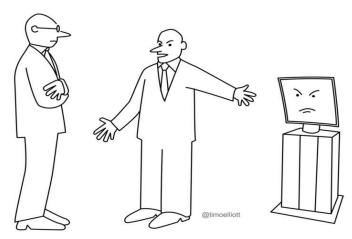
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

August 24, 2025



His decisions aren't any better than yours — but they're WAY faster...

One of the many ways that the world influences us to make bad choices is leading us to believe that we must make decisions quickly. Some right answers should come quickly, since many of them are simply saying "no" to things involving "lust of the flesh". "Lust of the eyes" issues can require a little more discernment. Simply wanting the good things we see is not evil, but loving them—giving our lives for them—pulls us away from our love of God. "The Pride of Life" amounts to seeking the approval and admiration of people. Most people do admire sacrificial love, but ironically, many do not admire selfdenial or even contentment and gratitude. We are often tempted to seek approval by embracing the views of those who are admired and rewarded with positions of influence in the world. John makes it clear:

"...the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world." (I John 2:16)

What God created is all good, but only within our love of the Creator! -Mark

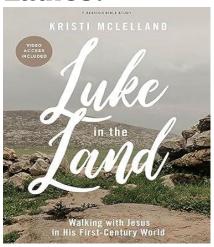
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... WALKING IN THE LIGHT...

X Games?

I John 2:1-16

Ladies!



Join in on Septermber 16 at 10:00am at Vickie's house (21325 Stage Drive) for the Fall kick-off of our Bible study group. You will see an introductory video to "Luke in the Land", and receive a study guide for this series which is produced at sites where Jesus taught the lessons we read about in Luke's gospel. A salad luncheon will be served. Come, and bring a friend!

Cornerstone Counseling and Discipleship News

After months of jumping through hoops for licensing under a new sponsor, private counseling sessions have begun, and a drug and alcohol recovery program will begin soon. It will meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00-3:00 in the "Teen Room". Group counseling sessions are planned as well for evenings in that room.

Alzheimer's Support Group

This group will meet at noon on the third Monday of each month. It is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, and is for those dealing with dementia and their care partners. Meetings will be led by trained facilitators. Monday, September 15 will be the next meeting. Contact Elizabeth Mosqueda at 661-371-7295 ezmosqueda@alz.org

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 **Cindy's brother 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. He is at Mayo Clinic.

Donnie's younger son, Dustin has colon cancer. More prayers, please!

Cindy's brother-in-law Randy is now awaiting some kind of new plan for cancer care.

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.

Take home some fresh produce from our community garden and Carol's yard!

Look in the kitchen and on the benches. Betty has worked hardest, but she put Ken to work last week!

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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

Elder of the Month:

Bill Willingham