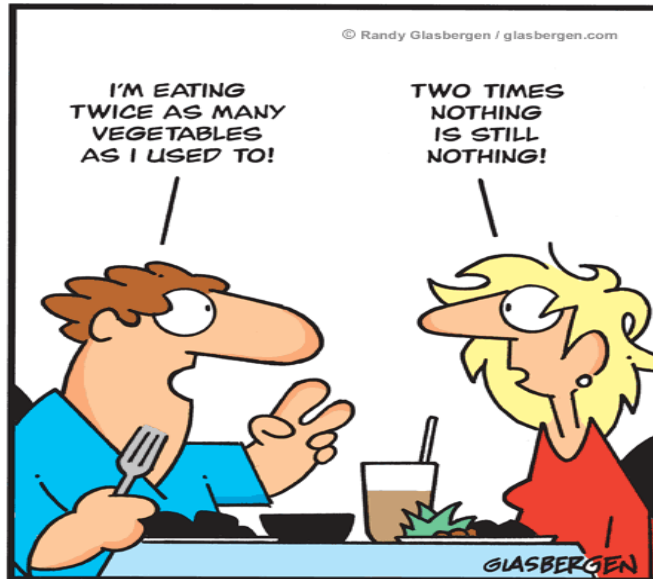

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

September 8, 2024

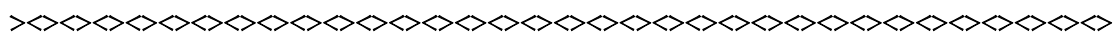


I have to say that it irritates me when ads make claims of numerical multiple effectiveness. How are they really able to say that teeth are twelve shades whiter after only one application of their product? Who decides what a "shade" is? How many shades are there between dark stains and total whiteness?

After Daniel and his three friends refused to eat a diet which apparently violated Jewish food laws, the writer of Daniel says this: *"In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom."* There is no way the king could have measured that mathematically, so we understand that he was using hyperbole. We might even suggest that since they were being compared to magicians and enchanters who were frauds, he actually underestimated their superiority. Ten times ignorant is still ignorant.

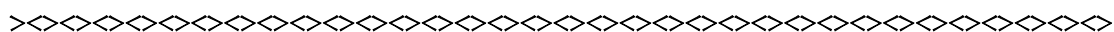
Jesus promised that followers who make sacrifices to follow him will receive a hundred times more than they give up in this life (Mark 10:29-31). Rather than getting out our calculators and recording our losses and returns, we need to open our minds to God's accounting. What really counts?

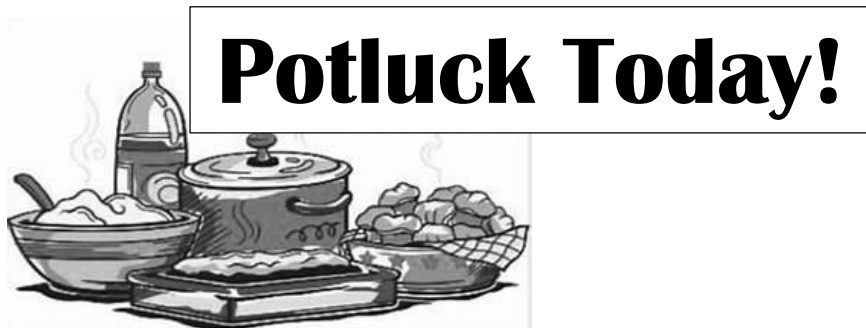
-Mark



Today's Lesson:
What are we doing in Babylon?

How to Be Ten Times Better





If you didn't bring food, stay anyway. We will feast on your presence!

From Shelly and Andy Leachman last week:

"Shelley's mom, Judy [Blackman], went home to be with her husband, son, and Heavenly Father . These past several weeks have been difficult for her. We are so grateful for all the prayers and support we have received."

Ted and Judy Blackman and their daughter Shelley and husband Andy Leachman moved from here to Chicago several years ago. Andy served as an elder. As indicated, Ted and their son had passed already. **Flowers were sent from the church in Judy's memory.**

Remember in Prayer:

Morgan Gibson's dad is not expected to respond to attempts to reverse the infection in his legs. Pray for healing. Plans are to move him into a nursing home.

Beverly is battling pneumonia. She has been improving at last report.

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

Kayla, Minnie's daughter-in-law, is at Cedars Sinai, and has undergone several procedures seeking the source of her problems. 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.

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 are 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, 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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Elder of the Month:

Derek Demus