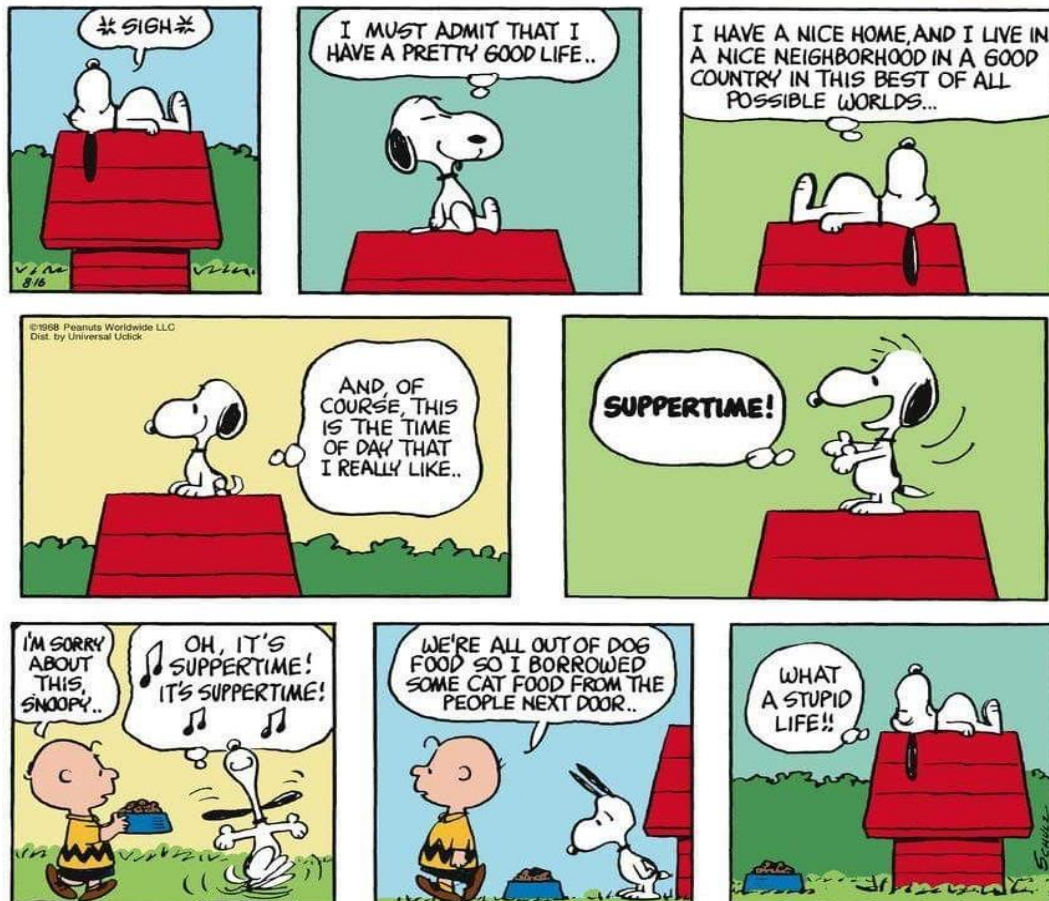

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

January 7, 2024



Snoopy's problem is the same one that keeps us from doing what Paul instructed: "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18). The problem is called "entitlement". Cat food served in a bowl is still food! If we think we are *entitled* to enjoy all of our favorite things, our gratitude is conditional. That is, we are thankful only when we get what we want. Let's make this a year of truly giving thanks in all circumstances. God is good!

-Mark

Today's Lesson:
Where are we going?

We Are Dirt

Mark 4 (Part 2)

Potluck Next Sunday!

Remember in Prayer:

Kirsten Grimes's grandmother, who was 102, passed away.

Elizabeth Sheeley passed away after a long battle with brain cancer.

Shirley has been placed on hospice. Pray for her comfort and many peaceful days!

Majid Tafighi, Mina's brother-in-law, was scheduled to receive his second and third rounds of Chemotherapy. Pray for their effectiveness and minimal side-effects.

Ruthie's heart procedure went well. Pray that the benefits will kick in soon.

Pat Stewart has been placed on hospice because her doctor felt that the treatments for her cancer were causing more harm than good. She is feeling much better, and she says she misses her church family. In addition to his near total paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has painful sores on his head, and now in other places as well. Their cause is unknown.

Tessa Eaton's parents ask for continued prayers as she will have future surgeries. She is working on her occupational therapy with a great attitude!

Cindy's 13 year-old granddaughter will be going to Mayo Clinic for further evaluation.

Vickie's sister-in-law, Gaye, is choosing not to undergo chemotherapy again for the cancer in her lungs, but she is doing well for now.

Minnie's father is in hospice, but his mind is still very clear.

Randy, Cindy's brother-in-law, continues his battle with cancer.

Gary Hackett, Delores Matlock's brother, will be receiving additional treatments to address some remaining cancer.

Karen has two orchestra friends, **Jon** and **Wayne**, who have cancer, and a colleague, **Trish**, who also has cancer,.

Maxine King, Melissa King Stansbery's mother has been put on hospice care.

Galina Gurova, a friend of Melissa, has lymphoma.

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

Pray for the health of **Bob Rivera**.

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, and many have lost loved ones in the fighting.

Those suffering in Israel and Gaza as a result of the terrorist attacks and war.

The **SIGN-UP** for cleaning and communion for 2024 is on the bulletin board.

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Schedule of Weekly Services and other meetings

Sunday

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*

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 7:00pm*

Saturday

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.

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