
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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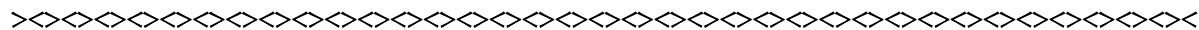
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HE'S STILL GOT THAT NEW CHRISTIAN SMELL

Maybe you've noticed that newer followers of Jesus seem to have a little more joy and want to share it with others. The first new follower who was told to go and share that joy with his friends and family in chapter five of Mark was not Jewish. His transformation was profound. He was possessed by an evil spirit who made him a feared outcast in his community: *"Night and day among the tombs he would cry out and cut himself with stones"*.

Up to this point, Jesus had told everyone he helped to keep quiet about it. That was mostly about Jewish expectations and timing, (things that did not apply to the non-Jewish people in his community), but it is significant to notice that we need to have a keen awareness of God's grace in order to truly be prepared to share His love with others. We need to remember our sins in order to appreciate our freedom from them! What would your life be like without his grace?

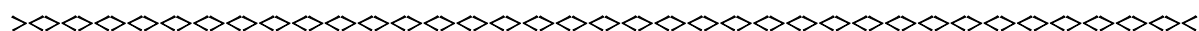
-Mark



Today's Lesson:
Where are we going?

What Time is It?

Mark 5:1-20



Plan ahead for potluck on February 18

Since there is a rumor about some football game on February 11 (the second Sunday of the month when we would normally have the potluck), we will have it on the following week.

Baby Shower for Eva following the potluck!

We plan to celebrate the imminent arrival of Eva's baby in conjunction with the potluck. Everyone is of course, invited to join in!

Support for Unwed Parents

As we announced last Sunday, 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.

We received a thank you note from Family Life Pregnancy in response:

"You have overwhelmed us with your most gracious gift. What an awesome answer to prayer. Our clients will be blessed as they enjoy the beautiful courtyard for a wedding ceremony. Bless you."

They also invite you to visit them at 103 E. D Street for a tour if you have not already seen the very nicely renovated historic house.

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. He had an appointment with one cardiologist, but will see another cardiologist for further evaluation.

Cindy's 13 year-old granddaughter Hannah has been to Mayo Clinic for further evaluation. Nothing seems perfectly clear, but she is doing alright.

Minnie has been suffering pain from Sciatica, and although her pain has become intermittent rather than constant, pray for complete relief!

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

Tessa Eaton's parents ask for continued prayers as she will have future surgeries. **Ruthie** seems to be dealing with one issue after another, so keep her in your prayers!

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.

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.

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*

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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