

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

August 9, 2020



"I realize we should not emphasize the rich over the poor, but it's seldom we have a multi-millionaire visit us."

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"If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers." (James 2:8)

Martin Luther was very critical of the book of James, in part because James was not afraid to use the terms, "royal law" and "lawbreakers". What Luther failed to see was exactly what law James wants us to focus on. It is not the law of Moses, but the law that gives freedom based on mercy. James is all about grace, but not just God's gift of grace for us; also our grace for others.

"Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment."

(James 2:12-13) **-Mark**

Remember in Prayer:

Naomi Jensen, the longtime friend that Ruthie has served faithfully for several years, passed away on Thursday night.

Lloyd Johnson passed away early Friday morning, July 31, in the hospital in Bishop. **Patty** says she is heartbroken, but thankful that his suffering is over. Keep Patty and the family of Lloyd in your prayers.

Lynda's father, J.R. Collins passed away on Thursday, July 23. Only ten persons were allowed to be seated at the Wednesday morning service at the Bakersfield National Cemetery, but there was a memorial luncheon in our courtyard following the service. Keep Margaret especially in your prayers. She and J.R. were married for 69 years!

Bill Willingham's, 40-year-old nephew, **Chris Willingham**, passed away Friday, July 24th. There was a service for him in Alabama last week.

Dale Rhodes passed away after a battle with Covid on July 2. **Nancy** is home from the hospital, though battling Covid also.

Pat Stewart is putting their house on the market with plans to move to an assisted living facility by the care center where **Kirk** is receiving care. Pray that he might soon be able to have visitors!

Betty Demus' 2nd cousin, **Darrell Gresham** is in ICU 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:

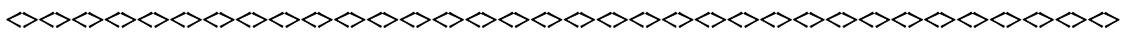
Men and women of our military.

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, but the lessons are still being recorded and posted on our YouTube channel for those who prefer to stay out of groups or cannot come.



Today's lesson:

Is There a Free Lunch After All?

James 2

Homework: Read James 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.



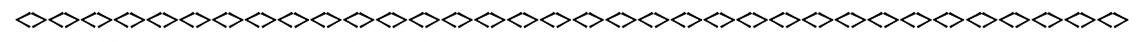
ZOOM meetings are still taking place! We're beginning a new study on Wednesday at 4:30 and 7:00, using Gary Holloway's book, *Radical Answers from the Minor Prophets* (Free to you!)

If you would like to be included, contact Brenda: **email:** brendabixler106@gmail.com **call or text: 661-803-5444 to join by phone or computer. 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.



Sarah Corfman is at Freed Hardeman University to enter their nursing program, and **Hannah Grimes** is back in Goshen, Indiana to begin her student teaching. *Go, girls!!*

NOTICE:

The Census Bureau may be using our fellowship hall again 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

Elder of the Month:
Derek Demus

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

Date	6/21/20	6/28/20	7/5/20	7/12/20	7/19/20	7/26/20	8/2/20
AM Assembly	29	28	32	20	21	N/C	29
Contribution	\$2219	\$886	\$2250	\$1285	\$1508	N/C	\$2476
Manuelito			\$124				\$141