



19, 2025

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
Ephesians 4:28ff

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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Gracious God, we humbly ask that you instill in our elders a spirit of humility and servanthood. May they always remember that their roles are not about power or status, but about serving your people selflessly. Help them to imitate Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve. May their humility inspire others to follow their example and grow in their own service to you. Borjas and Ron have been put in as Elders to join the other 3 May they have our daily prayers as they strive to guide the Shafter Congregation

IMPORTANT DATES



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 LaDona know.

October 23 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30 Barbara & LeRoy

October 23 - Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. at Tin Cup

October 30 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30 Adrienne & Barbara

November 1 - Prayer Breakfasts

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

Women's 9:30 a.m. Joyces Home

November 2 - Daylight Savings Ends "FALL BACK 1 hour

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

November 27 - Thanksgiving

FOR THOSE PREPARING MEALS: The City has now informed us that our green waste must be separated from the regular trash. There is a green can that all food needs to be thrown in. Please put in **only** food scraps and nothing else. It takes a bit to remember since, for so long, we have just put food items and scraps in the regular can.

COOKS FOR NOVEMBER

November 6, 13, 20 will need Cooks!

Will not serve on Thursday the 27th



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 joy comes from. We should find and experience the circumstances where we are the most contented and happy? The first example of this happens in the Garden of Eden (which means “pleasure”) where humans lived in perfect friendship, and coincidentally (???) with God. The Israelites follows this idea. When Israel became a nation, she was organized around God’s dwelling place, with the tribes setting up camp on the outside with the tabernacle in the center ([Num. 2](#)). The closer you got to the center, the happier—and holier—things became. Unclean activities took place outside the camp; ordinary, common activities took place within it; and worship and sacrifice happened in the very center. The tabernacle was filled with Edenic imagery (cherubim, gold, fragrant incense, a treelike lampstand, flowers, fruit, water, an eastern entrance) to remind Israel of it daily. The tabernacle’s design proclaimed the truth that you’re never closer to “Eden,” to pleasure, than when you’re close to God, the source of all delight.

That connection between God’s dwelling place and the world’s happiness would become much clearer with the building of Solomon’s temple. The psalms are gushing with references to joy in God’s house ([Ps. 36:7–9; 84:1–2, 10](#)), and even its restoration after the exile fills the Israelites with joy ([126:1–2](#)). But it’s Solomon’s father, David, who goes even further. He declares that being in God’s presence and the joy it brings is the *only* thing he wants in life ([27:4](#)). God’s presence is so delightful that when you experience it, you don’t want anything else.

Then, Jesus comes. Almost immediately, some people begin to realize that God’s dwelling place and the location of happiness have been concentrated from a place into a person. John’s Gospel tells us that God’s glory tent is now the person of the Lord Jesus, where light shines in the darkness and the Word becomes flesh ([John 1:14](#)). Happiness’s location has been concentrated into the person of Christ. A early hint of this is when Jesus appears at a wedding and provides all the wine they could ever drink ([2:1–12](#)). Further clues to the location of joy emerge as Jesus generates abundance and surplus wherever he goes. It becomes very clear when Jesus tells us “These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full” ([15:11](#)). It isn’t merely that Jesus wants His disciples to be filled with the joy that comes from Him. Because of the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in His name, Jesus is guaranteeing His disciples a joy that will transcend all the sorrow they’ve known. Joy is this world is located wherever God is present, in Christ by His Spirit, rather than where painful things are absent. That’s why Paul could talk about being “sorrowful yet always rejoicing” ([2 Cor 6:10](#)) while writing history’s most joyful letter ([Philippians](#)) from a Roman jail. I pray that you find the faith, trust and hope to endure, in joy, the life the Lord has given you.



TRAVELING **Buddy and Darlene** drove to New Mexico for his hunting
Welcome Home Jim Debra Borjas and Sally after vacation at Bass Lake

NEW THIS WEEK

- **Mabel**, Trina's cousin's young granddaughter, had severe burns on three of her fingers as well as a broken index finger; had her second surgery this week
- **Jan** recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Tanks** cancer situation is getting worse
- **Brenda's brother Michael** had a relapse and is back in the hospital

Continued Prayer

Our visitors, **Fabian and Gaby**, asked for our prayers

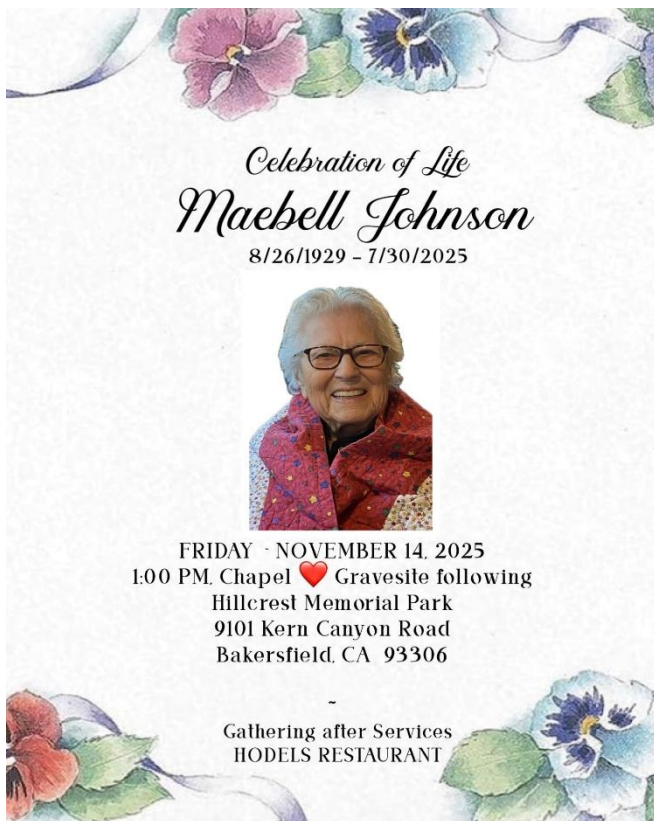
Adrianne, after testing, has been diagnosed with lupus

Analyse returned back on the 15th; from her trip

Janae, Nelson's daughter, will be doing more lab work in 10 days to see if it is her lupus that is active or something else

Jennifer, Keith's wife, had surgery is and waiting to talk with Dr Tuesday of results

Keith, our Thursday night friend who brings Arlie, is recovering from pacemaker



As many remember the 3 Rogers sisters Roxy, Maebell and Dortha, daughters of Alana Metheny who were part of the Shafter until they all went separate ways with families.

Maebell attended Central after leaving Shafter. She and Roxy shared a home until Roxy passed. Maebell then went to live with Dortha's daughter Doris (Jeannette LeHaulier) until she needed to go to a home due to health. Doris made sure Maebell was well taken care of and can only imagine what fun they had singing as that was a favorite of the Rogers Girls to do.

Extended Long Term Prayer List

Please email or text updates to Jan or Sandy

Health issues: Physical, mental, and spiritual health:

Bonnie (April's daughter)

Barbara P ~ Earl's aunt Christine, ~ Casey,

Charles Jones ~ Chris (Buggy's friend) ~

David & Millie (Ron's brother & wife) ~ **Gary,**

Buggy's husband, is struggling with some

mental issues ~ **Hannah** (Trina's daughter) ~

Lupi (Gonzales's granddaughter) ~ **Mel,**

Barbara P.'s brother health issues ~ **Nancy**

(David's friend) ~ **Francis and Suzanne,**

sisters in Christ, are both recovering from

operations ~ **Jason,** Sharon's son, will be

having more tests for his liver ~ **Joan,**

Vivian's sister, is not doing well with COPD ~

Jason (Borjas's son) ~ **Joyce & Tom ~**

Richard (Sammy's friend) ~ **Kelly,** Sally's

cousin, is struggling with multiple serious

health issues ~ **Paula** (Nancy's friend) sepsis

~ **Ronnie** (Nancy's son) ~ **Sally's daughter,**

upcoming surgery ~ **Syble ~ Tate,** Anne's

son and Nina's grandson, health issues ~

Tammy (a relative of the Fisher's son-n-law)

paralyzed from waist ~ **Wes Agee,** Kern

County firefighter, was moved to a medical

center in Colorado ~

Serving in the Military: Chris & Jonah

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

Cancer and treatments:

Bill (Debra's brother) ~

Cathy Turner ~

Everett (relative of Nancy's) is nearing his final days due to his cancer ~

Gary (Mike's brother) ~

James (Darlene's brother) ~

Jessie (friend of Earl) ~ **Kristina** (Debra's co-worker) ~

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) ~

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

Oliver (Earl's friend)

Pat (Debra's co-worker) ~

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

Wendy (member of Debra's family) ~

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.