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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, & Tony Lawton
Deacons: Rick Rossner & Larry Thompson

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Elders meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month.
Everyone is welcome to attend **May 20th**

Clem Garcia Funeral Services

Visitation and funeral service will be held at Myers Reception Hall in
Porterville, California on **April 30, 2025** from **4:00 PM** to 7:00 PM.

A Graveside service will be held at Bakersfield National Cemetery
in Arvin, California **May 1, 2025** at **10:45 AM**.

Celebration Meal **May 1, 2025 1:00-4:00pm** @ Porterville Veterans Building
1900 W. Olive, Porterville

If you are interested in purchasing the book Larry Thompson mentioned
last Sunday, please get him the money by May 4th. The book is called
“The Revelation of Jesus” by Derrill Roberts. The cost is \$20.00. See
Larry if you have any questions.



Birthdays
Doyle Thomas May 1



EXETER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



***You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your might...***
Titus 2:12 ESV

April 27, 2025

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Order of Worship

Sunday April 27, 2025

Share Time: Richard Pfeifer

Song Leader: Rick Rossner

Opening Song: Holy is the Lord/What a Day That Will Be

Songs: He is Exalted
Behold Our God
Breathe

Morning Prayer: Sergio Cercado

Mid-Service Songs: How Sweet, How Heavenly
At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Communion/Offering: Jesse Gipson

After Communion Song: Through It All

Sermon: Steave Gipson

Song of Invitation: How Majestic is Your Name

Closing Prayer: Tony Lawton

Keep in Prayer

Darlene Hardcastle – Please put **baby Zoey** back in your prayers. They are waiting to re-check her heart in a couple of months to see if there has been any improvement.

Darlene Hardcastle – pray as she heals from knee surgery

Pray for the Family of Clem Garcia– Clem passed away April 21st. See funeral arrangements on the back of bulletin.

Daniel Gipson is recovering from hand surgery on Friday after his car was hit two weeks ago.

Ida Mae– Having headaches again. Seeing a neurologist soon.

Ron Marks Continue to pray for his recovery.

Melvin Nalls– Recovering from Valley Fever and now has bacterial meningitis

Barbara Bream – Chronic medical issues.

Tammy's Touch

You Don't Have to Agree to Admire

The Pope passed away yesterday.

Now, before you scroll past because you're not Catholic or because religion rubs you the wrong way — pause for a second.

This isn't about ritual. It's about a reminder.

Pope Francis gave over 80 years of his life to the faith — nearly six decades in ministry before he ever wore the white robes.

Let that sink in.

He didn't become Pope. He became the kind of man who could carry it. Quietly. Faithfully. Long before the world ever watched.

He led in slums and sanctuaries.
He walked with addicts and ambassadors.
And when the weight of the Vatican landed on his shoulders, he didn't flinch — he bowed deeper into the call.

That's not just religious devotion. That's legacy leadership.

You don't have to align with his theology to respect the decades of service, the quiet convictions, the global responsibility he carried with humility.

Meanwhile, some leaders today want the mic without the message. They want spotlight without the scars. They want "impact" without the cost.

But this man served in obscurity longer than most people stay in a career.

He gave up comfort, safety, recognition — all so he could be a servant first, shepherd second, and symbol third.

Leadership like that should stop us in our tracks.

Because it begs the question: Are you becoming the kind of person who could carry more? Or just chasing a title you haven't earned?

He didn't just wear white. He walked with the weight.

Rest in peace, Pope Francis. Thank you for showing us that leadership isn't about being seen — it's about being surrendered.

Leadership like that is definitely a cheat code

...Kyle Sullivan