

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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Church Mice

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My hope is that you do not hope for a sooner end to my sermons, and that in fact, the sermons are messages of hope. As we begin this series of lessons from Paul's letter to the church in Colossae, we should remember that Paul was in prison, yet he spoke about hope.

One song says, "Just forget about your troubles and your 9 to 5". Those who are suffering stress or grief might respond, "That's easy for you to say, but you have no idea what I'm going through". When someone who is also suffering talks about hope and faith and love, however, it carries more weight.

One of the best things that can come from our suffering is the opportunity to give others hope as we share in Christ's sufferings. While we are in these bodies and on this earth we will suffer, but if we maintain our focus on Jesus, we will be hopeful in every circumstance.

-Mark



The Message of Colossians



Today's lesson: **Hope Springs Eternal**

Colossians 1:3-6



New Ladies Fellowship Group:

All ladies are invited to a fellowship and prayer time on Wednesdays at 11:30am at Lynda Collins's house (19851 Piedra Drive)

Ladies Bible Study Group:

The ladies are being challenged by a **study series** on Elijah. Join them on **Friday at 10:30** in the Fellowship Room.

Children's Bible Hour!

There are now lessons provided for children up to 4th grade in the Fellowship room during the sermon time. Let Brenda know if you want to share in the rotation of teachers.

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Zoom meetings are at 6:00pm on Sundays and 7:00pm on Wednesdays!

If you would like to be included, contact Brenda:

email: brendabixler106@gmail.com call or text: 661-803-5444



Regular Church contributions and monthly Manuelito gifts

You can mail checks to: Tehachapi Church of Christ, 1121 W Valley Blvd., , Tehachapi, CA 93561, or deliver them by hand at the UPS office without postage.

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NEW: Pat Stewart: 719/694-8797 (home number at Daughter, Renee's house)

April Wiley: 661/381-3414

Remember in Prayer:

After another scare and subsequent surgery, **Baby Maverick** has recovered and is smiling and happy again!

Blair is planning a mission trip to India, but is awaiting his visa. **Pray for God's blessings on his work and for his safety and health!**

Vicki's sister-in-law, Gaye was evaluated in Houston, and they see some shrinking of the tumors in her lungs. She will continue the treatments as before.

Awana "Cissy" Pearson passed away suddenly week before last in Texarkana, TX. Pray for **Rod**, and the rest of the family. Flowers were sent from the church.

Scarlett, April Wiley's daughter, is awaiting results from the lab after her procedure.

Stan Koutstaal is in a difficult battle against Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Pray for Stan's wife **Kelly** and family as well.

Remember the health of **Donna Ricker, Bob Rivera, Kirk Stewart, and Bob Hanna.**

Always remember:

Healthcare workers, first responders, those in law enforcement and the military

Joseph Budai is back in Hawaii, and **B.J. Wilson** is in Kuwait.

The children and staff at Manuelito Navajo Children's Home as well as families serving in other mission fields

Remember the homeless, and pray for **Blair** as he works to minister to them.

STORAGE ROOM CLEANUP

A huge thank you to **Minnie Booker, Ruthie Grimes, and Betty Bridges** for cleaning up and out the storage room in the Fellowship Hall!

As a reminder, this is a storage room for decorations and supplies from various fellowships to be reused or repurposed for future events. To help us control the clutter, please do not "donate" to the room without asking whether your donation might be useful (Joyce can help you decide on that). Likewise, do not donate items to the kitchen without checking with Betty Bridges.

Room 3 is an additional room where decorations are stored. These flower arrangements are seasonal creations intended for the auditorium. Please do not bother these unless you check with Ruthie first.

PLEASE ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR: May 15 POTLUCK



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Schedule of Weekly Services and other meetings

Sunday

AM Bible Class – 9:30am (**Temporarily suspended**)

AM Assembly – 10:30am

PM Bible Study – 6:00pm ZOOM (**Meeting online**)

Monday

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm*

Wednesday

Ladies Fellowship Group at 11:30 at Lynda's house

Al-Anon is meeting at noon*

PM Bible Study – 7:00pm ZOOM (**Meeting online**)

Thursday

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm*

Friday

Women's Bible Study Group meets in the Fellowship Room at 10:30am

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 7:00pm*

Saturday

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at 9:00am*

*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

Elder of the Month:
Derek Demus