
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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LOOSE PARTS

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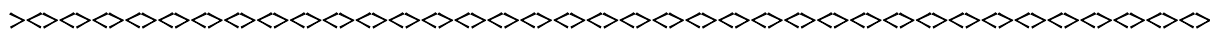
As we've seen in the lead-up to Jesus crucifixion, peer pressure can lead to disastrous consequences. The best preventive weapon against negative peer pressure is a well-defined sense of who we are and why we are here. In other words, our identity and our purpose.

We all play multiple roles in life, and we should do our best to fulfill all of those roles with a sense of purpose. However, there is one identity we all should share as followers of Jesus, and there is one purpose that over-rides all others. Jesus did many things in his life. He even worked with his hands and helped to support his family. During what we call his ministry, he healed the sick and cast out evil spirits. All of what he did was good, but all of it served under his ultimate purpose.

After Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law (Mark 1:38), everyone was looking for him. Rather than basking in his glory, Jesus said this: *"Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."*

Not all of us are meant to preach with words, but all of us share his purpose. We live to share the good news of God's love!

-Mark



Today's Lesson:
where are we going?

Who Are We? Why Are we Here?

Mark 15:16-39



Remember in Prayer:

Ruthie's nephew, Will Burgett, has been placed on hospice since the chemo and radiation following his brain surgery have not been effective.

Morgan Gibson's dad had a bone biopsy after spending some time in rehab without progress. Pray for healing in his legs.

Victoria Belizario's injuries are healing, although she is still not walking. Pray for some family issues she is facing as well.

Pray for relief of pain for **Minnie**, and comfort for all of the family losses.

Majid Tafighi, Mina's brother-in-law, has been struggling from the cancer in his lungs.

Continue prayers for **Maxine King**, mother of **Melissa King Stansbery**. Melissa's sister has found a facility for her care, which should be a great relief.

Galina Gurova, a friend of Melissa, has lymphoma.

Bob Rivera asks for prayers for **his son, Joseph** who is in Israel working security as a contractor. Pray for Bob's health as well!

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

Pray for **Delores Matlock's mother** and family in the passing of her father..

Remember Shirley and all of the family of **Brad Peters** in his passing.

In addition to his near total paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has painful sores on his head, and they may be doing radiation to treat those. Pray for him in the loss of Pat as well.

Always Remember:

Those in the military, especially **Joseph Budai**, **Sheri Huckabay's** nephew, **Jason Adams**, **Patty Johnson's** grandson, **Andrew Thompson**, and **Gaylen Gibson**

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.

Those suffering in Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Gaza.

Those suffering almost total chaos and extreme violence in Haiti.

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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.

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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Elder of the Month:

Derek Demus