
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

October 20, 2024

Dear Lord,

So far today, am I doing all right.



I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.

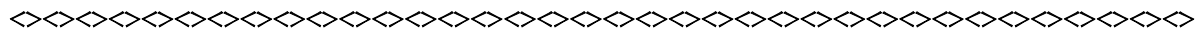
Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God ... Daniel was found... "praying and asking God for help." (Daniel 6:10 &11).

We can learn at least three things from Daniel about prayer:

- (1) It is important that we pray consistently (such as three times a day).
- (2) Our prayers should always include thanksgiving.
- (3) We should ask God for help. We will only do this sincerely if we humble ourselves, thus acknowledging our need for help.

Clearly, Daniel needed a lot of help in his situation before he was thrown to the lions, but his trust in God that led him to pray before that time kept him faithful at that time. We don't always know what God wants for us, but we can learn to trust God to help us through whatever challenges we are given!

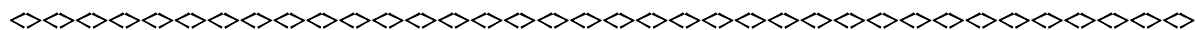
-Mark



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

Lions With Lockjaw

Daniel 6



This was Tamara's message on Monday:

"Our mom passed today at 3 am, one day shy of her 89th birthday. But what a gift! Going to paradise! Joining our dad and many loved ones God is so great"

Shirley was very set on having no service in her memory. The family will honor her wishes, but that does not mean we will not honor her memory. Shirley was a force. She will be missed!

Hurricane relief gifts

We will be sending \$1200 to the **Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort** this week. This organization has already sent seventeen truckloads, but the needs are massive! Their administrative costs are almost zero, so our gifts will go where the needs are greatest.

Thanks to Blair, who traveled to a small town in Florida to help with the cleanup last week!

LADIES!

We are continuing our women's study that we started in May, using a book and 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)**

You can join in at any time!

Welcome to the church family!

Please add **Cari Davis** and **Shawnda Davis** to your directory. The address is 22721 Jerry Drive 93561. Cari's email is Geocari@verizon.net, phone is 559-920-6545, and birth date is 1/15. Shawnda's birth date is 11/19.

Remember in Prayer:

Shirley's family, after her passing and the loss of Brad so recently as well.

Mina is thankful that the orthopedic surgeon has said that she did not shatter her patella, as was first thought. She is already doing somewhat better, but pray for quick healing.

Majid Tafighi, Mina's brother-in-law, passed away in July. Pray for his wife and family.

Melissa King Stansbery had her surgery, and she is at home! She is doing well, but it was quite an ordeal, so keep praying for healing and comfort!

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

Galina Gurova, a friend of Melissa, needs healing from lymphoma

Morgan Gibson's dad has been back in the hospital, but has returned to the nursing home.

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.

Bob Rivera may be needing a hip replacement. He also asks for prayers for his son, **Joseph** who is in Israel working security as a contractor.

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.

Karen's friends, Jon and Wayne, and colleagues, **Eleni, Trish, 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.

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.

Mark Bixler's office hours by appointment

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Elder of the Month:

Derek Demus