
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

March 15, 2026



One thing that all sides seem to agree on is a hatred of hypocrisy. That is, we all hate it when we see it in others. That makes our hatred of hypocrisy hypocritical.

So, should we change our minds about how evil hypocrisy really is? Of course not! What is the answer? According to Jesus' teachings--starting with the Sermon on the Mount--we should focus on allowing God to change our hearts.

Hypocrisy is evil, but we do need to avoid a trap that the enemy has set for us. He wants us to believe that it is better to embrace our evil desires openly. At least we're not hypocrites!

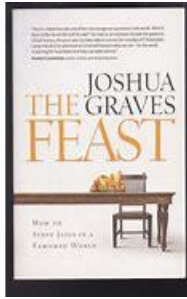
When Jesus emphasizes the heart, he is not suggesting that we should not avoid evil and do good unless our hearts are perfectly in line with our actions. He is saying that when we give our hearts to God, evil desires will no longer feel at home in them, and loving feelings and actions will flourish. We will also avoid pride and give God all of the glory!

-Mark

Today's Lesson

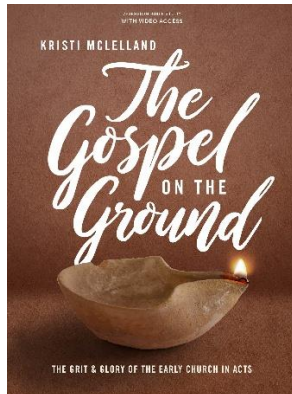
Mirror, Mirror

Matthew 5-7



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!

Welcome to our church family!

We might say that **Anita Hill** has been a “close friend of the family” for some time, but we are very happy that she is now “officially” a part of the family. Anita worked as a nurse with Betty Demus, but she is now enjoying being a nursing instructor in Lancaster. Her husband is retired from the US Navy, and they are proud grandparents! They live at 19868 Cherry Lane in Tehachapi. 661-779-3416 ladyastingtheblues48@gmail.com

Remember in Prayer:

Pray for **Aaron, Mike**, her son, **Gene**, and all of the **Grimes family** in the loss of Ruthie. **There will be Visitation on Friday from 4:00pm-8:00pm at Wood Family Funeral Home (321 West F Street), and the Celebration of Life will be there as well on Saturday from 11:00-12:00 with lunch following.**

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**, keeps falling and **Sue** (Mark's sister) has been exhausted!

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

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 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