



11,2025

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

1 Samuel 8:1

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

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

May 15 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30

June 3 - Elders' Meeting at 8:00 a.m

June 7 - Men's Prayer Breakfast in kitchen at 8 a.m.

Women's Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. at TBD

PATIENCE IS A GIFT FROM GOD

*He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty,
And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.*

Proverbs 16:32

Every mother needs patience. She is the anchor of her family, but raising children can test her patience. In James 1:4, the Scripture tells us, "Let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." Without patience, you may react to stressful situations with anger and emotion. God wants the gift of His patience to help everyone in your family gain a sense of how precious a mother's love is for those she cares for every day.



Happy Mother's Day



I need your help to keep our prayer list current. As much as I would love to have time to check in with each of you for an update, that's not really feasible. The best way (if you text) is to TEXT ME AT 661-332-6146. If you don't text, please call me, and if I don't answer, please leave a message.

Without information from you, I will have to begin randomly moving people off the prayer list who have been on there several weeks in order to have room to add new requests. As you can see, the page is full. Thank you to those who have texted.



MAY COOKS:

May 15 – Jan

May 22 – Barbara & LeRoy

May 29 - TBD

PASTOR'S CORNER - Growing and Recharging part 4

Last week I wrote an article regarding our mentorship under our Lord, Jesus Christ. Today I want to share part of an article written by Brian White for "Action Magazine": In our lives we often find ourselves isolated on an island surrounded by the world. The pressure to succeed or fit in leads us to compartmentalize – an approach whereby we adopt different personas for different areas of our life. We try to be faithful and 'spiritual' in our church settings and resort to keeping our faith to ourselves in worldly settings. Consequently, we are on our own to fight-the-fight against temptation of 'conforming' to succeed/ be accepted. (Rom 12:2) Living such a life doesn't work. It's discouraging and saps the JOY that Jesus offers in His promise of 'an abundant life'. (John 10:10) So where do we turn to live a faith-integrated life?

When Jesus chose His apostles, He didn't operate under a pattern of twice-a-week bible studies; He didn't just lecture them with truth and then send them on their way to figure out for themselves how to apply it to their individual lives. He walked 'alongside' them – everyday, in the marketplace, at meals and everyday events. He mentored them and counseled them through daily situations to wisely apply spiritual principles in teachable moments. When you read the last part of Acts 2 you see how newly converted Christians handled their new found faith – they fellowshiped with one another. When operating out in the world we need to have a strong foundation of faith and a proven spiritual support system of mentors we lean into who understands us well enough to exhort, train, and develop us. I am reminded of Prov 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." And *"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom..."* Col 3:16

The apostles had a teacher and mentor in Jesus; early Christians had the apostles; in a similar fashion we need to seek out experienced spiritually mature mentors who can offer seasoned counsel to guide us through trying times. We need to connect with trusted spiritual leaders/advisors who will exhort us in the spiritual disciplines as we integrate our faith at home, among our church family, and in the work place – thus helping us thrive as God intended.

Finally, not only should we seek out mentors to help us, but we should be concerned for the interests of others – striving to be a mentor and encourager ourselves. Our own failures can be a valuable experience when what we have learned is shared with others. When you are able to help others, you will also experience personal growth as well.

LIVING IN THE LAND OF PROMISE

*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your strength."
Deuteronomy 6:4-5 NIV*

In answering a question about what the most important command was, Jesus didn't hesitate or say something about how they all were important. He identified what Moses said in Deuteronomy 6:4-5 as "the most important one." (Mark 12:29)

This command serves the same purpose for us as it did for Israel. It pushes us away from our idols of self, status, comfort, wealth, entertainment, and whatever else we might be tempted by. It reminds us that life is in God and nothing else. Our God is not a niche god who controls only a small sector of individualism, media, science and technology, etc. As Paul says to those at Athens whose lives were dominated by the regional gods of idolatry, Yahweh is the One in whom "we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). He isn't part of the picture, He is the picture!

When you have a relationship with this God in all its immensity, it allows you, like Israel, to lie in the land of promise. If your God is something less, you're probably still knocking around in the wilderness.

Where are you living these days?

Father, we wish to bring You honor by living lives unified in the our passion and purpose for You. Lift us above our earthly entanglements so we might live closer daily to You. In Christ, we pray. Amen

(taken from Power for Today; Bruce Green)



DEAR GOD:

Enlighten what's dark in me

Strengthen what's weak in me

Mend what's broken in me

Bind what's bruised in me

Heal what's sick in me

and lastly,

Revive whatever peace and love
has died in me.

Prayer REQUESTS

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

NEW

- ❖ **Lord, give me concern and compassion for the lost I meet today. Open doors so I might share YOUR message.**
- ❖ **April** is home now under hospice care; her daughters are both there caring for her also, as well as Earl; please keep the entire family in prayer
- ❖ **Parise**, Nancy's DIL, Praises; her ulcer is healing
- ❖ **Robert** will need more back surgery
- ❖ **Debra's** colonoscopy on Monday went fine
- ❖ **Julian**, a friend of Mary C's, is traveling to the Middle East for his job.

Charles Jones, a brother at Central, is having serious liver problems.

Rose fell again but says she is doing okay

Russ, Fisher's family member, had knee surgery; issues with blood clots

Syble struggling with various health issues; most likely will need back surgery

Jason, 20 year-old grandson of Syble's friend, has bone cancer

Oliver, Earl's friend, started his chemo treatment for his throat cancer

James, Darlene's brother, will begin chemo; possible surgery after chemo and radiation

Joyce is doing better with pain after surgery; has people there to help her

Adrianne is experiencing a flare up with her sciatic nerve

Buggy and her husband **Gary** are both struggling with health issues

Sammy please pray for quick healing for his ulcer

Barbara Pflugh is struggling with back pain

Rhonda, Nina's niece, hemoglobin still going low; still trying to figure out the cause

Trina's **Aunt Betty and daughter Lori** are struggling with health problems

Casey, young friend of Nancy's, finished chemo and radiation; still on feeding tube

Ronnie, Nancy's son, is need of prayers for physical, mental and spiritual health

Tom and Joyce are struggling with some issues

Jessie, Earl's relative, had his cancer return and has spread throughout his body

Kristina, Debra's co-worker, is struggling with serious liver/kidney problems

Bill, Debra's brother, cancer treatments

Ron's brother/wife, serious health issues and other difficulties

Hannah, Trina's daughter, continued prayer for her

Wendy, member of Debra's family, brain cancer

One of Earl's nephews is serving in Syria; prayers for all our first responders

Everett, a relative of Nancy's, is nearing his final days due to his cancer.

Chris and Jonah, friends of Trina's who are soldiers in the Middle East

Our Youth to pray to make good choices

For those that have upcoming tests this week or test results

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