

# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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## AFTER EDEN

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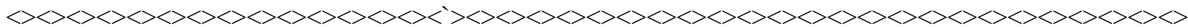


We might think that Adam and Eve suffered a unique loss, because their relationship with God changed so dramatically. I feel certain that they mourned that loss, and it is hard to imagine that they could be comforted after that loss.

What we need to grasp is the reality that we all have suffered the same loss. It is not punishment for Adam's sin, but for our own sins. We need to mourn that loss. Paul says, "*Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*" (II Corinthians 7:10)

It is this kind of mourning that will be comforted, as Matthew 5:3 promises. If we only mourn the consequences of our sin, we remain separated from God. That is what death is. If we are followers of Jesus, however, we can rejoice in the comfort that comes from knowing we are saved from our own foolish choices by the grace that comes through repentance!

-Mark

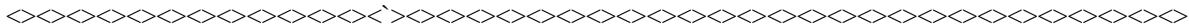


Today's Lesson

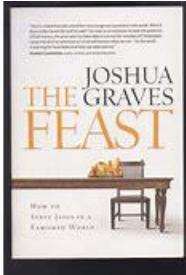
*If You Wanna Be Happy...*

Be Sad?

Matthew 5:3



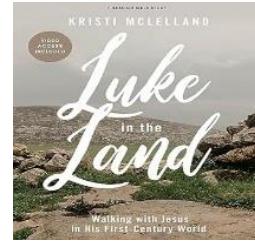
# New Wednesday Evening Bible Study



## 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 at Vicki's house on Tuesdays at 10:00!**



## Book Exchange

There is a bookshelf in the “Quiet Room” with books to borrow, and if you want to bring books to donate or loan, please do! This was Karen’s initiative, and Ken painted and installed the shelf.

## Remember in Prayer:

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

**Ruthie** is unfortunately needing fluid drained again. Pray that this will stop happening!

**Gene** went to the hospital week before last due to diverticulitis, but is home.

**Derek’s mother** has been in the hospital, due to fluid around the heart, but should be home now.

**Carol’s husband John** may need a new hip replacement, and his new doctor does not believe there is an infection after all. Carol is staying close by him.

**Mark’s sister, Sue**, asks for prayers now that her husband, **Paul**, is at home after his hip surgery. He fell again on Thursday, and she had to call neighbors to get him up.

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**. His son, **Joseph**, is back in Arizona!

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

## 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.

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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