Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

March 2, 2025



"Don't get me wrong. Hove our shepherd. It's just that I prefer a different style of herding."

From the viewpoint of most of the Jews of Jesus' day, Jesus' leadership style was very different from what they thought they needed. 5000 men gathered to be with him, and after a long day of listening to his teachings, they enjoyed a meal of fish and bread with more than enough to satisfy their immediate hunger. Most would agree that a Shepherd's first responsibility is to make sure that his sheep are fed. They saw in him the leader that they thought they were looking for. In fact, they wanted to make him more than just a shepherd. They wanted to make him king.

The reason they did not understand Jesus' actual mission was because they did not understand their actual needs. They did not need a leader who could make sure they would eat their fill of fish and bread every day for the rest of their lives. They needed a shepherd who would restore their souls.

What are we looking for from our faith? If we are looking for solutions to all of the problems we face from day-to-day, we are in danger of losing faith in God. He always cares and provides, but He often provides strength to endure and overcome challenges, rather than removing them. Keep the faith!

-Mark

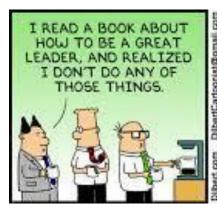


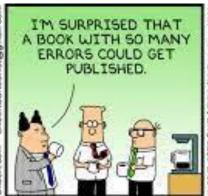
Today;s Lesson

...BELIEVE IT OR NOT... God in a Bottle

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John 6:1-21







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.

Cleaning Service

Thanks to those who have volunteered to clean our facilities! It is a true service! **There are several months available for others who can volunteer.** The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Remember in Prayer:

Cindy's family has lost **Gene Studer**, the father of Cindy's son-in-law, Steven. Cindy's daughter Natausha was his nurse, and was very close to him. Pray for them all!

Cindy's brother-in-law, **Randy**, will be treated with a different cnacer therapy which is hoped to be very helpful, although not a cure.

Minnie's brother **Nathan** remains in the hospital after his triple bypass surgery, and serious complications afterwards.

Minnie's sister-in-law, **Maria** had back surgery. Pray for her relief from 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!

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, has been receiving chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer, and she is now scheduled for surgery in Portland. 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 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