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### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday

Bible Class 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM

#### Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

**Elders:** Wayne Hardcastle, Ron Marks,  
Sergio Cercado & Melvin Nalls

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Give online at [exeterchurchofchrist.org](http://exeterchurchofchrist.org) or mail them to  
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**Elders meeting** 3rd Tuesday of each month.  
Everyone is welcome to attend  
October 21st @ 7:00pm

Please join us for a potluck Sunday October 19th after services.  
A list will be in the foyer for sign-ups.

No Men's Breakfast for the month of September



*Birthdays*

**Wayne Hardcastle– Sept 28th**



# EXETER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sharing the love of Christ, growing in relationship to Christ and  
one another, and serving God by serving others



**For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any  
two-edged sword, piercing to division of soul and of spirit,  
of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and  
intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12**

September 28, 2025

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# Order of Worship

Sunday September 28, 2025

**Share Time:** Wayne Hardcastle

**Song Leader:** Rick Rosner

**Opening Songs:** His Mercy Is More  
That's Why We Praise Him  
Alleluia

**Morning Prayer:** Sam Carr

**Mid-Service Songs:** As the Deer Thirsts for the Water  
Behold the Lamb

**Communion/Offering:** Jesse Gipson

**After Communion Song:** I Call Him Lord

**Sermon:** Steave Gipson

**Song of Invitation:** Christ the Rock

**Closing Prayer:** Sergio Cercado

## Keep in Prayer

**Barbara Adams**– She is dealing with serious medical issues.

**Darlene Hardcastle**–Prays as she continues to heal from her foot surgery.

**Jean Lillich**– She has been moved to Westgate. She would love visits.

**Sergio Cercado- Marilyn Villa** has been diagnosed with brain cancer this week. She had been in remission from cancer prior to this. Pray that the doctors are able to help her or that God will heal her.

**Brenda Plumlee**– dealing with the effects of Long Covid. Pray for healing.

**Darlene Hardcastle** – Please put baby Zoey back in your prayers. They are waiting to re-check her heart in a couple of months.

**Melvin Nalls**– Recovering from Valley Fever. Praise Eye surgery went well.

**Barbara Bream**– Please continue to pray for her.as she recovers from her surgery and fall.

## Tammy's Touch

### Uncovering the Secret

Forgiveness is absolutely essential in any long term relationship. The fact is, the longer you have been in a relationship, job or church, the greater the chances that you have been hurt. Not because people are evil or because people intentionally tried to hurt you, but because we live in a fallen world. And in a fallen world, even people of good will who love God and each other will get cross-threaded from time to time.

The key to staying in that relationship, job or church is to forgive. I think there are three keys in play here:

- 1) Realize the intent was not to hurt you. You have to offer the benefit of the doubt here.
- 2) Realize that you may be partially to blame in the process. I have noticed that people who are frustrated at me are people with whom I am frustrated.
- 3) Choose to forgive. That is right. It is a choice, not a disposition.

People who can't renegotiate relationships after being hurt will miss the nearly infinite benefits reaped by both parties in a long term relationship. If you have been in your marriage, job or congregation for a long time, you have a significant investment in that relationship. You have built something significant together. Don't let temporal disappointments rob you of infinitely greater long term (or even eternal) joys.

What is the secret of successful long term relationships?

Forgiveness: Plain and simple.

Shane L. Bishop