



14, 2024

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



April 18 - Thursday Night Dinner Cooks: Adrienne and Barbara
 25 - 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



As much as I would love to speak with each of you about the people on our prayer list, I need **HELP** with updating information. Eventually, there is not enough room to continue adding without removing people. I would really appreciate a call or text with updates of when to remove someone or move them to the long term list. If I don't get updated information, I am going to have to decide to remove many next week so there is room for new ones. Thank you for your help.

Dear God, Thank You with all my heart for the wonderful gifts of friendship You have given me over a lifetime. Please alert me by Your Spirit to those in special need, both in sustained intercession and in practical ways. Increase my understanding of my privileges and responsibilities in prayer on their behalf. Thank You that You will.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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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MySpectrumWiFi8-2G

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password: purplelemon096

Pastor's Corner of Light: Fighting the Good Fight: 1 Tim 6:12

Last week I shared the story of someone who went through a very difficult time and suggested that such situations can actually be a good thing for us with regard to our faith and trust in the Lord.

James 1:12 encourages us: "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial: for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." Being faithful requires that we have a close connection to the Lord through the Spirit. Consider also: **Eph 6:11** "Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil." With such an assurance that God will be with us, do you ever wonder why fear and anxiety invade our minds? Do you ever look back on past struggles and see how God has worked in your life. Jesus tells us in **Mtt 6:33** that we should seek His kingdom and righteousness and the things of this world will be provided for us.

An additional blessing is our church family. **From them** we receive encouragement, strength and guidance (**Heb 10:24**). **From the Word** we receive teaching, correction and training in righteousness (**2 Tim 3:16**). **In our baptism** we are united with Christ and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to help guide us and connect us to the Father. **Rom 8:26** "In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words". **Philistines 4:6,7** "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

There is a war going on around us. It is not something we can ignore or escape. **Jude** reminds us that we must contend for the faith (**v. 3**). He reminds us of the judgment passed down to those disobedient to the Lord so let us not find ourselves deviating from the teachings of Scripture. We need to prepare ourselves for those spiritual battles that we encounter. If you return to the passage **Eph 6:10-17** you will see what Paul says about our spiritual battles: **We must put our trust in God; We must know our enemy; We must arm ourselves.** We cannot escape this spiritual war that is being waged all around us. Yet God has provided everything we need to be equipped for this fight. **Philippians 4:19** "And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Through Him, we can be fully assured of victory in the end and receiving our crown of life (**James 1:12**)

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!



When nothing else or no one else in your life remains and is faithful, you can rest assured that God will be both.

I love the honesty of the Bible. I love that faith in God doesn't require you and me to play monkey games with reality. I love that the Bible's description of life in this fallen world is accurate and familiar. Psalm 90 is one of the most honest and descriptive psalms. How's this for honesty? "The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away" (v.10). Here's what the psalmist is saying: "Your life will be short and will be marked by difficulty." Not very good news is it? But it's true. You live in a fallen world that itself groans, waiting for redemption. You live with flawed people who think, say, and do wrong things. You live in a place where corruption, immorality, injustice, pollution, and disease still live and do their ugly work. You live in an environment that does not function according to God's original design. Every day is marked by little troubles, and big trouble will enter your door as well.

In all this, you are tempted to feel alone, forsaken, poor, and unable. In all this, you are tempted to wonder whether God exists, let alone if he hears or cares. In your trouble, some people around you are insensitive and unloving. They find your troubles to be too much of a burden. And the people who are sensitive and loving have little power to erase your trouble. This is why the beginning of this psalm of trouble is so important. This honest psalm doesn't begin with trouble; it begins with the most important declaration that anyone who faces trouble could ever hear: "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God" (vv. 1-2).

If you are God's child, you are not alone. Glorious grace has connected you to the One whose power and love don't shift with the times. Grace has connected you and me to the One who is the ultimate dwelling place, the ultimate place to which we can run. This means that I am never left just to my own resources. I am never left to figure out and deal with life on my own. As God's child, I must never see myself as poor or forsaken. I must never buy into the lie that I have no recourse or hope. I must never think that my life is ruled by my difficulty. I must never give way to despondency or despair. Grace has opened the door of hope and refuge to me by connecting me to One who is eternal and who rules all the circumstances and relationships that would cause me to feel alone.

***For further study and encouragement: Psalm 86
Taken from New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp***

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"





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

Arnold C., one of the owners where Debra works, had good results from his recent biopsy
Jason, Sharon's son, is out of the hospital and at home with Sharon

*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.

***Debra** will be having an angiogram tomorrow because of a high plaque calcium score

***Chelsea**, a granddaughter of Trina's friend, had a scooter accident and is in the hospital with a head/brain injury; improving but pray for complete recovery. Also, prayer for Chelsea's mother, **Shannon**, as she has experienced a lot of loss in the last couple of years

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

***Harold Mann**, former member of our congregation, passed away this last week at 95 years of age

***Marsha**, has terminal cancer and prayer also for her husband, **Wayne**. These are friends of Don Loveless, one of our Thursday night friends.

***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 to recover

Buddy pray for strength as he continues chemotherapy

David, Ron's brother, was recently in the hospital with kidney stones

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

Chris, Jim's son, and **Aaron**, Mary C.'s son, are looking for jobs

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

Millie, Ron's sister-in-law, is being cared for by hospice

Dan C., Debra's boss, has blocked arteries in his neck

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)

Billy, Debra's son unspoken prayer

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

Mary N. having struggles with her health