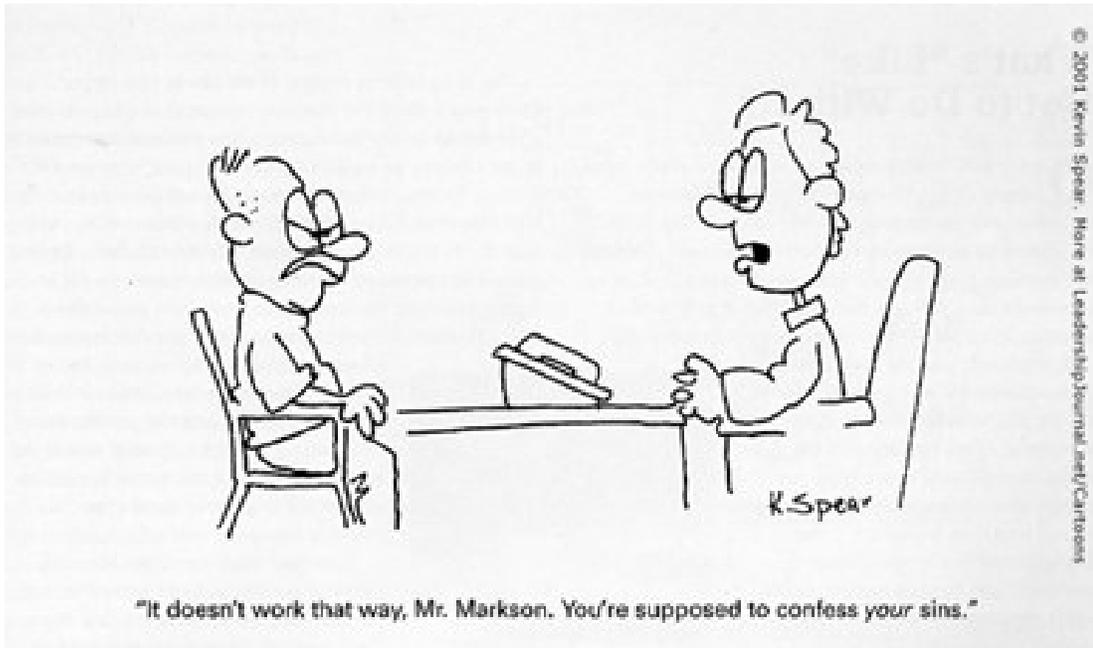


# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

September 13, 2020



*"...confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." (James 5:16) No, we're not supposed to confess the sins of others, but we actually can pray that God will forgive the sins of others. So, does this mean that confession to a priest is valid after all? Well, yes! Peter says, "...you are ...a royal priesthood... that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9).*

I'm not trying to be clever. This is a reality we need to embrace. When any one of us confesses a sin to any other one of us, we as priests can pray for them and they will be forgiven. Then we can both declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light!

*-Mark*

## **Remember in Prayer:**

Betty Bridges gratefully reports that her daughter, **Roneen Claiborne** is recovering well and has tested negative for Covid!

**Howard Z.**, a work friend of Wes Mathis, had a serious accident as he was hit leaving work on his motorcycle. He is in stable condition, but with serious injuries.

Another work friend of Wes has asked for prayers for her nephew, who is caught up in addiction.

**April Mathis's grandfather** has improved, but prayers are still needed.

**Greg Rheiman**, a friend of Dave Bridges, is in his second battle with cancer, and his wife especially needs prayers as they face what is ahead.

April Wiley's friend, **Linda Nunez**, is diagnosed with terminal cancer, and has young grandchildren she is raising.

**Most members of Cindy's family** in Iowa had a lot of damage in the inland hurricane that devastated large parts of Iowa.

Pray that **Pat Stewart's** plans progress without disruption as the house closing is scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup>. **Kirk** has regained some ability to move his legs, but has very little strength. Pray that he might soon be able to have visitors!

Betty Demus's 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, **Darrell Gresham** is now at home, but has 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.**

**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:**

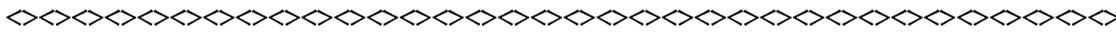
Men and women of our military.

Families serving in the mission field

The children and staff at Manuelito Navajo Children's Home

### **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.

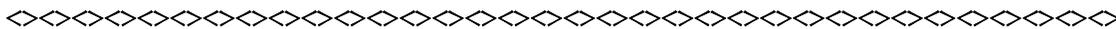


Today's lesson:

# Shake it Off!

James 5:7-20

**Homework: Read James one more time**



*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](mailto: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!**

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**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, or deliver them by hand at the UPS office without postage.



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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 **ZOOM 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 **ZOOM 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

Elder of the Month:

***Derek Demus***

**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*

| Date         | 7/19/20 | 7/26/20 | 8/2/20 | 8/9/20 | 8/16/20 | 8/23/20 | 8/30/20 | 9/6/20 |
|--------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| AM Assembly  | 21      | N/C     | 27     | 30     | 27      | 25      | 34      | 22     |
| Contribution | \$1508  | N/C     | \$2476 | \$1498 | \$1461  | \$1551  | \$1843  | \$2016 |
| Manuelito    |         |         | \$141  |        |         | \$100   |         | \$257  |