



12, 2026

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
Mark 9:42 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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Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

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Important Dates

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

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

August 1 - Men's and Ladies Prayer Breakfasts

Men's in the kitchen; ladies location TBD

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

Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which in heaven. ~ Matthew 7:21 (KJV)

"Awfully nice of your dog to take you for a walk!" a neighbor joked to me one day as Cookie dragged me along for the ride while she chased a squirrel. To Cookie, the word "heel" means – well – absolutely nothing.

When I was kid growing up in the 1970's, they used to call the human the "master" of the dog. Most pet owners now prefer to call their pets "fur babies" or "companions." The newer terms describe our relationships to our pets much more accurately.

Cookie certainly never got the memo that I'm supposed to be the boss of her. When I think of how I jump up to let her in or out every time she scratches at the door, or how I always give her a little extra something to make her dog food more palatable to her refined tastes, or how I can't seem to resist those puppy dog eyes when she whines for me to come outside and throw her toy yet another dozen times. I suppose there's really little question about who trained whom.

All of this makes me think of who Jesus is to me. Just because I use the term "Lord" for Him, does it really define our relationship? I can call Jesus "Master" all day long, but if I don't do what He says, it means nothing. If Jesus is my King, then I am His servant. I do what He says, regardless of whether it makes sense to me or whether I feel like doing it. Jesus is my Brother and the Best Friend I've ever had, but I must never forget that He sits on the throne – not me.

(Taken from Walking in Grace)

Pastor's Corner of Light

"Train Your Mind to Remember God" by Rick Warren

"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

The Bible makes it very clear how we should be praying. It tells us to *"pray all the time"* (1 Thessalonians 5:17 MSG).

That probably seems impossible to a lot of people. Many people find it hard enough to remember to pray at set times during the day, like at meals or at bedtime or during a consistent quiet time.

How is it possible to pray all the time? One way is to use "breath prayers" throughout the day, as many Christians have done for centuries. You choose a brief sentence or a simple phrase that can be repeated to Jesus in one breath: "You are with me." "I receive your grace." "I'm depending on you." "I want to know you." "I belong to you." "Help me trust you."

You can also use a short phrase of Scripture: "For me, to live is Christ." "You will never leave me." "You are my God."

Pray it as often as possible so it is rooted deep in your heart. Just be sure that you're motivated to honor God, not trying to manipulate him into doing your own bidding. Breath prayers can lead you into a deeper sense of God's presence and care, if you let them. Practicing drawing near to God is a skill; it's a habit you can develop. Just as musicians practice scales every day to play beautiful music with ease, you can learn how to think about God at different times in your day. You can train your mind to remember God.

At first you will need to create reminders to regularly bring your thoughts back to the awareness that God is with you in that moment. Begin by placing visual reminders around you. You might post little notes that say, "God is with me and for me!"

If you are seeking an *experience* of His presence through all of this, you've missed the point. We don't praise God to *feel* good but to *do* good. Your goal is not a feeling but a continual awareness that God is always present.

That is the lifestyle of worship through prayer. That is how you pray all the time.



Prayer REQUESTS

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

Joyce's family upon the passing of her brother-in-law, Robert, who has been on our prayer list. Services were here at the building on Friday.

Earl had his abdomen "stent" surgery on Monday; surgery went well and he is home

Three of Earl's family members (cousins) were killed this past week in a car accident.

Jennifer, one of our Thursday night members, begins her chemo treatments this week.

Garry and Jan left yesterday for an extended family vacation in Utah; be back on Friday evening

Jan is waiting on a skin biopsy

Trina flew to Oklahoma on Friday to be with her dad. He is stable but will be having a procedure on the 17th

Glen, friend of the Hoopers, has been in the ICU with several health issues

James, Darlene's brother, is improving but has a long way to go; needs prayer

Continued Prayers

Debra for continued improvement and strength

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

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

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

Anne, Nina's daughter, as she continues chemo

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.

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.*



But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.

~ Psalm 33:18

HELMETS AND CAULIFLOWERS

***Take the helmet of salvation.
Ephesians 6:17***

Each of us owns a jewel more valuable than any displayed at Cartier or Tiffany's. It's a three-pound blob of gray pulp resembling a rotting cauliflower. This jewel is the most incredible creation in God's universe, a fabulous, living supercomputer with unfathomable circuitry and unimaginable complexity. It's the human brain – a collection of billions of neurons, each as complex as a small computer. Yet the brain is only as useful as the material it feeds on. Our thoughts should be fixed on Christ and filled with His Word.

The Bible tells us to set our minds on things above, not on the things of earth (Colossians 3:2). Wearing the helmet of salvation means our minds are protected by the saving truth of Christ. We're transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:1-2), for those who live according to the Spirit set their mind on what the Spirit desires (Romans 8:5).

Psalm 37:3 tells us, "Feed on His faithfulness." Be careful what goes into your mind today. Remember that it's the battleground of the soul – and by focusing on Christ, we can win the victory.

Our defeat or victory begins with what we think,
and if we guard our thoughts we shall not have
much trouble anywhere else along the line.
~Vance Havner

(Taken from Walking With God by David Jeremiah)

Let's Watch How We Live

***Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.
1 Timothy 4:16 NLT***

People are watching. As Jesus followers, we live on a stage with bright lights on us as the evil ones eagerly attempt to shut us down and cancel our voice, looking for any flaws they can exploit to tarnish the name of Jesus.

We are a walking Bible. Just imagine that others see the Word of God living through our character, in our tone and word choices, and through our actions and reactions. That's daunting to think about, but living the fruit of Jesus' Spirit refines our lifestyle each day in the likeness of his ways. It's a choice, one moment at a time, throughout every day, to be the example of Jesus.

Jesus of faithfulness, help us live according to your teaching, staying true to what is right for the sake of your reputation. We are your ambassadors to this fallen world and want to be your voice to share the good news of salvation by how we live.

(Taken from Pause and Pray)