
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

March 8, 2026



“I’m very, very happy. But I want to be very, very happy. And that’s why I’m miserable.”

Not all suffering makes us happy—especially not when we manufacture it ourselves--but suffering persecution for the sake of righteousness is blessed. It is true that Christians in other times and in other places suffer more severe persecution, but it is not true that we cannot enjoy this blessing.

When are we most likely to suffer persecution for righteousness' sake? We are living in a culture that is increasingly less inclined to admire restraint, and more inclined to reward extreme speech and behavior. When we do not join in, we may be accused of being self-righteous, and that is a real danger. We are only blessed if we rely on the righteousness that comes through faith in Jesus.

The best test may be in our response to those who accuse us: *“Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”* (1 Peter 2:12). Just don't call them pagans. That might bring persecution, but it won't lead them to glorify God!

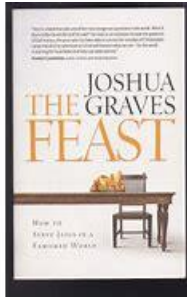
-Mark

Today's Lesson

If You Wanna Be Happy...

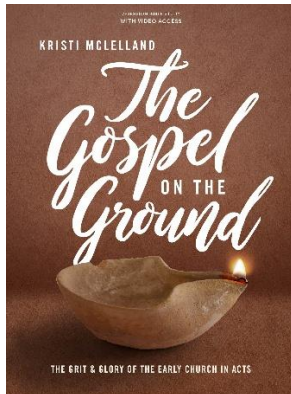
Suffer?

Matthew 5:10



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

[The Feast: How to Serve Jesus in a Famished World](#) Joshua invites us to pull up around the table and feast on the Scripture stories **Graves of God** at work in the world. Come and join us at 7:00pm



New study for Ladies group at Vicki's house on Tuesdays at 10:00!

This is a study of the breakout of the church in the book of Acts.

Join in and bring a friend!

Remember in Prayer:

Pray for **Aaron, Mike**, and all of the **Grimes family** in the loss of Ruthie—and her son, **Gene**.

Remember **Delores Matlock**, in the loss of her mother

Brandy did have her procedure, but she also is hoping to change to a position within her current company that will be less physically challenging.

Cindy's grand-nephew, **Maverick (age 3)**, has been back in the hospital on life support.

Cindy's brother-in-law, **Randy**, is battling cancer again, but he has great confidence in his present doctor.

Mark's brother-in-law, **Paul**, has fallen at least three more times, and **Sue** (Mark's sister) has to call for help each time. She is exhausted!

Carol's husband **John** may be getting closer to a surgery date. Pray that it comes soon, and the recovery goes well!

Derek's mother has had fluid around the heart, but is now glad to be home.

Betty's dad is battling Parkinson's disease, and her mom is not able to be his only caregiver.

That is why Betty travels to Kansas as much as she can.

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.

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 Israel, so keep him in your prayers.

Ruthie's friend, **Gillian**, Cindy's family members, **Jason, Dustin, Randy**, and **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), **Sheri Huckabay's** nephew, **Jason Adams**, **Patty Johnson's** grandson, **Andrew Thompson**, and all those involved in the current efforts in Iran.
- ◆**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.
- ◆**Pray for the Iranians--especially Mina's brother—and pray for a quick resolution!**

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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