



15, 2026

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

### WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning  
8:30 Bible Classes  
Mark 2:23 ff

Classes in English & Spanish



9:00 Prayer Worship  
Please give us your requests

9:30 Worship Service  
Worship in English & Spanish

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Monday ~ Tuesday ~ Wednesday  
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Thursday  
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Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFi8-2G

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It was great to see so many friends and family join us last week for our Quarterly Luncheon. Thank you to everyone who helped with set up, decorations, delicious food, and clean-up. It was a wonderful time of fellowship.

Help is needed to keep the prayer list more current. Periodically, I have to just remove people who have been on there for a long time with no update from anyone because I eventually run out of space. PLEASE help by texting me when you want someone removed or an update on their condition, otherwise I am just trying to make a guess as to when to remove them from the list.



### Important Dates

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

March 19 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

March 19 - Thursday Night Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

March 26 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

April 2 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

April 2 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30

April 4 - Prayer Breakfasts

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

Women's - 9:30 a.m. location TBA

April 5 - EASTER

April 7 - Elders Meeting 8:00 a.m.

April 9 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

## PASTOR'S CORNER - Why Reading God's Word is Beneficial!

**It Makes You Wise For Salvation:** When Paul wrote to Timothy he mentioned that Timothy had known the Scriptures from childhood and that they were, "the sacred writing which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:14,5).

**It Helps Grow Your Relationship with God:** All relationships take time to build. Building fellowship with others takes time. If we want to grow a friendship with God, we need time in His presence for that relationship to flourish. Reading the Bible on a daily basis allows us the opportunity to get to know God: What He cares about? How does He respond to different situations? Who does He love?

**It Helps You Fight Temptation:** The Bible offers stories of imperfect people and we are told that these stories were written for our benefit: "Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did" (1 Cor. 10:1-13). The word of God acts as a sword against the attacks of the devil (Eph. 6:17). The psalmist tells us, "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:11).

**It Helps Nourish Your Soul:** Psalm 1 tells us the man who delights in the law of the Lord is like a "tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." Isaiah 55 compares time with the Lord to a feast in which we can delight our souls in the richest of fare. Jesus told us that abiding in Him was more necessary than food or water: apart from Him, we can do nothing (John 15). However, in Christ we can do all things (Phil 4:13).

**It Helps Provide Comfort:** Knowing God's promises, in the full context of His word, helps us to put our hope in God and find comfort for our souls in times of hardship and distress. The psalmist tells us, "This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your promise gives me life" (Psalm 119:5) "Blessed be the Father of mercies and God of all comfort who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

**It Helps Transform You to Be Like Christ:** **Rom 12:2** *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."*

**Prov 3:5,6** *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, & He will make your paths straight."*

*For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.*

*Proverbs 23:7 KJV*

Sometimes, O God, we erect roadblocks in our own paths, harboring negative attitudes or worrying thoughts that most often prove unnecessary. Lighten our loads and inspire us to new ways of thinking. When you begin the transform our lives, please begin with our minds.



*If you need prayer, please let the Elders know, or call Vivian Fisher (889-4075) to start the prayer chain.*

**NEW THIS WEEK**

**Lord, give me concern and compassion for the lost that I meet today. Open doors so I might share YOUR message!**

**Gerald (Tank)** is struggling with an infection in his body

**Kris**, Gerald's health care provider, fell and was injured bad enough that she will be out of commission for 4 – 6 weeks. **Mary** will need to be Gerald's temporary provider.

**Anne**, Nina's daughter, doctors at UCLA will be working on a treatment plan for her

**Brenda** is still traveling to see family and is traveling home soon.

Prayers that **Ben & Jeanie** have safe travels to Oregon and that they are able to find a new home quickly

**Garry and Jan** fly to Portland on Tuesday morning; prayer for safe travel; will be back on the 29th

**Continued Prayer:**

**Hannah** needs our prayers

**Garry**, Buggy's husband, has serious health issues and mental struggles as well

**Mark Keeley** continued healing from his second knee replacement

**David** has an acquaintance he is encouraging regarding her religious acceptance

**Mary P.**, continued healing

**Earl** prayer for health concerns

**Bob**, Earl's brother-in-law, requests prayer

**Susan**, LaDona's former roommate at Brookdale to know the Lord

**Kimara**, friend of Chris & Natalie, comfort after the passing of her husband

Numerous **members of Sally's family** have health problems: Father recovering from work accident; cousin Kelly recovering from surgery; Rueben, brother, knee injury.

**Mike G.**, Borjas' friend, has prostate cancer and having radiation treatment

**Anthony**, Borjas' grandson needs strength to help him with his co-workers

**Buddy** continued healing of his shoulder

**Vivian** dealing with blood pressure problems

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts . . . We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4:6, 8-9



***Jesus paid it all! There are no bills due for your sin!  
You are now free to simply trust and obey.***

Stop trying to earn something from God. Stop trying to gain more of his acceptance. Stop trying to earn his favor. Stop trying to win his allegiance. Stop trying to do something that would pay for his blessing. Stop trying to morally buy your way out of his anger. Stop trying to reach a level where you will know lasting peace with him. Just stop trying. Just stop.

So many Christians load onto their shoulders a burden that they do not have to bear. They get up every morning and pick up the heavy load of trying somehow, some way to achieve something with God. They work hard to exercise what they do not have in hopes they can achieve what is impossible. It simply cannot work. So where does it lead? It leads either to the scary pride of self-righteousness – a culture of moralistic self-backslappers, who have no problem judging those who have not achieved the level of righteousness they think that they have – or to fear and discouragement – a culture of people who don't run to God with their sin because they're afraid of him.

Paul wipes out this distorted, debilitating "buy your way into grace" culture with a striking economy of words: "Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law" (Gal. 3:11). It is a statement that requires no preamble and no amendment. No one is ever accepted by God because he or she has kept the law. No one. That's it; no compromises and no deals are needed. They are not needed because, first, it is impossible to buy your way into God's favor because sin makes you a lawbreaker and, second, your bills were fully and completely paid in the single payment of the cross of Jesus Christ. Christ did not make the first payment on your moral mortgage; he paid your entire moral mortgage in one single payment so that you could live in relationship to God debt-free forever. God's law is not your payment plan because there is no payment plan when the demands of a mortgage have been satisfied once and forever in one single payment.

So stop trying to measure up to get whatever from God. Stop hiding from him when you mess up. Stop comparing yourself to other people, wondering if God loves you less because you're not as "good" as them. Stop naming the good things you do as righteousness that not only gets you closer to God, but also proves to others that you are. Just stop asking the law to do what only grace can achieve and start resting in the fact that you don't have any moral bills due because Jesus paid them all on the cross. And when you sin, don't pretend you didn't, don't panic, and don't hide. Run to Jesus and receive mercy in your time of need, the kind of mercy he paid for you to have.

***For further study and encouragement: Isaiah 53***

*(Taken from New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp)*