

# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

August 4, 2025



Sometimes a defense attorney in a courtroom drama will object to a prosecutor's question by saying, "Objection! Asked and answered." When it comes to the question of the meaning of life, that question was asked and answered by Solomon many years ago.

The Contemporary English Version actually captures the meaning of Solomon's final words better than most versions: "*Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about.*" (Ecclesiastes 12:13) Solomon also answers the "Why?" question:

*"God will judge everything we do, even what is done in secret, whether good or bad."* (Ecclesiastes 12:14)

Yes, we are saved by God's grace through faith--not by doing only good things in life--but our faith in that promise is revealed by seeking to live the lives we were created for!

**-Mark**

Today's Lesson

**...WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?...**

## The Smartest Guy in the Room

Ecclesiastes#4

# Backpack Giveaway

The Backpack Giveaway was on Saturday.

We gave out thirty backpacks with school supplies!

Thanks to all who helped pack and give them to families who are needing some help with the rising cost of a new school year!

This was provided for through some of Lynda Collins's funds as a project that we believe she would have loved!



If you or anyone you know might need or enjoy some of the produce from our garden, you can usually find some in the kitchen for the taking.

Contact **Betty Demus** for more info at

661-303-3805 or [bjdemus@gmail.com](mailto:bjdemus@gmail.com)

## YouTube recommendation:

**Russ Lawson** has a YouTube channel that you can subscribe to called "Everyday Faith Stories".

**Pot Luck** is next Sunday. The church will provide the meats, buns, and condiments for the barbecue. Everyone can bring sides and desserts.

## Remember in Prayer:

**Eva's grandfather** (Evangelina's father) was in a car accident in the Bay Area on Friday, and was not expected to live. Eva went to help her mother with things.

**Mina** was put through the full battery of tests on Sunday, after fainting during services, but no specific problem was identified. Her doctor will be looking for answers.

Although **Donnie's** suffering is over, pray for the whole family. Some may struggle to find peace in their loss and all of the suffering that came along the way.

Donnie's son, **Jason**, remains in a very painful battle with cancer.

Cindy's brother-in-law, **Randy** is no longer able to receive the new medication for his cancer, but is hopefully being given some alternatives for treatment.

Continue prayers for **Maxine King**, Melissa's mother. Her dementia is making her very unsettled.

Pray for **Melissa's sister** also, as she tries to help manage the situation.

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.

**April Wiley** asks for prayers for her husband. He is doing much better.

April's brother **Jason** has been in ICU, with stroke-like symptoms, but is much better.

Pray for health and healing for **Bob Rivera**. His son, **Joseph**, has returned from Israel!

**Karen's** friends, **Wolf**, **Jon**, **Wayne**, **Trish**, and **Tommy**, all have cancer.

## Always Remember:

- ♦Those in the military, especially **Joseph Budai, Gaylen Gibson, Marcos Belizario, 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**

Bible Class – 9:30am Worship – 10:30am

#### **Monday**

Yoga stretching open to all at 10:00am

Alzheimer's and dementia support for those who are diagnosed June 16 & June 30 from noon to 1:00pm

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\*

**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**

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**Sunday**

Elder of the Month:

***Derek Demus***