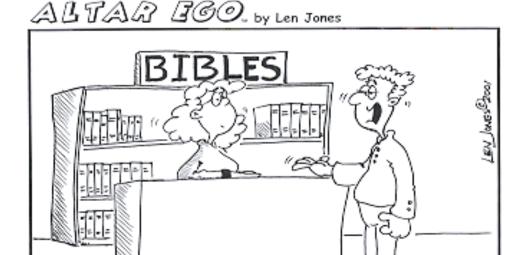
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

February 2, 2024



"What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted, or in need of making some kind of decision."

What we want and what we really need are often very different things. The fact that Jesus said he did not come into the world to condemn the world is very comforting, but it does involve a decision to choose to come into the light. As Jesus observed, however, "Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19) If we find ourselves resisting the sacrificial lifestyle of Jesus, we are choosing the self-centered lifestyle of the darkness. Let's choose the light! It's a choice we must renew every day.

-Mark

...Believe it or Not...

Into the Light

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John 3:16-4:3



FIRE VICTIM RELIEF

We will be sending money to the La Puente Church of Christ to help with their distribution to victims of the fires. If you want to add to that fund, put it in an envelope in the Ukraine tray.

Praise:

Cheryl's daughter-in-law, **Jessica**, says she is 100% better, and is working (although she still tests positive for Valley Fever). Cheryl's other daughter-in-law, **Carla**, had surgery to remove a tumor that was lodged in her shoulder bone, but it was not cancerous (as was feared), and she is healing well!

Remember in Prayer:

Cindy's brother-in-law, **Randy**, is dealing with cancer spreading again.

Melissa's friend, **Mark Martinez** fell last Sunday and shattered his hip. He was scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, and asked for prayers. Pray for his recovery.

Vicki asked for prayers for the husband of her friend, **Melody**. He has been on life support. **Karen** has been suffering from a back injury. It is better, but she is still in pain.

Kayla has seen a new doctor who believes he can relieve her problem surgically, but she will have to live without pain medications for a couple of months. Pray for her in the meantime! **Minnie** is healing well after knee surgery. Minnie's brother **Nathan** had to postpone a triple bypass surgery due to a painful blood clot in his left leg. He is still waiting. Her brother, **Mark**, has recovered from his infections, but is not being allowed to work.

Pray for the **Mike, Aaron, Ruthie, and all of the Grimes family** in the sudden loss of **Jason**, Mike's younger brother!

Gene and Laurie Studer, the parents of Cindy's son-in-law, Stephen, both had strokes just before Christmas. Gene has had multiple strokes and is not doing well.

Ruthie's nephew, Will Burgett, is now in the hospice hospital. Continue prayers for **Maxine King**, mother of **Melissa**.

Galina Gurova, a friend of Melissa, needs healing from lymphoma

In addition to his paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has cancerous sores on his head, and now on his left ear. Removing it would risk paralysis of his face, so no treatment is planned.

Pray for health and healing for Bob Rivera.

Bob asks for prayers for his son, **Joseph** who is in Israel working security as a contractor.

Morgan Gibson's dad's infected leg is being treated with antibiotics..

Vicki and Ken's daughter-in-law's mother, Priscilla, is being treated for pancreatic cancer. Pray for successful surgery, treatment, and comfort for the family.

Karen's friends, Jon and Wayne, and colleagues, Trish, and Tommy, all have cancer.

Always Remember:

Those in the military, especially **Joseph Budai**, and **Sheri Huckabay's** nephew, **Jason Adams**, **Patty Johnson**'s grandson, **Andrew Thompson**, and **Gaylen Gibson**

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, Russia, Israel and Gaza, and in other "hot spots" around the world.

Pray for those who have suffered so much loss of property and some who have lost loved ones in the fires!

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Schedule of Weekly Services and other meetings

Sunday

 $AM\ Bible\ Class-9:30am\quad AM\ Assembly-10:30am$

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

Elder of the Month:

Bill Willingham