

# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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One of the reasons our faith may remain weak is our desire to remain in control of every aspect of our lives. If we think that we always know is best for us, how can we put our trust in God? When things don't fall into place just the way we think they should, we think that God cannot be trusted the next time we face a challenge.

Faith and trust are inseparable. It's good to ask God for what we think we need, but we cannot tell God what we must have. That is when trust must over-rule our emotions—especially fear. When Jesus' disciples feared for their very lives in the storm, Jesus said, *"Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"*

Let's make this a year of no fear!

**-Mark**

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

# Peace Through Strength

Mark 4:35-41

## Support for Unwed Parents

As the insert in the bulletin reminds us, this is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. This is not a time to demonize those who have made bad choices, but a time to support those who are trying to make better choices. With that in mind, the church has donated \$4500 from the funds left to the church by **Lynda Collins** to the Family Life Pregnancy Center to help them create a wedding venue for couples who feel they cannot afford a big wedding.



## Fellowship Room Renewal

We have new carpet in the fellowship room, and **Ken and Bill** worked many hours to paint walls and install baseboards last week. If you weren't here last week, step in and take a look!

## Remember in Prayer:

**Cheryl's grandson Aiden** is suffering heart issues that are most likely related to the chemotherapy he underwent a couple of years ago. Aiden is now fifteen, and this is interfering with his enjoyment of soccer. He had an appointment this past week to see a cardiologist who specializes in those who have undergone chemotherapy, so Cheryl is hopeful that the doctor will have some encouraging answers.

**Cindy's 13 year-old granddaughter Hannah** has been to Mayo Clinic for further evaluation. Pray that they will find some answers.

**Minnie** has been suffering pain from Sciatica, and although her pain has become intermittent rather than constant, she was scheduled to have an MRI yesterday.

**Majid Tafighi**, Mina's brother-in-law, is doing well after his chemotherapy.

**Ruthie** was in and out of the hospital this past week, mostly due to excess fluid. **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!

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**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.

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

**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**. 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\*

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.

**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.*

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Elder of the Month:  
*Bill Willingham*