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**Sunday Morning Bible Study** by Steave Gipson Hope to see you there.

**Sunday** 

**Bible class** 9:30 AM 10:30 AM Worship

Wednesday

Bible class 7:00 PM

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God understands the cries of our heart, even when they're too deep for words.

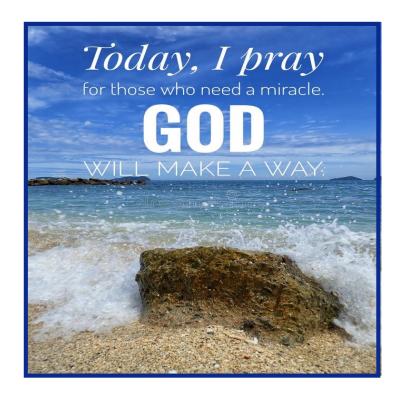
Romans 8:26



# URCH OF CHRIST

Exeter, California - Since 1910

To share the love of Christ, to grow in relationship with Christ and one another, and to serve God by serving others.



April 14, 2024 320 East Firebaugh / 592-2909

#### Order of Worship

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Share Time: Richard Pfeifer Song Leader: Rick Rossner

Opening Intro Song: Turn your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Songs:** 

You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Unto Thee, O Lord

There Is None Like You

Morning Prayer: Melvin Nalls

**Mid-Service Songs:** 

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Come to the Table

**Communion/Offering:** Sergio Cercado **Song:** Say Amen (Brian Free & Assurance)

Morning Sermon: Steave Gipson

**Song of Invitation:** The Lord Bless You and Keep You

**Closing Benediction:** Wayne Hardcastle



### 🧣 Keep in Prayer 🦠



**Richard Pfeifer** - As he recovers from surgery for a brain bleed, a complication from his recent fall

**Sergio Cercado** -As he deals with back issues.

**Steve Ooley** - Stroke and recovery process. He is at Westgate, 4525 W.

Tulare, Visalia. Steve now has hearing aids and can enjoy visitation.

Barbara Bream -Chronic medical issues that Stanford finally identified.

**Ruby Marks** - Chronic medical issues. Upcoming neck surgery.

**Rhonda Apodaca** - As she recovers from Surgery.

**Dolores Cercado** - As she deals with undiagnosed medical issues.

Aire & Wavne Burris - Former members that still have family from our congregation are dealing with medical issues and need prayers.

Kiera Avers - Cliff and Candace's daughter and Barbara's granddaughter has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. Please keep her and the family in prayer.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**We are encouraged to continue our weekly contributions.

They can be mailed to ECC P.O. Box 426, Exeter, CA 93221

## Tammy's Touch

Prayer IS the work.

Prayer is not for making me feel better.

Prayer is not so I can feel like I did something good when something bad

Prayer is not just some empty offering you make to the universe as some good will gesture.

Prayer is not just something people say because they want to get out of doing any real work to change the problem. Prayer IS the work.

Prayer is laying the foundation for every action or inaction you take. Prayer is the calling out to all-mighty God to thunder down from heaven and act on your behalf or someone else's.

Prayer is asking the One who is able to do immeasurably more than you to do something supernatural that you alone can't do.

Prayer is believing that God bends his ear to hear you and trusting he will show

Prayer is the thing that God tells us to do all.the.time.

Prayer IS the work. We hear a lot about how useless prayer is in our society. People are sick of hearing others say "you are in my prayers". They want to see action. And although faith without works is dead and we should put action to our faith. I also have this to sav... Prayer IS the work.

Psalm 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Prayer is the first thing we do. Always. Sometimes it's the only thing we do. Sometimes it's accompanied with action.

But prayer is not some after thought or some thing that ONLY works when we work. God is much bigger than that. Why is the Bible filled with examples of people who cried out to God in prayer and saw God move mightily in their life? Why did Jesus spend time praying in the garden before his capture and arrest?

Prayer IS the work. There have been many times when all I did was fervently pray and believe, and God moved mightily on my behalf.

There have been times when I prayed and felt God was silent. Yet he was moving on my behalf and it was only when I was on the other side of it was I able to fully see how he had been moving all along.

There have been times when I prayed and God answered me according to his plan and not my own. But, never have my prayers been useless.

Because there is power in prayer. Power in the name of Jesus.

Prayer IS the work.... Written by the Messy Christian