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# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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"In the twenty years I've been here,  
I feel I've come to know most of you pretty well."

You might notice that the cartoonist depicts some sheep married to goats, some sheep with little goat children, and a few who are not yet identified by the preacher as sheep or goats. Okay, that is amusing. However, no preacher, elder, or fellow church member actually knows anyone that well.

These parables about the judgment that we've been studying are anything but recipes for how to judge. In fact, the recurring themes of the necessity of humility and the evil of hypocrisy are strict reminders that our first response to people we encounter is to extend grace rather than judgment. Where are we in this picture of the judgment: *"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne... he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."* (Matthew 25:31-32).

I'll give you a hint: you're not the one on the throne!

-Mark

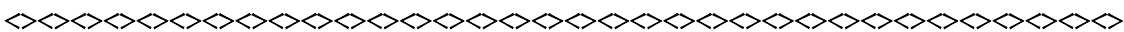


This week's lesson:

*The Upside Down Kingdom*

## What Will be on the Test?

Matthew 25:31-46



## Children's Bible Hour!

There are now lessons provided for children up to 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:brendabixler106@gmail.com) **call or text:** 661-803-5444

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## Baby Shower!

Victoria's baby shower will be in our fellowship room on Saturday, October 9 at 3:00pm. Bring a package of baby diapers of any size for a chance to win a prize! There is a registry for Victoria and Marcos Belizario on Amazon. Please RSVP to 661-565-1780.

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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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### Remember in Prayer:

**Lynda Collins's** mother passed away on Monday, and her service will on Monday, September 27 at 9:15am at the Bakersfield National Cemetery in Arvin. There will be a brunch following the service in our fellowship room. Join us to support Lynda and the family if you can!

**Cindy's sister, Deb** also passed away early Monday morning. Please pray for her husband, Russ, and for the whole family!

**Cheryl's** grandson **Aiden** has a swollen lymph gland that is worrisome, though it may be caused by something less serious than cancer. **His dad and his younger sister** have had Covid, and are trying to quarantine within their home. Keep them in prayer!

**Melody Lawson** had a cardioversion, and is feeling much better already.

**Vicotoria Belizario** 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.

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

April's friend, **Linda Nunez** is thankful for our answered prayers and asks that we keep praying.

**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.**

**Always remember:**

Healthcare workers, first responders, those in law enforcement and the military

**(Joseph Budai is home this week on leave!)**

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

**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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