



November 9, 2025

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Galatians 1:1ff

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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Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

MySpectrumWiFif8-5G

password: purplelemon096

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

November 13 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30 - **LAST
THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER UNTIL JANUARY 8th**

November 13 - Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. in church kitchen

November 16 - Quarterly Luncheon immediately following services

November 27 - Thanksgiving

December 2 - Elders Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

December 6 - Prayer Breakfasts

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

Women's 9:30 a.m.



Happy Birthday on November 11 to
ANALYSE

**REMINDER: The Quarterly luncheon is next
Sunday, the 16th immediately following services
here at the building.**



*Be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength.
Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand
against the schemes of the devil.
Ephesians 6:10-11 CSB*

Lord, I cannot rely on my own strength. Even on my
best day, I cannot compare to you. I'm so grateful
that I can rely on you. Thank you for equipping me to
stand strong against the enemy.

PASTOR'S CORNER - Which Body Part Are You?

How do our star athletes get where they are? They found coaches and trainers to help them learn the specific skills necessary for their sports and positions. While we may never be in the Olympics, our spiritual life can be guided by a coaching community. We need a church to help us become all that God wants us to be. Our church needs our insights, experiences and support to reach its full potential. That is why both Col 3:15 and Heb 10:24,25 tell us to be there for one another. We need each other to reach our full potential. Proverbs 27:17 *"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."* The phrase "iron sharpens iron" speaks volumes about the mutual encouragement and growth that we experience through our relationships with one another. As followers of Christ, we are not meant to go it alone; we are called to uplift one another.

Most of us have within us two conflicting impulses. First, we don't want to allow anyone else to form us or tell us who to be; we want to be independent. Many believers hope to craft a name and brand that's entirely independent; we're reluctant to join and submit to any institution, including the Church.

The second impulse is that we want to be accepted and appreciated. We want to be accepted by a community. We want to be useful to that community. We want to be important to others. The challenge is that we can't have deeper community without sacrificing some independence.

Paul gives us some insight into this conflict. In **1 Cor 1:12** he writes that the body has many parts, but all parts are needed to make that one body. In the church body, we find unity with independent skills (v. 15).

The Bible also addresses the temptation to overemphasize independence here. One can't say, "I'm a foot. No one understands me so I'll just do my own thing and not worry about the body." If you cut off a foot from the body, the foot dies. It loses its ability to do anything foot like. A foot needs the whole body to be a useful foot.

The Bible's picture of the church as a body provides two identity-truths that people have always needed but that are especially important in our age: 1. We have independent gifts. 2. We are dependent on one another.

Do you want to find your identity? Jump into a ministry. Sign up to serve; Be vulnerable enough to ask, "What team (what ministry sport) could use my skills?" Then, after you're involved, find people in that ministry who've been doing it for a long time, and learn from them. Enjoy fulfilling the 2nd greatest commandment: 'Love Your Neighbor'!



Without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:6 CSB

NEW THIS WEEK

LeRoy had a pacemaker put in on Monday and did well

Vivian is dealing with blood pressure issues

Mike G., Borja' friend, has prostate cancer

Tank's cancer situation is back and getting worse

Kelly, Sally's cousin, had surgery on Tuesday

David continues to struggle with a variety of issues

Jan and Garry were at UCLA on Thursday for doctor's appointment for Jan and, after another doctor's appointment Friday afternoon in Bakersfield, left for the coast to spend some time with their family. They will return on Tuesday.

Royce Rogers passed last week; he was a good friend of Mary Nixon's

LAST WEEK

Buddy had shoulder surgery; was good to see him at church last Sunday

Mark Keeley had knee replacement surgery on Wednesday

Robert is struggling with some digestive problems

Reuben, Sally's brother, was injured at work and is still struggling with physical problems

John Maltby, prostate cancer

Sally's father hurt his back and can hardly move and is in a lot of pain

VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Remember, what is out of your control exists under the careful control of the One who is all-knowing, all-wise, all-good.

Too much of our emotional energy is sapped by worry. Too many of us are captured by discouragement. Too many of us are too often motivated by fear. Too many of us regularly lose sleep because of worry. Too many of us feel our lives are out of control. Too many of us wish that we had power that we will never have. Too many of us are paralyzed by regret. Too many of us wonder where God is and what he is doing. Too many of us feel alone and misunderstood. Too many of us envy the lives of others. Too many of us think that it's us against the world. Too many of us, when we are assessing our lives, leave out the ultimate explanatory fact – the existence, character, and plan of God.

I am convinced that many of us need to take in or return to the worldview that is presented to us in the book of Daniel. Daniel's world is a world of trouble. It's a world of injustice, oppression, idolatry, danger, political corruption, war, and various other kinds of trouble, but it is not a world that is out of control. In fact, in the face of all the trouble, Daniel presents to us the very opposite of what we would tend to think if we were to assess his world. Daniel presents to us a world that, in every way and at every point, is under the control of One who is powerful and wise, and who holds the events of human history in the palms of his hands. Events happened according to his plan. History moves according to his will. Individuals' lives are shaped by his purpose. It is a world under rule. Consider these words: "He is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed and his dominion shall be to the end, He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth" (Dan. 6:26-27).

Many things in your life are out of your control. You face many things that make you feel unprepared, small, or weak. But you must not give way to thinking that your life is out of control. You need to remind yourself of the truths that Daniel confronts us all with – that over all the trouble that confounds and dismays us is a God of glorious wisdom, power, and grace who rules every moment of every situation. No, you will not always see his hand. You often won't understand what he is doing. There will be points when life won't make sense to you. At times, you will wish that life could be different. There will be moments when you will feel unprepared for what is on your plate. In these moments, look up and remember that above it all there is a throne, and on it sits a God of unimaginable majesty, ruling all for his glory and for your good.

For further study and encouragement: Daniel 6
(Taken from New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp)



Extended Long Term Prayer List

Please email or text updates to Jan or Sandy

Health issues: Physical, mental, and spiritual health:

Bonnie (April's daughter)

Barbara P ~ Earl's aunt Christine, ~ Casey,

Charles Jones ~ Chris (Buggy's friend) ~

David & Millie (Ron's brother & wife) ~ **Gary,**

Buggy's husband, is struggling with some

mental issues ~ **Hannah** (Trina's daughter) ~

Lupi (Gonzales's granddaughter) ~ **Mel,**

Barbara P.'s brother health issues ~ **Nancy**

(David's friend) ~ **Francis and Suzanne,**

sisters in Christ, are both recovering from

operations ~ **Jason,** Sharon's son, will be

having more tests for his liver ~ **Joan,**

Vivian's sister, is not doing well with COPD ~

Jason (Borjas's son) ~ **Joyce & Tom ~**

Richard (Sammy's friend) ~ **Kelly,** Sally's

cousin, is struggling with multiple serious

health issues ~ **Paula** (Nancy's friend) sepsis

~ **Ronnie** (Nancy's son) ~ **Sally's daughter,**

upcoming surgery ~ **Syble ~ Tate,** Anne's

son and Nina's grandson, health issues ~

Tammy (a relative of the Fisher's son-n-law)

paralyzed from waist ~ **Wes Agee,** Kern

County firefighter, was moved to a medical

center in Colorado ~

Serving in the Military: Chris & Jonah

(friends of Trina) who are soldiers in the Middle East

Cancer and treatments:

Bill (Debra's brother) ~

Cathy Turner ~

Everett (relative of Nancy's) is nearing his final days due to his cancer ~

Gary (Mike's brother) ~

James (Darlene's brother) ~

Jessie (friend of Earl) ~ **Kristina** (Debra's co-worker) ~

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) ~

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

Oliver (Earl's friend)

Pat (Debra's co-worker) ~

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

Wendy (member of Debra's family) ~

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.