



3, 2025

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

## WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning  
8:30 Bible Classes  
Ephesians 1:1

Classes in English & Spanish



9:00 Prayer Worship  
Please give us your requests

9:30 Worship Service  
Worship in English & Spanish

### Elders

Eddie Fisher	342-8337
Garry Nelson	331-3858
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### Deacon

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### Office Hours:

Monday ~ Tuesday ~ Wednesday  
8 am to 1 pm

Thursday  
11 am to 4:30 pm

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### Bulletin

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Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFi8-2G

MySpectrumWiFi8-5G

password: purplelemon096



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

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

July 31 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30 - Darlene

August 2 - Prayer breakfasts

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

Women's at 9:30 - Darlene's home

August 5 - Elders Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

August 16 - Water Slide Event for the kids and lunch  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm any questions see Debra

August 31 - Song and Supper 6:00 p.m.

September 27 -Ladies Day at Visalia Church of Christ  
8:30 - 1:00; see Debra if you are interested

2 - David Diaz

2 - Miguel Angel Franco

5 - Adrianne Booth

12 - Borjas Gonzalez



Dear family, this week we received a nice donation in the mail. It comes from Marie Jones in honor of her husband's family, the Jones: Fred, Connie, Anna-Gail, Colleen, Tommy, and twin Jerry, who was her husband. Tommy was killed serving our country in Vietnam but the rest of the family has also passed away. Many of you may remember them and especially Connie's passion was baking. Marie shared that a special treat was her coconut cake. She wishes God bless and thanks for our love to the family.

## PASTOR'S CORNER – A Country United – a Family United

A few weeks back we celebrated our Country's birthday which is in memory of our freedom from the rule of England transforming into our own self-rule and a united people. It took all 13 colonies working together and willing to sacrifice for the greater good to make our independence possible. The encouraging thing about our freedom from sin is that we do not have to free ourselves: **Gal 3:13** "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us". **Rom 6:22** "But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome – eternal life."

Our country has the freedom to make our own destiny and in a similar fashion we now get to choose which master will lead us and guide us. Hopefully we can and will all echo Joshua's declaration that we are going to serve the Lord. That service will therefore lead us to follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ and become servants of one another - **Gal 5:13** "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh (read that = selfishness); rather, **serve one another humbly in love.**" Another Scriptural suggestion on serving our Family is found in **Hebrews 10:24,25** "Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, nor forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Your simple but important faithful attendance each Sunday is an encouragement to us all! Blessings to you for encouraging us!

To further encourage you consider: **Hebrews 6:10** "God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them." Serving others is a form of expressing our love to God and our faith in and to Him. When we start to grow weary in our serving, we can be reenergized in our commitment by knowing that He sees us & He will not forget. **Gal 6:9** "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

### COOKS FOR AUGUST

7 - Trina

14 - Buggy/Sharon

21 - Adrianne/Barbara

28 - Barbara/LeRoy



*In everything you do, put God first and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success. ~ Proverbs 3:6 TLB*

## O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

We don't always know what effect we have on those around us. Sometimes a simple act of kindness can make all the difference in somebody else's life. Bedridden with sickness, Charles Wesley was visited by some friends. They met some of his basic needs and shared with him what the Lord had been doing in their lives. At a time when Wesley's faith was faltering, these intentional acts of love were exactly what he needed.

One year after this bout of sickness, Wesley was inspired to write a hymn describing his faith and how it had been strengthened by those who cared for him. In that original writing, the seventh verse contains the words "O for a thousand tongues to sing." It was a paraphrase of a statement by Bishop Peter Bohler, who once said to Wesley, "If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise God with them all."

In Psalm 35, David described the evils that he was facing and included a request for God's intervention. In verse 28, he ended his long prayer with a certainty that, one day, his tongue would tell of the Lord's righteousness and would be filled with the Lord's praise all day long. True to his word, David penned many a psalm extolling his God. Like the bishop and Wesley, David would certainly have praised the Lord with a thousand tongues if he had had them.

*Lord, You are worthy of my praise. May I never stop  
speaking of Your goodness and grace toward me.*

### Make the Most of Whatever Comes

*People may make plans in their minds,  
but the Lord decides what they will do.  
Proverbs 16:9 NCV*

Sometimes we must accept life on its terms, not our own. Life has a way of unfolding, not as we will, but as it will. And sometimes there is precious little we can do to change things.

When events transpire that are beyond our control, we have a choice: we can either learn the art of acceptance, or we can make ourselves miserable as we struggle to change the unchangeable.

We must entrust the things we cannot change to God. When we do, we can prayerfully and faithfully tackle the important work that He has placed before us: doing something about the things we can change, and doing it sooner rather than later.

Can you summon the courage and the wisdom to accept life on its own terms? If so, you'll most certainly be rewarded for your good judgment.

*Accept each day as it comes to you. Do not waste your time and energy  
wishing for a different set of circumstances.  
Sarah Young*

### A Prayer to Start Your Day

*Dear Lord, let me live in the present, not the past. Give me the wisdom to be thankful for the gifts that I do have, and not bitter about the things that I don't have. Let me accept what was; let me give thanks for what is; and, let me have faith in what most surely will be: the promise of eternal life with You. Amen.*

# 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

**Nina** has several family members traveling this week

**Hannah**, Trina's daughter, is moving to Arizona for her new job

## PRAISES

**Vickie Grimes**, best friend of Barbara S. is home from the hospital with lots of meds

## NEW THIS WEEK

**Buddy** will be having an MRI on his shoulder

**Adrianne** is still waiting for a doctor's appointment for a spot on her lungs

**Christine**, Sally's daughter, is having surgery soon – TBD

## Health issues:

**Tate**, Anne's son and Nina's grandson, health issues ~ **Casey, Charles Jones, Joyce & Tom, Sammy, Barbara P, Rhonda, David & Millie, Nancy** (David's friend) ~ **Syble ~ Tyson ~ Tammy** (a relative of the Fisher's son-n-law) paralyzed from waist ~ **Paula** (Nancy's friend) sepsis ~ **Chris** (Buggy's friend)

**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

## Recovering from surgery:

**Mary C's daughter, Robert Tucker, Oliver McKenzie, Carrie** (Buggie's friend), **Tonya** (Earl's daughter) ~ **Janifer** (Westbrook's granddaughter)

## 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) ~ **Cathy Turner**

## Physical, mental, and spiritual health:

**Lupi** (Gonzales's granddaughter) ~ **Ronnie** (Nancy's son) ~ **Hannah** (Trina's daughter) ~ **Jerry** (Nina's son) ~ **Sharon ~ Richard** (Sammy's friend) ~ **Bonnie** (April's daughter) ~ **Jason** (Borjas's son)

**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



*God loves us too much to leave us muddling about in our sin. No matter what our problem - lying, cheating, marital unfaithfulness, yelling at the kids, fudging on the income tax, bitterness, anger, gossip, etc., etc. - God is tenacious in His commitment to developing us into people of integrity who love Him, reflect Him to others, and delight in doing His will.*

*~ Marilyn Meberg*