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# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

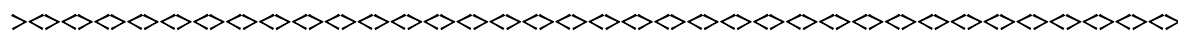
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January 14, 2024



We all agree that some things in the Bible are not easy to understand, As Hebrews 1 says, Jesus actually came to bring clarity to our understanding of God. We think of Jesus as a master teacher. Most people would point to his parables as a very helpful element of his teaching. In Mark 4, however, we see that his parables were actually very confusing even to his followers. Ironically, that was part 1 of their purpose. Part 2 of their purpose was to provide something that could be remembered even when it was not understood. Part 3 was to finally provide clarity and understanding—but only after Jesus completed the picture by defeating death through the sacrifice of his life. Even though he has completed that circle, it is up to us open our hearts to let that message sink in and take hold. We must have “ears to hear”!

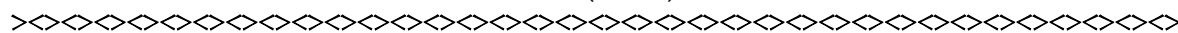
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Today's Lesson:  
*where are we going?*

## Now I Get It!

Mark 4 (Part 3)



## **Potluck Today!**

As always, we hope that everyone will stay, whether or not they brought food. No one has ever gone hungry at one of our potlucks!

## **Fellowship Room Renewal**

We have new carpet in the fellowship room, and **Ken and Bill** worked many hours to paint walls and install baseboards this week. It may not be quite finished, but it is looking great!

The **SIGN-UP** for cleaning and communion for 2024 is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. **We still need volunteers!**

## **Remember in Prayer:**

**Shirley** has been placed in 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** has been 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 it is now in her liver as well. She is doing pretty well, but she is now in hospice.

**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.

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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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