

# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

October 4, 2020



Greed can be one of the more subtle temptations. Who wouldn't bend down to pick up a dollar-- or for that matter, who wouldn't change jobs or make a move for more money as long as all other factors are equal. But what happens when we are challenged to make choices that will benefit us at the expense of others? That was Lot's dilemma when his uncle Abram gave him the choice.

Here's the bottom line: God's resources are not limited. Lot's choice was driven by the idea that his material well-being depended on his own business sense. He made a choice on the basis of 'good business' which cost him everything that was most important in life. Gratitude would have changed everything for Lot. Before making every decision, give thanks for every blessing.

*-Mark*

**Remember in Prayer:**

Doctors believe that **Randy's** cancer has returned (Cindy's brother-in-law). He is very ill. 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.

Don't forget **Robert Rivera**, **Donna Ricker**, and **Bob Hanna's** health issues.

**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!

**Answered Prayers:**

**Ken Ulbrich** has been feeling well, and has been working after his heart attack and subsequent procedures last week!

**Debbie Lowerre** is feeling well, and has been given a bill of clean health!

**Pat Stewart** is 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!

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

**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.

**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:** Today 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 was sent to a trusted family member of Cindy for victims of the inland hurricane in Iowa. The gift for disaster relief form the fires has yet to be sent as the elders are looking for the best to benefit those who are nearest to us and need it most.

**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:

# Greed or Gratitude

Genesis 13-19



## *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**

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**Sunday morning classes are still suspended to limit exposure.**  
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**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!)

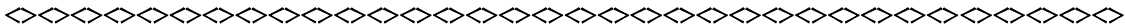
If you would like to be included, contact Brenda: **email:** [brendabixler106@gmail.com](mailto:brendabixler106@gmail.com) **call or text:** 661-803-5444 to join by *phone* or *computer*.

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

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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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### **Mark Bixler's office** **hours by appointment**

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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	8/9/20	8/16/20	8/23/20	8/30/20	9/6/20	9/13/20	9/20/20	9/27/20
AM Assembly	30	27	25	34	22	23	32	30
Contribution	\$1498	\$1461	\$1551	\$1843	\$2016	\$1391	\$1079	\$1490
Manuelito			\$100		\$257	\$20	\$50	\$0