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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
Ephesians 3:1
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
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Deacon

Ron Nunlist	746-6531
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Minister

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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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MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

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password: purplelemon096



Ron Nunlist and Borjas Gonzalez have expressed an interest in serving as elders for our congregation. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with one of the elders.



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

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

September 18 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30

September 27 -Ladies Day at Visalia Church of Christ
8:30 - 1:00; see Debra if you are interested;
sign-up sheet in the back

October 4 - Prayer breakfasts

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

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

October 7 - Elders' Meeting at 8:00 a.m.



COOKS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 11 - Adrianne/Barbara

September 18 - Jim

September 25 - Barbara/LeRo

Compassion means to lay a bridge over to the other without knowing whether he wants to be reached

~ Henri J.M. Nouwen

PASTOR'S CORNER – Fear vs. Anxiety: part 1 of 2

Fear is focused on the here and now; Anxiety is focused on a possible threat for the future. Fear focuses on what IS happening; anxiety focuses on what MIGHT happen. Anxiety is an orientation toward the future and underneath that orientation we will find two basic assumptions that work together to make us miserable: my future is vulnerable, and my future is up to me.

Under the first assumption we can even find biblical support for that: Isa 40:6 tells us all flesh is like the grass in the field and 1 Peter 1:24 echoes that same thought. We grow, thrive but soon wither and fade in time. And being *thinking* creatures it's tough to live in a world full of dangers where our lives are vulnerable from a hundred different causes. And, we could add to that the vulnerability of our relationships, social status, and all the adjacent anxieties unleashed in the age of social media. There are so many ways our lives could be upended. As humans, we're stuck with the ability to know this about ourselves and to feel it in advance.

The second assumption combines with the first to make up a miserably bitter cocktail. It's not just that we know we're vulnerable we also tend to feel responsible for those uncertain futures and never more so than in the modern world. We moderns have what some may call an "aggressive relationship to the world." By instinct, we try to bring as much of the world under our control as possible so that we can optimize our experience of it wherever possible. We have created and installed so many ways to control the environment around us. It's wild how much of our lives are programmable. But the truth is that no one can control the future. One study revealed that the more security cameras, burglar alarms, and protective fencing people install, the less secure they feel. Often it seems the more we think we should be able to control, the more we're burdened by what we can't control. We know and influence just enough to be miserable. When we push back on anxiety by looking at all we bring to the table, we are feeding the very problem we hope to solve. "The future is up to you" is just another way of saying, "You're on your own." In a way, anxiety is a form of loneliness. If this world is everything, and if it's on us to make the most of it, anxiety really does make sense. And I don't know of any way to get past it—unless this world is not everything, and we're not on our own after all. I don't know any way to get past it without the hope of heaven.

Stay tuned next week for God's response to our anxiety: (preview = 1 Peter 1:3-5)



THE LOVE THAT NEVER GOES AWAY

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only
Begotten son, that whosoever believes in
Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

Jesus Christ loves you with a love that has no end; it is complete. His love is unconditional; you can't earn it, work for it, be good enough to have it, or convince God that you deserve it. No matter how great your sacrifice, it can never compare to the sacrifice Christ made for you. Because He was willing to give His life that you might have everlasting life, nothing is more important than the life of Christ within you. Let His love flow from you to those around you.

Taken from Time With God for Mothers

PRAYER REQUESTS

TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

If you need prayer or have a request for someone, please let the Elders know or call Vivian Fisher to start the prayer chain (889-4075).

TRAVELERS

Blaine, Nina's grandson, is moving back to California but is driving here from Florida

Ron & Nancy

Tank's son

Nick and Gloria Nusz

NEW THIS WEE

- **Lord, give me concern and compassion for the lost that I meet today. Open doors so I might share YOUR message!**
- **Brenda** fell and injured her leg; She is also looking for a place to move to
- **Michael**, Brenda's brother, had an accident on his quad and is in hospital
- **Francis and Suzanne**, sisters in Christ, are both recovering from operations
- **Wes Agee**, Kern County firefighter, is being moved to a medical center in Colorado which specializes in the area of his injuries
- **Mary C.** is under the weather
- **Darlene's** second cataract surgery is scheduled for tomorrow
- **Jason**, Sharon's son, will be having more tests for his liver
- **Janae**, Nelson's daughter, had a kidney biopsy on Tuesday at Cedars Sinai
- **Joan**, Vivian's sister is back in the hospital with a blood clot in her lung
- **Adrianne** still waiting for results of her PET scan from last Saturday morning

One of Doris Friesen's sons is suffering with stomach cancer

Bera, from Central, is suffering with Covid as is her daughter

Deloris McKenzie from Central is being cared for by Hospice.

Buddy has a doctor's appointment this week on the 10th to discuss shoulder surgery

James had his pacemaker surgery on Wednesday afternoon after several days in the hospital before the surgery

Joan, Vivian's sister is home from the hospital, doing better, but has to have oxygen at home

Karen, Vivian's niece, came home from the hospital on Tuesday and doing better

Leanne Brock is home now recovering from what was diagnosed as a brain mass; no surgery scheduled but will recheck with MRIs every six weeks.

Paulette, friend of Nancy's, breast cancer has metastasized into her bones and is Stage 4

Tom has been given 6-8 months; pray for his comfort and Joyce's peace of mind as she deals with this situation

Sally is struggling with a respiratory problem

Debra continues to be in pain with her pulled chest muscle but it is getting better

Tammy Shipley, wife of SHS principal, has been dealing with several severe health issues and has spent most of the summer in the hospital; is now home recovering

Health issues:

Gary ~ Buggies husband, **Earl's aunt** ~ **Christine**, Sally's daughter, upcoming surgery ~ **Tate**, Anne's son and Nina's grandson, health issues ~ **Casey, Charles Jones, Joyce & Tom, Nancy** (David's friend) ~ **Syble** ~ **Sammy, Barbara P, David & Millie, Tammy** (a relative of the Fisher's son-n-law) paralyzed from waist ~ **Paula** (Nancy's friend) sepsis ~ **Chris** (Buggy's friend)

Cancer and treatments:

Gary (Mike's brother) ~ **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**

Serving in the Military: **Chris** and **Jonah** (friends of Trina) who are soldiers in the Middle East

Our Youth: to pray to make good choices

For all those that have upcoming tests: this week or test result

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



Discretion

*A person's insight gives him patience,
and his virtue is to overlook an offense.*

Proverbs 19:11

We know how difficult it is to rebuild trust and openness in a relationship once an insult has caused a wall to be built in the relationship. It's important to not only watch what we say and how we act toward others; it's also important to recognize the offense we hold on to in our own hearts. We can't control the actions, feelings, or decisions of others, but we can control our own. Nobody can build a wall in our hearts for us, and nobody else can speak from our mouth.

Offense is an easy snare to fall into because, in some backwards way, it can feel good. Do you know what feels better and is healthier and more beneficial? Forgiveness. Self-control. Love. Instead of being quick to anger and holding on to offense, let's remember how much grace, patience, and forgiveness God has shown us. That should spur us on to be gracious, patient, and forgiving with others, generously sharing what we have already received.

*When I am tempted to be offended Lord, remind
me of the grace you have shown me.
I want to live in love and not offense.*

(Taken from Daily Wisdom for Women)