Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

August 17, 2025



In the letter we call I John, the readers are addressed nine times as "dear children". Our children should always be dear to us, but that does not always mean that they are sweet and kind. What they always are is precious like a jewel is precious. A jewel has no personality and no behavior. It has value based on what it is, not how it acts.

As children of God, we too have value based on what we are apart from how we act. Since we are living beings, however, we make choices. Sometimes we think and act like what we are—dear children of God—and sometimes our thoughts and actions are in denial of what we are.

"Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did." (I John 2:6). We can always look to him to see how a child of God thinks and acts. At the same time, we can have confidence that his advocacy ensures that even when we fail, we remain precious to our Father.

-Mark

Today's Lesson

...WALKING IN THE LIGHT...

Exposed!

LJohn 2



"The intelligence of the intelligent will vanish."
(Isaiah 29:14)

The toaster is right! God is the eternal source of all true intelligence.

Remember in Prayer:

Ken Braley, a neighbor of Mark and Brenda, is asking for prayers for healing as the cancer that God healed previously has returned and settled in his lungs.

Eva's grandfather (Evangelina's father) died after a car accident. Pray for the family.

There will be eventually be a service at the Bakersfield National Cemetery

An **aunt of Bill** passed away in Alabama. Please pray for her family.

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** has been on and off medication for his cancer, Keep him in prayer.

Mina is doing well, but keep her in your prayers.

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.

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.

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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.

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Elder of the Month:

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