

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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"I can't stand to listen to anyone else preach.
You reckon that means the Lord is calling
me to the ministry?"

When James says, "Not many of you should become teachers", he is not saying that someone who is a gifted teacher or a good communicator should not seek to use those gifts as a member of the church family. What James is addressing is more about motive than anything else. One young man was upset when a preacher suggested that due to a divorce before he became a Christian, he would never be qualified to serve as an elder. He felt that if he could never be an elder, he had nothing to aspire to. I believe the preacher's judgment was wrong, but the response of the young man was a reflection of the difference between what our culture sees as virtuous, and what Jesus taught his followers:

"You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all" (Mark 10:42-44).

-Mark

Remember in Prayer:

Betty Demus’s 2nd cousin, **Darrell Gresham** is out of ICU, breathing on his own! He was still in the hospital as of last report, and no doubt has some rehab ahead of him.

Most members of Cindy’s family in Iowa had a lot of damage in the inland hurricane that devastated large parts of Iowa week before last.

Bill Willingham’s uncle, **Russell Lombardo** passed away suddenly in Cullman, Alabama week before last 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 two weeks ago. .

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!

Bob Hanna had a check-up with his cardiologist on Friday, and his heart is in pretty good shape. 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:

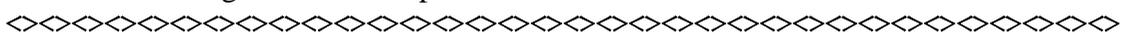
Men and women of our military.

Families serving in the mission field

The children and staff at Manuelito

Watch for email updates from Mike:

Until further notice, we will be holding services outside on **Sundays at 9:30am** (to avoid the heat). The lessons are also still being recorded and posted on our YouTube channel.

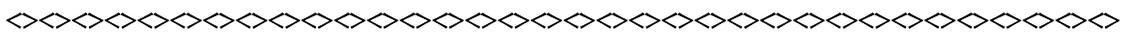


Today’s lesson:

Don’t be a Wise Guy --or Gal

James 3

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 live, you can mail checks to: Tehachapi Church of Christ, 1121 W Valley Blvd., Suite I Box 313, Tehachapi, CA 93561



Welcome new family members!!

Cliff and Debbie Lowerre, 307 East E Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561
805-305-0745, 661-565-1780

Wes, April, Nathan and Jacob Mathis 22944 Rim Way, Tehachapi, CA 93561
405-595-8330, 405-464-6550

Farewell for now to Rebecca Barrett! She took an opening with her company in Northglenn, CO. Her address will follow.

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Schedule of Weekly Services

Sunday

AM Bible Class – 9:30am (Temporarily suspended)

AM Assembly – 9:30am 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	7/5/20	7/12/20	7/19/20	7/26/20	8/2/20	8/9/20	9/16/20
AM Assembly	32	20	21	N/C	27	30	27
Contribution	\$2250	\$1285	\$1508	N/C	\$2476	\$1498	\$1461
Manuelito	\$124				\$141		