# Family Matters

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

October 18, 2026




*You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.* Matthew 10:22

We may not fear persecution in the way that the earliest followers of Jesus did, but I do believe that his warnings should be taken seriously even now and even in America. Thankfully, his promises are also real.

We should be ready to face extreme persecution, because that day may come, but even now, we should be more aware of Christians who are dealing with it on a daily basis in many countries. We should follow their stories for inspiration, pray for them, and look for ways that we might provide support.

I encourage you to spend some time at opendoorsus.org and watch some stories. They report that 1 in 7 Christians worldwide are persecuted. You may want to help through that organization. I prefer to help by sponsoring mission efforts in Africa and Haiti that I believe are helping to make their futures better, but we all should do something. Start with prayer. That is something. ***-Mark***

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## 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**, passed away yesterday. Remember Ken and Jim's family—especially his two daughters-- in your prayers.
**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** has kidney and gall bladder infections. Pray that those will clear up and he will soon be able to start physical therapy for his hip.
**Kayla Booker** has had a relapse. She will be off pain relievers for six weeks before surgery, which is now scheduled 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 one more radiation treatment! He has not been suffering any severe 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 is desiring to go home!.
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