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# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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February 16, 2025



"Trust, but verify", is one of the most often repeated lines from President Reagan. I believe he was saying that tongue-in-cheek, since the fact that verification is required seems to indicate that you actually do not trust the word of the "trustee". In politics, it does seem wise to trust only the actions of others, and not the words. Yet if you act in good faith, that really is trust.

Perhaps it is ironic that a royal official—one who lived in the world of politics—actually "took Jesus at his word" when he told him that his very sick child did not need an in-person visit in order to be healed (**see John 4:47-54**). Jesus simply said, "Your son will live", and the man soon got word that his son was well. When the man asked what time the change occurred, he was asking for verification, based on the time Jesus spoke those words. Did that mean he did not trust Jesus? No. Trust is an action, not a feeling.

When we ask God in Jesus' name for healing or relief or blessings, we can trust that He answers prayers without requiring a personal encounter. Trust Him. He knows what is best. Then remember to give God the credit when you survive and thrive. That verifies His love, and your faith will grow.

**-Mark**

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...**BELIEVE IT OR NOT...**

Trust Me

John 4:43-54

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## **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.

### **New Address:**

Gaylen, Morgan and James Gibson  
2613 Inglewood  
Wichita Falls, TX 76301

### **Remember in Prayer:**

Cindy's brother-in-law, **Randy**, had surgery due to another cancerous growth, and he has had some infection at the site.

Minnie's brother **Nathan** finally had the triple bypass surgery that was postponed due to a painful blood clot in his left leg. The surgery went well, then he had cardiac arrest on Friday. He was revived, and after several days of semi-consciousness, he has even been joking a little. He may be moved from ICU to a room soon.

Minnie's sister-in-law, **Maria** had back surgery. So far, so good.

**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!

The husband of Vicki's friend, **Melody**, passed away on Tuesday in Texas.

**Ruthie's nephew, Will Burgett**, is now in the hospice hospital.

Melissa's friend, **Mark Martinez** is doing well after his hip surgery, but appreciates prayers for recovery..

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.

**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.

Although Cheryl's daughters-in-law, **Jessica and Carla**, are both doing well, they ask for continued prayers

### **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!**

## **Tehachapi Church of Christ**

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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.

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Elder of the Month:

*Bill Willingham*