Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY



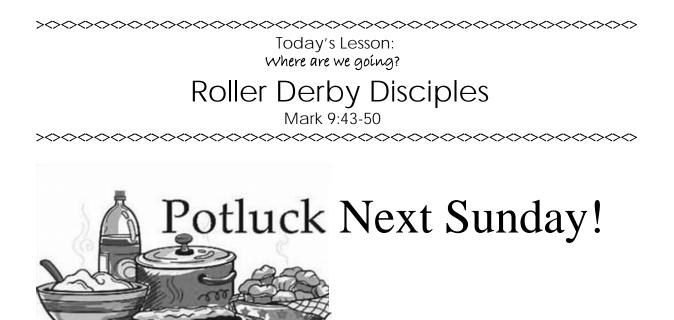
MY LEFT HAND GOT UPSET WITH MY RIGHT HAND AND MY FACE GOT IN THE WAY

I think we all understand that Jesus used hyperbole at times, because that is sometimes the only way to express the level of importance of certain issues. He said, *"when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing"* (Matthew 6:3). That's how important it is to make sure that we never use any act of worship to raise our status with other people.

Jesus used the same communication technique when he said that if our hand or our foot causes us to sin, we should cut them off, or if our eye causes us to sin, we should pluck it out (Mark 9:43-47). He was very clear as to why he would say something that extreme: it would be better to live with less than physical wholeness, than to sin and force God to separate Himself (and all that is good) from you.

Since we do not literally take those extreme measures and we do sin, how is there any hope for us? We put our faith in Jesus, whose whole body was sacrificed to save us from the punishment we deserve-- and we receive the gift of his Spirit to help us sacrifice ourselves in the same way for others. *"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it."* (Mark 8:34b-35)

-Mark



Babysitter needed!

Baby Forrest will be needing a babysitter soon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Eva makes her own schedule, so there is some flexibility, but 9:30ish to 3:00ish would work well. Contact Eva at 661-492-3004 if you or someone you know might be interested.

New Website

If you want to peruse the new website, it is already up at **tehachapichurchofchrist.com** It will soon also be accessible at the address we've had for years at **tehachapicofc.org**

Remember in Prayer:

Bob Rivera had surgery on three toes this past week.

Minnie's father passed away, and before that, her brother had a heart attack and died!

Minnie still suffers pain from Sciatica. Although her pain has become intermittent rather than constant, pray for complete relief! **This family needs our prayers!**

Cheryl asks for prayers for her cousin **Ronnie Hall**, who lives in Texas and was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. Pray for comfort and strength for a complete recovery.

Cheryl's stepson's mother, **Stacy Krelle**, who lived in Santa Maria, passed away after her surgery. Please pray for the family!

Keep Mina in your prayers in the loss of her husband, Max.

Majid Tafighi, Max's brother, is still undergoing Chemo for cancer in his lungs.

Vickie's sister-in-law, Gaye, is now in hospice. Include Don in your prayers.

Shirley is having some good days, so keep praying for many more!

Pat Stewart has been placed on hospice. Her pain has been increasing, so pray for relief!

In addition to his near total paralysis, Kirk Stewart has painful sores on his head.

Karen has two orchestra friends, Jon and Wayne, and a colleague, Trish, all with cancer, Galina Gurova, a friend of Melissa, has lymphoma.

Blake Budai, Blair's brother, still lacks mobility. May God work in his body and heart.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Minnie's nephew, Jeff Procell, was able to return home after treatment for a brain bleed. Blair and Karen had an encouraging time with the believers in India!

Sarah Corfman had a great time of her mission trip in Wisconsin during her Spring break.

Melissa says she is feeling much better after the stent was finally removed on Wednesday after a delay caused by a rare infection.

Ruthie's nephew is doing well after his recent brain surgery.

Ruthie is feeling better.

Cindy's granddaughter Hannah is doing well, Randy is good, Tessa is doing well also.

Cheryl's grandson Aiden is doing really great with no more heart related symptoms.

Always Remember:

Those in the military, especially Joseph Budai, 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 and Russia. Many have lost loved ones in the fighting.

Those suffering in Israel and Gaza as a result of the terrorist attacks and war.

Those suffering almost total chaos and extreme violence in Haiti.

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Web: <u>www.tehachapicofc.org</u> Schedule of Weekly Services and other meetings

<u>Sunday</u> AM Bible Class – 9:30am AM Assembly – 10:30am **Monday**

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm*

<u>Tuesday</u>

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 6:00pm*

Wednesday

Al-Anon is meeting at noon* Women's AA is meeting at 5:30pm* Bible Study for All – 7:00pm

Thursday

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm*

<u>Friday</u>

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 7:00pm*

<u>Saturday</u>

Men's AA meeting at 8:00am, and another 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.

Mark Bixler's office hours by appointment

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Elder of the Month: *Derek Demus*