

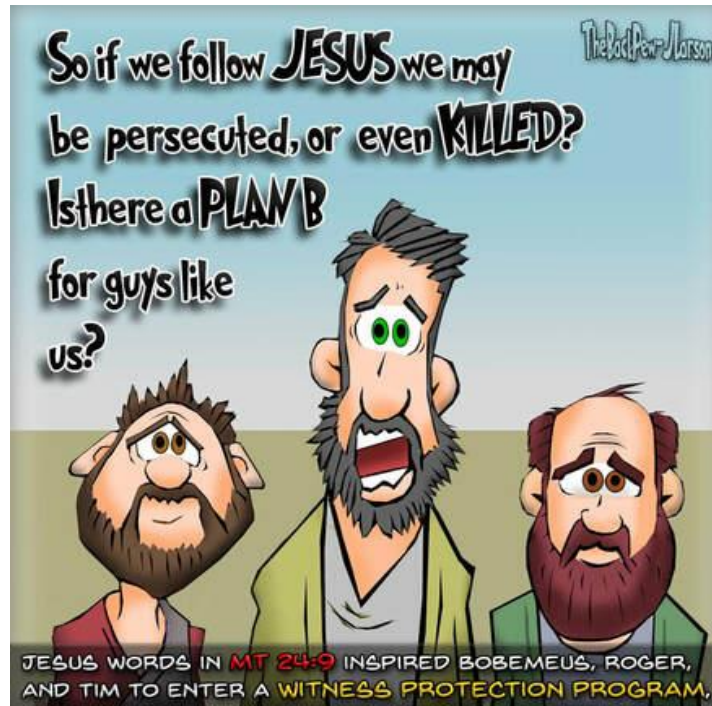
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# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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October 10, 2021



As Peter wrote to Christians who were likely facing persecutions ranging from floggings and jailing to execution for simply identifying themselves as Christians, he did not offer a way of escape. Instead, he encouraged them to live such good lives that the injustice of their persecution would be recognized even by non-believers. (See I Peter 2:12) He adds: *"For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people"* (I Peter 2:15). And: *"...even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened""* (I Peter 3:14). Peter did begin with the ultimate promise of an *"inheritance...kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power."* (I Peter 1:4&5) Keep the faith!

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."* (I Peter 2:9)



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

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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*