
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

May 17, 2026



All too often in recent years, our politicians in Washington D.C. have reached some kind of impasse that led to at least a partial shutdown of the government. When that happens, there are decisions made as to which government workers are 'essential', and which are 'non-essential'. The question asked is, 'Who and what can we not do without?'

If we apply this question to all of humanity for all time, the answer is more than a little surprising to most of those outside of Christ, and maybe even to those who are followers of Jesus. When Jesus follows the blessings in Matthew 5 with the statements, "You are the salt of the earth", and "You are the light of the world", he is announcing that his followers do not just save themselves; they are actually the most essential people on the planet. Salt and light are essential.

The last line in Matthew 5:13-16 is the essential goal: "...*let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*" This is what the world needs now and always!

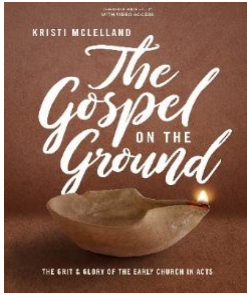
-Mark

Today's Lesson

The Upside Down Kingdom

ESSENTIAL PEOPLE

Matthew 5:13-16



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.



Yosemite Bible Camp

June 7-13!

Registration deadline tomorrow!

Forms are on the bulletin board

Souper Sisters luncheon! At Village Grill

Let Brenda know if you plan to attend at noon on Friday, June 5.

Remember in Prayer:

Lyssa's husband, Diann, fell off a horse and broke his leg in Nimibia, where they went to celebrate his brother's wedding on May 2. They did make it home!

Joe's shoulder surgery went better than expected, and he is very thankful. He does also have an injured thumb on his right hand, which adds challenges for sure!

Eva is needing a new job. Pray that she gets a great one soon!

Keep **Betty's Mom and the rest of the family** in prayer after the loss of Betty's dad.

Pray for **Warren Barr** and family in the passing of his younger brother. (He is in SSP with Melissa and Karen)

Karen's friend, Dee, asked for prayers for the family of her friend, **Suze**, whose daughter, Kelle, passed away, leaving her **husband and two teenage daughters**

Pray that **Brandy** 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), was able to go home!!

Cindy's brother-in-law, **Randy**, is battling cancer again, but the prognosis is good.

Mark's brother-in-law, **Paul**, is at home now, and walking better. **Sue** (Mark's sister) has been exhausted, and asks for patience to deal with his confusion.

Carol's husband **John** is getting closer to his surgery date. Pray that it goes well, and the recovery is not too long!

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**.

Ruthie's friend, **Gillian**, Cindy's family members, **Jason, Dustin, Randy**, Karen's friends, **Wolf, Jon, Wayne, Trish, Jessica**, 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 **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