



2, 2025

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

November 1 - Prayer Breakfasts

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

Women's 9:30 a.m. Joyce's Home

November 6 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30

November 6 - Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. at Tin Cup

November 4 - Elder's Meeting 8:00 a.m.

November 13 - Last Thursday night supper until January 8th

November 27 - Thanksgiving



Happy Birthday

Happy November Birthdays

4 - Jan Nelson

5 - Onan Diaz

19 - Mary Nixon

24 - Ron Nunlist

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Ephesians 6:10ff

Classes in English & Spanish



9:00 Prayer Worship

Please give us your requests

9:30 Worship Service

Worship in English & Spanish

Elders

Borjas Gonzales	599-9311
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Ron Nunlist	746-6531

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Monday ~ Tuesday ~ Wednesday
8 am to 1 pm

Thursday
11 am to 4:30 pm

Friday Out of the Office

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Bible on your phone

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MySpectrumWiFif8-5G

password: purplelemon096

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

Philippians 4:12 NIV

God, I want to learn contentment regardless of my circumstances. Fill my heart with thanksgiving and help me to see all the ways that you've provided for me. Help me value your presence above anything else in my life.

(taken from Prayers & Promises for Women)

PASTOR'S CORNER - "You Don't Need Another Prayer Technique"

TGC: June 22, 2025 | [Cassie Watson](#)

I thought index cards would solve everything. While my new system does help me be more organized and varied in my petitions, it hasn't turned me into an Olympic runner in prayer. What I have found is that in order to overcome sluggishness in prayer, we need a heart of humble dependence. We neglect prayer because we don't feel like we need it. Ever since the garden of Eden, humanity has tried to make our own way without relying on God. Our culture encourages self-reliance.

When I don't pray about decisions, it's because I think I can make a good choice based on my wisdom and the information I've gathered. When I don't pray against a particular temptation, it's because I think I'll be strong enough next time to say no. God's Word is clear that a humble heart is essential to coming before God's throne of grace. Someone has pointed out that Scripture says far more about **the motivation** for prayer than **methodologies** for prayer. Prayer is a "declaration of dependence."

We often look to the Lord's Prayer as a template for the petitions we should make to God but more than that Jesus teaches us a heart posture brings us to God seeking Him as "our Father," and to humble ourselves before the One who is "in heaven," to seek His kingdom before our own concerns, to ask for daily bread instead of trying to obtain it by our toil ([Matt. 6:9-13](#)).

Jesus also encourages us to imitate the persistent widow ([Luke 18:1-8](#)). What kept her coming repeatedly to the judge for help was that she was desperate and knew she did not have the power on her own. Jesus wants us to come to our Father with this kind of dependence because we know His character. We can humble ourselves under God and bring our anxieties to Him because He cares for us ([1 Pet. 5:7](#)). If we want to grow in humility, we must rely on God to transform us. Pray: "Lord, I know I don't pray as I ought. Forgive me and teach me to depend on You." God's answer to this prayer for humility may be painful. He often uses suffering to strip us of self-sufficiency or any other recourse. But anything that makes me need God is a blessing. If we're to rely on God we need to know Him intimately. This takes repeated study and meditation on Scripture—day after day, year after year. Through the Bible, gaze at God's holiness ([Isa. 6](#)). Recount all He's done to care for His people throughout history ([Ps. 136](#)). Marvel at Christ, who is both able and willing to save ([Matt. 8:1-3](#)). Train your eyes to see in creation the evidence of your Father's constant care (6:25-34).



*Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects
into Him who is the head, that is, Christ.*

~ Ephesians 4:15 NASB

NEW THIS WEEK

Buddy had shoulder surgery on Tuesday and is home recuperating

Mark Keeley had knee replacement surgery on Wednesday

Jan was in the hospital for a couple of days; has fluid around the heart; will have follow-up tests to try and determine the cause; knee is doing well

Robert is struggling with some digestive problems

David as he struggles with a variety of issues

Reuben, Sally's brother, was injured at work and is still struggling with physical problems

John Maltby, prostate cancer

Sally's father hurt his back and can hardly move and is in a lot of pain

Westbrook family – their grandson, Jordan, was married yesterday so they have had family traveling this past week; congratulations on the marriage



AS I LOVE

*"To you who are willing to listen, I say, love your
enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those
who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you."*

Luke 6:27-28 NLT

Kind Father, you are overflowing in love to all. You do not show favoritism in the measure you dole out to each. Jesus, when I am being flattened by the weight of unmet expectations in relationships, let me remember your life! Some of your closest friends denied and deserted you, and your enemies put you to death. Even so, you lovingly offered forgiveness for each - even those who hated your guts.

Lord, I will follow your humble example. Keep my heart right when offense rears up and I want to get even instead of laying down my rights to retaliation. I am willing to be changed by you, God. You always know the best route for love. Let me not forget that it mostly looks like self-sacrifice. May my heart remain willing to be led by you through thick and thin, mercifully offering what may never be reciprocated. You are worth it.

*Can you choose to replace the hate in your heart
with love or at least the willingness to love?*

One of the sweet ladies in my BSF Bible Study sent me the following prayer this week by Marcus Stanley. It really spoke to my heart and so I wanted to share hoping it might speak for some of you as well. - Jan



Dear God,

Thank You for everything. Thank You for this day that you've given me and for the precious gift of life. Thank You for the air you put in my lungs and the strength to smile through every tear.

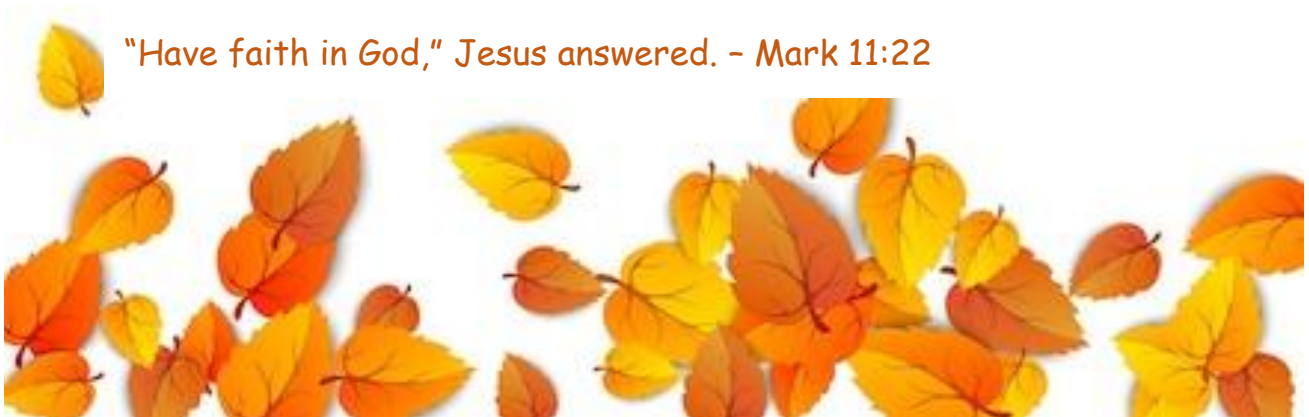
As I stand in Your presence right now, I give everything to You. Your word in Isaiah 41:10 says, "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

God, this scripture is the cry of my heart and my lifeline. I stand on Your promises and I will trust You. My mind is focused on You, and I will not overthink. I will not worry, and I will not stress. I will believe what You've said and trust Your timing.

Thank You for hearing my prayer. I hear Your voice, and I will rest in You today.

In Jesus' name,
Amen

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. - Mark 11:22



Extended Long Term Prayer List

Please email or text updates to Jan or Sandy

Health issues: Physical, mental, and spiritual health:

Bonnie (April's daughter)

Barbara P ~ Earl's aunt Christine, ~ Casey,

Charles Jones ~ Chris (Buggy's friend) ~

David & Millie (Ron's brother & wife) ~ **Gary,**

Buggy's husband, is struggling with some

mental issues ~ **Hannah** (Trina's daughter) ~

Lupi (Gonzales's granddaughter) ~ **Mel,**

Barbara P.'s brother health issues ~ **Nancy**

(David's friend) ~ **Francis and Suzanne,**

sisters in Christ, are both recovering from

operations ~ **Jason,** Sharon's son, will be

having more tests for his liver ~ **Joan,**

Vivian's sister, is not doing well with COPD ~

Jason (Borjas's son) ~ **Joyce & Tom ~**

Richard (Sammy's friend) ~ **Kelly,** Sally's

cousin, is struggling with multiple serious

health issues ~ **Paula** (Nancy's friend) sepsis

~ **Ronnie** (Nancy's son) ~ **Sally's daughter,**

upcoming surgery ~ **Syble ~ Tate,** Anne's

son and Nina's grandson, health issues ~

Tammy (a relative of the Fisher's son-n-law)

paralyzed from waist ~ **Wes Agee,** Kern

County firefighter, was moved to a medical

center in Colorado ~

Serving in the Military: Chris & Jonah

(friends of Trina) who are soldiers in the Middle East

Cancer and treatments:

Bill (Debra's brother) ~

Cathy Turner ~

Everett (relative of Nancy's) is nearing his final days due to his cancer ~

Gary (Mike's brother) ~

James (Darlene's brother) ~

Jessie (friend of Earl) ~ **Kristina** (Debra's co-worker) ~

Johnnie Rudat and family; she is 12 years old and is fighting her second occurrence of cancer; doctors said it was terminal (Sharon's friend) ~

Kelly, one of Doris Friesen's sons, has been diagnosed with stomach cancer ~

Oliver (Earl's friend)

Pat (Debra's co-worker) ~

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

Wendy (member of Debra's family) ~

Our Youth: to pray to make good choices

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

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