



FEBRUARY 10, 2019

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

**WORSHIP TIMES**

**Sunday Morning**  
9:30

Classes in English & Spanish  
10:45  
Worship in English & Spanish

**Sunday Evening**  
6:00

Classes in English & Spanish

**Wednesday Evening**  
6:00

Class in Spanish - Lerdo building  
Children's Class - fellowship hall

**Elders**

Eddie Fisher 746-6090  
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Garry Nelson 746-3074  
Mike Westbrook 746-1237

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Mark Keeley 758-0132  
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**Ministers**

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*Jim Young will be speaking again this morning, we will enjoy hearing his lesson seeing he and Deborah again!*



11<sup>th</sup> Jerry & Jane Akman  
14<sup>th</sup> Lorenzo & Andrea Barraza

**Today**

**Bible Class: 9:30 – 10:30**

**Adult & Teen Class:** Mike Westbrook  
Video – Ray Vander Lann

**Children's Class:** Vivian Fisher

**Worship: 10:45 – 12:00**

**Announcements:** Buddy Hooper

**Song Leader:** Mike Westbrook

**Opening Prayer:** Jason Jeffcoat

**Lord's Table:** Demetrio Diaz & Mark Keeley

**Lesson:** Jim Young

**Closing Prayer:** Ed Coleman

**Thursday Supper:** This week the cook is Ron and Idanell is making the dessert. Next week Jan and Syble are cooking and Rose is making the dessert.

**February 17<sup>th</sup> FREE Parenting Seminar** First Steps, take a step towards Godly parenting, hosted by the West Visalia congregation. Please see the bulletin board for more information

**Thank You to Buddy Hooper** and his tractor for helping out Ed by leveling along Beech and Minter Avenues. if you have any 3/4" or 1" PVC pipe or fittings or rain bird sprinklers you don't plan on using and would like to donate please see Ed.

**Sunday Morning** everyone please make an effort to come at 9:30 for these wonderful videos! Why Not Experience the Bible for Yourself? Join renowned teacher and historian, Ray Vander Laan, as he guides you through the land of the Bible.

**Sunday Nights at 6:00** We have started a teaching and participation class seeking guidance from our Lord for His church in Shafter. It is a time to humbly seek His will. Please come and support this endeavor.

**Free Health Screenings** on Thursdays, flyers are in the back

**Elders meetings** are on the first and third Mondays of the month, please let them know if there is something you would like them to discuss

**February 24<sup>th</sup> Song and Supper**



**Syble and Jan** are doing the bulletin. Please contact them with any information you would like to have in it. Please also remember to update the prayer list, we always love to see those on the praise list, answered prayer and God in our lives.

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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**

**David Ramirez** friend of Rodriguez family is doing great

### **\*New**

**\*Mike Enns**, friend of Nelsons, melanoma surgery Tuesday

**\*Carroll Winter** is scheduled for cataract surgery tomorrow

**Our Church Family** for wisdom and direction as we look for a new minister

**Buddy Hooper** is still having knee pain

**Jobs for Jesse and Craig**

**Krista and Kali Keeley** are in Greece for a semester through Harding University

**Dave Nunlist** had surgery last Monday

**Ron Perkins** had knee replacement surgery and is doing well, Prayer also for **Caroline** as caregiver

**Barbara Pflugh** has not been well, prayer also for **LeRoy** as caregiver

**Dave Rawlins** repair of aortic aneurism

**Mindy Rumbo** is recovering from surgery

**Bill Stallings** had a pacemaker implanted after his surgery and is doing well

**Kevin Turner**, Garry's brother-in-law had another heart attack, stints previously put in were lengthened

**Mike Westbrook** is having back issues

**Judy Zimmerman**, friend of Nina is home now and will be fitted for a prothesis

### **Prayer for Those with Cancer**

**Jimmy Carroll**, hospice

**Ron Cribbs**, friend of Jan's, stem cell transplant

**Wayne Granger**, Darlene's brother, stage 4 liver cancer

**Greg Hayes**, friend of Buddy, leukemia, hospice

**Jeremiah McCoy**, 19-year-old friend of Francisco

**Karen Preston**, Mary's friend, cancer in stage 2

**Sarah Reddick**, Julie's cousin, metastatic breast cancer

**Rebecca Salyards**, Jason's mom

**Earl Stanifer**, Jan's brother surgery for bladder cancer,

**Charles Waldrum**, Tanks nephew, cancer has returned

**Gary Westbrook**, Mike's brother, myeloma

### **Traveling**

**Julie Armstrong & kids** are in Hawaii visiting relatives

**April Barton** will be visiting her sister in Houston the 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

**Dustin & Berniece Hooper**, Dustin is traveling to Germany & France for work

**Garry & Jan Nelson** are in LA for Rotary function

**Mary Nixon** is in Oceanside to visit friends, back in 2 weeks

**Craig Watkins** is in Colorado to visit Cindy and then Washington to visit Ron & Caroline Perkins

## **Who's the Real Source of Opposition?**

By Rick Warren

"Be humble when you correct people who oppose you . . . They have been trapped by the devil, and he makes them obey him, but God may help them escape" (2 Timothy 2:25-26 CEV).

When you face opposition because of your faith, you need to recognize its source.

It's not other people. It's not your coworkers. It's not a political party. It's not some other nation or religion. It's not a competitor. The pressure you feel to cave in or be quiet or sit down when you should stand up—that pressure is not coming from other people. It's really coming from Satan.

In Revelation 12:10 Satan is called the accuser of the Christians. His number one job is to put you down. There is an unseen spiritual battle going on all around you. This pressure to keep you from doing the right thing is not really coming from other people. They're just weapons. Most of the time they don't even know they're being used. The real issue is spiritual warfare. Ephesians 6:12 says, "We are not fighting against human beings but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world" (GNT).

Satan knows it's ineffective to attack Jesus Christ directly, so instead he attacks Jesus' followers. He uses the media and music and popular culture and anything he can to ridicule those who belong to Jesus. He's behind the voices saying, "Those Christians are out of date. They're on the wrong side of history. They don't know what they're talking about. They're bigots."

Here's what the Bible says you should do: "Stay away from stupid and senseless arguments. These only lead to trouble, and God's servants must not be troublemakers. They must be kind to everyone, and they must be good teachers and very patient. Be humble when you correct people who oppose you . . . They have been trapped by the devil, and he makes them obey him, but God may help them escape" (2 Timothy 2:23-26 CEV).

If you don't have the Holy Spirit in your life, then you have no defense against Satan. He can master your moods. He can lead you into depression. He can make you angry.

You may think you're strong, but you're not strong enough to fight Satan's attacks on your own. What you need to do is recognize the source—the Devil, not the person—and treat the opposition the way Jesus did. How did Jesus treat those who opposed him? Even on the cross he said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing."

The people who attack you don't know what they're doing. The people who put down Jesus and church and Christianity? They don't know what they're doing. Just like Jesus, you need to pray, too, "Father, forgive them" so that you can show love even under attack and so you'll have more energy to fight the real enemy.

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