
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

October 6, 2024



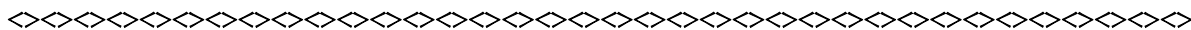
It is true that Jesus' words were less about judgment than those repeated warnings we see in the Old Testament, but consider these words of Jesus: *"Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."* (Luke 12:1)

Jesus warned his followers about the influence of the religious leaders, and he warned the religious leaders themselves even more strongly, listing many examples of their hypocrisy. They used their power for themselves rather than for others.

We see Nebuchadnezzar being humbled after ignoring warnings. We might feel that we have comparatively little power, and we are therefore not so much in need of humbling. We all, however, have the power to do good deeds. They may not be impressive, but as Jesus' brother James put it in his letter: *"If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them."* (James 4:17)

Let's do those good things we may have been avoiding!

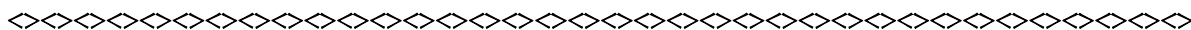
-Mark



Today's Lesson:
What are we doing in Babylon?

Birdman of Babylon

Daniel 4





Potluck next Sunday!

LADIES!

We are continuing our women's study that we started in May, using a video series from Priscilla Shirer entitled, "Armor of God", drawn for Ephesians 6:10-19.

We are meeting at Vicki's house on Tuesdays at 10:00am. **(NEW TIME)**

Please let Brenda know if you would like to be a part of this, so she can order a book for you if you do not have one already. It's not too late to join in!

One more refreshed room!

Room 5 has been prepared for the lesson for the younger kids during the preaching. We have been blessed with more kids, and their diverse ages call for different lessons. **Betty** will be teaching the younger kids, while **Brenda** continues the lessons for the older kids.

Ken and **Mark** painted and laid new flooring, then **Ken** installed baseboards and door frames (which had been missing for many years). It looks very nice!

Hurricane relief gifts

We will be sending money to the **Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort** after next Sunday. If you want to add to that gift, there will be a special plate in the back today and next Sunday. They have already sent seventeen truckloads, but the needs are massive!

Remember in Prayer:

Melissa King Stansbery had her surgery on Tuesday, and she is coming home on Monday. It was quite an ordeal, so keep praying for healing and comfort!

Morgan Gibson's dad has been back in the hospital, due to complications, Minnie's daughter-in-law, **Kayla**, is finally home! There will be a learning curve to dealing with her condition, so keep them all in prayer.

Beverly is clear of pneumonia, but she has been very tired. Pray that she will get her strength back and feel well.

Arisa Molineaux asked for prayers for healing in the mind and body of her mother, **Carole Samuel**. They were both with us a few weeks ago.

Vicki and Ken's daughter-in-law's mother, Priscilla, is being treated for pancreatic cancer. Pray for successful surgery, treatment, and comfort for the family.

Ruthie's nephew, Will Burgett, has been placed on hospice since the chemo and radiation following his brain surgery have not been effective.

Victoria Belizario is now walking, although not yet at 100%. Keep praying for healing and for some family issues she is facing.

Majid Tafighi, Mina's brother-in-law, has been struggling from the cancer in his lungs.

Continue prayers for **Maxine King**, mother of **Melissa**.

Galina Gurova, a friend of **Melissa**, has lymphoma.

Bob Rivera asks for prayers for **his son, Joseph** who is in Israel working security as a contractor. Pray for Bob's health as well! He fell recently, and is recovering slowly.

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

Pray for **Shirley's** health and sense of well-being.

In addition to his near total paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has painful sores on his head, and they are doing radiation to treat those. Pray for him in the loss of Pat as well.

Always Remember:

Those in the military, especially **Joseph Budai**, **Sheri Huckabay's** nephew, **Jason Adams**, **Patty Johnson's** grandson, **Andrew Thompson**, and **Gaylen Gibson**

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.

Those suffering in Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza.

Those suffering almost total chaos and extreme violence in Haiti.

Those suffering losses from the hurricane in the Southern and Eastern states.

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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.

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.