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

### WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Ephesians 4:28ff

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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**FOR THOSE PREPARING MEALS:** The City has now informed us that our greenwaste must be separated from the regular trash. There is a green can that all food needs to be thrown in. Please put in **only** food scraps and nothing else. It takes a bit to remember since, for so long, we have just put food items and scraps in the regular can.

#### COOKS FOR OCTOBER

October 16 – Adrienne and Barbara

October 23 – Barbara and LeRoy

October 30 – **Need someone**

**If you can cook on the 30<sup>th</sup> please see Debra and let her know as soon as possible.**



#### IMPORTANT DATES

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

**If you will help out with a dessert or cookies please let LaDonna know.**

**October 16 – Thursday night dinner at 5:30**

**November 1 – Prayer Breakfasts**

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

**Women's 9:30 a.m. place to be determined**

**November 4 – Elder's Meeting @ 8:00 a.m.**

**November 27 – Thanksgiving**

*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew  
a steadfast spirit within me.  
Psalm 51:10 NIV*

## PASTOR'S CORNER - Self-Control: How Necessary Is It?

**Self-control** relates to the passions (anger/love), the appetites (food/sex, etc.), and the will (impulsive decisions). The lack of self-control is a mark of a fool. **Proverbs 25:28** "A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls": thus no means of defense against one's enemies.

The walls which we should be resurrecting to protect us is that of the Holy Spirit. We should be incorporating and building the Spirit within us. The Spirit fights against sin not merely in defense but also in attack by **producing** in Christians the **positive attributes of godly character**. Self-control is the discipline given by the Holy Spirit that allows Christians to resist the power of the flesh (cf. [Gal. 5:17](#)). Again, **Christ** and the Spirit ([Gal. 5:25](#)) come together as the source of the believer's life. Christians have **crucified the flesh**, or died with Christ to sin (see [Gal. 6:14](#); [Rom. 6:4-6](#)). Now that the old order of things has passed away for believers, their old sinful selves have crumbled as well.

**1 Peter 4:7** "The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers" "The end of all things is at hand" does not mean Peter was expecting Christ's immediate return. It means that **all the major events in God's great salvation plan** (the death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ and the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost) **had already occurred**. Therefore, Christ's return could happen at any time. But the imminent arrival of the end is a call for believers to be **self-controlled** and **sober-minded**, so that they may be devoted to prayer and **maximize their usefulness in God's kingdom**. In **Mark 9:43-48** Jesus speaks of removing body parts to show the seriousness of sin and the fact that nothing can be more important than God. Jesus does not mean that people should literally remove body parts, for the literal removal of them cannot remove the root of sin in the heart (**Mk 7:20-23; Mk 9:45**). Jesus' words serve as a sober warning concerning the severity of sin, which can lead to **hell** and a fire that **is not quenched** (**Mark 8:35-37; Mark 9:47-48**). That is why it is so important that we have a knowledge of God's Word and a willingness to obey.

So, as we go about our days and living our lives let us always ensure that we are disciplining ourselves in such a fashion that we know and are living according to God's will. Such discipline will cause us to focus on the things above (**Col 3:1**) and to lean upon the understanding of our Lord (**Prov 3:5,6,7**). Placing His Word in our hearts (**Ps. 119:11; Jer 31:33**) will give us the teaching and training required to equip us for every good work. The more we study and understand the more our lives will be in sync with the Lord and His blessings will be imparted to us for that 'abundant life' He promised us.



*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.*

*~ Psalm 139:14*

## 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).

### TRAVELING

**Dustin and Berenice** are traveling in Israel and Spain for two weeks

**Jeremiah and Krista and kids** have been traveling on the east coast to see relatives

### NEW THIS WEEK

- **Lord, give me concern and compassion for the lost that I meet today. Open doors so I might share YOUR message**
- Praises that **James** is now home; prayer for continued healing
- **Adrianne**, after testing, has been diagnosed with lupus
- **Analyse** is gone and will be back on the 15th; **Adrianne** left Tuesday for a mini-vacation
- **Jan** has knee replacement surgery tomorrow
- **Janae**, Nelson's daughter, will be doing more lab work in 10 days to see if it is her lupus that is active or something else
- **Joan**, Vivian's sister, is not doing well with COPD

### Continued Prayer

**Mel**, Barbara P.'s brother, had a stroke

**Kelly**, Sally's cousin, is struggling with multiple serious health issues

**Gary**, Buggy's husband, is struggling with some mental issues

Our visitors, **Fabian and Gaby**, asked for our prayers

**Keith**, our Thursday night friend who brings Arlie, is waiting for surgery for a pacemaker

**Jennifer**, Keith's wife, had surgery is and waiting on results

**Mabel**, Trina's cousin's young granddaughter, had severe burns on three of her fingers and well as a broken index finger; prayer for no need for skin grafts

**Michael**, Brenda's brother, is still in the hospital.

**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

**Wes Agee**, Kern County firefighter, was moved to a medical center in Colorado

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

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

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

**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

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

**Leanne Brock** is home 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) ~ 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)

**Serving in the Military:** Chris & Jonah (friends of Trina) who are soldiers in the Middle East

### **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

**Our Youth:** to pray to make good choices

**For all those that have upcoming tests:** this week or test results

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



*Better is a handful with quiet than two  
handfuls with toil, and a chasing after wind.  
~ Ecclesiastes 4:6*



Heavenly Father, as I look at how I spend my time, I see where my priorities lie. In my heart and in my intentions, I have one set of priorities. In my actual living, though, another set of priorities is revealed. You know that sometimes I say yes to commitments and obligations that steal my time from things I value most. Help me not play the part of a victim when it comes to my schedule. Show me how to take responsibility for the life you've given me by exercising the power of choice. Help me wield the words yes and no wisely and judiciously so that I won't look back and experience the regret of squandering precious, irretrievable opportunities to do the things in life that are truly important.

*We've been taught to accelerate in order to accomplish more. Maybe it's time to realize that pushing harder and faster wears out our bodies. Deceleration will help us handle our time in a better way.*

*~ H. Norman Wright, Simplify Your Life*