



28, 2026

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
Mark 9:9 ff

Classes in English & Spanish

PRAISE & WORSHIP

9:00 Prayer Worship

Please give us your requests

9:30 Worship Service

Worship in English & Spanish

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password: nurlelemon096

Important Dates

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

July 2 - Thursday Night dinner, Cook: Lori Sanchez

July 7 - Elders' Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

July 16 - Thursday Night Dinner, Cook: Barbara P.

August 1 - Men's and Ladies Prayer Breakfasts

August 4 - Elders' Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

August 6 - Thursday Night Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.

August 20 - Thursday Night Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.

October 24 - 22nd Annual Fall Ladies Day at West Visalia Church of Christ; Guest Speaker is Vicki Bruce from Oklahoma City, OK

JULY BIRTHDAYS



4 - Victor Franco

5 - Gene Lytle

7 - Brenda White McGee

15 - LeRoy Pflugh

16 - Darlene Hooper

19 - Connie Tucker

21 - Rose DeClippel

25 - Nina Keeley

26 - Elias Diaz



to

Robert and Connie Tucker

on July 11

Pastor's Corner of Light

TGC: Pastors, Teach Your People to Love Their Country Daniel Darling

Here is a modified version of Daniel Darling's article:

Is patriotism healthy for a Christian? As our nation enjoys her 250th birthday, many Christians are asking this question. While love of country can go too far—see the book of Jonah—I'm concerned that many in our generation, even many who sit in our pews, don't love their country at all. This may stem from disillusionment over bad policies and the tumult of recent years, or from a one-sided view of American history. But much of the angst among believers about patriotism stems from a perceived conflict between loyalty to God's kingdom and loyalty to the temporary place we inhabit. Does national citizenship and heavenly citizenship always conflict with each other?

What helps us avoid the clash is correctly ordering our loves. Believers can make Christ their first and highest allegiance without abandoning patriotism completely. Here are three principles that can help us cultivate a healthy love of country. I pray they're helpful for you as you prepare for our America 250 celebrations.

1. Healthy patriotism correctly orders/prioritizes our loves. Jonah was unwilling to obey God because he put his loyalty to country above his loyalty to God. Jeremiah, on the other hand, shows us what a healthy sense of duty to nation can look like. He told the exiles to embrace the place where they'd been sent, to seek the welfare of their city (Jer. 29:7). Healthy patriotism isn't about choosing between loving God or loving country but about ordering those loves correctly. When Peter wrote, "Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor" (1 Pet. 2:17), he showed us how to keep our loves in proper alignment. But when loving God does conflicts with love of country, "we must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). Often times this doesn't mean rejecting love of a country so much as rejecting obedience to a bad government.

Next week will be pts 2 & 3:



Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

~ Philippians 2:1-2

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!

NEW

James, Darlene's brother, was back in the hospital with complications from his recent cancer surgery

Debra was in the hospital a few days last week because of a reaction to some of her medication

Connie said her biopsy showed no cancer; praises

Our visitors last week, Jerry/Karen, lost their son-n-law this past week

Garry's sister, Ruth, has several in her community in New Mexico having to evacuate due to local fires

Borjas/Sally's children are struggling in various areas and need to find the Lord

Sandy continues to hear on her tests that have been completed and has appointments the 29th

Continued prayers for the Pflugh family members that will be traveling

Demetrio is waiting on his test results

Lynn McDougal, is doing better; still needs prayer for ongoing health issues

Continued Prayers

Kathy Mains, friend of one of our members, is having health issues plus she and others are being evacuated due to fires in the area

Earl has a relative who is in his final days; prayers for peace and comfort

Hannah, Trina's daughter, needs to find a place to do her internship

Joyce, continued prayer for her complete healing

Gene lost a grown foster grandson in a bicycle accident

Sandy and Lynn are each having multiple health issues; please pray for answers

Debbie, Vivian's cousin, had hernia surgery recently

Vivian, as her wrist continues to heal

Dom, Trina's relative, was in a motorcycle accident

Anne, Nina's daughter, her CT and PET scans are showing improvement; some areas are getting smaller and others are stable; may increase the number of treatments

Earl will be having surgery for a hernia in the next few weeks

Bob, Nina's relative, was to be released from the hospital on Thursday with home therapy

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

Casey Poteet, is still waiting for surgery to correct what was done as a result of the chemo.

LaDona, continue to keep her safety in your prayers.

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

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, please keep this list handy so you can continue to pray for those on the list, but we still need you to let us know updates so we can know how to pray for those on the list.

STORMS BRING OUT THE EAGLES BUT THE LITTLE BIRDS TAKE COVER



When the “storms of life” gather darkly around,
I think of these wonderful words I once read
And I say to myself as “threatening clouds” hover
Don’t “fold up your wings” and “run for cover”
But like the eagle “spread wide your wings”
And “soar far above” the trouble life brings,
For the eagle knows that the higher he flies
The more tranquil and brighter become the skies
And there is nothing in life God ever asks us to bear
That we can’t soar above “on the wings of prayer”,
And in looking back over the “storm you passed through”
You’ll find you gained strength and new courage, too,
For in facing “life’s storms” with an eagle’s wings
You can fly far above earth’s small, petty things.

~ Helen Steiner Rice

Let’s Think Sensibly

*Sensible thoughts lead you to do right; foolish thoughts lead you to do wrong.
Ecclesiastes 10:2 CEV*

Solomon says that fools make their foolishness known; there’s no hiding it. It takes only a foolish moment to contaminate a stellar reputation, and Satan is a master at that. The Evil One dangles temptations in our minds and works through the open doors of foolishness in our lives. And then he can use our foolish thoughts, like jealousy and contempt, to influence others to act foolishly in the same manner. Even a Christian can be tempted to obey their foolish thoughts because of insecurity, guilt, and pride.

A wise person’s heart seeks what’s right and is aware of the lurking areas of foolishness. One’s wisdom may go unnoticed or unseen and even forgotten by everyone but God, but what does that matter? The one whom we are to please is the only one who matters. Fools are blinded to the fact that their foolishness is apparent to everyone else, but seeking God’s wisdom opens our eyes to his truth.

Jesus of kindness, we pray that we carve out more time each day to seek your wisdom so we can be equipped to do what is right in the days ahead.

(Taken from Pause and Pray)