
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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“Someone stole my identity, but I’m not worried. He’s probably better at being me than I was.”

When someone loses a husband or wife or retires or gets fired, they can be subject to what we call an ‘identity crisis’. Our sense of ‘who we are’ can be tied to a person or a career or even a favorite pastime, like golf or hunting.

It is a good thing to have people and things that we love in our lives, but we should think of our ‘identity’ as **people of God**, and think of ‘who we are’ in those terms. Our interests and occupations and even those we love must fit within that sense of identity. Most importantly, this is what gives us purpose! “...*you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.* (1 Peter 2:9)

-Mark



This week's lesson:

Who Are we? Why Are We Here?

1 Peter



Children's Bible Hour!

There are now lessons provided for children up to 4th 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 **call or text:** 661-803-5444

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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The **clothing room** is closed until further notice, so please do not bring any donations until it reopens. It is full!

Remember in Prayer:

Joyce Duckworth's brother had heart surgery on Friday, and it went very well. Joyce is traveling today to stay with her son for about five weeks, and she will have opportunity to visit with her brother as well.

Keep **Lynda Collins** in your prayers as she deals with the loss of both her mother and father within the past year.

Keep **Cindy's family** in your prayers after losing her sister **Deb**.

Cindy's brother Doug, is recovering well after a serious car accident.

Cheryl's grandson Aiden has a swollen lymph gland that is worrisome, though it may be caused by something less serious than cancer.

Victoria Belizario is out of the hospital and on antibiotics, but still has some pain.

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

Her friend, **Linda Nunez** is thankful for answered prayers and asks that we keep praying.

Kirk Stewart's isolation has ended, and he is in good spirits as **Pat** and is now looking for a care facility for him in Colorado. He says it was his idea for her to make the move.

Remember **Bob Rivera, Bob Hanna, and Donna Ricker**.

Joanne Sanders is in a care home. Cards can be sent to her by way of her daughter, Michelle Thompson, 3750 Sutro Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90018

Always remember:

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

(Joseph Budai is back to work in Hawaii)

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

Minister: Mark Bixler

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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