



31, 2026

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

dates to Remember

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 8:22 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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Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

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password: purplelemon096

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

May 31 - TONIGHT, will be SONG AND SUPPER; Please plan to attend and bring a dish to share 5:30 pm

June 2 - Elders meeting 8:00 a.m.

June 4 - Thursday night dinner; Cook: Jan

June 18 - Thursday night dinner; Cook: Buggie/Sharon

June 6 - Quarterly Brunch/Lunch at 11:00 a.m.

NO Men's or women's Prayer Breakfasts this month



REMEMBER to sign up in the back for the QUARTERLY LUNCHEON on SATURDAY, June 6th in lieu of the monthly prayer breakfasts. Tri-tip and chicken will be provided so side dishes and dessert are all that need to be provided.



Congratulations Graduating for High School

David Diaz and Erick Moreno

June Birthdays

5 - Leann 8 - Sharon 11 - Chris

12 - Esmeralda 15 - Buggie & Trina 18 - Natalie

20 - David Moreno 25 - LaDona



And now abide

Faith, Hope, Love,

these three; but the greatest of these is LOVE.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the passing of James on Monday after being in the hospital for a few days. James fought hard with his health issues never wanting to bring attention to "himself" Always wanting to be able to help someone who needed his help or guidance. Always felt that he needed to keep his own battles to himself. He loved his family and that included his church "mom" and "brothers & sisters. And pretty much any one he cared for was truly "FAMILY"

Trina, Tristan, Barbara and LeRoy are

working on final arrangements so more information will follow when they are set.

Pastor's Corner of Light: Signs of Dead Faith *Crossway.org 11/28/25* [Robert L. Plummer](#)

In James we find repeated warnings that verbal and/or religious declarations of faith do not make it so. To properly understand the category of living faith, one must also acknowledge the category of dead faith.

James wastes no time addressing the category of defective faith. In **1:5**, he tells those who lack wisdom to ask God for it. The apostle further notes that some who petition God for wisdom may not really ask “in faith” (**1:6**). James offers two ways of prayer—one in faith and one doubting. And the doubting man is double minded and receives nothing. We should observe that such a person still has an outward religious expression—in this case, prayer for wisdom. Yet, that outward religiosity is condemned as tragically deficient. In the final analysis, beliefs and behaviors only end in one of two ways—life or death. With such a confrontation comes the invitation to respond appropriately.

This week I want to look at one of the ways that our prayers are influenced. The first is that in some their prayers lack true faith that our Lord hears and responds. In other words, they ask God but doubt whether He is good, able, or inclined to answer their petitions. James tells us that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord (James 1:7,8).

Christians with sensitive consciences may feel too easily condemned by James's insistence that prayer be offered in faith. Indeed, for a modern reader to summarily tell another person that they have not had their prayers answered because they do not have the requisite faith would likely be spiritual abuse. Yet, in constructing a full-orbed biblical view on faith, we must remember that Jesus repeatedly demands faith from those who approach Him and qualifies His healings with statements such as “According to your faith be it done to you” (Matt. 9:29).

When Jesus's disciples could not heal a child with demonically induced seizures, they privately asked Jesus why. He replied “Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you” (Matt. 17:20).

In noting the necessity of faith in prayer, however, James does not condemn the maturing cry of a striving faith (“I believe; help my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24); he is instead describing the mindset of one who does not rely on God while emptily mouthing a petition for help. Praying while not trusting the goodness, power, or inclination of God fits in the category of deficient faith, hypocrisy, and empty religiosity. At the same time, it cannot be emphasized enough that to insist on faith for answered prayer is not the same as concluding that unanswered prayer is necessarily a sign of defective faith.

Prayer for the departed in faith

O Lord of mercy, whose hands cradle both dawn and dusk, receive the soul that has walked the narrow way, whose breath has stilled, yet whose trust endures. Let the shadows be lifted from their path, and the weight of sorrow fall away like autumn leaves. Clothe them in the light that knows no setting, where no tear clouds the eyes, and no night follows the day. Remember their faith as a seed sown in quiet earth—water it with Your eternal kindness, that it may bloom in the gardens of Your dwelling. Grant them rest beyond the reach of pain, peace beyond the grasp of fear, and joy that rises like the first morning, forever in Your presence.

PRAYER REQUESTS

TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

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

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

TRAVELING

Brandan, Alex and Jesse traveled back to Sparks NV Tuesday Had snow through the Truckee area **Jan and Vivian** will be traveling back home from their Arizona journey.

NEW

Vivian, who fell and broke her wrist in two places

Trina, Barbara, LeRoy, Triston, Konnee during this difficult time for them

Continued Prayers

Debra's procedure went well the Dr put in 3 stints.

Gerald's radiation and chemo was not effective for him. He will see another doctor from USC; pray the doctor will have another plan of treatment for Gerald; pray also for **Mary** as she helps care for her brother

Nina's relative, **Bob**, was taken to the hospital on Wednesday with slurred speech and weakness and been falling recently; prayers for his wife, **Rhonda**, (Nina's niece) as she cares for Bob and also keeps watch on her mom, **Janette**, who lives next door to her. Janette is Nina's sister who just turned 100.

Casey Poteet, young friend of Nancy's who we prayed for previously for cancer, is having surgery June 1 to correct the damage on his face from the cancer treatment

Sandy has upcoming appointments. Trying to figure out how to help her

Earl saw a doctor regarding his stomach problems.

LaDona, continue to keep her safety in your prayers.

Angela's boyfriend's mother is in the hospital with pneumonia

Mary C.'s daughter fell and broke her arm and wrist

Anne is part-way through her chemotherapy

Tonya's mom is doing better but dealing with heart and respiratory issues

David is still trying to work out his transportation situation after his car accident

Grandson of Sally and Borjas is struggling to find his way with the Lord

Many of these will be moved from Newsletter to the Extended Long-Term Prayer List.

If you would keep this list handy so you can continue to pray for those on the list

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

Prayer for Strength and Guidance

Heavenly Father, when my heart feels heavy and my path seems unclear, be my steady light in the shadows.

Grant me the courage to face what lies ahead, and the wisdom to choose what is right over what is easy.

Strengthen my spirit when I grow weary, and remind me that I am never walking alone. Guide my steps so they align with Your purpose, and let peace fill the spaces where fear tries to dwell. I trust that even in uncertainty, "Your" hand is leading me toward hope, and Your love will carry me through.

Amen.

The God Who Saves

“The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.” (Psalm 18:2)

What a testimony given by David to his God! In this single verse, there is a sevenfold ascription of praise to the Lord for His great salvation. Each testimony can be appropriated also by all who trust Him.

1. *My rock:* The word used here does not mean a stone or even a boulder but a mighty monolith, immovable and impregnable.
2. *My fortress:* This word refers to a great bulwark—a stronghold. The Hebrew word is essentially the same as Masada, the high butte where the Jews resisted the Roman armies after the destruction of Jerusalem.
3. *My deliverer:* Our God is able to deliver, even from the fiery furnace, the den of lions, and from the armies of Saul.
4. *My strength:* This is another word often translated “rock,” this time a rugged, craggy one, most appropriate as a symbol of great strength.
5. *My buckler:* This was a small, handheld, movable shield.
6. *The horn of my salvation:* This striking Old Testament symbol is even repeated in the New Testament (Luke 1:69) and applied to the coming Savior, referring either to the “horns of the altar” where fleeing sinners could cling for refuge or to the fighting horns of a strong beast.
7. *My high tower:* Here the word is not for a man-made tower but for a natural, high, topographic eminence, suitable both for watching and for defense.

The great promises of salvation and security in Christ are timeless. The words that brought such hope to David are still a comfort to believers today. He is still “the God of all grace” to all who trust Him (1 Peter 5:10). HMM

