

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

September 27, 2020



"I have thought about my actions and realize my desire for instant gratification clouded my judgment."

The desire for instant gratification does indeed cloud our judgment all too often. As kids, it often involves just begging for things until our parents' heads explode. As teens, it gets really dangerous as we are tempted to seek sensations through alcohol, other drugs and sexual experiences. Those desires are still there as adults, and we can add temptations to use shortcuts to get other things we want through the 'legitimate' route to instant gratification: credit. That is a nice word, but it leads to that other not-so-nice word: debt!

If we do not learn to control our impulses to seek instant gratification, we will spend our lives trying to clean up messes and get out of traps we have fallen into. Esau traded his birthright—the honor of bringing a blessing to all the world-- for a pot of stew. We each have a purpose for which we were created—some unique way that we can bless the world. Living as people of purpose will involve some self-denial, but it is actually the most joyous lifestyle in the present. Then comes the best delayed gratification of all. Treasure that 'new birth' right!

-Mark

Remember in Prayer:

Ken Ulbrich, had a heart attack and three stents put in due to 90% blockage. He should be coming home today.
Debbie Lowerre, was taken by ambulance to ER. She is feeling better and should be home, but will need to see a specialist on Monday since there was no diagnosis.

Wes Mathis’s work friend, **Howard**, has improved and is now recovering at home from the injuries incurred in his motorcycle accident.

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

April Mathis’s grandfather had improved, but other health issues are now threatening.

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 chosen not to undergo more chemotherapy. She has young grandchildren she is raising.

Pat Stewart should be settling into her new home near **Kirk’s** rehab facility. Pray that he will gain strength in his legs and that he might soon be able to have visitors!

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 the many people who are distressed and anxious and ill due to the Corona virus, with a special prayer for healthcare workers, and 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!

Always remember:

Men and women of our military.

Families serving in the mission field

The children and staff at Manuelito Navajo Children’s Home

Blessing bag supplies needed: men’s socks & underwear, ladies’ panties & socks, notepads & pens, toothbrushes & traveler toothpaste, combs/brushes, toiletries/soaps, wash cloths & towels. **Leave these on the back pew in front of the Nursery Room window.**

FLAGPOLE: On Sunday the 4th at 12:00, the flagpole at the hospital will be dedicated to Ed Grimes. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Gifts sent by the church:

\$1000 has been sent to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort for victims of the fires in northern California, and \$1000 was sent to a trusted family member of Cindy for victims of the inland hurricane in Iowa. Keep praying for all those affected!



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.

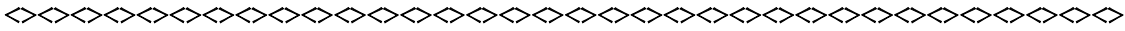


Today's lesson:

Gimme!

Genesis 25:19-34

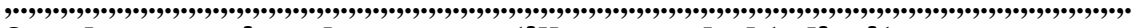
Homework: Read Genesis 13 & Genesis 19



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.!

Choose "Lessons" at our website or choose the appropriate "Playlist" at our the Tehachapi Church of Christ YouTube channel

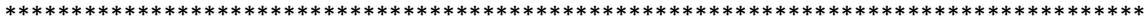


Sunday morning classes are still suspended to limit exposure.

ZOOM meetings are still taking place on Wednesdays at 4:30 and 7:00 We are now 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 **call or text: 661-803-5444 to join by phone or computer.**

We also have a meeting on Sundays at 6:00!



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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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:

Bill Willingham

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	8/2/20	8/9/20	8/16/20	8/23/20	8/30/20	9/6/20	9/13/20	9/20/20
AM Assembly	27	30	27	25	34	22	23	32
Contribution	\$2476	\$1498	\$1461	\$1551	\$1843	\$2016	\$1391	\$1079
Manuelito	\$141			\$100		\$257	\$20	\$50