



06, 2025

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
1 Samuel 16:14

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

MySpectrumWiFi8-2G

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Mark Your
Calendar



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 LaDonna
know.

July 10 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30

July 12 - Women's Prayer Breakfast at Debra's at 9:30

Men's Prayer Breakfast in the kitchen at 8:30

Ladies Day at Visalia Church of Christ in September; see
Debra if you are interested in going.

HUNGER FOR TRUTH

I'm becoming aware of my hunger for truth. For real, black-and-white, scriptural, I-fee-lighter-inside truth. Truth that comes only from You. Authentic. Pure.

I apologize, Lord, for my ease to accept as truth much of what I hear or read. I even make assumptions about my worth based on others' response to me instead of going to You first.

Turn my heart now and stir me toward truth. Where do I need to turn off untruthful voices and noise and turn on Your truth filter? Where in Your Word are You beckoning me to read and stay? What truth are You filling my mind, eyes, and heart with? What untruths have I been believing? Where are You longing to replace these lies with the reality of Your unconditional love? Lead me to Your truth, which is everlasting and freeing, indeed.

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one
approved, a worker who does not need to
be ashamed and who correctly
handles the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 2:15 NIV

(Taken from Praying Your Way to Forgiveness)

Pastor's Corner of Light: Jesus Models Our Proper Response to Various Trials

God allows His children to go through trials and tribulations. He uses these tests to strengthen our faith and help us see better our relationship with Him. Consider the trial the "Only Begotten Son" went through. Jesus' suffering consisted of not only the betrayal and abandonment of His closest followers but the shame and the agony of scourging and crucifixion. On top of this was His knowledge that 'soon' His Father was going to be forced to turn His back on Him as He took on the sins of the world. To think of how He took this upon Himself for us should bring not only gratitude but the desire to worship Him for His loving sacrifice.

What was Jesus' response to this upcoming suffering? He retreated to His Father like a ship seeking safe harbor in a raging storm! Jesus models what it looks like to fall into the presence of God – hurting but hopeful. He approached the Father in weakness yet displays perfect strength. Mark's gospel (14:33,34) describes Jesus 'as deeply distressed and troubled' and 'overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death.' Some view emotional suffering as sinful, but we know it's not, because Jesus – the sinless sacrifice – experienced it. Jesus cried out in faith, entrusting His pain to the Father. When we bring our anguish to God, we please Him. Jesus, in the Garden, teaches us how emotions, when acknowledged and submitted to God, can deepen intimacy with the Father. It is in these darkest moments that Jesus demonstrates perfect surrender to the only One who can help us through our struggles.

During these moments we must slow down to acknowledge the weight we are carrying. We need to make space to bring our fears and/or pain to the Lord. Even a simple breath prayer can help at times. Longer moments of prayer need to be set aside, not as an obligation to live up to, but because we know we have One who is always seeking to help us and guide us. We need to be able to pray boldly and surrender our will boldly so that the Father can bring us rest and peace. Mtt 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." May you find the peace and contentment that the Lord's desires us to have!



*You have seen me tossing and turning through
the night. You have collected all my tears and
preserved them in your bottle! You have
recorded everyone in your book.*

Psalms 56:8 TLB

COOKS FOR JULY

10 – Adrienne and Barbara

17 – Debra and Sally

24 – Barbara and LeRoy

31 – TBD



A LIVING HOPE: The Promise of Faithful, Forever Love

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

~John 20:3-4 NIV

I scramble up stone, making my way along whatever serves as a trail. Footings are loose.

It is my last morning in Colorado. During this trip, I've camped on mountains and hiked in valleys. I've celebrated the marriage of two friends. I've learned more about who I am and who God is.

But in twenty-four hours, I will be back in my office. I will no longer explore wilderness. I will sit in a chair with four wheels.

So today, I carry heaviness. And a question: *what happens next?*

As the early sunlight warms my neck, I think of another man who grappled with the same question. Peter.

Peter had followed Jesus Christ across Judea. He had seen the power of the promised Messiah. Then, in less than a day, everything changed. His savior was murdered. His faith was shaken. The disciple of God once again became a fisherman.

What happens next?

Everything. A report of a disappearing body. A burning, gasping run to a tomb. Folded linens and wrappings. Peter's story had only begun.

On the quietest of Sundays, Christ had shattered the bonds of death. He reunited sinful humanity to a holy God. And he rolled back the stone and redeemed Peter, the rock on whom He had chosen to build His church.

For Peter the best was yet to come.

I know the same is true for me. The faithful God who brought me to this place will accompany back home. And I can't wait to see what He has in store for me there.

Jesus, thank You for the cross and the empty tomb. And thank You that my relationship with You will continue for eternity.

~ Logan Eliassen

Digging Deeper: Deuteronomy 31:8; Philippians 1:4-6

(Taken from Walking in Grace)

Prayer Request

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

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.

TRAVELERS

Buddy/Darlene came back from Alaska yesterday

Garry/Jan are at the coast until tomorrow night; kids will be traveling to beach also

Trina's kids are on a two-week road trip

NEW THIS WEEK

Cathy Turner, a past member, had cancer surgery on Tuesday

Earl had his pacemaker replacement surgery on Wednesday the 2nd

Helen, Vivian's cousin, was placed in a physical rehab facility and will not be able to attend her son's memorial

In the Hospital: **Garry**, Mikes brother in City of Hope Hospital with pneumonia

Recovering from surgery: **Robert Tucker, Oliver McKenzie, Carrie** (Buggie's friend), **Tonya** (Earl's daughter), **Earl, Cathy Turner**

Health issues: **Tate**, Anne's son and Nina's grandson, pneumonia along with other health issues ~ **Casey, Charles Jones, Joyce & Tom, Sammy, Barbara P, Rhonda, David & Millie, Nancy** (David's friend), **Syble ~ Tyson** (Janese's son and Nina's grandson) was injured ~ **Tammy** (a relative of the Fisher's son-n-law) had a stroke and is unable to walk.

Cancer and treatments: **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)

Physical, mental, and spiritual health: **Lupi** (Gonzales's granddaughter) ~ **Ronnie** (Nancy's son) ~ **Hannah** (Trina's daughter) job-seeking ~ **Jerry** (Nina's son) lost an employee in a work accident

Serving in the Military: One of Earl's nephews is serving in Syria; ~ **Chris** and **Jonah** (friends of Trina) 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

