

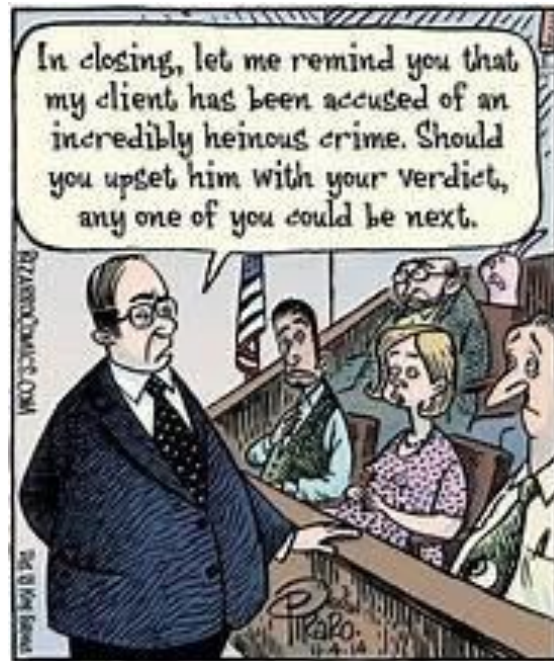
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# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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May 18, 2025



On the one hand, it might seem surprising that those who put Jesus on trial and made false charges were not afraid of his powers. Everyone knew of the amazing signs and wonders he had performed.

On the other hand, I believe that even his accusers knew that Jesus was not about vengeance. He was about forgiveness, reconciliation, restoration, and healing. This is what made their charges so absurd. Even Pilate—maybe especially Pilate—could see that Jesus was not a threat to the Roman government. Yet, that was what his enemies used to try to get Pilate, with his political power, to condemn him. They got what they wanted.

However, as evil as Jesus' Jewish enemies were, and as cowardly as Pilate was, we should never forget that their sins were not what put Jesus on the cross. Jesus laid down his own life for our sins!

**-Mark**

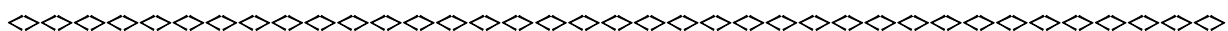


Today's Lesson

**...BELIEVE IT OR NOT...**

## The Worst Day Ever?

John 18-19





# Potluck Today!

As always, you are encouraged to stay and enjoy our meal together, even if you did not bring food!



On Friday, about ten “gardeners” pitched in to work on Colonel Betty Demus’s plans for expanding and upgrading the community garden. You should take a look at what the crew did! Community members, church members, and other groups who use our facilities will be invited to work in the garden plots and share in the produce! Details will be shared soon, if not today.

## Remember in Prayer:

Cari’s son, **Derek**, had open heart surgery on Friday. Pray for full recovery!

**The three-year-old son of Dr. Turnbull** at Adventist Hospital here in Tehachapi died suddenly without explanation. Pray for that family!

**Blair’s dad** is having heart problems, and his brother, **Blake**, is dealing again with hip issues.

**Ruthie** had a pacemaker implanted and it seems to be helping. Pray for more!

**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 17<sup>th</sup> went well, and she is home. Continue to pray for full healing!

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 India and Pakistan

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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.

Elder of the Month:

*Bill Willingham*

**Minister:** Mark Bixler

**Elders:** Derek Demus & Bill Willingham