



5,2025

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
Ephesians 4:17
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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www.shafterchurchofchrist.com

Bible on your phone

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password: purplelemon096



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

If you will help out with a dessert or cookies please
let LaDonna know.

October 9 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30

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

November 1 - Prayer Breakfasts

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

Women's 9:30 a.m. at

November 4 - Elder's Meeting @ 8:00 a.m.



10 - Borjas and Sally

14 - Jim and Debra

19 - Mike and Sandy

8 - Ron McDougal

21 - Jim Young

25 - Sarinah Bernal



COOKS FOR OCTOBER

October 9 - Debra and Sally

October 16 - Adrianne and Barbara

October 23 - Barbara and LeRoy

October 30 - **Need someone**

If you can cook on the 30th please see Debra
and let her know as soon as possible.



PASTOR'S CORNER - Where to Find Your Happy Place!

By Andrew Wilson, June 12, 2025 TGC

One of the most meaningful things we can do with our lives is to search for the place where all the joy comes from. Where or in what circumstances are we most contented and happy? While some joys are related to our survival, like enjoying food which sustains us, many serve no useful function whatsoever. They're utterly useless to us (a phenomenon that [puzzled Charles Darwin](#)). The joy they generate isn't a product of their utility but of something deeper and more mysterious. This becomes even clearer when we think about comparative beauty. Why are daffodils so much more beautiful than potatoes, when they're incalculably less beneficial? Why do we enjoy the noise coming from a song bird but not the snuffles of hogs? Why are some things so much funnier than others? Why is anything funny at all?

We're dealing here with what I like to call the problem of superfluous happiness. Put simply, there's a lot more joy in this world than there needs to be. Yes, some sources of enjoyment are useful for our survival, and we could dismiss those as mere evolutionary adaptations if we chose to. But many aren't. The most committed materialists still delight in sounds, color palettes, jokes and poetry which have nothing to do with survival. Our happiness isn't necessary or even useful—but there it is anyway, hiding in plain sight and inviting us to ask where it comes from, and where we might find more of it.

The ancient Hebrews had a thorough and (literally) three-dimensional answer to that question. It shaped the way they understood all space: their land, their capital city, their temple, their camp in the wilderness, their origin story in the garden, and the cosmos as a whole. **At the center of all those places was the presence of God** (emphasis mine).

Start with humanity's first happy place, the garden of Eden, where humans lived in perfect friendship with God and experienced bounty and blessing. The word "Eden" means "pleasure," and everything about the garden suggests unfettered delight. Of course, we all know what happened next. But the connection between abundance, joy, and God's presence didn't disappear with the fall.

More to follow next week – until then – find your happy place !!! ☺



Love is extravagant in the price it is willing to pay, the time it is willing to give, the hardships it is willing to endure, and the strength it is willing to spend. Love never thinks in terms of "how little", but always in terms of "how much". Love gives, love knows, and love lasts.

~Joni Eareckson Tada

PRAYER REQUESTS

TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

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

TRAVELING

Dustin and Berenice are traveling in Israel and Spain for two weeks

Jeremiah and Krista and kids have been traveling on the east coast to see relatives

NEW THIS WEEK

- **Lord, give me concern and compassion for the lost that I meet today. Open doors so I might share YOUR message**
- **Mel**, Barbara P.'s brother, had a stroke this past week
- **Kelly**, Sally's cousin, is struggling with multiple serious health issues
- **Gary**, Buggy's husband, is struggling with some mental issues
- Our visitors, **Fabian and Gaby**, asked for our prayers
- **James** was admitted to the hospital Tuesday morning with a bacterial infection in his leg
- **Janae**, Nelson's daughter, is having more lab work done this week and will see the nephrologist on October 8
- **Jan** had a CT scan on Thursday to prepare for knee replacement on October 13
- **Keith**, our Thursday night friend who brings Arlie, is waiting for surgery for a pacemaker
- **Jennifer**, Keith's wife, had surgery is and waiting on results
- **Analyse** leaves tomorrow for a couple of weeks; **Adrienne** leaves Tuesday for a mini-vacation; she will be doing some further testing when back
- **Joan**, Vivian's sister, is not doing well with COPD; headed back to urgent care
- **Mabel**, Trina's cousin's young granddaughter, had severe burns on three of her fingers and well as a broken index finger; prayer for no need for skin grafts

Continued Prayer

Michael, Brenda's brother, is still in the hospital.

Kelly, Sally's cousin, has been diagnosed with breast cancer

Johnnie Rudat and family; she is 12 years old and is fighting her second occurrence of cancer; doctors said it was terminal (Sharon's friend)

Francis and Suzanne, sisters in Christ, are both recovering from operations

Wes Agee, Kern County firefighter, was moved to a medical center in Colorado which specializes in the area of his injuries

Jason, Sharon's son, will be having more tests for his liver

Kelly, one of Doris Friesen's sons, has been diagnosed with stomach cancer

Paulette, friend of Nancy's, breast cancer has metastasized into her bones and is Stage 4

Tom has been given 6-8 months; pray for his comfort and Joyce's peace of mind as she deals with this situation

Sally is struggling with a respiratory problem

Tammy Shipley, wife of SHS principal, has been dealing with several severe health issues

Leanne Brock is home recovering from what was diagnosed as a brain mass; no surgery scheduled but will recheck with MRIs every six weeks

Physical, mental, and spiritual health: **Lupi** (Gonzales's granddaughter) ~ **Ronnie** (Nancy's son) ~ **Hannah** (Trina's daughter) ~ **Sharon** ~ **Richard** (Sammy's friend) ~ **Bonnie** (April's daughter) ~ **Jason** (Borjas's son) ~ **Gary** (Buggies husband) **Earl's aunt** ~ **Christine**, ~ **Sally's daughter**, upcoming surgery ~ **Tate**, Anne's son and Nina's grandson, health issues ~ **Casey, Charles Jones, Joyce & Tom, Nancy** (David's friend) ~ **Syble** ~ **Sammy, Barbara P, David & Millie, Tammy** (a relative of the Fisher's son-n-law) paralyzed from waist ~ **Paula** (Nancy's friend) sepsis ~ **Chris** (Buggy's friend)

Serving in the Military: **Chris & Jonah** (friends of Trina) who are soldiers in the Middle East

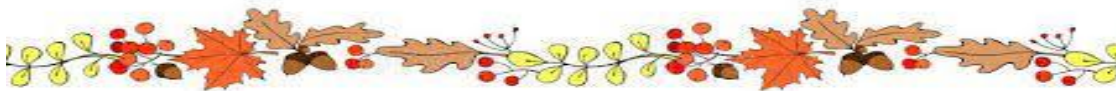
Cancer and treatments:

Gary (Mike's brother) ~ **James** (Darlene's brother) ~ **Jessie** (friend of Earl) ~ **Kristina** (Debra's co-worker) ~ **Bill** (Debra's brother) ~ **Wendy** (member of Debra's family) ~ **Oliver** (Earl's friend) ~ **Everett** (relative of Nancy's) is nearing his final days due to his cancer ~ **Pat** (Debra's co-worker) ~ **Cathy Turner**

Our Youth: to pray to make good choices

For all those that have upcoming tests: this week or test results

Unspoken Prayers: We know their names, and, above all, God knows them.



Righteousness Delivers

***Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath,
but righteousness delivers from death.
Proverbs 11:4 NIV***

At the end of days, *the day of wrath* this proverb speaks of, we will see the results of our earthly pursuits. The real meaning of life will play out before us in the ultimate judgment of what we gave weight to while we went about our daily lives. Eternity isn't trivial or distant. What we do now has weight whether we acknowledge it or not, so it's much better to acknowledge it.

That acknowledgement, although weighty, doesn't have to be a burden. The burden isn't ours. We are to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. After that, everything we need and much of what we desire will be given to us. Check out Matthew 6:33. Eyes up and then, amazingly, the shackles of this life will loosen. As we gaze toward our King, we live with eternity in our sight, reminding us of what truly matters in the end. This gives us strength to choose God's ways over the ways of this world. It is always worth it.

***Lord, my God, help me remember to look to you throughout my day.
When I feel overwhelmed, come in close with your presence. I want
to be grateful for every breath here on earth while also glimpsing the
glory that awaits in your eternal kingdom.***