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# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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March 22, 2026



Back when I played golf, this would have been an appropriate gift for me. The truth is, the same thing can be said about most golfers, not to mention all of our lives as a whole.

In spite of his inconsistencies, Peter was chosen to lead in the beginning stages of the church. Why did Jesus not stay around to help the church—at least for a while? Maybe it was because we really need to see that we can play important roles in Christ's church in spite of our own inconsistencies.

We need to understand that our failures, no matter how great, are not greater than God's power and love. If Peter could be with Jesus every day and see his unlimited power on display, how could he fail in such a spectacular way? The fact that he did that, yet was not disqualified to be a witness for Jesus after he ascended should be encouraging for us.

No matter how you might have failed to live up to the promise you made as a follower of Jesus, you can also be a witness to his power and his mercy. You can extend the same kind of mercy to those who need it!

**-Mark**

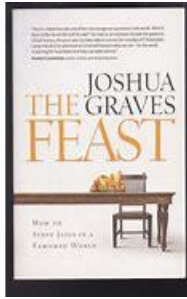
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Today's Lesson

***Lower Than a Snake's Belly in a Wagon Rut***

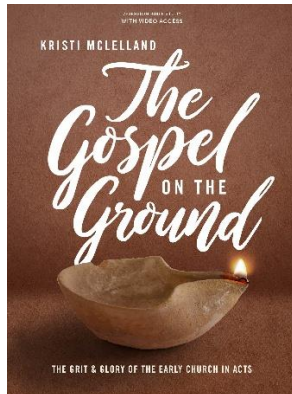
Matthew 26

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## 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!**

## Remember in Prayer:

Pray for **Aaron, Mike**, her son, **Gene**, and all of the **Grimes family** in the loss of Ruthie.

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, and he had a hard week!

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.

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 Arizona.

Ruthie's friend, **Gillian**, Cindy's family members, **Jason, Dustin, Randy**, and **Karen's** friends,

**Wolf, Jon, Wayne, Trish**, and **Tommy**, and Mark and Brenda's neighbor, Ken, all have cancer.

Pray for healing!

## 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.

**Minister:** Mark Bixler

**Elders:** Derek Demus & Bill Willingham

Elder of the Month:

*Bill Willingham*