
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

May 24, 2026



I'm thankful that we are not a church with tons of issues! Often the issues in churches are made out to be matters of what some call 'sound doctrine'. Some would even contend that a lack of issues reflects a lack of concern for 'truth'. But in reality, major problems usually arise out of clashes between personalities.

The most religious people of Jesus' day had tons of issues, to be sure! They claimed to love the law, but their love for people took a backseat to their love of religious practices.

When Jesus said he came to fulfill the law, what law did he mean? He clearly was not talking about rules that were intended to more precisely define the laws given by God. He had a reputation for putting mercy for people before obedience to rules that were based on those definitions.

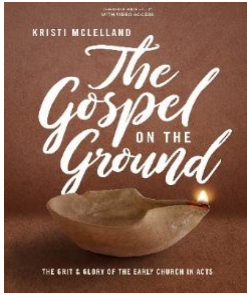
So, what was the law he fulfilled? It was the law that Paul described when he said, "*whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.*" Jesus fulfilled that law, and his followers will not allow issues to undermine their love for each other!

-Mark

Today's Lesson
The Upside Down Kingdom

Excessively Righteous

Matthew 5:17-26



Ladies group at Vicki's house on Tuesday at 10:00!

This is a study of the breakout of the church in the book of Acts.



Souper Sisters luncheon!

At Village Grill, June 6 at Noon

Let Brenda know if you plan to attend.

Remember in Prayer:

Carol's husband **John's** surgery is scheduled for this Tuesday!. Pray that it goes well, and the recovery is not too long!

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 are home, and he is healing well.

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!

Mike had the pin removed from his toe. So far, so good, he says!

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 **Wayne and Rhonda** in the passing of their mother, Lois. (They are in SSP with Melissa and Karen)

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.

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.

Elder of the Month:

Bill Willingham

Minister: Mark Bixler

Elders: Derek Demus & Bill Willingham