



24.2025

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

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Ephesians 2:1

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

MySpectrumWiFi8-2G

MySpectrumWiFi8-5G

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 28 - 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**



COOKS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

August 28 - Barbara/LeRoy

September 4 - Jan

September 11 - Adrienne Barbara

September 18 - Still Need a Cook

September 25 - Barbara/LeRoy

Engage in spiritual prayers and meditations to deepen your connection with the divine and find peace through structured practices and heartfelt expressions.

A meditation prayer can help focus your thoughts on God and His Word. *Calm in the Storm: "Lord, grant me the serenity to find peace amidst the chaos. Help me to quiet my mind and rest in Your presence." (Related verse: John 14:27).*

TGC - May 14, 2025 | [Bethany Broderick](#) "What (NOT) to Say..." This article & many other great articles can be found: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org>

Sometimes life's troubles can get people down and they think they are falling short in every direction. Frequently OUR response is to send out affirmations and encouragement. Sadly, oftentimes those words only bring temporary relief. They don't heal the deeper wounds of insufficiency and dissatisfaction. Even when we include scripture, those encouragements bring focus on **ourselves** as the solution to our 'internal' problems. What we need to do is find the passages that point them to unshakable truths **in God's Word that lift their eyes upward**.

1. God Loves You Unconditionally The truth is, our culture teaches us that our value is based on how well we produce and succeed. Sometimes we fall into the trap of believing that God also loves us based on our performance for Him. But point in fact, God loved us even before we were born; God sets His love on us because of His mercy. We can see in Scriptures such as **Ps. 103:13,14** and **1 John 4:16** that God KNOWS our imperfections and loves us anyway. We truly encourage when we remind them that their worth isn't based on performance but on God's perfect love for them.

2. God Created You with Limits When people in Christ come to share their struggles, we are sometimes tempted to offer a "life hack" or try to motivate them to push through. While God calls us to perseverance, sometimes we unintentionally communicate unrealistic expectations about our humanity—that we're meant to do it all, do it on our own, and do it perfectly. Instead, we should point them to God's good design in his creation. [Genesis 1–2](#) displays how God made us embodied, gendered, and dependent human beings. While the world says we're to reject and move past these limits, God tells us we are "very good" (1:31). Often, believers feel inadequate because of their God-given limitations. They feel anxious and exhausted because they're trying to be and do what God never intended for them as finite creatures. Reminding them of God's power made perfect in their weakness ([2 Cor. 12:9](#)) frees them to rest in the good boundaries God has put around their body, mind, and soul. Instead of denying or bemoaning limits, we can encourage our friends that their weaknesses deepen their dependence of God's grace.

Next week we will look at two additional ideas regarding our struggles in life.

PRAYER REQUESTS

TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

If you need prayer or have a request for someone, please let the Elders know or put a note in the box on the back wall of the auditorium or call Vivian Fisher to start the pre prayer chain (889-4075)

TRAVELERS

I think all were to be back home

PRAISES

Vivian was feeling better and able to be out

Lilly, Mike and Sandy's great-granddaughter, had her surgery all went well and will be back at daycare Friday

NEW THIS WEEK

- Borjas and other family members have the flu
- Buggy's husband, Gary, is scheduled for a colonoscopy this week
- Mary C. is not feeling very well
- Brenda's oldest brother passed away this past week.
- Buddy has a doctor's appointment this Monday and needs to get his surgery scheduled
- Tom has been given 6-8 months; pray for his comfort and Joyce's peace of mind as she deals with this situation.

Adrianne is still waiting for Dr appointment for the spots on her lungs

Darlene will be having cataract surgery August 25

Sally is struggling with a respiratory problem

Debra continues to be in pain with her pulled chest muscle but it is getting better

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

Leanne Brock is out of the hospital and in rehab center; please remember her and her son, Kevin

Lord, quiet my heart and still my soul as I wait on you during these moments alone.

I recognize you as a holy and majestic God—one who deserves great praise and glory.

I want to focus on You, Lord, and to shut out all the distractions of the world."

Love God ~ Love Each Other ~ Love the Lost ~ Live in His Light
Ama a Dios ~ Ama a los demás ~ Ama a los perdidos ~ Vive en Su luz

Recovery from surgery:

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

Health issues:

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)

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

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

Tranquil Heart: "Heavenly Father, fill my heart with Your divine tranquility. Let Your peace wash over me, calming every fear and worry." (Related verse: Psalm 29:11).