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# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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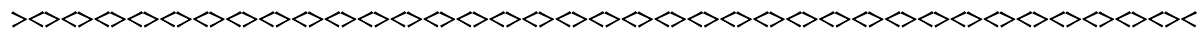
March 10, 2024



There are many examples of Old Testament heroes of faith who seemed impatient when their prayers were not immediately answered or their perceived needs were not immediately supplied – Job, David, and Elijah, for example. Why do they remain as heroes of faith? In a word, perseverance! Maybe they complained, but they did not give up on God.

It might help us to remember two things: (1) Delayed answers are not “no” answers, and (2) God will make things clear when we need clarity. He knows when that is. We do not. One last reminder: persistence in prayer is not a bad thing. Even Jesus prayed for the same thing three times. Pray without ceasing!

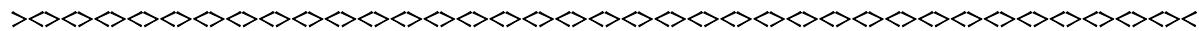
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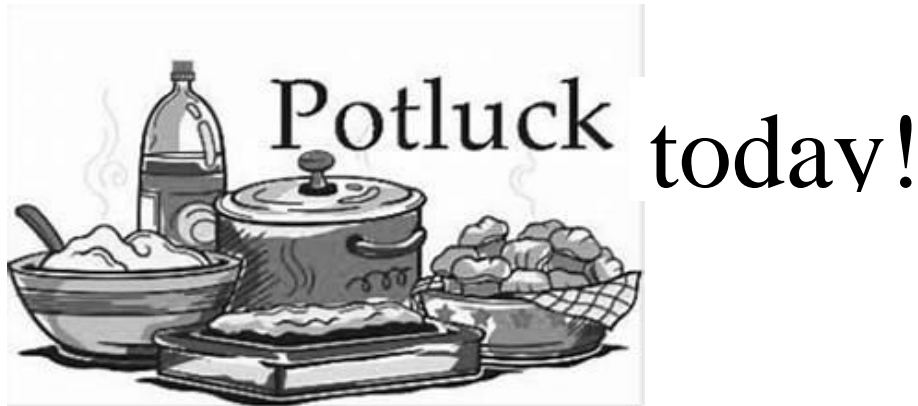


Today's Lesson:  
Where are we going?

## Not So Bright

Mark 7:24-8:26





Please join us even if you brought no food. We won't be feeding 4000 today, but we will have food leftover, just as they did after Jesus fed that crowd!

## New baby boy!

Eva and Gharrett are the proud parents of Forest Christopher Jones, weighing in at a healthy 9.9 ounces on Monday!

## Address Correction:

Mina Taufighi  
19538 Cherry Lane  
Tehachapi, CA 93561

## Remember in Prayer:

**Mina's husband, Max**, passed on Wednesday. Keep Mina and the family in your prayers.

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

**Melissa** is finally scheduled for surgery to remove the kidney stone in Santa Clarita on the 14<sup>th</sup>. If all goes as planned, she will return two or three weeks later to have a stent removed.

**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 now in hospice.

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

**Pat Stewart** has been placed on hospice. Her pain has been increasing, so pray for relief!

In addition to his near total paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has painful sores.

**Karen** has two orchestra friends, **Jon** and **Wayne**, and a colleague, **Trish**, all with 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**.

**Frank Martinez**, our homeless friend, was struck and killed by a drunk driver in Anaheim as he was crossing the street week before last. Please pray for his mother. There will be a service for Frank on March 21 in Cypress. Ask Mark if you want details.

## **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.

## **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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*Derek Demus*