



16. 2026

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 10:41 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

MySpectrumWiFi8-2G

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Upcoming Events

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

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

Cooks: Bgugie and Sharon

August 22 – Swim Party at the Nelson's from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

August 27 – Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

August 30– Song and Supper – Bring a dish and your voice

September 1 – Elders' Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

September 3 – Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

September 3 – Thursday night Dinner @5:30 p.m. Cook: Jan

September 5 – Men's and Ladies' Prayer Breakfasts

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

Women's 9:30 a.m. at Vivian's house

September 10 – Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

September 17 – Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

September 17 – Thursday Night Dinner @5:30 p.m.

September 24 – Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

October 24 – Ladies Day at West Visalia Church of Christ



FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Saturday, August 22nd

Garry and Jan Nelson's home

727 Acacia Ave

Shafter

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hot dogs, drinks, chips, macaroni
salad and cookies will be provided.

Pastor's Corner of Light

God Desires Presence with Us!

1. The Bible emphasizes God's manifest presence, not only His omnipresence. In other words, there is **a difference** between saying "God is everywhere," and saying "God is here." We talk about God's presence being inescapable and that He is "everywhere present" (Ps 139:5-12; 1 Kings 8:27). But it seems Scripture is more concerned with His presence manifest in relationship and redemption. **Psalms 139:3** "You scrutinize my path and my lying down and are intimately acquainted with all My ways." The biblical story turns on God's being manifest with His people in Eden, the tabernacle/temple, the incarnation of Christ, and the new heaven and new earth. **Acts 17:27** "that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us". We also read **Mt 18:20** "Where two or more are gathered together, there I am also."

2. The story of Scripture begins and ends with the presence of God with man. In Genesis, Eden is the first couple's home but, more importantly, it is God's sanctuary—the garden temple where the Creator AND His image-bearers relate (**Gen 3:8**). Fast forward to the end and we see a similar but larger scale picture. All of heaven has collided with the whole earth to make a perfect sanctuary for God to dwell with man (**Rev 21:1-4**). In Revelation, Eden has returned and expanded into new heaven and new earth where all of God's people enjoy His presence eternally.

3. Humanity's mission and the presence of God are inseparable. God gave man and woman purpose. They are to "be fruitful and multiply" in order to "fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion" (**Gen 1:28**). Adam and Eve are to do this in Eden, the epicenter of God's relational presence in creation. As the first couple's family expands, so too will the garden's borders and, with it, God's presence. Likewise, God's presence was to spread to the rest of the earth through Adam and Eve's exercising dominion (**Num 14:21; cf. Ps 72:19; Isa 11:9**).

4. God desires to bring His presence back to His people. In grace, God steps in to pay the price. Through His covenant promises, the Lord restores what Adam failed to do. God makes a people and a place through the covenant all the while keeping His promises to humanity.

God does all of this so that He can be our God and we can be His people (**Gen 17:7; Ex 6:7; 29:45, Rev 21:3**, etc.). At the heart of the covenant, then, is a relationship – **Jer 32:38** "They will be My people, and I will be their God." God enters into His creation to create a people and a place for His presence. "I will dwell among the people of Israel and be their God. And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt *that I might dwell among them*" (**Ex 29:45-46**). God wants presence/relationship with us!



Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Psalms 62:8

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

NEW

Trina's new address is 309 Windsor Park Dr., Bakersfield 93311

Tank's surgery isn't until August 18th

Nancy's CT of her lung showed no mass or pneumonia; a blessing for sure what still don't know what is causing the cough

Sandy will see the surgeon on September 4 to discuss the findings from her tests

Debra's nephew, Tyler, lost his mother this past weekend

Earl's nephew passed away

Mike stepped down from the eldership; he and Sandy are having multiple issues

Borjas/Sally's family members are struggling with family issues.

Teachers and students started a new school year this past week

Mike has an appointment with the neurologist August 19th

Nelsons traveling this week

Continued Prayer

Debbie, Glen and Matt, friends of the Hoopers; Debbie's son, Matt had a stroke; Debbie's husband, Glen, chemo and multiple health issues; Debbie as caretaker

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

Debra Continued prayers for her strength in her health and the ability to walk

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

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

Serving in the Military:

Charlie Nina's great-great nephew, Air Force has been sent overseas

Chris & Jonah (friends of Trina) who are soldiers in the Middle East

Jason McCune, Navy (Sandy's niece's husband, stationed in Washington), has been sent to Italy for 12+ weeks while family stays in Washington.

Karli Winter, Air Force, just went to Okinawa this past week

Continued prayers for those that we don't know and their families who are missing them at home to be returned safely.

**Several on the list were moved to the long-term prayer list.
Please continue to remember them also in your prayers.**



FREE FOOD FOR THE SPIRITUALLY STARVING

This God of Grace, this God of Love . . . He gave food to those
who fear him, he remembered to keep his ancient promise.
~ Psalm 111:4-5 MSG

For many of us, the greatest obstacle to understanding God's gift of grace is our tendency to connect God's favor to our behavior. We think that when we do good, God applauds our righteous behavior and that, when we slip and fall, he frowns on us. But God is not a Scout leader or an etiquette coach. His love is lavish.

In our hearts, we know that. But still there is something in us that wants to feel we have contributed in some way to whatever we receive. With the grace of God, we contribute nothing. That's hard for us to swallow. We know we don't bring as much as God does to the table, but we want to feel as if we've done our bit for the team! So, especially when we've slipped in some way, maybe we do an extra shift in the charity group's soup kitchen.

But that practice fails to recognize that God's grace is a gift served out freely to us in his heavenly soup kitchen.

Our son, Christian, is not a big breakfast eater. He often runs out to shoot hoops with his friends on a summer morning with nothing more than the aftertaste of toothpaste in his system. Then he'll come dragging in and say, "Mom, I'm starving!"

Do you ever find yourself spiritually starving halfway through your day? Fresh grace is available from the moment you open your eyes until you crawl back under the covers at night.

~ Sheila Walsh
(from Daily Gifts of Grace)

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

~ Isaiah 43:1-3

Dear Heavenly father,

Your care is all encompassing. It misses no aspect of my need. It knows where I am weak and covers my vulnerability. It shelters me against the elements of life and brings me safely home. I am not afraid because you have saved me and have adopted me as your own. Your love is my salvation. Amen