

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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As Paul addresses the issue of marriage in chapter seven of I Corinthians, has it ever occurred to you that most if not all of those marriages were arranged by the families with little or no input from the partners? In light of this fact, what he says in Ephesians seems even more remarkable. He commands husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the church!

Consider these statistics (found in an article by an Indian writer):

The divorce rate for arranged marriages in India stands at 1.1%

The global rate of divorces for arranged marriages is at 6%

In the first year that there were more divorces than marriages in America, a reporter drew the conclusion that more than 50% of marriages in America end in divorce. That writer did not take into account that there were millions of marriages before that year began, so that was a wildly false conclusion which has become a truism that is rarely challenged. However, it is certainly true that there is a much higher divorce rate where we partners choose each other.

There is a debate in India as to whether arranged marriages or what they call “love marriages” are better. The Indian writer who quoted the above statistics asks the obvious question, and gives a wise answer:

“Is this proof that arranged marriages are more successful than love marriages? Love or arranged I have seen the best of couples fall apart and even the extreme opposites making it till the end. What matters is the ground work that couples do to make their relationships last for a lifetime.”

Allow me to add that ‘love or arranged’, marriage is a wonderful gift from God! However, a magnet on a friend’s refrigerator put it this way: *“Marriages are not made in Heaven; they come in a kit that has to be put together”.*

–Mark

TO OUR VISITORS: Thank you for choosing to come and worship with us today! We rejoice in your presence and pray that you have been blessed by being with us. We hope that you will return whenever you have the opportunity.

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Schedule of Weekly Services

Sunday

AM Bible Class – 9:30 AM
AM Assembly – 10:30 AM
PM Bible Study – 6:00 PM

Monday

Alanon* 7:00 PM

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study-10:30 AM
PM Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous* 7:00 PM

*Alanon and Alcoholics Anonymous are not direct ministries of the church, but their missions 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

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Elder of the Month:

Derek Demus

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Brandy Spencer

Greeter: ***Minnie Booker***

Building Cleaning:

Shirley Peters

Communion: ***Ruthie Grimes***

Our Records	1/27/19	2/3/19	2/10/19	2/17/19	2/24/19	3/3/19	3/10/19	
AM Bible Study	26	26	23	NC	20	26	29	Special Contribution for Manuelito last week: \$293 Weekly Budget: \$1770.00
AM Worship	49	56	37	NS	48	58	55	
PM Bible Study	14	14	NC	NC		16	13	
Ladies Bible Study	12	NC	8	8	4			
Wednesday Bible Study	10	12	14	15	12	9	12	
Contribution	\$ 1383	\$2874	\$1280	\$	\$2927	\$ 5076	\$ 1599	