# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

April 28, 2024



"I've crunched the numbers in your retirement account. It's time to figure out who will be wearing the mask and who will be driving the getaway car."

Is Jesus serious when he tells a rich young man that he must sell everything he has and give it the poor, and is he serious when he tells all of us not to store up treasures on earth? Should we not have retirement accounts, or "think ahead" when it comes to future physical needs? Yes, he is serious, but it's not really about saving or having a lot of money.

What he is very seriously warning against is putting any <u>faith</u> at all in anything other than God when it comes to our future. If we somehow have a lot in our accounts, it can be a curse as it was for the rich young man, or it can be a blessing that allows us to share generously with others while we trust fully in God—and we can do that even if we have very little!

-Mark

Today's Lesson: Where are we going? But What About Retirement? Mark 10:15-31

# YOSEMITE BIBLE CAMP 2024

Our session will be Sunday, June 9-Saturday, June 15. It is open to kids who have completed 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, and those who are older may attend as staff. The church pays for all who attend as campers or staff, *so if you know of any kids who might want to attend*, please talk to **Bill or Pam** and take a registration papers from the lobby. Those we can return today will receive an early-bird discount, but we will still cover the cost as long as they meet to May 19 postmark deadline.

## LADIES!

We are starting a women's study **May 15 (rather than May 7),** using a video series from Priscilla Shirer entitled, "Armor of God", drawn for Ephesians 6:10-19.

It is a 14-week study, but we will begin with four weeks at 2:00 on Tuesdays at Carol Ledford's home, and we may make adjustments as needed as we continue. Four of the ladies are committed to those first four weeks, but please let Brenda know if you would like to be a part of this. Carol's house is in Golden Hills at 19730 Luana Drive. Text or call Brenda at 661-803-5444.

## **Remember in Prayer:**

Betty Demus's sister in law, Georgette lost her mother suddenly last week.

Mike Grimes had a nerve block put in his back on Wednesday.

**Brandy** lost her uncle week unexpectedly due to cardiac arrest. His name was **John Hernandez Sr**. He was 77 and a Vietnam Vet who lived in Bakersfield.

Carol's husband, John has been in the hospital with some serious infections, but is now home.

Please pray for **Maxine King**, mother of **Melissa King Stansbery**. She fell and had successful surgery for a broken hip. She has severe dementia, however, and is not a good patient. Prayers appreciated for her and her caretakers, especially Melissa's sister, who carries much of the weight of her care.

**Bob Rivera** had surgery on three toes. Bob also asks for prayers for **his son** who is in Israel working security.

Minnie's father passed away, and before that, her brother had a heart attack and died!

**Minnie** still suffers pain from Sciatica. Although her pain has become intermittent rather than constant, pray for complete relief! **This family needs our prayers!** 

**Cheryl** asks for prayers for her cousin **Ronnie Hall**, who lives in Texas and was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. Pray for comfort and strength for a complete recovery.

Cheryl's stepson's mother, **Stacy Krelle**, who lived in Santa Maria, passed away after her surgery. Please pray for the family!

Keep Mina in your prayers in the loss of her husband, Max.

Majid Tafighi, Max's brother, is still undergoing Chemo for cancer in his lungs.

Vickie's sister-in-law, Gaye, is now in hospice. Include Don in your prayers.

Shirley is having some good days, so keep praying for many more!

Pat Stewart has been placed on hospice. Her pain has been increasing, so pray for relief!

In addition to his near total paralysis, Kirk Stewart has painful sores on his head.

Karen has two orchestra friends, Jon and Wayne, and colleagues, Trish and Tommy, all with cancer, Galina Gurova, a friend of Melissa, has lymphoma.

Blake Budai, Blair's brother, still lacks mobility. May God work in his body and heart.

### **Always Remember:**

Those in the military, especially Joseph Budai, Sheri Huckabay's nephew, Jason Adams, and Patty Johnson's grandson, Andrew Thompson The children and staff at Manuelito Navajo Children's Home Those serving in other mission fields, including Blair's friend Sandeep in India Pray for the homeless, and pray for Blair as he works to minister to them. Those suffering in Ukraine and Russia. Many have lost loved ones in the fighting. Those suffering in Israel and Gaza as a result of the terrorist attacks and war. Those suffering almost total chaos and extreme violence in Haiti

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#### Web: <u>www.tehachapicofc.org</u> Schedule of Weekly Services and other meetings

<u>Sunday</u> AM Bible Class – 9:30am AM Assembly – 10:30am **Monday** 

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm\*

#### **Tuesday**

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 6:00pm\*

#### Wednesday

Al-Anon is meeting at noon\* Women's AA is meeting at 5:30pm\* Bible Study for All – 7:00pm

#### Thursday

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm\*

#### <u>Friday</u>

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 7:00pm\*

#### <u>Saturday</u>

Men's AA meeting at 8:00am, and another AA meeting at 9:30am\*

\*Al-Anon and Alcoholics Anonymous are not direct ministries of the church, but their purposes are supported by the church, and they meet in our Fellowship Room.

#### Mark Bixler's office hours by appointment

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Elder of the Month: *Derek Demus*