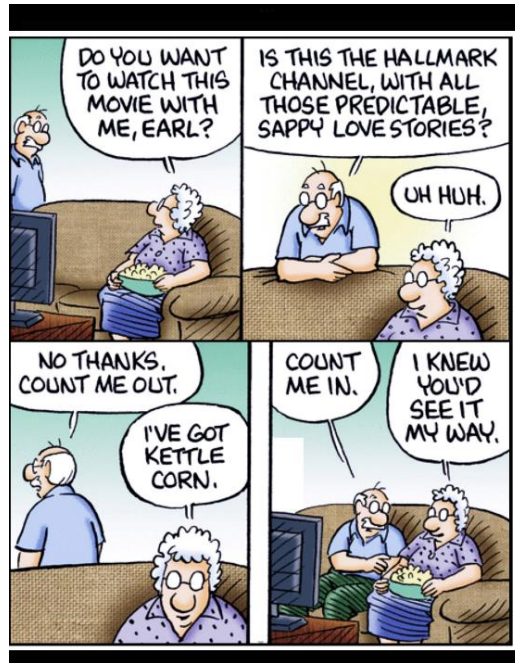

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

September 14 , 2025

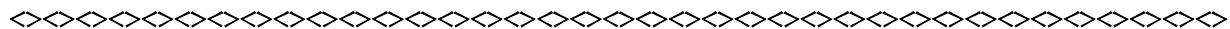


I hesitate to admit it, but I have watched and even enjoyed many of those "predictable sappy love stories". Many men may not enjoy those, but if they are honest, most men do want what those stories portray. We all want heartfelt connections that seem to be "matches made in Heaven".

The truth is, many of the things that draw people together are unreliable. If we call those attractions 'love', we may have many sad experiences that begin with exhilarating "love stories". John describes a different kind of love: *"...we know and rely on the love God has for us."* (1 John 4:16)

Romance is not a bad thing, it is just not a complete or mature kind of love. Just as we can rely on God's love for us, we need to love others in a mature way in every type of relationship we have. Others should know that they can rely on our love. Some people are not easy to love, but no one is impossible to love. How do we do it? *"God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."* (1 John 4:12)

Mark



Today's Lesson

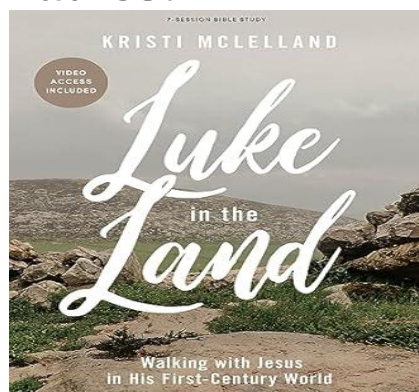
...WALKING IN THE LIGHT...

Where Are You From?

I John 3:24-4:21

Potluck Today! Stay and enjoy food and fellowship!

Ladies!



Join in on Tuesday at 10:00am at Vicki's house (21325 Stage Drive) for the Fall kick-off of our Bible study group. You will see an introductory video to "Luke in the Land", and receive a study guide for this series which is produced at sites where Jesus taught the lessons we read about in Luke's gospel. A salad luncheon will be served. Come, and bring a friend!

Alzheimer's Support Group

This group will meet at noon on this Monday (and every third Monday). It is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, and is for those dealing with dementia and their care partners. Meetings will be led by trained facilitators. Monday, September 15 will be the next meeting. Contact Elizabeth Mosqueda at 661-371-7295 ezmosqueda@alz.org

Cornerstone Counseling and Discipleship News

A Grief and Loss Group meets at 4:00-5:30. There is a fee on a sliding scale (no more than \$25). For this group or other needs, go to <https://www.cornerstoneccd.org/>. You can contact them there.

Joseph Budai got married last week!

There is a gift registry at Amazon.com under Joseph Budai. The bride is Makayla.

Remember in Prayer:

Melissa traveled to see her mother and sister in Texas. She expects she will pass soon. Pray that she will be at peace, and pray for **Melissa's sister** also, who has been her primary caregiver. Carol's 14-year-old step great grandson, **Jacob**, (John's great grandson) was scheduled to have an aortic valve replacement at UC Davis this Thursday, but due to a Rhino virus, it has been re-scheduled to October 14. Pray that the virus resolves quickly!

Ken Braley, a neighbor of Mark and Brenda, is asking for prayers for healing as the cancer that God healed previously has returned and settled in his lungs.

Pray for **Eva, Evangelina**, and the family in the loss of Evangelina's father.

An **aunt of Bill** passed away in Alabama. Please pray for her family.

Although **Cindy's brother Donnie's** suffering is over, pray for the whole family.

Donnie's son, Jason, remains in a very painful battle with cancer. He is at Mayo Clinic.

Donnie's younger son, Dustin has colon cancer. More prayers, please!

Cindy's brother-in-law Randy will likely receive infusions to treat his cancer. Pray that they will be effective!

Mina is doing well, but keep her in your prayers.

In addition to his paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has cancerous sores on his head, and now on his left ear. It has become very painful. They are doing radiation treatments.

April Wiley asks for prayers for her husband. He is doing much better.

Pray for health and healing for **Bob Rivera**. His son, **Joseph**, has now returned to Israel!

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

Always Remember:

- ♦Those in the military, especially **Joseph Budai**, **Gaylen Gibson**, **Marcos Belizario**, **Sheri Huckabay's** nephew, **Jason Adams**, and **Patty Johnson's** grandson, **Andrew Thompson**.
- ♦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.
- ♦Pray for **peace** in Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza.

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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.

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Elder of the Month:

Bill Willingham