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# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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February 1, 2026



*"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit about fifteen per cent of the earth,  
a hundred-per-cent increase over what they have today."*

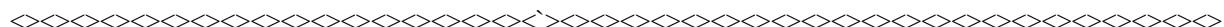
If we accept the common impression that meekness is weakness and quiet submission to the will of anyone who wants us to do their bidding, the idea that any percentage of the world will ever belong to the meek seems absurd. There are many people in our world who seem to win through intimidation and even violence. Do we believe that they are evidence that Jesus was wrong about meekness?

Meekness is better defined as power under control. Jesus was meek when he let the enemy play out his violence, and he defeated death in the process. He could have put an end to the whole charade at any moment, but by keeping his power under control, he became the king of all creation.

We will sometimes see our victories when we allow others to violate our rights, but even when we do not see them, those victories are real.

*"...if we endure, we will also reign with him."* (II Timothy 2:12)

**-Mark**

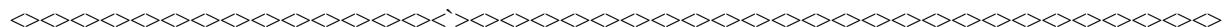


Today's Lesson

*If You Wanna Be Happy...*

**Be Weak?**

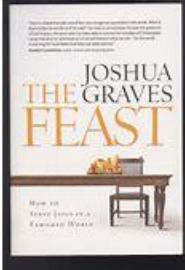
Matthew 5:3





## Potluck next Sunday!

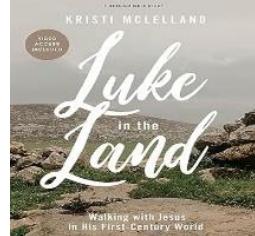
## New Wednesday Evening Bible Study



### 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!



## Remember in Prayer:

**Brandy** did have her procedure on Monday. Pray that her pain will subside and not return!

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

**Derek's mother** has been in the hospital, due to fluid around the heart, but is now home.

**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