

# Family Matters

## NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

January 11, 2026



"The best part about being a hypocrite is that you can still denounce hypocrisy."

Following Jesus is not something we do to make ourselves look better than "those sinners" in the world. Jesus was very well-received by most of those he encountered. The most notable exceptions were those who were considered successful by themselves and by others in their culture. Most of them were also very diligent in their religious practices, and believed they were the most pleasing in God's eyes.

Jesus saw them for what they really were. They were hypocrites who used their religious knowledge and practices to justify selfishness and self-righteousness. They thought of themselves as leaders who were above becoming followers.

We need to be very careful and look into our own hearts as we condemn others in that world and in our world for their hypocrisy. Following Jesus involves turning ourselves inside-out to expose our hearts and let him change what needs to be changed. This will lead us to experience true happiness—the joy of loving others and loving life without conditions.

- Mark

## Today's Lesson

## If You Wanna Be Happy...

# Be a Follower

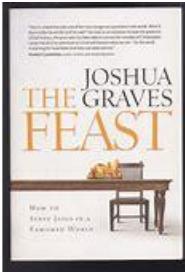
Matthew 4:12-5:12



## Potluck Today!

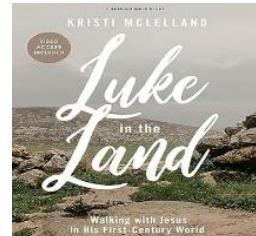
Please join us even if  
you didn't bring food!

## New Wednesday Evening Bible Study



[The Feast: How to Serve Jesus in a Famished World](#) Joshua Graves invites us to pull up around the table and feast on the Scripture stories of God at work in the world. Come and join us at 7:00pm (Get a free book!)

**Ladies group has resumed at Vicki's Tuesdays at 10:00.**



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### Remember in Prayer:

**Brandy**'s procedure was postponed, due to coverage issues. She asks for prayers that her pain will remain at bay!

**Dee Pope**'s cancer surgery on Friday went very well.

**Ruthie** retuned to the hospital last week to have fluid drained from her chest cavity. She had to stay longer than planned, but is now home. Keep praying for her stamina to return.

**Carol's husband John** my need a new hip replacement. She is staying close by him. He had a CT scan on Thursday.

**Mark's brother-in-law, Paul**, fell and broke a hip, and had a partial replacement. Pray for his tolerance of the rehab.

Ruthie asks for prayers for her friend, **Gillian**, who has thyroid cancer

**Ken Braley**, a neighbor of Mark and Brenda, is asking for prayers for healing as the cancer that God healed previously has returned and settled in his lungs.

Cindy's nephew, **Jason**, remains in a very painful battle with cancer, and his brother, **Dustin** has colon cancer. Her brother-in-law, **Randy** is also in a battle with cancer.

In addition to his paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has cancerous sores on his head, and now on both ears. It has become very painful.

Pray for the health of **Bob Rivera**. Also, for the safety of his son, **Joseph**, who has returned to Israel!

**Karen**'s friends, **Wolf, Jon, Wayne, Trish, and Tommy**, all have cancer.

Continue in prayer for **Melissa**, in the loss of her mother.

Pray for **Eva, Evangelina**, and the family in the loss of Evangelina's father.

An **aunt of Bill** passed away in Alabama. Please pray for her family.

## Always Remember:

- ◆ Those in the military, especially **Joseph Budai, Gaylen Gibson**, who is in Dubai, **Marcos Belizario, 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.
- ◆ Pray for **peace** in Ukraine and Russia, and that the agreements in Israel and Gaza will be more faithfully honored. **Pray for a peaceful transition in Venezuela.**
- ◆ Pray for Christians under persecution in Nigeria, and other parts of the world.

## New addresses:

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Nicolas and Karen Demus, 1004 N. Raitt St, Santa Ana, C

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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\*

PM Bible Study – 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 Women's 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.

Elder of the Month:

*Bill Willingham*

**Minister:** Mark Bixler

**Elders:** Derek Demus & Bill Willingham