



September 8, 2019

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

WORSHIP TIMES



Sunday Morning

9:30 Bible Classes
Classes in English & Spanish

10:45 Worship Service
Worship in English & Spanish

Sunday Evening
6:00 Prayer Worship
Classes in English & Spanish

Wednesday Evening
7:00
Class in Spanish - Lerdo building
Children's Class - Lerdo classroom

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Eddie Fisher 746-6090
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Bible Class: 9:30 - 10:30

Adult & Teen Class:

The Story DVD; Randy Frazee -
Jim Young

Children's Class: Mark & Leann
Keeley

Worship: 10:45 - 12:00

Announcements: Buddy Hooper

Song Leader: Mike Westbrook

Opening Prayer: Garry Nelson

Lord's Table: Demetrio Diaz
LeRoy Pflugh

Lesson: Jim Young

Closing Prayer: Eddie Fisher

(Love) bears all things, believes all
things, hopes all things, endures all
things.

1 Corinthians 13:7

Those people who are unlikable
to me, Lord, are not worthless,
though I'm tempted to believe my
self-centered thoughts about
them. Rather, Lord, these people
are precious works of beauty,
created by you. And if I bother to
look beyond my first impressions,
I will be delighted by what I see of
you in them.

A weed in no more than a flower in
disguise which is seen through at once,
if love give a man eyes.

J. R. Lowell, A FABLE FOR CRITICS



Elders meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday
at Tin Cup 8:00 a.m.



THURSDAY Meal September 12th
Cooks & Dessert: Ron, Sandy, Idanell, Dayanara

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS every 3rd Thursday of the month, Shafter
Senior Center, see the bulletin board in the foyer for more information

Friday Night Movie THIS Friday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m.
Movie will be "I Can Only Imagine"

Ladies Prayer Breakfast at Debra's Saturday, Sept. 14th at 10:00 a.m.

September 21st Annual Fall Ladies Day at the West Visalia
congregation, talk with Debra for more information

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their
toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NRSV

Love God ~ Love Each Other ~ Love the Lost ~ Live in His Light

A Prisoner No More

A middle-aged man approached me after I led a workshop at his place of employment and asked this question: "I've been a Christian nearly my whole life, but I'm constantly disappointed in myself. Why is it that I always seem to keep doing the things I wish I didn't do and never seem to do the things I know I should? Isn't God getting tired of me?" Two men standing next to me also seemed eager to hear the response.

That's a common struggle that even the apostle Paul experienced. "I do not understand what I do," he said, "For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do" (Rom 7:15). But here's some good news: We don't have to stay in that trap of discouragement. To paraphrase Paul as he writes in Romans 8, the key is to stop focusing on the law and start focusing on Jesus. We can't do anything about our sinfulness in our own strength. The answer is not "try harder to be good at keeping the rules." Instead, we must focus on the One who shows us mercy and cooperate with the Spirit who changes us.

When we focus on the law, we are constantly reminded that we'll never be good enough to deserve God's grace. But when we focus on Jesus, we become more like Him.

- Randy Kilgore
(Taken from Our Daily Bread)

I sometimes get caught in the cycle of trying harder to be good, failing, getting discouraged, and giving up. Help me, Lord, to depend on Your grace and to draw near to You so that You can change my heart.

Amen

Pastor's Corner of Light; FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Paul says in **Rom 8:31** - "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (NIV) The intent of this question is to lead to verses 37 – 39 which gives the answer that nothing can separate us for the love of God and therefore we SHALL overcome through Him.

But reconsider the question. The part B answer, if you would, is found in Ephesians. In chapter 2: 11-13. Paul tells us to put on the full armor of God to "stand firm against the schemes of the devil." He warns us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood but rather against the spiritual forces of wickedness. The idea here is that in our broken world things will occur that disappoint us, fail us and is just generally not what we want for or in our lives. HOW we respond to these difficulties is a great indicator as to where our heart and mind is.

We need to find **hope** in the words of **Rom 8:28** – And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose (NIV) We need to have **faith** in what **the Lord says** - "'For I know I have plans for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and [not to harm you](#), plans to give you hope and a future.'" –Jeremiah 29:11, (NIV) We need to **believe** what Psalm 34:8 says: "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."(NIV)

AND **Isaiah 41: v. 10** "**Do not fear**, for I am with you; **Do not anxiously look about you**, for I am your God. **I will strengthen you**, surely I will help you, **surely I will uphold you** with My righteous hand." v.13 "For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear; I will help you.'" (NIV)

If we are trying to observe the First Great Commandment – "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength" then we should fulfillment and discover the truth in **Romans 15:13** "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (NIV)

May we always lean on the Lord in any and all tests and tribulations and as Jesus did with His three wilderness temptations. "**If God is for us, who can be against us?**"