Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

November 2, 2025



We might tend to think that all good leaders will be very similar, and they will be even better if they are all the same as us. It turns out that God uses all kinds of people to accomplish His purposes.

In Judges four and five, the leader of the Israelites is Deborah. Deborah is not only the judge that they bring their disputes to, she is a prophet of God. There is nothing said about the fact that she is the only woman who will appear in this role in Israel's story. It appears that her gender is not an issue. She does not fill that role because she is a woman, and she is not excluded from that role because she is a woman.

We aren't given any insight on how God identified them, but Judges 2:16 says that "God raised up judges". The next verse indicates that the people often did not listen to them, but they did seem to listen to Deborah. In fact, she apparently had a character that caused God's chosen military leader, Barak, to look to her to instill courage and confidence in battle. And they were victorious.

In our spiritual warfare, we will do well to follow people of character, and to live as people of character who can inspire confidence in our world!

-Mark

Today's Lesson

...WHAT Now?...

Nighty-night, Sleep Tight

The enemy is delivered into the hands of a woman Judges 4-5

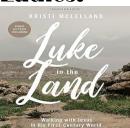


The "Friendsgiving" Potluck will be next Sunday, November 9th after the morning service. Please join us for fellowship, giving thanks for friendships, health, and laughter. Bring your favorite side dish, dessert, or whatever you love most. TURKEY WILL BE PROVIDED!

Praise!

We rejoice with the angels in heaven at the baptism of **William Bone** last Sunday! Also, **Cari's grandson**, **Tyler** was baptized recently in Rosamond!

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!

Manuelito:

Plans will be announced in the near future regarding holiday giving.

Remember in Prayer:

Ruthie asks for prayers for her friend, **Gillian**, who has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer Carol's 14-year-old step great grandson, **Jacob**, (John's great grandson) had a successful aortic valve replacement, and is recovering at home!

Pray for **Betty's dad, his cousins and their families** following the death of their sister, Althea Johnson.

Continue to 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.

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 is in Israel! **Karen's** friends, **Wolf**, **Jon**, **Wayne**, **Trish**, and **Tommy**, all have cancer.

Pray for the safety of **Blair and Karen** as they travel in Israel!

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 more faithfully honored.

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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

Elder of the Month:

Bill Willingham