

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

August 16, 2020



The recommendation of the church growth consultant to get rid of hard wooden pews was quickly accepted at Eastside Church.

Some changes are harder to accept than others. Sometimes God brings about changes in a church without any human decisions being deliberately made. Sometimes a church is challenged to seek deliberate changes.

One thing that James corrects is the idea that if a person just believes the right things, actions are not a necessary part of their "faith". Churches can be subject to a similar notion that would suggest that "faithfulness" is a matter of teaching the right things, doing things in the right way when the church is assembled, and making sure to use the right words to describe everyone and everything.

We have recently been forced to accept a lot of challenges—many deaths, and many restrictions to our church life and our individual lifestyles, and we may fall into the idea that we can't change anything even when we want to. The bottom line is that we must be open to change and we must seek change in order to find ways to show our love for our neighbors!

-Mark

Remember in Prayer:

Cindy's sisters in Iowa, at least two sisters had a lot of damage in the inland hurricane that devastated large parts of Iowa last week.

Bill Willingham's uncle, **Russell Lombardo** passed away suddenly in Cullman, Alabama last week at age 83. Bill's 40-year-old nephew, **Chris Willingham**, passed away on July 24th. Pray for this family!

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

Lloyd Johnson passed away on 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 July 23. Keep Margaret especially in your prayers. She and J.R. were married for 69 years!

Dale Rhodes passed away after a battle with Covid on July 2. **Nancy** is recovering from her battle with Covid, and planning to stay in Camp Verde.

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's 2nd cousin, **Darrell Gresham** is still in ICU battling Covid.

Bob Hanna had a check-up with his cardiologist on Friday, and his heart is in pretty good shape. His blood pressure is low, and he is not well hydrated, but adjustments to his medications should help.

Don't forget **Robert Rivera** and **Donna Ricker**, as they deal with their health issues.

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! (Blessing bag supplies needed: men's socks & underwear, ladies' panties & socks, notepads & pens, tooth brushes & traveler toothpaste, combs/brushes, toiletries/soaps, wash cloths & towels)

Always remember:

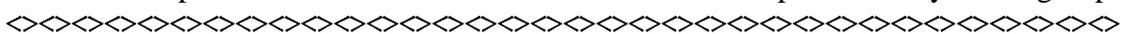
Men and women of our military.

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.

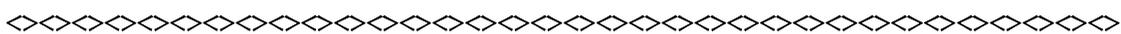


Today's lesson:

Is There a Free Lunch After All? (Part 2)

James 2

Homework: Read James 3-4



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.



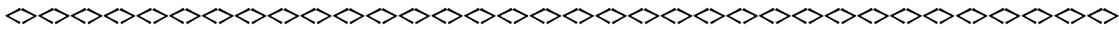
ZOOM meetings are still taking place! We're beginning a new study on Wednesdays at 4:30 and 7:00, using Gary Holloway's book, *Radical Answers from the Minor Prophets* (Free to you!)

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. (The address on back of the 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!!*

A.J. has made the transition from Manuelito Navajo Children's Home to Oklahoma Christian University. He is very grateful for our help in getting the laptop he needed!

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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	6/28/20	7/5/20	7/12/20	7/19/20	7/26/20	8/2/20	8/9/20
AM Assembly	28	32	20	21	N/C	27	30
Contribution	\$886	\$2250	\$1285	\$1508	N/C	\$2476	\$1498
Manuelito		\$124				\$141	