

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

August 30, 2020



"It's a tricky theological point.
You say you covet your neighbor's humility?"

Yes, the enemy will find ways to twist anything to trip us up. The good news is, we can submit to God and resist the Devil. When we do, he will be the one who runs away. "Submit ...to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)

I was once audited by the IRS. Their assumptions were wrong, but I quickly discovered that I did not speak their language, and things only got worse after my first meeting with the auditor. I sought the help of a Christian CPA, and put my case into his very experienced hands. The auditor's basic training and tactics were no match for his training and experience. They withdrew their accusations.

On our own, we're no match for the enemy. It's when we submit our case –entrust it– to God, that the enemy cannot resist us!

-Mark

Remember in Prayer:

Betty Bridges's daughter, **Roneen Claiborne** is now battling Covid. She is on meds to prevent pneumonia, and they seem to be helping.

April Wiley's family members who were in the path of the hurricane on the Gulf Coast made it through amazingly well, but flooding and power outages are creating challenges for many in the area.

April's friend, **Linda Nunez**, is diagnosed with terminal cancer, and has young children.

Most members of Cindy's family in Iowa had a lot of damage in the inland hurricane that devastated large parts of Iowa three weeks ago. They do now have electricity.

Pat Stewart put their house on the market and sold it almost immediately! She 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! Their grandson, **Jake**, is returning to Colorado with a loaded U-Haul truck.

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.

Don't forget **Robert Rivera**, **Donna Ricker**, and **Bob Hanna's** health issues.

Recent losses to keep in our prayers:

Bill Willingham's uncle, **Russell Lombardo**

Bill's 40-year-old nephew, **Chris Willingham**

Ruthie's friend, **Naomi Jensen**

Lloyd Johnson passed away on July 31. Remember Patty and for Lloyd's family.

Lynda's father, **J.R. Collins** passed away on July 23. Remember Margaret and Lynda.

Dale Rhodes passed away after a battle with Covid on July 2. Remember Nancy.

Pray for peace and progress in our nation!

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.**

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:

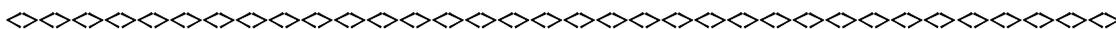
Men and women of our military.

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.



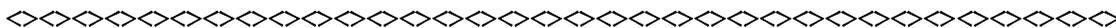
Today's lesson:

Submit...Resist

to God the Devil

James 4:1-12

Homework: Read James



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!**

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Sunday morning classes are still suspended to limit exposure.
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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,

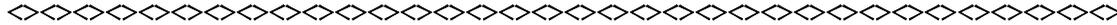
Radical Answers from the Minor Prophets (Free to you!)

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

Corrected: 805-305-0745, 661-565-1780

Wes, April, Nathan and Jacob Mathis 22944 Rim Way, Tehachapi, CA 93561

405-595-8330, 405-464-6550

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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

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

Call or text: 818/470-5793

Email: marklbixler@yahoo.com

Elder of the Month:

Derek Demus

Date	7/12/20	7/19/20	7/26/20	8/2/20	8/9/20	8/16/20	8/23/20
AM Assembly	20	21	N/C	27	30	27	25
Contribution	\$1285	\$1508	N/C	\$2476	\$1498	\$1461	\$1551
Manuelito				\$141			\$100