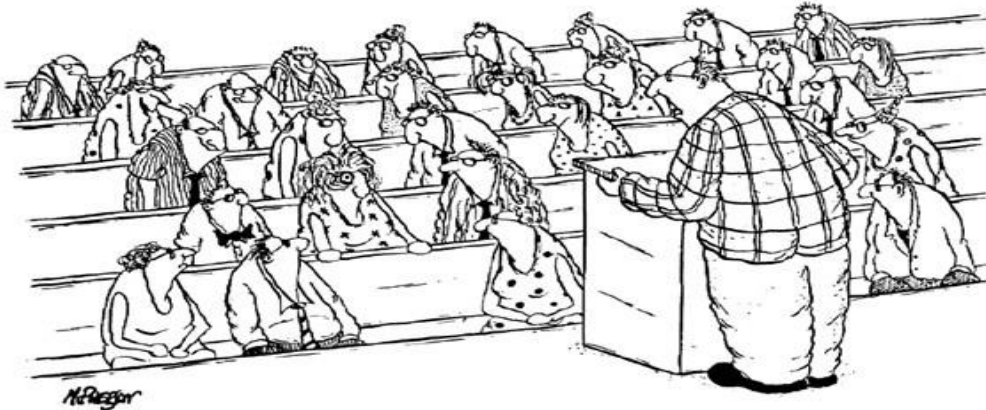

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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"Once again, I want to stress that the sermon illustration I just used is purely fictional and is not based upon anyone here in the congregation."

As Jesus talks about judgment, he warns that those who are not faithful in the feeding of their fellow servants will be assigned "a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Matthew 24:51). Once again, we are reminded how much God hates hypocrisy.

What we may not quite have a handle on is the reality that judging the hypocrisy or any sinful actions of others is always hypocritical. Earlier in Matthew, Jesus said, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Matthew 7:1-2).

Let us never forget that our assignment is to feed our fellow servants, (providing for their physical, emotional and spiritual needs), not to judge their failures.

-Mark



This week's lesson:

The Upside Down Kingdom

Who Knew?

Matthew 24:45 – 25:46



Children's Bible Hour!

There are now lessons provided for children up to 4th grade in the Fellowship room during the sermon time. If you want to share in the rotation of teachers, let Brenda know.

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LADIES GROUP:

The Ladies Group has begun a new eight-week study called

Making Disciples, which is being led by Debbie Lowerre. Join them at 11:30 on Fridays in the fellowship room.

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ZOOM meetings are still taking place on Sunday evenings at 6:00 and Wednesdays at 4:30 and 7:00. If you would like to be included, contact Brenda: email: brendabixler106@gmail.com call or text: 661-803-5444

Volunteers needed!

We need volunteers to clean the building. Sign up at the bulletin board.

We also need volunteers to bake the banana or zucchini breads that we give to visitors. They are baked and then frozen for future use. Talk to Joyce or Brenda for details.

Joyce was our baker until Covid interrupted things, and she is now unable to be on her feet for long periods of time. **Thanks, Joyce!**

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Church contributions and Manuelito gifts

You can mail checks to: Tehachapi Church of Christ, 1121 W Valley Blvd., Suite I Box 313, Tehachapi, CA 93561, or deliver them by hand at the UPS office without postage.

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Thank you from Kyle's family...

“Our hearts are full with the love and prayers you have given to our family. I’m so glad our entire family, including our son, Danny, was able to attend your church this summer. We know you have been praying for us after his passing from this earth to his Heavenly Father. Thank you for supporting us and for the beautiful plant.”

-Dennis and Sharon Sterk; Stefani, Scott, Kyle and Madison Parks;

Matthew, Jennifer, Joshua and Carly Sterk. (The card is posted in the lobby)

Remember in Prayer:

Lynda Collins’s mother is in hospice, and Lynda is also dealing with balance issues.

Cindy’s sister, Deb is still dealing with Covid, and it has been a roller coaster of improvements followed by setbacks. Please pray for healing, and for the whole family!

Victoria Belizario’s symptoms are caused by an infection in her gall bladder, rather than gallstones. She is out of the hospital and on antibiotics, but still has some pain.

Sunnie Adams’s mother is now home and doing well.

The family of Fernando Sanchez, the Willingham’s son-in-law’s father, is dealing with difficult issues after his death.

Karen’s dad, Babe, is now back home but requires more care

April asks for continued prayers as she works her job in Virginia.

Pat Stewart has moved to Colorado with her daughter, and Kirk is now in isolation due to exposure to a staff member with Covid.

Remember Bob Rivera, Bob Hanna, and Donna Ricker.

Thanksgiving:

Cheryl's grandson **Aiden** is now cancer-free and will only need checkups every three months! Her family appreciates continued prayers, and gives God the glory!

Linda Nunez is thankful for our answered prayers and asks that we keep praying.

Always remember:

Healthcare workers, first responders, those in law enforcement and the military (especially Joseph Budai, who is now deployed)

The children and staff at Manuelito Navajo Children's Home and families serving in the mission field.

Remember the homeless, and pray for **Blair** as he works to minister to them.

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Schedule of Weekly Services and other meetings

Sunday

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

AM Assembly – 10:30am

PM Bible Study – 6:00pm ZOOM (**Meeting online**)

Monday

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm*

Wednesday

Al-Anon is meeting at noon*

PM Bible Study – 4:30 & 7:00pm ZOOM (**Meeting online**)

Thursday

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm

Friday

Women's Bible Study Group meets in the Fellowship Room at 11:30am

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 7:00pm*

Saturday

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at 9:00am*

Alcoholics Anonymous* will resume when possible

*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

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Elder of the Month:

Derek Demus

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

Welcome to the family!

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