



17.2025

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning
8:30 Bible Classes
Ephesians 1:13

Classes in English & Spanish



9:00 Prayer Worship
Please give us your requests

9:30 Worship Service
Worship in English & Spanish

Elders

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Monday ~ Tuesday ~ Wednesday
8 am to 1 pm

Thursday
11 am to 4:30 pm

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Don't forget to check out our
website

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www.shafterchurchofchrist.com

Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

MySpectrumWiFif8-5G

password: purplelemon096

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

August 21 - Thursday night dinner at 5:30

August 31 - Song and Supper 6:00 p.m.

September 2 - Elders Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

September 6 - Prayer breakfasts

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

Women's at 9:30 - Vivian's home

**September 27 -Ladies Day at Visalia Church of Christ
8:30 - 1:00; see Debra if you are interested;
sign up sheet in the back**

WISER STILL

*Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still;
teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.
Proverbs 9:9 NIV*

Why does a wise person love constructive criticism? They know it will help them become even wiser. A teachable person cares more about the truth than their fragile image. Their pride does not block their view, for their eyes are set on God. To be corrected and learn encourages a wise person. Every opportunity to become better is a gift. They have no need to justify questionable behavior. A humble, wise person is willing to change and readjust their lifestyle. They learn from others, no matter their position, because they know all wisdom comes from God. God uses whomever he desires.

Instead of despising God's commands, a wise person embraces them gratefully because they understand they are guidelines to the best possible life. God offers us wisdom in all sorts of ways and through many different sources. Let's stay humble and open to receive it today.

*I want to always grow in wisdom, Lord, and I realize that takes
intentionality. I open my heart to the lessons of your wisdom today.*

(Taken from Daily Wisdom for Women)



COOKS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

August 21 - Adrianne/Barbara

28 - Barbara/LeRoy

September 4 - Jan

PASTOR'S CORNER – BIBLICAL INSPIRATION Part A

How do we justify our confidence in biblical authority when many—including some Christians—deny that the Bible is inspired by God and inerrant? The Scripture's own claim about its divine source is clear, but it's insufficient for skeptics outside the church or in.

I'd like to suggest a line of reasoning that is compelling and holds promise to get people thinking about Scripture as God's Word—and if God's Word, then inerrant, of necessity. If God can't err, then His Word can't err, the thinking goes. Simple.

As I recall, I first heard this method for making the case for inspiration and inerrancy from the late John Warwick Montgomery. He dubbed the technique "retroduction." The approach goes something like this.

First, instead of starting with a presumption of inspiration—"God said it, I believe it, that settles it"—the first step in our case for inspiration and inerrancy focuses on Jesus in the Gospels. The testimonies of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, tested according to the standard canons of historical research, demonstrate that, on the main, the Gospels are reliable accounts of the life of Christ—and as an abundance of academic research attests to.

Second, we examine that reliable historical record to determine Jesus' own view of Scripture. In [Matthew 15:6](#), He calls the Old Testament "the Word of God," as He does in [John 10:35](#)—adding, "and the Scripture cannot be broken," implying inerrancy. When He prays for His disciples, He asks, "Sanctify them in the truth," then adds, "Your word is truth" ([John 17:17](#)).

During His earthly ministry, Jesus consistently affirmed the divine authority and complete reliability of all Hebrew Scripture, frequently quoting from the Torah, the prophets, and the writings. Sometimes it was enough for Jesus simply to say, "It is written," to secure His point ([Matt. 11:10](#), [Mark 9:12-13](#), [Luke 19:46](#)). Curiously, Jesus cited as historically sound the most controversial accounts, like Jonah ([Matt. 12:40](#)), Adam ([Matt. 19:4](#)), and Noah ([Matt. 24:37-39](#)). According to Jesus, then, the entire corpus of Hebrew Scripture had divine authority because God Himself authored the words. If we accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God, then we must acknowledge the truth of His own words that His and His Fathers words are eternal and inerrant. ([Matt. 24:35](#), cf. [Isa. 40:8](#)).

***As God's child, there's never a moment when you're not under
God's care, never a time when you're not the object of his love.***

The big question is not, does God care for me? The Bible declares he does over and over again. It tells us that God's eyes are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayers (Ps. 34:15). It says that he is with us wherever we go (Gen. 28:15). The Bible welcomes us to bring our cares to God because he cares for us (1 Pet. 5:7). It tells us that he will never leave us or forsake us (Heb. 13:5). The message is clear and consistent – God cares for his own. If you are God's child, you are never outside the scope of his constant care. The Bible is also clear and consistent when it talks of the unshakability of God's love. His love is eternal. From the verse-by-verse refrain of Psalm 136, "for his steadfast love endures forever," to Paul's declaration in Romans 8 that nothing can separate us from the "love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (v. 39), the message is undebatable – God will never turn from the love he has lavished on us.

So if you're God's child, you're wasting your spiritual time and energy worrying about God's love. You're not spending your time well if you're trying to unpack little moments in your life to see if they are an indication of whether he loves you. It's not wise to compare our life to another person's, wondering what the evidence tells you about who God cares for the most. It is tempting to do all of these things, particularly when life is hard, when unpredictable and difficult things have entered your door. But questioning God's love never goes anywhere good. When you're tempted to do so, you need to run to his Word for peace and reassurance. You'll never establish personal peace by picking apart little moments and trying to look into the mysteries of life. The Bible was given to give you peace in those moments when it's hard to figure out what in the world God is doing.

Something else needs to be said. If the big question isn't whether God cares, then maybe the real question, one that is more practical to us all, is, will I recognize God's care when it comes? Perhaps our problem is our definition and expectation of God's care. You see, God's care comes in a variety of packages. His care is not always a cool drink and a soft pillow. God's care is not always relief from circumstances, release from trouble. There are many moments in our lives when the very thing that causes us to wonder about God's care is his care. He knows that trouble will reveal our hearts or display his glory. Often trouble is a tool of care in the hands of the One who knows best what we need. He cares; therefore, make sure your definition of his care is not too narrow.

***For further study and encouragement: Psalm 8
(Taken from New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp)***



*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord,
continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him,
strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and
overflowing with thankfulness.*

~ Colossians 2:6-7

Prayer Request

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

If you need prayer, please let the Elders know, put a note in the box in back of the auditorium or call Vivian Fisher (889-4075) to start the prayer chain.

TRAVELERS

Adrianne, Barbara & family have been traveling this past week in the Monterey area

Garry, Jan and grandson Konnor left Wednesday for Montana, Wyoming & S. Dakota; back 8/22

PRAISES

Earl's nephew is back from Syria

NEW THIS WEEK

Buddy will be having surgery on his shoulder; to be scheduled

Sandy will be having cataract surgery August 18th

Lilly Jo will be having tubes inserted for the 2nd time and her adenoids removed in Tulsa the 20th

Darlene will be having cataract surgery August 25

Sally is struggling with a respiratory problem

Vivian has been ill since last week

Debra continues to be in pain with her pulled chest muscle

Janae, Nelson's daughter, is experiencing a flare with her Lupus

Wes Agee, a Kern Co. firefighter, was severely injured while fighting the Canyon Fire and was flown to an L.A. area hospital after his truck rolled several hundred feet down a canyon

Tammy Shipley, wife of SHS principal, has been dealing with several severe health issues and has spent most of the summer in the hospital; is now home recovering

Buggy's husband is having a rough time mentally and emotionally

Adrianne is still waiting for a doctor's appointment for a spot on her lungs

Leanne Brock is out of the hospital and in rehab center; please remember her and her son, Kevin Gary Westbrook is out of remission and started chemo again

Recovering from surgery:

Mary C's daughter, Robert Tucker, Oliver McKenzie, Carrie (Buggie's friend), **Tonya** (Earl's daughter)

Health issues:

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-in-law) paralyzed from waist ~ **Paula** (Nancy's friend) sepsis ~ **Chris** (Buggie's friend)

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**

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)

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

Our Youth to pray to make good choices

For those that have upcoming tests this week or test results

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

