# 2025 EMBRACING GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR LIVES

# The Power of Your Influence

Matt. 5:13-16

Personal	
•	Jesus is talking to (5:13-14)
•	No One else has the field of as
	you do. (Matt. 25:14-30)
•	Jesus said "you are" – to become part of a
	behavior. (Phil 2:15)
Di	stinctive by
•	You are than those "of the earth"
	and "of the world."
•	God's will for us is to be set apart as people.
	(1 Thess. 4:3; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rom. 12:2)
Makes Life	
•	Jesus specifically focuses on the
	effect of salt. (5:13)
•	Like salt, your influence for Christ makes earth a
	for all. (Acts 17:6; 2 Cor. 2:14)
Lıg	ght the Way for
•	Jesus specifically focuses on the,
	guiding, revealing effect of light. (5:14)
•	Like light, your influence for Christ makes the
	of evil apparent. (Jn. 3:19-21)
•	Your influence shows the "" to
	all. (5:15; Psa. 119:105)
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# **SCHEDULE**

### Sunday

Bible Classes for all ages 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

## Tuesday

Men's Class on summer hiatus

# Wednesday

Bible Classes for all ages

6:30 p.m.

# **ELDERS AND STAFF**

#### Elders

#### **Deacons**

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### The Elders meet on Sunday evenings before services

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# Opportunities to Serve

Bible Hour Cheryl Bliss

ELDER for August LADIES COMMITTEE for August Dale Donaghe Robin Murray





# AUGUST 24, 2025

# **Order Of Worship**

Song Leader: Bob Chadwick

Welcome......Dale Donaghe

415 More About Jesus 501 O Worship The King

Prayer.....Don Ribble

359 Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

Lord's Supper.....Eric Bliss

184 God Is The Fountain Whence

Offering.....Brian Donaghe

711 True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted

Scripture Reading.....Eddie Crosby

Morning Service....."The Power of Your Influence".....
with Roy Senior

390 Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart 746 When He Comes In Glory

Closing Prayer.....Mike Bryant

Evening Worship......5 PM

# Aug 24th Morning Class @ 9:30 AM Morning Worship @ 10:30 AM 26th Shawn Johnson's birthday 27th Evening Service @ 6:30 PM 29th Eddie Crosby's birthday 30th Men's Breakfast @ Tom's @ 8:30 AM

# BRIDGE HOUSE OUTREACH MEAL

Thank you to all those who supported the Bridge House Outreach meal last night. As always, it was greatly appreciated.

# CARPET FOR THE FELLOWSHIP HALL & LIBRARY

The carpet for the Fellowship Hall & library will be installed tomorrow & Tuesday. If you have any questions please see one of the Elders.

# Love still wins. Prayer still works. God is still able.

# THOUGHT FOR TODAY

We look forward to the time when the power to love will replace the love of power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace.

## SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

But the meek shall inherit the land and shall enjoy peace and prosperity. ~ Psalm 37:11

# COME SHOP TINNY'S CLOSET

### PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

- -Please keep **Bob Chadwick** in your prayers. He is still dealing with a sinus infection. Also, remember **Billie Jean** & her ongoing appts. & health concerns.
- **-Laura Crownover** asked for prayers for her sister **Linda**. The biopsy came back positive for cancer. Please keep them & **Ruthie** in your prayers as they wait for news of the next step for treatment.
- **-Eddie Crosby's** daughter **LaDonna** came through her surgery well. She will now start the journey of healing & recovery. **Eddie** also asked for prayers for his neighbor's brother **Philip**, who is now in hospice care. Prayers for his family.
- -Ann Thompson asked for prayers for her husband Kevin. He had a simulator placed in his back to help with his pain & had it removed this past Monday. Prayers that it has done the job it was intended to do & that the relief will continue.
- **-Robin Murray** got a shot in her ankle Wednesday. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers from it. Also, keep her & **Bob** in your prayers as they continue to take their daughters to their appts.
- -Alora Cottam is scheduled for a root canal tomorrow. Prayers that it will happen as scheduled & that she will do well. She also asked for prayers for **Dr. Cory Gusland** & his hearing issues, that they be resolved so he can continue his practice.
- **-Theresa & George** came home with trophies in their most recent competitions. Congratulations to them both! Next stop, Lakewood! Wish them luck!
- -David House asked for prayers for John Wise, a member @ the Morro Bay church of Christ. He is battling cancer with a large tumor on his spine. Prayers as the doctors work on shrinking it to be able to remove it.
- **-Karen Anderson** went back to Marian hospital mid week. She has pneumonia. Please keep her in your prayers as she rests & heals.

#### **ENCOURAGING WORDS**

#### Remember to Follow the Leader!

A children's game from long ago involved getting all the kids in a line, then one was selected to be the leader. Every person was to keep watching and doing everything the leader did. There was a lot of raising of one arm, then two, twisting, jumping, skipping, and hopping. One thing you really learned from the game was to follow the leader.

The truth is that sometimes it was far more difficult to be a follower than to be a leader. The same is true in our spiritual lives. We need to learn how important it is to follow the leader.

We need to learn to follow the leader, but we really need to learn to follow the Leader. That Leader is our Lord, and the Bible has so many verses emphasizing this truth. Paul said, "follow me, just as I also follow Christ."

(1 Cor. 11:1) Peter said, "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps."

(1 Pet. 2:21) A good way to look at this is to think about the path our Leader has taken and where He is now. If we keep following Him, imitating Him, we shall someday be where He is now. Hebrews 6:20 describes Him as our "forerunner" who has already entered that Holy Place where we someday will go.

The leader of the game could sometimes make it too difficult to follow him. Obviously, Jesus is not this way, but leaders in the church and in our homes can easily make this mistake. The best leaders never forget what it was like to be a follower. We need to thank God for godly, caring and compassionate leaders in the body of Christ!

There were times when those who were not the leader, but who were ahead of you in the line, did not follower the leader. They took it on themselves to get in charge of the game. When this happened, the game fell apart. Think of how this applies to spiritual leaders and followers in our day. It also emphasizes how important it is to be a good follower.

Parents lead, elders lead, older brothers and sisters lead, deacons lead as do teachers and preachers. You may not see yourself as a leader, but rest assured others are watching you. The important thing is for us to never forget the one who is the Leader of all of us.

R. Senior