

# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

March 30, 2025



*"I'm a college professor, Jason. You need to ask someone else if you want advice about the real world."*

As you may have noticed, those who challenged Jesus the most were the ones who had studied the most. Education is a very valuable thing, as long as it leads to real-world application. When it is used as a weapon or a status-symbol, however, "formal" education is very dangerous. In addition to hurting others, it can result in a type of pride that closes one's mind and leads to embarrassingly foolish positions that defy logic and reason.

In John 9, Jesus gave sight to a man who had been born blind. At that time, blindness eliminated any opportunity for a formal education, and it made human dignity very elusive. What it did not eliminate was common sense, and it did not eliminate courage. This man "schooled" the professors in a way that revealed their shallow understanding of reality.

In our culture, we are often challenged to choose between what our faith clearly reveals, and the denial of some who hold impressive degrees.. These realities do not require years of study and research. They only require an open mind, and the courage to stand up for what we see in spite of the critics.

-Mark

Today's Lesson

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

**Sightless...Sighted...Insightful!**

John 9



## YOGA

Beginning on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall will be a “mostly easy” Yoga class with a mixture of stretching, balance, and light weights. Grab your mat and water bottle. Don’t worry if you don’t have a mat, there will be a few available. Come and join the fun, plus bring a friend!

## Remember in Prayer:

**Cindy’s brother, Donnie** seems near the end of his life on this earth. He says he feels that he has finished what God had planned for him, but he does hope to visit with his sisters, Cindy and Brenda (who lives in Arizona). Donnie’s son, **Jason**, is also in a very painful battle with cancer. Pray for relief!

**Victoria Belizario** is six-months pregnant, and has been suffering serious issues. She has been told that she will have to be induced.

In addition to his paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has cancerous sores on his head, and now on his left ear. They plan to try radiation. It has become very painful.

**Kayla** is hoping to have her surgery soon, rather than waiting for the delay that insurance has been causing. This could cost more out-of-pocket, so pray for physical and financial relief!

**Sandeep** in India is recovering after a brutal attack by several enemies of his faith.

**Piper Carina Rivera**, Corfman’s granddaughter born on March 14<sup>th</sup> has a cephalohematoma under her scalp. It should be harmless and go away on its own, but they will be watching for possible jaundice.

**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.

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!

**Ruthie’s nephew, Will Burgett**, is 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

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, **Wolf, Jon** and **Wayne**, and colleagues, **Trish**, and **Tommy**, all have cancer.

# Always Remember:

Those in the military, especially **Joseph Budai**, **Gaylen Gibson**, and **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, 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 tornadoes in the South and the Midwest.**

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### **Schedule of Weekly Services and other meetings**

#### **Sunday**

Worship – 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

### **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**

Call or text: 818-470-5793

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Bible Class – 9:30am

Elder of the Month:

***Bill Willingham***