

March

29, 2026

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 4:26ff

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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This evening is Song and Supper
so please bring a dish to share with others
at 6 pm for an evening of singing fellowship

Please bring 12 plastic Easter eggs filled
with candy for the children. Debra would
like to have them by April 4th



FYI

• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

**Mary Nixon is still at Carrington but
has moved from room # 37 and
NOW is in # 10**

UPCOMING Events

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

March 30 - Song & Supper 6:00 p.m.

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

April 2 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30 Cook: Nancy

April 4 - Prayer Breakfasts

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

Women's - 9:30 a.m. will be at Jan's home

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

April 16 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30 Cook: Darlene

April 16 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

April 23 - Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. in the church kitchen

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

APRIL Birthdays & Anniversary's

4th Eddie and Joyce

17th Diana

23rd Italvy

28th Robert Jr

3rd Garry & Jan

4th Carroll & Linda

April 1st is Nina's sister Janette's 100th Birthday

PASTOR'S CORNER –

Reasons for 'Worship' Singing

1. We imitate and echo God's singing: In the book of Zephaniah the righteous remnant is commanded to “sing aloud” and “rejoice and exult with all your heart” because “the King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst” and “has taken away the judgments against you” ([Zeph. 3:14,15](#)). In response to what God will do **He sings over His redeemed** ([Zeph. 3:17](#))

2. We sing because God has written songs for us to sing. God has given us songs that help us know how to praise, confess, give thanks, lament, cry out for justice, and MORE. But there are also the songs of Moses ([Ex. 15](#); [Deut. 32](#)), Deborah ([Judges 5](#)), Hannah ([1 Sam. 2:1–10](#)), David ([2 Sam. 22](#)), Isaiah (Isa. 5:1–7; 42, 49, 52–53), and Habakkuk ([Hab. 3](#)) in the Old Testament and the songs of Mary ([Luke 1:46–55](#)), Zechariah ([Luke 1:68–79](#)), the angels ([Luke 2:14](#)), Simeon ([Luke 2:29–32](#)), and Paul ([Phil. 2:6–11](#); [Col. 1:15–20](#); cf. [Rom. 11:33–36](#); [1 Tim. 3:16](#); [2 Tim. 2:11–13](#)), as well as the heavenly hymns of Revelation ([Rev. 4:8](#); [5:9–10](#); [7:10–12](#), [15:3–4](#); [19:1–8](#)) in the New Testament. We join with saints and angels, singing “Hallelujah” for God's majesty, holiness, justice, faithfulness, wisdom, power, and mercy, because God has given us songs to sing.

3. God commands us to sing. Thirty-plus times God's people are commanded to sing in the Psalm. Elsewhere David exhorts Israel, “Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day” ([1 Chron. 16:23](#)), as do Isaiah ([Isa. 12:5–6](#); [42:10](#); [44:23](#); [49:13](#); [54:1](#)), Jeremiah ([Jer. 20:13](#); [31:7](#)), Zephaniah ([Zeph. 3:14](#)), and Zechariah ([Zech. 2:10](#)). Likewise, Paul commands the church to address “one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart” ([Eph. 5:19](#)), and James 5:13: “Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise”

4. We sing because it is good for our bodies and souls. It is with our “hearts” or “souls” that we receive grace from God through song. We typically feel spiritually nourished when we sing? When we sing, we engage our whole selves in a way that builds up the body (the church), as well as *our bodies*. Finally, *joy* (a smile, laugh, or tear) is often the natural companion of such music: “They sang praises with gladness” ([2 Chron. 29:30](#)) “My *heart* and *flesh* sing for joy to the living God” ([Ps. 84:2](#)) We sing because singing is good for the whole person.

5. Singing in church unites us physically, emotionally, and spiritually as God's people while it simultaneously witnesses to the world.

We sing to exalt God, but also to edify believers and evangelize outsiders. In **1 Cor 14:24,25** Paul speaks of the “unbeliever or outsider” coming to the Christian gathering, being “convicted by all,” and “having the secrets of his heart disclosed,” and then worshipping God and declaring “that God is really among you.” We sing in church because it unites us—physically, emotionally, and spiritually—as God's people, while it also bears witness to the world.

Days of Praise

The Price of Sparrows

“Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.”
([Matthew 10:29](#))

This fascinating bit of first-century pricing information, seemingly so trivial, provides a marvelous glimpse into the heart of the Creator. Of all the birds used for food by the people of those days, sparrows were the cheapest on the market, costing only a farthing for a pair of them. In fact, they cost even less in a larger quantity, for on another occasion Jesus said, “Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?” ([Luke 12:6](#)). The farthing was a tiny copper coin of very small value, so a sparrow was all but worthless in human terms.

And yet the Lord Jesus said that God knows and cares about every single sparrow! God had a reason for everything He created; each kind of animal has its own unique design for its own intended purpose. Modern biologists continue to waste time and talent developing imaginary tales about how all these multitudes of different kinds of creatures might have evolved from some common ancestor. Even some evolutionists have started calling these whimsical tales just-so stories. They would really be better scientists if they sought to understand the creative purpose of each creature rather than speculate on its imaginary evolution.

The better we comprehend the amazing complexity and purposive design of each creature, the better we realize the infinite wisdom and power of their Creator. Then all the more wonderful it is to learn that their Creator is our Father! He has placed them all under our dominion, and we need to learn to see them through His eyes if we would be good stewards of the world He has committed to us. We can also thank our heavenly Father that we “are of more value than many sparrows” ([Matthew 10:31](#)). HMM

God’s Hand, God’s Nail

God has penned a list of our faults. The list God has made, however, cannot be read. The words can’t be deciphered. The mistakes are covered. The sins are hidden. Those at the top are hidden by His hand; those down the list are covered by His blood. Your sins are blotted out by Jesus.

The Bible says, “He has forgiven you all your sins: He has utterly wiped out the written evidence of broken commandments which always hung over our heads, and has completely annulled it by nailing it to the cross” (JB Phillips NT).

He knew the source of those sins was you, and since He couldn’t bear the thought of eternity without you, Jesus Himself chose the nails. The hand is the hand of God. The nail is the nail of God. And as the hands of Jesus opened for the nails, the doors of heaven opened for you!

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Read more [He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart](#)



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

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

PRAISE Tammy (a relative of the Fisher's son-n-law) who had a stroke is now using a walker and getting around slowly but is greatly improved and thanks everyone for the prayers.

- **Anne** will have port inserted on the 30th then 31st a pet/CT scan at CBCC with a follow-up on the 5th with coordinator to explain the plan of treatment
- **Jim** will have a cat scan April 10th then follow-up with Dr Peck when he gets the results
- **Trina's uncle Leon** had a stroke last week and moved to Encompass for rehabilitation
- **Tank** came home from the hospital Tuesday.
- **Sally's grandfather** is in the hospital in the hospital with multiple health issues
- **Earl's brother-in-law** has ear cancer
- **Grandson of Sally and Borijas** is struggling to find his way with the Lord
- **Both of Nina's sons, Mark and Jerry** have been having stomach issues

- Prayers that **Earl's daughter, Tonya**, that her mom's health improves. She is struggling with heart and respiratory problems.
- **David's** leg was injured and his car banged up in a car accident.

We will be moving names to the Extended Long-Term Prayer List

We want to keep those all in our daily prayers, but we still need you to give us updates so we know how they are doing and if we need to change what we are praying for them. Everyone on our lists is important to us whether they are on the weekly Newsletter or Extended Long-Term Prayer List. Moving them to the Extended Prayer List continues to remind us of those needing prayers.

But we still need you to let us know on updates so we can stay on top of the prayers

Traveling

- Jeannie and Ben are in Oregon and have found a place hoping to receive the keys April 1st.
- Buddy and Darlene met up Tuesday with Garry and Jan for a RiverCruise before returning home the 29th.
- Anne and Jeff on a trip to Palm Springs and New Port returning home Thursday
- Vivian and Eddie will be traveling to Montana for Birthday celebrations for great grandson's 13th and Eddies 90th and Easter, they will be home sometime week of the 6th.

Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem to fulfill His final, sacred mission. The crowd welcomed Him with palm leaves and cried, "Hosanna in the highest," or "Please save us." For generations, the people in Jerusalem had been waiting for the Messiah to come and save them from oppression. Imagine the joy of being in the crowd, welcoming the Savior with palm leaves. What would you do to welcome someone who could free you?