

Welcome

September 9, 2018

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 850 MINTER AVE., SHAFER, 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
Steve Mann 746-6446
Garry Nelson 746-3074
Mike Westbrook 746-1237

Deacons

Mark Keeley 758-0132
Ron Nunlist 746-6531
Chon Rodriguez 910-1788
Spencer Stallings 589-0422
Carroll Winter 301-4228

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Today

Bible Class: 9:30 – 10:30

Adult & Teen Class:

Video – Ray Vander Laan

Children's Class: Syble Mann

Worship: 10:45 – 12:00

Announcements: LeRoy Pflugh

Song Leader: Mike Westbrook

Opening Prayer: Carroll Winter

Lord's Table: Demetrio Diaz

Garry Nelson

Lesson: Steve Mann

Closing Prayer: Eddie Fisher

We are very pleased to have
brother Johann Urbaz here
today as our speaker. Welcome!



Happy Birthday

TODAY

Sandy Westbrook

Sept 15

Kara Jeffcoat

We also had several visitors with us last week:

- Diana Martinez
- Esteban Cervantes
- Jose Perez
- Isidro Lopez

We welcome you back anytime you can come.

Happy Anniversary



TODAY to

Steve and Syble Mann

Thursday night cooks: Syble and Jan
Desserts: Syble, Jan & volunteer needed



**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
OCTOBER 12th and 13th**

WORKDAY HERE AT THE BUILDING.

We need all hands on deck! Please
mark your calendars!

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS every 3rd Thursday of the month, Shafter Senior Center, flyers are on the back table

September 16th – 18th Gospel meeting "Women in the 21st Century Church" at the Highland congregation in Bakersfield, 7 pm; check the bulletin board for more info.

September 22nd Annual Fall Ladies Day at the West Visalia congregation, see the bulletin board in the foyer for more information

September 28th – 30th Unchained, A Journey Through Galatians at the Woodward Park congregation in Fresno, see the bulletin board

September 30th, World Christian Broadcasting's Global Sunday, Pray, Give, Share

October 12-14 Youth Forum at West Visalia Church of Christ; register online at www.wvcoc.org/youth-forum

Syble and Jan will be doing the bulletin for the month of **September**. 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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Prayer

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.

*New

- ***Our Church Family** for wisdom and direction as we face not having a minister after November 1st
- ***Sean Kahmelli**, Ron Nunlist's grandson Matthew's father is scheduled for throat surgery
- ***Garry Nelson** will be seeing cardiologist tomorrow
- ***Ed Coleman** received a clean bill of health from his cardiologist (Praise!)
- ***Vivian Fisher** has been having blood pressure issues
- ***Kitt Grizzle** had surgery to remove a large lump under her arm; waiting for biopsy although doctor believes benign
- ***Barbara Pflugh** still recovering from shoulder surgery
- Buddy Hooper** improving but still unable return to work
- Daniel Avila**, son of Yolanda, one of our Thursday night friends lost his job and she asks for prayer on his behalf
- Tanya Barton Klieman**, Earl's daughter had breast cancer surgery and is doing well
- Mark Forrester**, friend of the Mann's, prostate cancer
- Barbara Pflugh** had shoulder surgery
- Bill Stallings**, Linda Winter's brother, robotic repair of mitral heart valve in LA, no date set yet
- Karen Beauchamp's** to see a pulmonary specialist
- Mike Garcia**, Thursday night friend, son and daughter-in-law are missing
- Karen Beauchamp & Family** are looking for a house to rent
- Micah Holsonbake & Daylee Despot** missing since March
- Jason Jeffcoat, Jr.**, needs prayer to make good decisions
- Chad Mann**, Steve & Syble's nephew is facing some severe medical challenges
- Rebecca Salyards**, Jason's mom is going to UCLA for treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Tanner**, April's 2 year-old great-nephew, who has many medical issues will be going through more tests
- David Westbrook** had successful cochlear implant surgery

Prayer for Those with Cancer

- Jimmy Carroll**, hospice
- Ron Cribbs**, friend of Jan's, at Cedars Sinai for leukemia
- Don Kileen**, Tank's friend, cancer
- Jeremiah McCoy**, 19-year-old friend of Francisco
- Kim Moshier**, Jim's twin sister is doing chemo
- Barbara Nadeau**, friend of Charla, hospice with cancer,
- Karen Preston**, Mary's friend, cancer in stage 2
- Sarah Reddick**, Julie's cousin, metastatic breast cancer
- Charles Waldrum**, Tanks nephew, cancer has returned
- Gary Westbrook**, Mike's brother, myeloma

Traveling

- Jan Nelson** left this morning for Sacramento; back Wed.
- Nina Keeley** back from Washington on the 12th
- Carroll & Linda Winter** in Arizona with Philip

God Grows Us One Step at a Time

By Rick Warren

"So get rid of your old self, which made you live as you used to — the old self that was being destroyed by its deceitful desires. Your hearts and minds must be made completely new, and you must put on the new self, which is created in God's likeness and reveals itself in the true life that is upright and holy" (Ephesians 4:22-24 GNT).

Although God could instantly transform us, he has chosen to develop us slowly. Jesus was deliberate in developing his disciples, just as God allowed the Israelites to take over the Promised Land "little by little" so they wouldn't be overwhelmed (see Deuteronomy 7:22). He prefers to work in incremental steps in our lives.

Why does it take so long to change and grow up? There are several reasons:

- **We are slow learners.** We often have to relearn a lesson 40 or 50 times to really get it. The problems keep recurring, and we think, "Not again! I've already learned that!" But God knows better. The history of Israel illustrates how quickly we forget the lessons God teaches us and how soon we revert to our old patterns of behavior. We need repeated exposure.
- **We have a lot to unlearn.** Since most of our problems — and all of our bad habits — didn't develop overnight, it's unrealistic to expect them go away immediately. There is no pill, prayer, or principle that will instantly undo the damage of many years. It requires the hard work of removal and replacement. The Bible calls it "taking off the old self" and "putting on the new self" (Romans 13:12; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:7-10, 14).
- **Growth is often painful and scary.** There is no growth without change, there is no change without fear or loss, and there is no loss without pain. Every change involves a loss of some kind. We fear these losses, even if our old ways were self-defeating, because, like a worn-out pair of shoes, they were at least comfortable and familiar.
- **Good habits take time to develop.** Remember that your character is the sum total of your habits. You can't claim to be kind unless you are habitually kind. Your habits define your character.

There is only one way to develop the habits of Christ like character: You must practice them — and that takes time! There are no instant habits. Paul urged Timothy, *"Practice these things. Devote your life to them so that everyone can see your progress"* (1 Timothy 4:15 GW).

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