Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

October 11, 2026

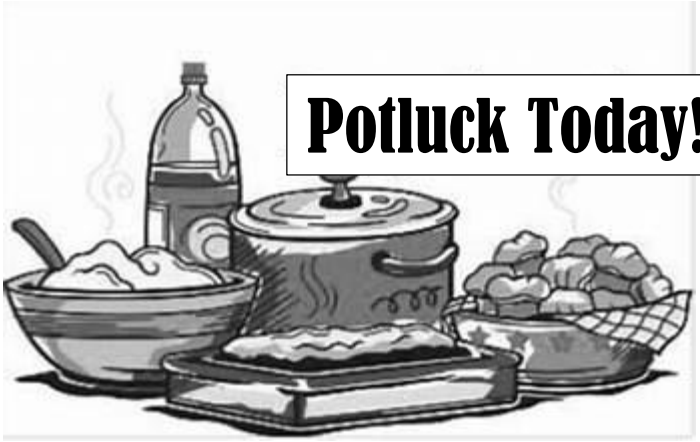


When I was in high school, I spent about a week in the hosptial with pneumonia. One of the nurses apparently felt that I might benefit from a visit by her youth minister. He came in and she introduced him, then the first thing he said was, "If you died tonight, do you know whether you would go to heaven?" I said, "Yes, I would." I think he might have been both surprised and disappointed, but I do know that his intentions were good.

There may actually be times when a very direct approach is appropriate, but more often, our challenge is to be living testimony to the power of Jesus. He sent his apostles out with undeniable powers that should have eliminated all doubts and arguments. We may not have those same powers, but we do have power. Jesus' Spirit enables us to live humbly, patiently and courageously in our world without becoming angry and cynical and defensive and withdrawn. He moves us to show compassion toward innocent children and undeserving adults alike. When we do that, we will be trusted as witnesses to His grace and mercy!

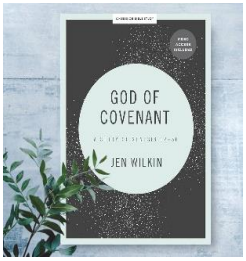
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Potluck Today!

Whether you brought food or not, we want you to stay and enjoy some with us!



Ladies Group

God of Covenant, by Jen Wilkins will help us explore the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & Joseph, tracing how every story in Scripture points to Christ.
Plan to Join in at 10:00 every Tuesday morning at Vicki's!

Remember in Prayer:

Ken's brother-in-law, **Jim**, has been in the hospital, and is not doing well.
Bill is finally home! He should not have visitors until there is little danger of catching infections, so pray that he will recover fully and quickly.
Carol's husband **John's** hip replacement is showing some healing, and his back pain has subsided. Pray that he will soon be able to start physical therapy.
Kayla Booker has had a relapse. She will be off pain relievers for six weeks before surgery, which is now schedule in November. **Kennedy Booker**, Kayla's daughter-in-law, is suffering from the same rare disorder that ravaged Kayla, but she is doing better.
Pray for Minnie's brother, **Gene, and wife, Norma**. They are struggling.
Ken has about a week more week of daily radiation. He is not expected to feel many side effects, but pray that he will not, and that it is as effective as they expect it to be.
Steven, Cindy's son-in-law in Iowa who was badly burned, seems to be healing better than expected, but keep praying for his healing and for his **wife and daughter**!
Werner has a procedure coming soon.
Blair's dad is in rehab after heart surgery, and doing pretty well.
Pray for **Eva and her boys**! They are now living in Lancaster.
Joe's shoulder is healing, but he needs approval for treatment for other issues.
Mark's brother-in-law, **Don's** pain has returned about three months after his surgery.
His daughter, **Melanie**, is suffering pain from spjnal stenosis, but is somewhat better.
Mark's brother-in-law, **Paul's** dementia is worsening. Pray for his wife, Sue!.
Pray for the health of **Bob Rivera** and **Beverly Ator.**
Ruthie's friend, **Gillian**, Cindy's family members, **Jason**, **Dustin**, **Randy,** Karen's friends, **Wolf**, **Jon, Wayne**, **Trish, Jessica,** and **Tommy**, and Mark and Brenda's neighbor, **Ken**, and **Jody**, another neighbor, all have cancer. Pray for healing!

Always Remember:

- Those in the military, especially **Joseph Budai, Gaylen Gibson, Sheri Huckabay's** nephew**, Jason Adams, Patty Johnson's** grandson, **Andrew Thompson, and all those involved in the current efforts in Iran.**
- **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 and Russia, as well as in the Middle East.
- **Pray for the Iranians--especially Mina's brother—and pray for a quick resolution!**

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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