



1, 2025

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

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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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MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

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password: purplelemon096



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

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

June 5 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30

June 3 - Elders' Meeting has been cancelled

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

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

COOKS FOR JUNE

5 - Jim

12 - Adrianne & Barbara

19 - Need someone

26 - Barbara and LeRoy



TWIN ENEMIES OF FAITH

*So do not throw away your confidence;
it will be richly rewarded.*

Hebrews 10:35

Doubt and fear are the twin enemies of faith. Sometimes they actually take the place of faith, and although we continue to pray, it is a restless, disquieted, uneasy prayer that we offer. But doubts and fears should never be accommodated.

We must take our eyes off ourselves. They should be removed from our own weakness and allowed to rest fully on God's strength. A simple, confiding faith, living day by day, will drive fear away. Faith is able to cast your burdens onto God and not feel anxious about the outcome.

Dear Lord, doubt and fear often threaten our faith. I want to thank you for delivering us when we bring our weaknesses, doubts and fears before you in prayer. Amen

(Taken from The Power of Prayer by E.M. Bounds)

PASTOR'S CORNER - Psalm 103

Last week I shared thoughts on the value of the Old Testament. This was Christ's bible, the Holy Word, which He knew and guided Him. It was from this that He said He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets. In Luke 24:27 Jesus explained to the disciples traveling to Emmaus about how the Old Testament spoke of Himself and in John 5:39 He again declares that Scripture testifies about Him. In the New Testament we find the story of Christ; in the Old Testament we find Jesus and God. Psalm 103 is a very valuable text for helping us see, know and understand God the Father. In this chapter we see a Creator who removes many problems that come into our lives. He is a Father that brings healing to the body and the soul. His blessings of those in the past are recorded that we might know of His love then and can therefore count on it in our lives today. We can see forgiveness for others and know that our sins too, will be removed far from us, as the west is from the east.

God is our compassionate Father – slow to anger, merciful, gracious, abounding with love. As a compassionate Father, He is good and remembers the nature of who we are. He remembers that we are the result of 'dust' coming together with Him breathing life into us. He knows our struggles and failures but in His divine love He accepts our repentance and offers forgiveness. In our 'dust' condition we know that we will all eventually return to our origins and therefore trust in His love and His power to restore us back to life in our resurrection and therefore receive His calling us unto Him.

We see in the O.T. the many works of kindness, forgiveness, restoration and blessings which the Lord gave His people, Israel. The O. T. foreshadows what is to come, not only in the life of Christ, but in our lives as well. We too can and will know the manna, bread of life, Jesus Christ. We too can and will know the waters of life, the Holy Spirit, working within us and guiding us in understanding. God gives blessings to His people, and as His people we too can count on finding rejoicing in our lives from the Father who loves us and has redeemed us, promising eternal life when this world is over for us. Let us embrace His Word, teachings and blessings without reservation!!!



*So the, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord,
continue to live in him, rooted and built up in
him, strengthened in the faith as you were
taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

Colossians 2:6-7

WHEN THE WORLD BOTTOMS OUT

Melanie Jasper says her son, Cooper, was born with a smile on his face. The dimple never left his cheek. He won the hearts of every person he knew: his three older sisters, parents, grandparents, teachers, and friends. He loved to laugh and love. His father, JJ, confessing partiality, calls him practically the perfect child.

And Cooper was born to the perfect family. Farm-dwelling, fun-loving, God-seeking, and Christ-hungry, JJ and Melanie poured their hearts into their four children. JJ cherished every moment he had with his only son. That's why they were riding in the dune buggy on July 17, 2009. They intended to cut the grass together, but the lawn mower needed a spark plug. While Melanie drove to town to buy one, JJ and five-year-old Cooper seized the opportunity for a quick ride. They had done this a thousand times, zipping down a dirt road in a roll-caged cart. The ride was nothing new. But the flip was. On a completely level road with Cooper safely buckled in, JJ made a circle, and the buggy rolled over.

Cooper was unresponsive. JJ called 911, then Melanie. "There has been an accident," he told her. "I don't think Cooper is going to make it." The next hours were every parent's worse nightmare: ambulance, ER, sobs, and shock. And finally the news. Cooper has passed from this life into heaven. JJ and Melanie found themselves doing the unthinkable: selecting a casket, planning a funeral, and envisioning life without their only son. In the coming days they fell into a mind-numbing rhythm. Each morning upon awakening they held each other and sobbed uncontrollably. After gathering enough courage to climb out of bed, they would go downstairs to the family and friends who awaited them. They would soldier through the day until bedtime. Then they would go to bed, hold each, and cry themselves to sleep.

JJ told me, "there is no class or book on this planet than can prepare you to have your five-year-old son die in your arms . . . we know what the bottom looks like."

The bottom. We pass much of life -if not most of life - at mid-altitude. Occasionally we summit a peak: our wedding, a promotion, the birth of a child. But most of life is lived at midlevel. Mondayish obligations of carpools, expense reports, and recipes.

But, on occasion, the world bottoms out. The dune buggy flips, the housing market crashes, the test results come back positive, and before we know it, we discover what the bottom looks like.

Today JJ's hurts are still deep, but his faith is deeper still. Whenever he tells the story of losing Cooper, he says this: "We know what the bottom looks like, and we know who is waiting there - Jesus Christ."

(Taken from God Will Carry You Through by Max Lucado)

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.

TRAVELING

- **Garry, Jan and Leah** are in Lake Tahoe; plan to be home on Tuesday; Leah's family will arrive on Friday
- **Ron and Nancy** will be leaving soon to travel for a couple of weeks

NEW

- ❖ **Lord, give me concern and compassion for the lost I meet today. Open doors so I might share YOUR message.**
 - ❖ **Earl and family** for peace and strength
 - ❖ **Robert** had back surgery on Thursday,
 - ❖ **Hannah**, Trina's daughter, is home from the hospital and is job-seeking
 - ❖ **Buggy's** surgery was successful; pray for full
 - ❖ **Georgia**, Sharon's sister-in-law's mother, passed away
 - ❖ **Lupi**, Gonzales's granddaughter, is struggling with mental health issues
- Lori**, a young co-worker of Debra, had a double mastectomy; surgery went well
Bill, Rose's brother, fell and broke his hip; in the hospital in Oklahoma City
Casey, young friend of Nancy's, still on feeding tube; remaining eye is doing better; scan in July to see if any remaining cancer; prayer for continued healing
Charles Jones, a brother at Central, is having serious liver problems.
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, 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
Sammy ulcer
Barbara Pflugh is struggling with back pain
Rhonda, Nina's niece, hemoglobin still going low;
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
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