

# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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GOOD NEWS, JUST 40 LAPS AROUND THE WILDERNESS FOR DISOBEYING GOD ... BAD NEWS, EACH LAP TAKES A YEAR

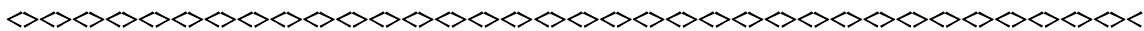
The Israelites grumbling after being freed from slavery in Egypt is the ultimate example of what not to do when God provides for our needs. One of the first things they complained about was the food He provided. They didn't have to work the fields. They didn't have to plant or harvest. They didn't have to shepherd flocks of smelly sheep.

Jesus fed 5000 men one meal, and they chased him down the next day to ask him to do for them what Moses did in the wilderness. He offered something much better than fish and barley loaves. He offered his own body as bread and his blood as wine. It was not really surprising when they did not understand, but it was disappointing that they grumbled and many turned away from him.

I find myself complaining a lot about the prices of groceries and food at restaurants these days. What I don't do is go without meals or eat things I don't want to eat. Complaining about these things is not complaining about the government. It is complaining about God's ways of providing for our needs.

The worst thing we can do, however, is to fail to be grateful for our freedom from spiritual slavery. The enemy wants us to focus on our physical and emotional needs and desires, so that we won't even praise God for sending his son to save us from the anxiety that sin causes. Let's focus on that!

*-Mark*

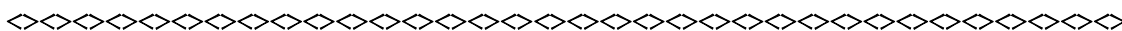


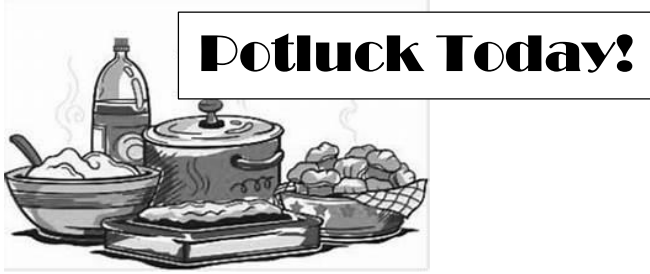
Today's Lesson

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

Want Some Cheese With Your Whine?

John 6:22-71





## Potluck Today!

Do not let a little thing like not bringing any food keep you from enjoying the feast that God will provide. There will be plenty!

## NEWS

Gaylen is being deployed for at least seven months in October, so Morgan may move to Austin for work during that time. She says she misses everyone!

## 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.** The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

## Remember in Prayer:

**Carol** is under doctor's orders to rest more and continue antibiotics. **John** is also continuing antibiotics.

**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

**April Wiley** asks for prayers for her husband.

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

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!

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..

**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**

Worship – 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

### **What plans might God have for your life?**

Jesus personally intervened in the life of Saul on the road to Damascus. Saul had made it his mission to persecute followers of Jesus. A man named Ananias was sent to Saul to tell him that God had very different plans for his life.

Ananias said to Saul, "...what are you waiting for?

Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:3-16)

*If you might be on the wrong path, it would be our privilege to help you discover God's plans for your life! Ask for a personal Bible study on the Welcome Card, or contact Mark Bixler.*

### **Mark Bixler's office hours by appointment**

Call or text: 818-470-5793

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Bible Class – 9:30am

Elder of the Month:

***Bill Willingham***