Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

May 4, 2025



As we see what Jesus wants most of all in John 17, we need to examine our hearts and minds and practices. There are lots of things that divide those of us who call ourselves Christians, and maybe that's a good place to start. I grew up hearing teaching and preaching that emphasized the idea that naming ourselves anything different than simply 'Christians' was both a result of division and a cause of division. There was a lot of truth in that teaching, but it was and is not the whole truth.

We need to come to terms with the problems within our hearts that divide us from other believers. That's one reason I have begun to describe us as 'followers of Jesus'. If we are one with each other as Jesus is one with his Father, won't we find ways to look beyond religious and even social issues and love each other in spite of our different ideas and points of view? In one of his letters, John is very blunt: "Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen." (I John 4:20)

-Mark

...BELIEVE IT OR NOT ...

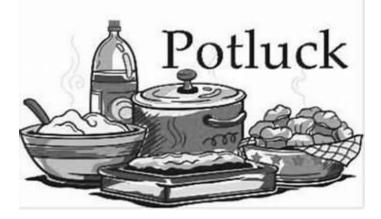
What Jesus Wants Most of All (Part 2)

John 16 & 17

"Muffins for Mothers and Others"

will be enjoyed as we celebrate our mothers next Sunday!

May Potluck will be the <u>third</u> Sunday of May (May 18th). This will allow for Mother's Day with moms on May 11th.



We had 64 here for The National Day of Prayer "All-City Church Service" on Thursday.

It was encouraging to join in prayer for our nation with ministers and members from at least seven different churches unified in purpose!

Remember in Prayer:

Ruthie has been in the hospital again with Afib, and they are now planning to implant a pacemaker.

Cindy's brother, Donnie seems near the end of his life on this earth. At last report, he was finally sleeping peacefully.

Donnie's son, Jason, is also in a very painful battle with cancer. Pray for relief!

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.

Kayla's surgery on the 17th went well, and she is home. Continue to pray for full healing! Blair's brother, **Brock**, is dealing again with hip joint issues.

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

Piper Carina Rivera, the Corfman's granddaughter who was born on March 14th has a cephalohematoma under her scalp. It should be harmless and go away on its own, but they will be watching for possible jaundice. So far, so good!

Vicki and Ken's daughter-in-law's mother, Priscilla, had her surgery in Portland, and is doing well, back in their home in Bend, Oregon. She is facing some chemotherapy.

April Wiley asks for prayers for her husband.

Minnie's brother Nathan is finally home after his triple bypass surgery!

Minnie's brother Mark is finally back at work after his bout with Covid .

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, Marcos Belizarion, 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.

•Pray for **peace** in Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza, and other "hot spots" around the world, including India and Pakistan

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Schedule of Weekly Services and other meetings

<u>Sunday</u>

AM Bible Class – 9:30am AM Assembly – 10:30am <u>Monday</u> Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm* <u>Tuesday</u> Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 6:00pm* <u>Wednesday</u> 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.

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Elder of the Month:

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