Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

October 4, 2025



A lame attempt by Brother Vincent to end the chant with a dramatic solo run could mean only one thing. He'd been watching American Idol again.

In Santa Clarita, we had a friend who was the lead guitarist for the TV show, American Idol. I was impressed, but he was embarassed. As a Christian, he did not like the idea of making people celebrities and giving them god-like status.

I had never taken the word, "idol" that seriously, but he actually had a very good point. Physical statues like Artemis of the Epehesians are not the only idols. We can worship living people, we can worship things, we can worship achieve-ments and we can even worship ideas.

Anything we devote our energies and resources to is an idol if it does not fit under the umbrella of our devotion to God. That is really the test of the legitimacy of any actions, or thoughts we might allow into our lives. "Is this something I can offer to God and praise Him for allowing me to enjoy?" That is the question.

-Mark

Today's Lesson

...WALKING IN THE LIGHT...

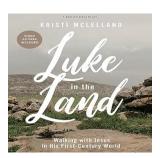
American Idols

I John 5:21



Next Sunday, October 12th, we will share great food and fellowship!

Ladies!



It is never too late to join in!
Bible study this Tuesday at
10:00am at Vicki's house
(21325 Stage Drive).
Come, and bring a friend!

Remember in Prayer:

Cassee Bone's mother-in-law passed away unexpectedly this past week. Pray for Cassee's husband in the loss of his mother, and William and Cora in the loss of their grandmother. Carol's 14-year-old step great grandson, **Jacob**, (John's great grandson) is scheduled to have an aortic valve replacement on Tuesday, October 14.

April Wiley asks for prayers for her own health and answers for her future.

Ken Braley, a neighbor of Mark and Brenda, is asking for prayers for healing as the cancer that God healed previously has returned and settled in his lungs.

Although Cindy's brother Donnie's suffering is over, pray for the whole family.

Donnie's son, Jason, remains in a very painful battle with cancer. He is at Mayo Clinic.

Donnie's younger son, Dustin has colon cancer. More prayers, please!

Cindy's brother-in-law, Randy will likely receive infusions to treat his cancer. Pray that they will be effective!

Continue in prayer for Melissa, in the loss of her mother.

Pray for **Eva, Evangelina**, and the family in the loss of Evangelina's father.

An **aunt of Bill** passed away in Alabama. Please pray for her family.

Mina is doing well, but keep her in your prayers.

In addition to his paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has cancerous sores on his head, and now on his left ear. It has become very painful. They are doing radiation treatments.

Pray for the health of **Bob Rivera.** Also, for the safety of his son, **Joseph**, who has returned to Israel!

Karen's friends, Wolf, Jon, Wayne, Trish, and Tommy, all have cancer.

Always Remember:

- ◆Those in the military, especially Joseph Budai, Gaylen Gibson, Marcos Belizario, Sheri Huckabay's nephew, Jason Adams, and Patty Johnson's grandson, Andrew Thompson.
- ◆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.
- ◆Pray for **peace** in Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza.

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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.

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Elder of the Month:

Bill Willingham