Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

March 3, 2024



"What if we don't change at all ... and something magical just happens."

There is a current term used for those who are change agents in business and politics: "disrupter". It sounds like a bad thing, but it's often used in a positive way to refer to those who are wise enough and brave enough to see changes that need to be made and to disrupt the status quo.

Jesus was seen as a disrupter, because he called for repentance—another word for change. Religious rules were given by God as a way to help everyone have a better life. Those had been twisted by religious people into traditions that made life very difficult, and were even used to justify neglecting one's parents in their old age. Jesus denounced those who did this very harshly.

There will always be traditions, and traditions can be good. How can we test them? This is a good question to ask: Does this help us and others to love God more deeply, and does it help us to love others more effectively?

-Mark

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Today's Lesson: Where are we going?

What Counts

Mark 7:-25

Potluck next Sunday!

New address for Russ and Melody Lawson:

7046 N. Hwy. 25 West La Follette, TN 37729

Correction for Melissa King Stansbery's address:

28411 Forward Pass Ct. in Stallion Springs

Remember in Prayer:

Frank Martinez, a homeless man we had helped in several ways was with us in worship Sunday before last, then he returned to Anaheim, where his mother lives and where he was able to find some work. Last Friday his mother let me know that he had been struck by a drunk driver as he was crossing the street, and as she put it, was "taken to Heaven by God's angels". The driver of the car was arrested by a policeman who was nearby and charged with felony manslaughter. His mother had just taken him to lunch a few hours before, and is devastated. Please pray for her.

Mina's husband, Max, seems to have improved some during the week. The last word was that they were "waiting for him to wake up". Their daughter flew in from Germany, then returned after a few days. Keep Max, Mina and the family in your prayers.

Majid Tafighi, Mina's brother-in-law, received good <u>news after</u> one round of radiation for his brain tumor. He is still undergoing Chemo for the cancer in his lungs, however.

Melissa is thankful that mother, **Maxine King**, has been moved from the hospital to a good temporary care facility for twenty days. **Melissa's** back is somewhat better too!

Minnie's father is in hospice, and his mind is still very clear, but his body is failing.

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

Pray for **Ruthie's nephew** as he goes through radiation and chemotherapy after his recent brain surgery.

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 is having some good days, so keep praying for more!

Pat Stewart has been placed on hospice because her doctor felt that the treatments for her cancer were causing more harm than good. Her pain has been increasing.

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,.

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**.

Praise:

Cindy's granddaughter **Hannah** is doing well, **Randy** is good, **Tessa** is doing well also. Cheryl's grandson **Aiden** is doing really great with no more heart related symptoms. Please just keep him in your private prayers for continued good health.

Thanks to everyone for all the prayers and thoughtfulness and a big praise to God for his healing powers.

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.

Mark Bixler's office hours by appointment

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Elder of the Month: *Derek Demus*