# Family Matters

#### NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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GOOD NEWS, JUST 40 LAPS AROUND THE WILDERNESS FOR DISOBEYING GOD ... BAD NEWS, EACH LAP TAKES A YEAR

When the twelve spies were sent to check out the promised land—land that was promised to Abraham many generations before—they came back and reported good news and bad news. The good news was that it was indeed a land flowing with milk and honey. The bad news was that there were fortified cities and intimidating residents that made them feel like grasshoppers.

Two of them focused on God's promises, but they were over-ruled by the majority, and those ten led a rebellion against God's chosen leaders. The people actually wanted to choose another leader to take them back to slavery in Egypt! Moses, the leader against whom they rebelled, begged God to forgive the people. God did forgive them, but that was when the forty years of wandering and dying in the wilderness began. Does that seem like forgiveness?

We can always be forgiven for even the most horrific sins, but we don't always get relief from the consequences of sin. God's grace is not a license to sin. It is a motivation to trust God, to love Him, and to avoid sin.

-Mark

New Series

...WHAT Now?...

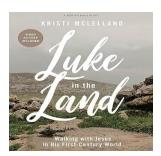
Clingy Lovers?

Joshua Leads Israel



## Join us after this service to 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!

#### Thank You Note from Cassee for meals provided by several ladies:

"It has been an incredibly huge blessing, and I cannot thank you all enough. I am truly touched by the kindness from everyone.

While this time is very hard and uncertain in many ways, God continues to guide and help us in every step of the way"

### Remember in Prayer:

Cassee Bone's mother-in-law passed away unexpectedly week before last. Pray for Cassee, her husband Shane and his brother Brent in the loss of their 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 this 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 received an encouraging report from a new doctor!

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 and Russia, and that the agreements in Israel and Gaza will be honored, **especially** the release of hostages that should take place within hours!

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**Schedule of Weekly Services and other meetings** 

Bible Class – 9:30am Worship – 10:30am

#### Monday

Yoga stretching open to all at 10:00am

Alzheimer's and dementia support for those who are diagnosed June 16 & June 30 from noon to 1:00pm

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\*

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

Date	8/24/25	8/31/25	9/7/25	9/14/25	9/2125	9/28/25	10/5/25
AM Bible Class	10	11	8	15	14	15	18
AM Assembly	30	34	35	32	30	32	25
Wed Bible Class	7	4	11	13	13	13	14
Contribution	\$1660	\$2345	\$675	\$1388	\$1830	\$785	\$2165
Manuelito	\$125	\$320	\$0	\$180	\$150	\$10	\$370
Ukraine	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## Mark Bixler's office hours by appointment

Call or text: 818-470-5793 Email: marklbixler@yahoo.com

**Sunday** 

Elder of the Month:

Derek Demus