

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

August 2, 2020



There would be plenty of material to fill many lessons on my personal failures, but I suspect that you might also have at least enough for a lesson or two. When James says we should consider it pure joy when we face trials of many kinds, he is not exactly saying that we should consider it pure joy when we face failures of many kinds. However, in many cases, we prematurely put trials into the failure column.

It is not a failure when we feel like giving up or giving in, for example. It is only a failure if we do give in or give up. We can turn even those failures into trials that result in joy simply by struggling to get back up to fight those feelings the next time they come. James says that only by persevering can we develop a mature and complete faith. That is worth celebrating!

-Mark

Remember in Prayer:

Lloyd Johnson passed away early Friday morning in the hospital in Bishop. **Patty** says she is heartbroken, but thankful that his suffering is over. Keep her and his family in your prayers.

Lynda's father, J.R. Collins passed away on Thursday, July 23. Ten people at a time can visit at Woods Funeral Home on Tuesday evening with face coverings at the Woods chapel on Tuesday evening, between 4:00 and 8:00. Only ten persons will be allowed to attend the Wednesday morning service at the Bakersfield National Cemetery, but there will be a memorial luncheon in our courtyard at noon, following the service. Keep Lynda's mom, Margaret especially in your prayers.

Bill Willingham's, 40 year old nephew, **Chris Willingham**, passed away Friday, July 24th. Our sympathy is with the Willingham family.

Dale Rhodes passed away July 2, **Nancy** is home from the hospital though battling Covid also. She would appreciate cards sent to:

Nancy Rhodes, 2059 N Arena Del Loma Dr, Camp Verde, AZ 86322

Kirk Stewart had another skin cancer biopsy last week, and he is continuing to lose weight. **Pat** is putting their house on the market with plans to move to an assisted living facility by the care center he is in, although visits are not allowed at this time.

Betty Demus' 2nd cousins, **Darrell Gresham** is battling Covid.

Don't forget **Bob Hanna, Robert Rivera, and Donna Ricker.**

Pray for our nation's leaders and its peace and progress!

Pray for the many people who are distressed and anxious and ill due to the Corona virus, with a special prayer for **healthcare workers, first responders, and people who work in stores and other essential places.**

Pray for the Navajo Nation, and other Native Americans on reservations. They are suffering severely due to poverty and very limited healthcare!

Remember the homeless, and pray for **Blair** as he works to minister to them!

Always remember:

Men and women of our military.

Families serving in the mission field

The children and staff at Manuelito

Watch for updates from Mike:

Until further notice, we will be holding services outside on Sundays at 10:30am

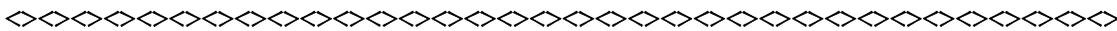


Today's lesson:

The Joy of Trials

James 1

Homework: Read James 1-2



For those attending online:

In addition to a prayer for the bread and cup at the end of the lessons, there are also some chosen acapella songs and hymns with various singers.

Instead of our website, **go to YouTube and enter Tehachapi Church of Christ.**

Click on Playlists, and sing along!

Sunday morning classes are still suspended to limit exposure.

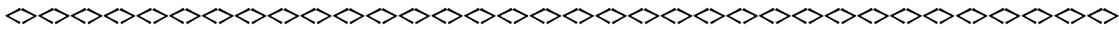
ZOOM meetings are still taking place! We're beginning a new study next Wednesday at 4:30 and 7:00, using Gary Holloway's book, *Radical Answers from the Minor Prophets* (Free to you!)

If you would like to be included, contact Brenda: **email:** brendabixler106@gmail.com **call or text: 661-803-5444** **We also have a meeting on Sundays at 6:00!**

Church Contributions and Manuelito Gifts

If you choose not to attend in person, there are two options you can consider: (1) You can set aside cash or check contributions to be given when we return to the building.

(2) You can mail checks to our new PO Box. Address on back of bulletin.



Thanks to Aaron, Hannah and Steven Grimes for their work on the grounds last week. It was hot and dusty work! Mike and Hannah are on their way to Indiana for her last segment of teacher training.

NOTICE:

The Census Bureau may be using our fellowship hall this week for training.

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Schedule of Weekly Services

Sunday

AM Bible Class – 9:30am (Temporarily suspended)

AM Assembly – 10:30am NOW MEETING!

PM Bible Study – 6:00 **Meeting online**

Monday

Alanon* will resume when possible

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study-10:30 AM (Temporarily suspended)

PM Bible Study – 4:30 & 7:00 PM **Meeting online**

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous* will resume when possible

*Alanon 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

What plans might God have for your life?

Jesus personally intervened in the life of Saul on the road to Damascus. Saul had made it his mission to persecute followers of Jesus. A man named Ananias was sent to Saul to tell him that God had very different plans for his life. Ananias said to Saul, "...what are you waiting for?

Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:3-16)

If you might be on the wrong path, it would be our privilege to help you discover God's plans for your life! Ask for a personal Bible study on the Welcome Card, or contact Mark Bixler

Mark Bixler's office hours by appointment

Call or text: 818/470-5793

Email: marklbixler@yahoo.com

Elder of the Month:

Bill Willingham

Date	6/14/20	6/21/20	6/28/20	7/5/20	7/12/20	7/19/20	7/26/20
AM Assembly	29	29	28	32	20	21	N/C
Contribution	\$1448	\$2219	\$886	\$2250	\$1285	\$1508	N/C
Manuelito				\$124			