
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

August 2, 2026



Sometimes we can be most guilty of the things we are most critical of. This is called hypocrisy, and Jesus directed his most harsh words at this issue.

The primary characteristic of the true worshipper is humility, but many of the religious leaders in Jesus' day were anything but humble. They seemed to believe that the more religious they were, the less they actually needed to follow what their own rabbis agreed were the most important commandments.

Jesus identified them in Matthew 22:37-38 *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."*³⁸ *This is the first and greatest commandment.*³⁹ *And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*

If our religious beliefs and practices result in feelings of superiority and lead us to pass judgment on the beliefs and practices of others, we may find ourselves in the company of those religious leaders in Jesus' day. This does not mean that it is not important to get religious beliefs and practices right. It actually means that loving God and loving our neighbors are the religious beliefs and practices we need to get right! **-Mark**

Today's Lesson
The Upside Down Kingdom

Clear Eyes

Matthew 7:1-6

Potluck will be on August 16! (Instead of next Sunday)



Burgers and hot dogs and fixings will be provided. Derek will man the grill! Bring summer salads and side dishes and desserts! Sign up for condiments on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Coffee Club Chicks will meet at 10:00 at the Raven's Nest on Friday, August 7th.
Souper Sisters will meet at 12:00 at Jake's Hideaway on Friday, August 14th.

Remember in Prayer:

Cindy spent a day or two in severe pain due to kidney stones, and because there was an infection, they inserted a stent to bypass the stones until it cleared up. She is at home until the infection in her kidney clears up and allows surgery to remove the large stone.

Kennedy Booker, the wife of Minnie's grandson, **Mason**, is suffering from the same rare disorder that ravaged Kayla (Mason's mother). She had some rough days last week, but has appointments with doctors this week. **Kayla** has had a relapse, but her doctors feel that her condition may be manageable through diet.

Minnie also asks for prayers for her brother **Gene and his wife Norma**. Gene is disabled, and they are struggling.

Joe's shoulder is healing, but he does also have an injured thumb on his right hand, and he needs approval for treatment. He has also recently suffered abdominal pain.

Carol's husband **John** is now at home, but his hip replacement has not been healing well. He has been instructed to restrict movement of that hip for many weeks.

Brandy had an appendectomy, but she is doing well.

Mark's niece, **Melanie**, is suffering pain from spinal stenosis, but is somewhat better.

Mark's brother-in-law, **Paul**, is making some progress, but his dementia is worsening.

Marianne O'Neal suffered a stroke.

Lyssa's husband, Diann, seems to be healing from his broken leg.

Eva is needing a new job and a new home. Pray for Eva and her boys!

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

In addition to his paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has cancerous sores on his head, and both 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, 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