotionally, physically, or relationally. I ask the Lord to show me when I need to step it up and when I need to slow it down.

Where I am. I need God's grace to serve wholeheartedly where I am, not where I would like to be. Serve God where you are, because you can't serve God where you aren't. This might seem like a simple statement, but it can be profound when we live it out by His grace.

What I'm doing. It is so easy to think that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence. I want to trust the sovereign Lord that He has sovereignly placed me where I am and given me what I am doing. I want to experience His giving me the work to do and the energy to do it.

What God is doing. For many this is the hardest one to live out. We are ambitious and want to see lots happen. We need to be careful that our noble ambitions for the kingdom of God don't degenerate into ignoble ambitions for our own kingdom. **James 3:13-16** speaks to the heart issue on ambition. Let us rely on the wisdom of God to guide us and teach us on the way we are living for Him.

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

NEW THIS WEEK

Lord, give me concern and compassion for the lost that I meet today. Open doors so I might share YOUR message!

Traveling: Ron, Nancy, and Jan (and daughters) are at the coast this weekend; Darlene returned from a week in Alaska

Joyce as she grieves the loss of Tom

Earl, as of Tuesday, he was in the hospital with pneumonia and a virus

Nicole (Nelson's granddaughter) her nose surgery re-do went well (Praises); prayer for a less painful recovery

Tate, Nina's grandson, is back in Bakersfield for rehab at a skilled nursing facility; Nina was able to get a chance to see him on Wednesday; he appreciates the prayers

Anne, Nina's daughter, her lung biopsy was done on Tuesday; waiting for results

Syble's back surgery went well on Wednesday (Praises); spending one night in hospital

John Maltby who has been on our list for prostate cancer had surgery and is cancer-free (Praises)



Continued Prayer:

Sylvia, Trina's friend, recovering from breast surgery for cancer

Mary Porter has a dislocated first rib and is in some pain

Tank is waiting to get an okay from his doctor to begin his chemotherapy

Bob, Earl's brother-in-law, requests prayer

Susan, LaDona's roommate at Brookdale to know the Lord

LaDona is now at Brookdale if you would like to visit her or send cards. The address is: Brookdale Senior Living -350 Calloway Drive -Room 118, Bed B - Bakersfield 93312

Kimara, friend of Chris & Natalie, for strength and comfort after the passing of Bob

Numerous **members of Sally's family** have health problems: Father recovering from work accident; cousin Kelly recovering from surgery; Rueben, brother, knee injury.

Mike G., Borjas' friend, has prostate cancer and having radiation treatment

Anthony, Borjas' grandson needs strength to help him with his co-workers

Buddy continued healing of his shoulder

Mark Keeley continued healing from knee replacement

Vivian dealing with blood pressure problems

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

What are you tempted to be prideful about? Maybe financial prosperity, career success, or social media influence? From a worldly perspective, Paul had plenty worthy of boasting about. He described himself as circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews, and faultless in regard to keeping the law. Yet Paul made it clear that he would only boast in what Christ did on the cross (Galatians 6:14)

Isaac Watts echoed Paul's sentiment in his hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." In the second verse, Watts wrote that he would only boast in the death of Christ. He would not take pride in earthly accomplishments or possessions. It's a beautiful reminder of the magnitude of what Christ did on the cross, and the song is, ironically, considered Watt's highest achievement.

The power of hymns is found in their deep connection to Scripture. It is what causes the words to be sung for generations. This moving hymn ends with a commitment to give Christ our soul, our life, our all. It is what Jesus called the greatest commandment – to love the Lord with all our hearts, souls, and minds (Matthew 22:37). It is a fitting response to the work of Christ. All of our works pale in comparison to the wondrous cross.

***Lord, may I never lose wight of what
You accomplished on the cross.***

(Taken from 100 Favorite Hymns)

*Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines;
though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food;
though the flock is cut off from the fold and
there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will exult in the God of my salvation.
Habakkuk 3:17-18*

Murphy's Law sometimes seems to characterize my life, God, but I don't want to have a defeatist attitude. You allow difficulties to come my way to refine my character. Help me see setbacks as challenges and not as curses. Help me approach problems as opportunities to learn and grow and not as insurmountable walls. Teach me to have a tenacity of faith that can find a reason to be happy, even in adversity. Amen.

*'Tis easy enough to be pleasant,
When life flows along like a song;
But the man worthwhile is the one who will smile
When everything goes dead wrong.
~ Ella wheeler Box, "Worthwhile"*

(Taken from My Personal Daily Prayer Book)