

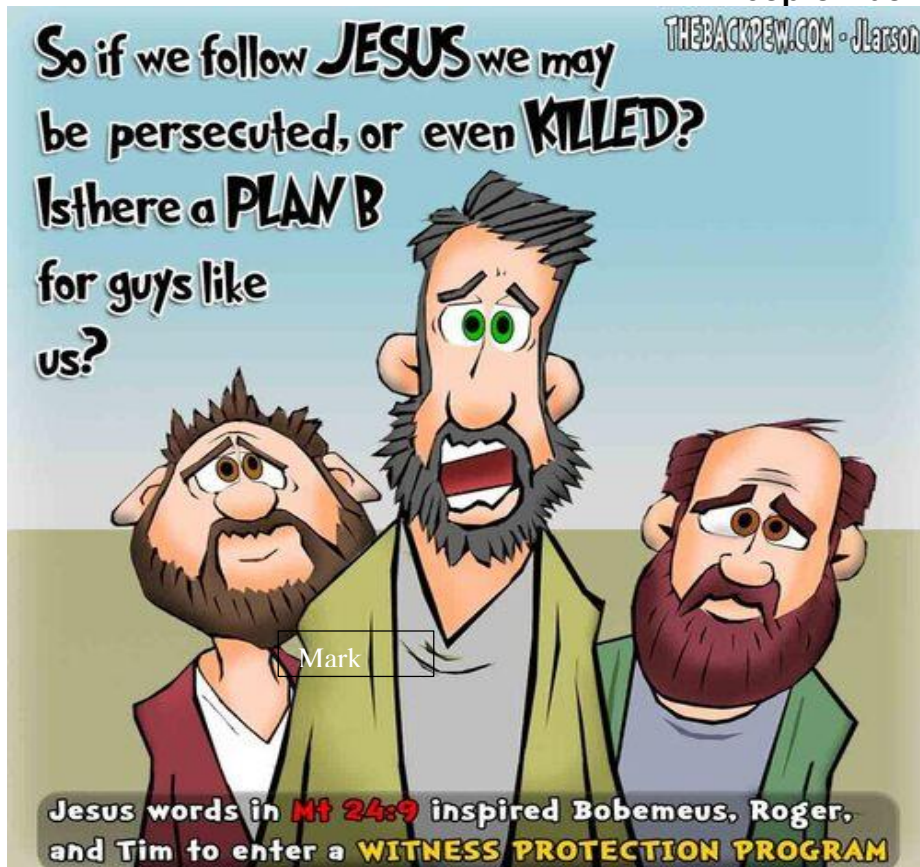
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# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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September 1, 2024



*"You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them."*

They had not turned away when Jesus said this, but the test came when they were called as witnesses to his resurrection. Their first response to the reports was disappointing, but they did finally believe. That alone, however, was not enough to transform their weak faith into the powerful witness that we needed. The power was in the Spirit that he gave to them.

That same Spirit lives in all of us who have believed in him, and have been buried with him through baptism into his death. If we have, Paul explains, we will also be united with him in his resurrection! (Romans 6:3-8) We too, are therefore witnesses to his resurrection! With this great blessing will come persecution--there is no Plan B--but we can endure it and even embrace it!

-Mark

Today's Lesson:  
*Where are we going?*

# Who Are We? Why Are we Here?

(Part 3)

Mark 16:12-16



## Potluck Next Sunday!

### Remember in Prayer:

**Beverly** is battling pneumonia. Pray for a quick victory!

**Arisa Molineaux** asked for prayers for healing in the mind and body of her mother, **Carole Samuel**. They were both with us last Sunday.

**Kayla**, Minnie's daughter-in-law, is at UCLA. A team of doctors is working on her case!

**Vicki and Ken's daughter-in-law's mother, Priscilla** is being treated for pancreatic cancer. Pray for successful surgery, treatment, and comfort for the family.

**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** is not expected to respond to attempts to reverse the infection in his legs. Pray for healing, and for answers to his need for care.

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

**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**.

**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! He fell recently, and is recovering slowly.

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

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