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# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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March 16, 2025



"It's a tricky theological point.  
You say you covet your neighbor's humility?"

Covetousness is certainly a major problem, but humility is a more basic one.

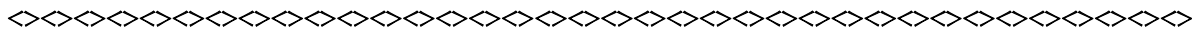
In John 3, a very knowledgeable man named Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, apparently because he was not humble enough to face the rejection of his fellow Jewish leaders if they knew that he wanted to listen to Jesus.

In John 7, that same man was brave enough to challenge his fellow leaders and expose their lack of integrity. They wanted to condemn Jesus. He pointed out that they hadn't really even listened to him. He risked his status and the loss of friends and colleagues. What had changed in Nicodemus?

Nicodemus seems to have become more than a curious admirer of Jesus who remained on the outside looking in. He seems to have humbled himself when Jesus told him he'd have to be born again and start out as a baby. He seems to have actually done just that and has begun to grow in his faith as an insider.

Each of us has to make the same choice. We can be window shoppers who admire Jesus and his followers, or we can overcome our pride, enter in and join the action!

**-Mark**

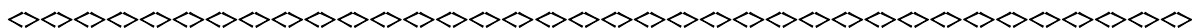


Today's Lesson

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

I Need to Know What I Don't Know

John 7



## Where is Mary?

Mary made it to North Dakota in time to welcome **Piper Carina Rivera** into the family of **Amy, Matthew and Lucy**, on Friday (March 14)! She weighed in at 6lbs, 14oz, and was 19 inches long. Congratulations as well to Grandpa Tim, Aunt Sarah, and Uncle Daniel, who will have to wait to meet Piper!

## FIRE VICTIM RELIEF

We sent \$1500 to the La Puente Church of Christ to help with their distribution to victims of the fires!



## Remember in Prayer:

**Victoria Belizario** is six-months pregnant, and has been suffering serious issues, and is now told that she will have to be induced next week. She was sent from Adventist in Tehachapi to Adventist in Bakersfield, then to Fresno. She needs comfort!

**Vicki and Ken's daughter-in-law's mother, Priscilla**, had her surgery on Thursday, in Portland, and is doing well! Pray for full healing from pancreatic cancer.

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

After being moved to Wichita Falls, Texas, last month, **Gaylen** is now told he will be deployed in the Fall for at least seven months to an undisclosed location. Pray for his safety, and for **Baby James and Morgan** when he is gone.

**Carol** has been under doctor's orders to rest more and continue antibiotics. **John** has also been taking antibiotics for a different illness.

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.

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, and she has been living without pain medications for a couple of months. Insurance approved surgery so it should be soon.

**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.

**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**

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.

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Elder of the Month:

*Bill Willingham*