

Goodbye, September!
hello,
October.

September 29, 2024

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

BIBLE CLASS

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

John 9:1 ff

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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www.shafterchurchofchrist.com

Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFi8-2G

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password: purplelemon096

What's
Up?

TONIGHT- Song and Supper 6:00 p.m.

Bring your voices and a dish to share

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

October 1 – Elders Meeting

**Thursday night dinners Thursday Meals PLEASE talk with Debra. She
is looking for people for October and November. If you will help out
with a dessert or cookies let LaDona know.**

October 3rd Cooks:

October 10th Cooks: Barbara Pflugh

October 17th Cooks: Sharon and Buggie

October 24th Cooks:

October 31st NO DINNER SERVED as it is Halloween

**October 5 – Prayer Breakfasts - Men in the kitchen at 8:00 a.m.
Ladies at 9:30 at Vivian's**

October 11 - Movie Night – 6:00 p.m. Bring your own beverage

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

4th - Francisco Bonilla

21st - Jim Young

25th - Sarinah Bernal

28th - Ron McDougal

Anniversary's

14th - Jim & Debra

19th - Mike & Sandy



Pastor's Corner of Light: Every Conflict Needs Two Virtues

In a disagreement/conflict too many times a stand is taken in a way that is harmful to those involved. If we have expressed a biblical truth without **biblical love & humility**, then we missed the mark! Whatever the subject, even if we believe ourselves to be right, we must avoid being wrong **in the way** we express the message – if we want to honor Christ. The qualities of love and humility are part of the Lord's plan for godly communication, and they're necessary to avoid being wrong in our manner—even when we're right in our message. These virtues guard us from being rude, harsh, angry, or condescending. In love—as we've been loved by Christ—we'll communicate not only with conviction but also with gracious affection. In humility—as we've been served by Christ—we'll communicate not only with courage but also with deference to others, considering them more important than ourselves.

How can we display **Christlike humility and love** in our communication? In at least five ways. **1. Recognize the other viewpoint.** Listen to gain an understanding of the other person's circumstances and heart. Ask questions for clarification and give space for a thorough response.

2. Respond with gracious wisdom. Let **Jas 3:17** guide your response: "The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere." Imagine communicating like that. Purpose and pray in advance.

3. Reason from the Scriptures. The Scriptures are the Christian's authority for all of life: "The rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether" ([Ps. 19:9](#)). Since our goal in disagreement must be for all involved to glorify Christ by submitting to his Word, resist the temptation to argue from personal experience or preference.

4. Reaffirm your love.

We live in a culture that equates disagreement with hate. That's not the genuine Christian way, for "love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God" **1 John 4:7** It's helpful to overtly communicate that you genuinely care, and that you're seeking to love as Christ has loved you. Provide reassurance with your affection and concern—with both actions and words.

5. Realize your limitations. Remember it's the Lord, not you, who transforms hearts and lives. You can say and do the right things, but that doesn't guarantee that others will agree or mend their ways. Trust the Lord that His Word will accomplish His purposes in both you and others as you continue to pursue being right—in the right way.



How to Pray in Five Dimensions

By Rick Warren — 09/21/2024

"Give yourselves completely to God—every part of you—for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes."

Romans 6:13 (TLB)

Since God is multidimensional, you don't want to make your prayers one-dimensional. There are actually five dimensions of your life that you can pray about.

When you pray, look backward to the cross.

It's good to start your prayers with the cross because it helps you have an attitude of gratitude. When you think about Jesus dying for you on the cross, it reminds you how deeply God loves you, how costly sin is, and how completely you're forgiven.

"For you know that God paid a ransom to save you. . . . And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God" (1 Peter 1:18-19 NLT).

When you pray, look upward to your loving Father.

The way you see God will influence every area of your life, including whether or not your prayers are fruitful. If you only make one change to your prayers, start calling God "Father." You'll start to better understand just how much he loves you and how he works for your good.

Romans 8:16-17 says, *"For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs"* (NLT).

When you pray, look inward to Jesus living in you.

Jesus is in you, and you are unconditionally accepted by God the Father. This gives you the freedom and courage to face up to your faults. Before you can get better, you have to admit what's bad.

"Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups" (2 Corinthians 13:5 MSG).

When you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to use you.

Instead of complaining about or judging the world, just say, "Holy Spirit, show me what's wrong and how I can make a difference. Use me." When you make yourself available to God, he will use you for his good.

The Bible says, *"Give yourself completely to God—every part of you—for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes"* (Romans 6:13 TLB).

When you pray, look forward to your future in faith.

Parents love to hear their children talk about their dreams—and so does God! Tell him about your thoughts, ideas, and dreams. He is a good Father who is waiting for you to talk to him.

"I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished on the Day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6 GNT).

Prayer REQUESTS



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.

PRAISE

Debra doing well after her procedure for pacemaker

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.

Pray for our continued growth and fellowship as God's family.

***Westley** has another upcoming court date on the 30th

***Claire** will be starting radiation after she is a little stronger but is home now

***Hector** comfort after suffering heart attack

***Rick and Barbara** friends of Debra's both have cancer

* Continued prayers for **Ann co-worker of Debra's** who lost her son

* Continued healing for **Adrienne** after her issues with breathing and blood clots

* Continued prayers for correct healing for Linda Winters hand & thumb

TRAVELING

Nina, Anne and Janese visiting family and celebrating Nina's sister, Jannette's 98th Birthday while in Indiana

Buddy and Darlene trip to Wyoming

Brandan, Alex and Jesse had a wonderful time in Canada and are now back in Virginia
Herlinder, Connie's friend, is suffering with liver cancer

Kristine, Mary C.'s daughter, had to have a 2nd knee surgery and is still struggling with her situation

Gerald as he continues dealing with his health problems

Rose for continued healing of her wrist

Buddy continued prayers

Cheryl White and Jim White

Election time and lots going on. Just remember we have our freedom to make the choice we pray will be the best choice for our country. Spend a lot of time praying for it to be a more kind time, that the candidates choose their words wisely and the parties wake up and be an example in how it's done. Also, pray that the media would not concentrate on this battle of words so much.

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

Please remember to email or text Jan or Sandy with any updates or changes for current and long-term prayer list.

We know that our prayer warriors pray for specific concerns for each person. Have No Updates on the Long-term prayer list so will continue to wait for any updates on those

On the previous list before we put a new one out.