
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

January 10, 2021



Well, I could have cast the first stone!

While I don't know anyone who would actually say they are without sin, we are sometimes guilty of feeling justified in 'casting stones' at others because (1) we are in denial of our own sins, (2) we regard the sins of others as more grievous than our own, or (3) we think of our own sins as momentary failures, while regarding others as belonging to a category labelled "sinners".

When Jesus called Matthew and ate with his tax-collector and sinner friends, the Pharisees who questioned that choice revealed some upside down thinking of their own. They thought of themselves as morally and intellectually superior based on their religious knowledge and practices. Because they believed that, they thought that Jesus needed them, not that they needed Jesus. Jesus made it clear that if they truly were not sinners in need of mercy, then they did not need him, and were therefore disqualified as potential followers. These were his words: "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." The only ones who cannot receive God's mercy are those who don't think they need it. May God have mercy on us all!

-Mark

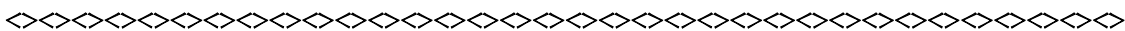


New series starts today:

The Upside Down Kingdom

Who's the Boss?

Matthew 8:28-9:12



Remember in Prayer:

April Mathis's mom has serious circulation issues in her legs, and is scheduled for surgery on Monday. Pray that no amputations are required!

Brandy Spencer lost a friend to Covid recently, and her step father in Idaho died last week. Dave Bridges has asked for prayers for his kids aunt, **Johnna Howell**, in Texas who was admitted to a hospital in Ft. Worth having been diagnosed with Wegener's disease.

Mary Corfman's sister's family in Flagstaff is dealing with Covid, and a **nephew** in Nashville is now in the hospital with Covid, and his wife is also infected.

Kirk Stewart has now tested negative for Covid, but keep him in your prayers for recovery of some strength. **Pat's** facility has had heavy restrictions, due to a staff member's positive test.

Bill is scheduled to undergo gall bladder surgery on the 28th.

Elizabeth Sheley will be starting her radiology treatments in the next 1-2 weeks. Her chemo treatments are TBD. She does have Stage 4 cancer and while it is treatable, it is very aggressive.

Norman Atchison is improving at home after fighting Covid for weeks now. They ask for continued prayers.

Pablo Blanco (from Cindy's work) is hopeful that this round of chemotherapy is working.

Tony Monterroza (also from Cindy's work) went home from the hospital, but is very weak. His wife, **Norma**, to whom he previously donated a kidney, was admitted to the hospital as Covid was affecting that kidney.

April Wiley's aunt, **Anne Farraday**, has Covid along with COPD, so prayers are valued!

April Wiley's friend, **Linda Nunez** is thankful for our prayers and asks that we keep praying.

Remember **Bob Hanna**, **Bob Rivera** and **Donna Ricker's** health issues.

It is believed that the **Navajo Nation** will suffer a 500% increase in cases of Covid, and they are not equipped to treat any severe cases.

Pray a special prayer for healthcare workers, and first responders.

Remember the homeless, and pray for **Blair** as he works to minister to them!

Always remember:

Men and women of our military (including Joseph Budai).

Families serving in the mission field

The children and staff at Manuelito Navajo Children's Home

Worship online:

We may or may not be meeting in person in the near future, but either way, we will still have worship online. Go to our website (tehachapicofc.org) and click on "Lessons", then choose the date)

In addition to a prayer for the bread and cup at the end of the lessons,

there are also some chosen acapella songs and hymns with various singers, so sing along!

As a shortcut, just click on this link or copy and paste it into your browser for this week's worship

playlist: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_0E2jbF8Jk&list=PLwrNL2vL9V_bqZtD8OnihkNhi7G_eqip0

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ZOOM meetings are still taking place on Wednesdays at 4:30 and 7:00 We are in a study from Jonathan Storment, using his book and video series, *How to Start a Riot*. We still have copies available.

If you would like to be included, contact Brenda: **email:** brendabixler106@gmail.com **call or text:** 661-803-5444 to join by *phone* or *computer*.

We also have a meeting each Sunday at 6:00pm!

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Schedule of Weekly Services

Sunday

AM Bible Class – 9:30am (**Temporarily suspended**)
AM Assembly – 10:30am (**Temporarily suspended**)
PM Bible Study – 6:00 (**ZOOM Meeting online**)

Elder of the Month:
Bill Willingham

Monday

Alanon* will resume when possible

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study-10:30 AM (**Temporarily suspended**)
PM Bible Study – 4:30 & 7:00 PM (**ZOOM Meeting online**)

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous* will resume when possible

*Alanon 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

Minister: Mark Bixler

Elders: Derek Demus & Bill Willingham

What plans might God have for your life?

Jesus personally intervened in the life of Saul on the road to Damascus. Saul had made it his mission to persecute followers of Jesus. A man named Ananias was sent to Saul to tell him that God had very different plans for his life. Ananias said to Saul, "...what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:3-16)

If you might be on the wrong path, it would be our privilege to help you discover God's plans for your life! Ask for a personal Bible study on the Welcome Card, or contact Mark Bixler

Numbers

Date	10/4/20	10/11/20	10/18/20	10/25/20	11/1/20	11/8/20	11/15/20
AM Assembly	25	27	27	24	32	41	38
Contribution	\$2764	\$1560	\$1130	\$1315	\$1900	\$2722	\$1273
Manuelito	\$179	\$85	\$403	\$0	\$80	\$162	\$329