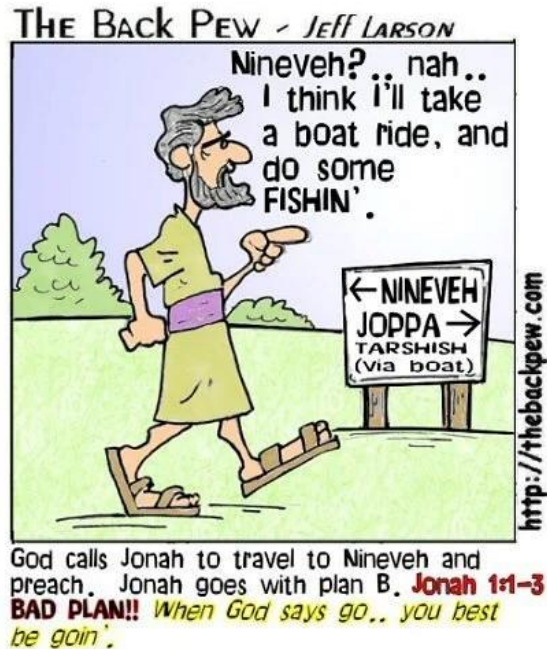

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

April 12, 2026



Last Sunday, we were reminded that Jesus was given all authority, and that he used that authority to instruct us to go and do our part to save people who are in desperate need (Matthew 28:18-20)

Today, we will have an opportunity to learn from a prophet who was also instructed to go to some people who were in desperate need. God described them as people who did not know their right hand from their left.

How many people in our world are equally clueless and therefore equally desperate? How many of us were once in their place (and sometimes return there when we lose focus)?

Jonah ran from his assignment, but if we run from anything, it should be those things reinforce our tendency to feel self-righteous or entitled to God's love. Those feelings can lead us to use Jonah's excuse-- the idea that those who do evil are not deserving of God's mercy. Since all of us do evil, we live to praise God for His mercy--and show mercy to others in His name!

-Mark

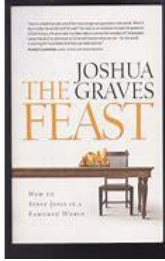
Today's Lesson

What Not to do when God says Go

Jonah 1

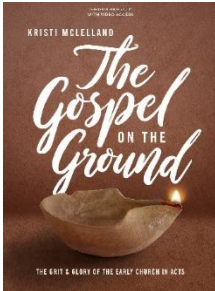


Stay and enjoy lunch today!



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

[The Feast: How to Serve Jesus in a Famished World](#) Joshua Graves invites us to pull up around the table and feast on the Scripture stories 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:

Betty got word that her dad passed early Thursday morning as she was en route to Kansas to visit him and her mom. Keep them all in prayer!

Cindy's family got some good news last week! In her words: *I'm so happy to announce that I am a great grandma (Granny). My little great grandson named Waylon Lee made his arrival this morning (Friday) at 12:25 am. God is so good. After going through so much this past month, we got a new bundle of joy. God is so good. He's the first boy and great grandson.*

Bob Rivera also got a great grandson week before last, and the same baby made **Eva** a grandma! Jasmine and Dylan are the proud parents of their boy, Jalyn.

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

Brandy did have her procedure, but pray that we will be allowed 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!

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 mostly good news after her tests!

Derek's mother has had fluid around the heart, but is now glad to be home.

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**, 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 Christians under persecution in Nigeria and other parts of the world.
- ◆Pray for **peace** in Ukraine and Russia, as well as in Israel. Iran, and Lebanon.
- ◆**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