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# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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May 31, 2026



People are often very sensitive when it comes to religion, for various reasons. Some people feel guilty and are defensive when they do not live up to what they believe in. Others have been influenced by strongly opinionated preachers and teachers who believe that there are certain controversial issues that leave little room for differing opinions.

Many issues are controversial only because the Bible itself does not really settle every question that it may raise. That is not because God is unable to clearly communicate the truth, so there are several questions that I can suggest as to how we should approach such issues. Let's ask:

- (1) Is this issue central to faith in Jesus as the Son of God?
- (2) Is this issue essential to helping me love all of God's children?
- (3) Do I believe that I or someone else could be wrong, but still forgiven?
- (4) Is it likely that arguing over this would help unite followers of Jesus?

I would humbly suggest that God wants us to understand essential truths, and He is able to make them clear to anyone whose heart is open and not 'hard'. Let's honestly examine our own hearts, rather than judging the hearts of others.

**-Mark**

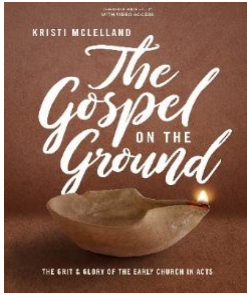
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The upside Down Kingdom

**Missing the Point**

Matthew 5:27-32

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**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!***

*Village Grill at noon this Friday, June 5*

**Let Brenda know if you plan to attend.**



Send up Prayers for the five kids we are sending to YBC next week, as well as Sarah Corfman, who will be a counselor!

## **Remember in Prayer:**

Carol's husband **John's** had his surgery on Tuesday! It did go well, but it has still been difficult so far. Pray that he will begin to feel steady improvement in rehab.

Mark's brother-in-law, **Don**, had surgery in Tennessee to remove spinal stenosis that was compressing nerves and causing severe pain. Pray that rehab will help relieve residual severe pain, and pray for his wife, **Anne**, and daughter, **Melanie** as they care for him.

Mark's other brother-in-law, **Paul**, is at home now in Arkansas, and walking better. **Sue** (Mark's sister) has been exhausted, needs help due to his frequent falls!

**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 is healing, but he does also have an injured thumb on his right hand, and he needs approval for treatment. There is some resistance to that need.

**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.

In addition to his paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has painful cancerous sores on his head and ears. Pray for the health of **Bob Rivera** and **Beverly Ator**. 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