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# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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September 15, 2024

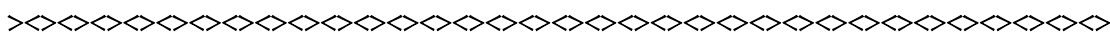


"What? All I said was I'm proud of my humility."

There's a country song that says, "Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way." It kind of makes sense that humility can be very difficult as we become more like Christ. After all, We are doing fewer harmful things and more good things.

One way to combat pride in our humility is to stop comparing ourselves to other people around us and those in the news, and instead compare ourselves to Jesus. That does not mean that God wants us to reduce our self-worth. It means that we find limitless worth as members of the body of Christ. When we do good, we do it through his spirit as we suppress our own selfish motivations.

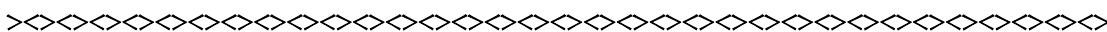
**-Mark**



Today's Lesson:  
*what are we doing in Babylon?*

**A Friend In Deed**

Daniel 2



# LADIES!

As of the first week of October, we are continuing our women's study that we started in May, using a video series from Priscilla Shirer entitled, "Armor of God", drawn for Ephesians 6:10-19. We will meet at Vicki's house. Please let Brenda know if you would like to be a part of this, so she can order a book for you if you do not have one already.

More details will come soon as to times and days.

## Remember in Prayer:

**Morgan Gibson's dad** has moved into an assisted living home with nursing.

**Kayla**, Minnie's daughter-in-law, is at Cedars Sinai for another week, and they have diagnosed her problem. It is a rare condition that can be treated, but not cured. They are planning to implant a peg line in her small intestine for feeding. Pray!

**Beverly** is clear of pneumonia, but she is very tired. Pray that she will feel well enough to enjoy upcoming visits with her family.

**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.

**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. Two of Ruthie's sister's-in-law in Bakersfield have had Covid.

**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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