

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

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- Feb. 15 Thursday Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. Cooks: Adrianne, Barbara, Lynn
- Feb. 24,25 Porterville Youth Rally (see flyer in the foyer)
- March 2 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m. in the kitchen Women's Prayer Breakfast 9:30 a.m. location TBA
- March 5 Elders meeting

March 8 - MOVIE NIGHT 6:00 p.m.

April 7-10 – Singing with the Spirit at West Visalia Church (see flyer in the foyer)



#### COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

This anonymous hymn, written in the 1700's, is considered a Trinitarian prayer because of its references to all three members of the Trinity. The first stanza speaks to God the Father. He is praised as glorious, victorious, and eternal. The second verse heralds the Son as the One on whom our souls are dependent. He is the Word incarnate (John 1:1). Jesus was with God in the beginning, then He became flesh and dwelt among us.

Then, in the third verse, the author calls upon the Holy Spirit to take up residence and rule in every heart. It is the Comforter promised to us by Jesus (John 14:16). He is the source of conviction and power in our lives.

The Trinity is a glorious mystery. Every believer has, at some point, attempted to explain it to someone or to themselves. It is one of the many ways God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours. This hymn, however, brilliantly breaks it down and reminds us of the glory and holiness of our God.

Lord, you are worthy of all honor and glory and praise. BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM Judges 13-16

Youth Class: Eddie Fisher

Children's Class: Debra Young

PRAYER TIME 9:15 AM - 9:30 AM

WORSHIP TIME 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

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1. Quit arguing with people; respect their position and keep it moving!

2. Quit telling people your secrets when you know they are not going to keep them! orquit getting mad when they tell your secrets!

3. Quit trying to pull people on your journey who don't want to travel with you. Eitherthey believe in you and value you...or they don't!

4. Quit complaining about things you can't and won't change!

5. Quit gossiping about other people! Minding our own business should be a full time job!

6. **Quit** blaming each other for things that in the big picture aren't going to matter three weeks from now! Talk solutions...and then implement them!

7. **Quit** eating things you know are not good for you! If you can't quit - eat smaller portions!

8. **Quit** buying things when we know we can't afford them! If you don't have self control, then quit going to the stores! **Quit** charging things, especially when you don't NEED them!

9. Quit staying in unhealthy relationships! It is not okay for people to verbally or physically abuse you!

10. Quit letting family members rope you into the drama! Start telling them you don'twant to hear it! Quit spreading the drama!

11. Quit trying to change people! IT DOESN'T WORK!

12. Quit listening to the naysayers! Quit watching the depressing news if you are going to live in the doom and gloom of it all!

13. **Quit** making excuses about why you are where you are or why you can't do what you want to do!

14. Quit waiting on others to give you the answers...and start finding the answers for yourself! If what you are doing isn't working for you...then **quit** it!

15. **Quit** settling with where you are and start making your dreams a reality! 16. **Quit** being afraid and START LIVING YOUR LIFE!

# CREATE THE LIFE YOU WANT!

START DOING SOMETHING to create the experience you want!



There are sign-up sheets on the round table in back for December and January if you would put your name down to help with cleaning assignments of the building.

They are broken up into 3 groups so should make it a little easier to pick a group you feel you can do to help with. And we really need the help!

- 1. Clean auditorium and disinfect chairs / door handles
- 2. Clean the 2 outside restrooms and North entry doorway
- 3. Clean foyer floor, dust, glass doors / windows / Nursery restroom

Ask Vivian or April where the vacuums are and cleaning supplies. If supplies are needed let Mike know as he has key for toilet paper and paper towels.

We really would appreciate it if you or your family would pick 1 of the 3 chores that need to be done. THANK YOU!

## Today you'll wonder if you'll have enough, or you'll tell yourself, "The Lord will provide" and in faith you'll move forward.

To live the way you have been called and graced to live, you have to know your address. You have to understand what it means to live where you live every day. For example, if you live in the city, you know that parking is going to be a problem. If you live in the suburbs, you know you'll have a big yard that will require maintenance. If you live in the inner city, you may need to be aware of the dangers on the streets at night. If you live in an old house, you can be sure that you'll need to hone your carpentry, electricity, and plumbing skills, because some parts of the structure are going to give way. The same is true spiritually. It is essential that you understand the implications of living where you live or you'll find yourself confused and unprepared over and over again.

You and I live between the "already" and the "not yet." Jesus has made the ultimate sacrifice. The wisdom of the word has been placed in your hands. The Holy Spirit has come to live inside you. But the work of God in you, for you, and through you has not yet been completed. This means that sin has not yet been fully eradicated and you are not yet all that grace will transform you to be. The last enemy of God has not yet been placed under the powerful foot of the Messiah. So the moral battle still rages. The spiritual war still goes on. That means you need to understand that you live in a war zone. And you need to be very clear on this – that great spiritual war is fought on the turf of your heart and it's fought for control of your soul. Your life is lived every day in the middle of that war. It' a war of doubt and faith. It' a war of submission and rebellion. It's a war of anxiety and trust. It's a war of wisdom and foolishness. It' a war of hope and despair. It's a war of allegiance and disloyalty. It's a war.

Perhaps the epicenter of that war is this question: "Will the Lord do what he has promised?" Will the Lord provide? Can I step out in faith and courage, knowing that the Lord is with me and will provide what I need when I need it? Or do I have to worry that, when it comes to push and shove, I won't have enough? Should I be afraid or is God trustworthy?

When you hit hard times, when your weakness is exposed, be ready for the enemy to whisper in your ear, "Where is your God now?" and be ready to respond, "He is where he has been and always will be – with me in power, glory, and grace." You won't always feel his nearness, but you can rest assured he will never abandon you. He is the One who aid, "Behold, I am with you always" (Matt. 28:20), and he never goes back on his word.

For further study and encouragement: Psalm 22 Taken from <u>New Morning Mercies</u> by Paul David Tripp

Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. - Proverbs 3:5 AMP



If you need prayer, please let one of the Elders know, or put a note in the box at the back of the auditorium. You can call Vivian **Fisher (889-4075)** to start the prayer chain.

#### \*PRAISE

Buddy's PET scan results showed great progress in his battle against lymphoma. Praise the Lord.

#### **TRAVELERS**

**Ben and Jeannie** are traveling this week to spend time with Nina but got stuck in Williams, AZ for a while when I40 was closed

Jerry Keeley left on his mission trip to the Dominican Republic; prayer for safe travel Doreen, a relative of Trina's as she travels back home after coming for Sharon's memorial service Garry and Jan will be traveling to the beach on Friday for a memorial service in Cambria

#### \*NEW

Lord, give me the same concern and compassion for the lost that you have. Open doors that I might share your message of love and salvation.

\*Helen Gaede, is struggling with serious health concerns

\*Chad, Nelson's son-in-law, will be having medical tests run after a trip to the ER last week

\*Buggy is struggling with controlling her blood sugar

\*Matthew, Nunlist's grandson, is in the hospital with RSV, pneumonia and the flu

\*Earl is having trouble with dizziness and not feeling his normal self

\*Nick had a procedure this past week

\*Carrington, pray that those residing there avoid this cycle of Covid

**LeRoyce Savage**, an Elder at Central Church of Christ, is terminating his cancer medications and letting Hospice come in

**Tom Vontz** is in San Joaquin Nursing and Rehab Center. It will be a long haul; please pray for both Tom and Joyce

Kennon, Jim's friend, after his hearing last week, is only expected to serve a couple of months

**Billy Ruth Miller,** relative in Debra's family, had some skin cancer removed; pray it was all removed

Mary C.'s son, Aaron, continues to struggle with health issues

Mary Porter has been ill; running tests to see if it is valley fever or pneumonia

Tank is still in a long-term rehab working on strengthening his legs

Brooks Littleton, 3 month old ill with RSV

Rafaela Lara very ill with cancer

**Aidan,** great grandson of Barbara, undergoing physical therapy after brain surgery **Jim,** liver cancer; needs a transplant, (a request from Adrianne's niece)

Billy, Debra's son unspoken prayer

**Unspoken Prayers** . . . we know their names, and, above all, God knows them...

Mary N. having struggles with her health

We have moved several of those on our New Prayer List to the Long-Term Prayer List that will put out once a month so please remember to let us know updates on any of those on prayer lists so we can give updates! Just because we move the name off does not mean we are not to continue to pray for that person.